



The Blotter

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May 2026

Message from our President:

Good afternoon to all!

Welcome to spring, even though this weather isn't the best.

The club had a wonderful time at the 2026 convention. I am so sorry that I couldn't attend but have heard nothing but positive remarks about this.

We will be having our next business meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at The Meadows of Marion. This has been a great venue to hold our meetings.

On Sunday, May 17, the club will be planting flowers in downtown Marion. This is our 4th year helping the City of Marion in planting the flowers.

At our next dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, our dinner will be catered by The Meadows of Marion and the chef, Sarah Luikart. I have heard nothing but positive remarks about her cooking and am looking forward to this delicious meal.

It is so hard to believe that we are almost finished with our yearly meetings. We will have one last meeting scheduled for June 9, 2026.

Hopefully the weather will only get better for us. Have a great May!

Linda Crock.

President

Events to Remember:

Meetings:

The Meadows of Marion
155 Marion Cardington Road West,
Marion, Ohio 43302

Use the main entrance under the carport. Turn right past the reception desk and go to the Training Room at the end of the hall.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Board Meeting @ 5:30pm; followed by Business meeting at 6pm

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

6:00pm Dinner Meeting – We need to let the caterer (the chef at The Meadows) know how many will be attending. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend prior to or on May 12, 2026. \$20 per person and the money will go to the activities department at The Meadows which will help them bring a live zoo to the residents in August.

Tuesday, June 9 – Last meeting

Details coming via email

Other Dates to Note:

May 17 - Flower Planting – @ 2pm
Meet at City Hall parking lot
If you did not sign up and want to help, let Linda know ASAP.

Get your dues into Marge Ferriman by May 30 (or sooner). Fill out complete top sheet of paper so Sherri/Lisa B. can verify info from the yearbook. They will be making corrections for next year's yearbook.

Get your Service hours into Joyce

May National Days:

May 1: International Worker's Day
May 5: Cinco de Mayo
May 10: Happy Mother's Day
May 12: Nurses Day
May 16: Armed Forces Day
May 10 - May 16: Skilled Nurses Week
Mental Health Awareness Month

Past Events:

Conference!!!! What a blast we had at Conference 2026 in Lima, Ohio. We received lots of praise for a job well done in hosting the conference this year and every person that attended learned something and we can't wait to share some of them with you!

Next year, it will be Bucyrus' turn to host, and they did a great call to conference - German theme for the Bratwurst Festival.

Just a few of my favorite things about conference: Meeting up and sitting with other members from different clubs! I immediately bonded with another "Sherri" because our name was spelled the same and she is the President of Highland County. They won several awards including the yearbook and newsletter award! I asked for a copy of theirs, and she sent it to me! I also asked for a copy of her newsletter and she sent that! I'll be implementing some of their topics into our own newsletter soon!

I also learned that Shelley Kendrick, the current Governor of District Five has made a lot of the processes digital. I attended the Google Resources workshop and it was eye opening! I use google some but there is so much more we can do as a group to keep us all organized and on the same page. I hope to share what was learned with the current board members soon.

For example, instead of Zoom, we can use Google meets, record the meeting, and it

will summarize the meeting! How cool is that? Other clubs are using this to help streamline and write their minutes so that nothing is missed.

The main topic of the entire weekend was change. Nothing changes if nothing changes. Shelley Kendrick has made it her mission to have the district embrace change. Change in itself is not easy, but as a group we can embrace it, learn about it, accept it, and realize that it is only through change that we will continue to grow as an organization.

Who's going to conference next year? Not only do you get to bond with our own Altrusa sisters, you meet new friends and see past friends as well. The knowledge and ideas you can bring back are priceless!

Future Events:

Dress for Success: Thursday, August 6th.
We will have an a.m. session, an afternoon session, and an evening session.

Purse Bingo: November 8, 2026
It will be here before we know it! The flyer has been created! Share the flyer, spread the word!

Also, it is NEVER too early to grab donations from your favorite businesses! Gift cards, products, gift baskets, purses: whatever they want to give! It is not just the committee's responsibility but all of us to make this a success! Let's continue to be awesome!

Conference 2027: April 23-25, 2027 in Lima, Ohio

International Convention 2027 will be held in Columbus, Ohio; **Wednesday, July 21 – Saturday, July 24, 2027** – Registration will be \$450. We will be discussing possible ways to raise funds to help cover some of the cost of members that want to go. More details later.

When was the last time you invited a guest?
 Do you need an invite sent? Did you know
 we have postcards and a member that is
 willing to mail them the invitation?

“I love Altrusa because _____”

TEXT your answer to 740.360.2894
 (include your name) and **one lucky winner**
will win a \$10 Amazon gift card! All
 responses must be sent prior to our Meeting
 on **May 12th** . Text up until **6:30pm!** I will
 draw the winner at the meeting!

We will also be trying out Google Meets. You
 will receive a google invite to attend the
 meeting virtually in case you are not able to
 attend in person. This is a learning process,
 but we hope to be able to use this feature to
 allow more members to stay informed!

Finally, enjoy some pics from Conference!

Jan is cleaning the window...you need to ask
 her “why” she was doing this! The story is
 too funny!



Lisa Butcher representing us in the Flag
 Ceremony!



Our fundraising Display Board. Thank you,
 Roselynn! It was awesome!

50/50 Time!



Phyllis Hendrix



Joann & Roselynn



Roselynn and Kathy Regules:
 An Activity with Hats...



Look at all the supplies that District 5
 donated to us!



Local Club Officers for 2025-2027

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Members Only Group

Group Name: Ladies of Altrusa

Public Group

Group Name: Marion Altrusa

What is an Accent?

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An “Altrusan Accent” is a two-minute presentation at a Club meeting that covers such items as news on an upcoming International or District event, new Altrusa materials, Altrusa Historical highlights, or bylaw and policy changes. The Altrusa Accent can provide helpful information in membership orientation.

Summer Newsletter topics to watch out for:

Committees and updates –

Committee Chairs: please get your update to Sherri or Linda by May 25th – just give a brief update on what you are currently working on, or the status of the committee.

District and International News:

I will post the top news from the District and International

Member Spotlight:

Each newsletter will begin to highlight a member so that we can all get to know each other better!

Do you have other topics you would like to see in the Newsletter? If so, email them to me! - putgod1st@msn.com