



# DAYTRUSAN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I step into the role of president of our club, I must admit that I am feeling a mix of excitement and nervousness. Taking on this new role is outside of my comfort zone. I am excited to continue working on our current club projects and look forward to the new service projects that have been suggested.

I am grateful for this opportunity that has been given to me. I am looking forward to learning new things, gaining confidence, and growing through the experiences that lie ahead. I know I can count on the support of our dedicated board members and club members.

I look forward to the next two years and continuing our tradition of serving and supporting our community. I am not much of a writer, but hopefully I will have much more to say in the coming months.



The French family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and support during Spencer French's critical illness. We are delighted to share that Spencer is recuperating at our house and is getting stronger every day. We are blessed.

### DAYTRUSAN EDITOR

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## June Birthdays

01 - Marilyn Monroe (actress), Morgan Freeman (actor), Heidi Klum (supermodel and actress), Amy Schumer (comedian), Teri Polo (actress)

02 - Mel Brooks (comedian and director), Justin Long (actor), Stacy Keach (actor), Wentworth Miller (actor), Zachary Quinto (actor)

03 - Anderson Cooper (journalist), Imogen Poots (actress)



To name a few.

# INTERNATIONAL SCENE

AUTHOR: KATHY SCHREIN; INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

## Part Two-Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations! Oh, My!!

From the last newsletter, a Bylaw was defined as the set of rules and regulations under which Altrusa operates. So, how does that differ from a Policy?? A Policy gives further detail about the implementation of the Bylaws and is voted upon by the International Board of Directors, not by the membership itself.

For example, the judging criteria for the International awards; Eleanor Roosevelt, Mamie L. Bass, Letha H. Brown, and Nina Fay Calhoun Awards are found as Policies. The fiscal policies of the International organization as it pertains to Convention, International Board members, and Board meetings are also outlined in the International Policies.

Next month Part Three will cover Resolutions and Recommendations! Sounds exciting?!



### Altrusa International of Dayton Ohio

**Mission:**

A non-profit service club providing support for worthy projects in the Miami Valley since 1917.

**Vision:**

Develop a strong, highly motivated group responding effectively to assist altruistic projects in the Miami Valley through financial support and service.

**Values:**

We are committed to provide altruistic service for the improvement of our community by attracting and maximizing the talents and participation of a diverse membership. The high, ethical standards of Altrusa are maintained through an atmosphere of fellowship, cooperation, understanding, and creativity.

## CONGRATULATIONS NEIL WEBSTER



May 5<sup>th</sup> at the President's Club breakfast, Neil Webster was recognized for his long history of service to the Engineers Club of Dayton. Neil has served on the Board of Governors, the Foundation Board, the Engineering & Science

Hall of Fame Board, and as the auctioneer for the annual fund-raising events. Additionally, he led the Barn Gang meetings for nearly fourteen years, arranging for fifty speakers a year and making over a dozen presentations himself over the years.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> the members of the Barn Gang held a special luncheon to honor Neil for his years of service to the Barn Gang with the presentation of the 'Master of Ceremony Award' presented by Tim Kroger (current Club president) and Phil Brockmann (past Club president). A number of Barn Gang members presented tributes during this two-hour 'roast.' The scheduling of speakers and the running of the weekly meetings has

been turned over to a group of young engineers.

Neil's nearly fourteen years running the Barn Gang is the second longest for any host of the meetings. Barn Gang is named after Kettering's group of inventors that met in Col. Deeds barn where they developed the electric starter for automobiles and several other inventions. The speakers focused on scientific, technical, and cultural subjects.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY MEETING

Author: Diane Noonan

2026 Altrusa Club of Dayton Foundation Scholarship Winners. All four have indicated they will attend our 30 June Meeting.

- Kay Webster Scholarship

Emilee Sauer, Dayton Regional STEM High School, she plans to attend Wright State University or Ohio University to study Teacher Education/Outdoor Education and Recreation Management

- Ruth Richardson Scholarships

- Clemence Wuamahoro, Spring Valley Academy. Plans to study Nursing at University of Cincinnati or Kettering College
- Lama Moreab, Miamisburg High School, Tech Prep. She plans to study Biology/Pre-Med at The Ohio State University or Miami University.
- Cecilia Stone, Fairmont High School. She plans to study Business, Marketing at The Ohio State University or University of Cincinnati

Peggy Collins led the initiation of our new board members for June 2026 through May 2028.

- President: Brigid O'Connor
- Vice President: Diane Noonan
- Secretary: Kathy Ballman-Parks
- Treasurer: Dana Roberts
- Foundation President: Linda Neuhauser (June 2026 through May 2029)

The 2026 – 2028 Long Term Strategic Plan was passed out to the members.

## 14 JUNE 2026

### FLAG DAY



**Flag Day** is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on June 14, the anniversary of the flag's official adoption.

## 2026 ALTRUSA FOUNDATION GRANTS APPROVED

AUTHOR: SUE CIARLARIELLO

At our May 26th Business Meeting, our membership approved **\$9916 funding** for the following grant local community proposals:

**Brunner Literacy Center:** GED preparation. **\$1500** to purchase 65 New Readers Press GED Preparation curriculum to combat the low-literacy epidemic in Dayton. 1 in 5 adults in the Greater Dayton Area have literacy levels below a basic level. The cost of each individual's GED program varies. \$1500 will buy 65 programs at an average of \$23 each. (Same request in 2025.)

**Dayton Christian Center:** "Around the World in Books" Family Literacy Night. Families will travel around the world to different countries through reading, storytelling, and hands-on literary activities. Each station will represent a country/region integrating writing, speaking, reading and cultural exposure. **\$1405** will purchase: Passports, Books, Station Supplies (crafts, games, writing materials, flags, signage, tablecloths, specialty items, international foods, and snacks), Photo Booth Props and incentives/prizes. (Similar family night themed events in 2023, 2024, and 2025.)

**Fairborn FISH Food Pantry:** **\$1500** to support the "Serve Those Who Serve" event held in Fall 2026. This event supplies airmen and veterans in our area whose income falls below the Federal poverty line, with a food gift card, a bucket of cleaning supplies and a basket of hygiene products. Each Hygiene basket is \$66 each, for laundry detergent, razors, deodorant, body wash, and shaving cream. Altrusa's \$1500 grant will help pay for these supplies. (Same request for 2025 Veteran's Day event.)

**Feed the Creek:** **\$1500** to support the Beavercreek schools' food bag program for weekends and holidays throughout the year. They need tubs for storing food items and special bags for the kids to transport their food. This year, the Popcorn Festival gave them \$1000 for this effort, but the total cost is \$1930 for the bags and \$615 for the tubs:  $\$2545 - \$1000 = \$1545$  needed.

**Hannah's Treasure Chest:** Board Books for "Books for Babies Program." **\$1500** requested to purchase 430 board books at \$3.50 each from a wholesale broker. With Altrusa's help HTC distributes 1300 kits per year to infants and families in need. (Same request for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.)

**United Rehab Services:** **\$1011** is requested to expand the speech and occupational resource library set of therapy tools, books, games, and hands-on activities. Specific tools are listed and prices may vary slightly from current quotes. This will support 50 children in the early childhood speech and OT program at URS. (Similar requests in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.)

**We Care Arts:** **\$1500** is requested to continue funding the Visiting Artist Program. A community artist presents a 3-hour session once a month to introduce participants to new artistic principles, techniques, and creative perspectives. The cost includes: Visiting artist stipend at \$100/month x 12, and Art supplies \$25/session x 12 + \$1500. (Same request in 2025.)

It is so rewarding to see our Altrusa fundraising efforts, particularly our auction, make all these good deeds a reality for those in need in our community!

## **ALTRUSA CLUB OF DAYTON FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$22,500 GRANT TO YWCA OF DAYTON TO SUPPORT THE “LORINE REID SURVIVOR ADVOCACY PROGRAM”**

AUTHOR: SUE CIARLARIELLO

In July 2025, our Altrusa Club Foundation received an endowment from one of our most cherished members, Lorine Reid, who passed away in 2017. Lorine had been a member of our club since 1976, served as Club President in 1985-87, but also served behind the scenes in helping with our Club's incorporation and our Foundation's 501-C3 status.



Lorine was a social worker, private attorney, and later, a Montgomery County Assistant Prosecutor working on appellate cases. Lorine devoted her career to helping women, unwed teen mothers, children, and those with mental illness or disabilities. She focused on domestic violence cases, fighting for victim rights to protection, representation, and support. Lorine fought for women's rights and the right to vote and was a proud leader in the local League of Women's voters.

Our club wanted to honor Lorine's legacy with a project that would reflect her life's work with her endowment of \$24,014. We held a special meeting of the Foundation and membership on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for members to present project ideas. All 13 members present voted for their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices of the six projects presented. The top project to pursue was a new legal advocacy service to support the Domestic Violence Shelter at the YWCA of Dayton.

All seven members of the Foundation visited the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter on March 17<sup>th</sup> to tour the facility and discuss details of their proposed project. Barbara Ward, Chief Development Officer at YWCA Dayton, emphasized the importance of the shelter for client protection, mental health counseling, and life skills education. She

identified that the center lacked legal advocacy assistance as clients pursued protection orders and/or navigated the legal system. CEO Teresea Sanders, later, noted that this advocacy service, that could be available by computer access/software and directed by trained staff would be a "game changer" for their clients.

YWCA made a grant proposal for "The Lorine Reid Survivor Advocacy Center" sponsored by the Altrusa Club of Dayton. This center would: Increase access to Emergency Protection Orders, improving immediate safety; Expand availability of court accompaniment and legal advocacy, reducing barriers to navigating the legal system; Provide a dedicated trauma-informed space that is private, promoting dignity and trust; Improve the continuity of care for families, especially those with children who will be able to access these services on site.

At our April business meeting, membership approved \$22,500 for this project. The Foundation agreed to move forward with the payment to YWCA Dayton on May 13<sup>th</sup>, as the YWCA's CEO wants to get the Center up and running by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Barbara Ward developed a mutual agreement contract

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which defined the project, our financial commitment, naming rights for 20 years, donor recognition, and the proposed marketing/publicity plans for the center’s opening events.



Alisa French, Foundation Treasurer, signed the contract on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and presented Barbara Ward with the \$22,500 check.

Both our Club and the YWCA are excited about collaborating on this project! We believe that Lorine would be proud of this project in her name...More to come in August!

## **DISTRICT FIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks

The June District Service Bulletin (DSB) will here on June 1, with the focus on our April Conference with reports and lots & lots of pictures.

## **PRESIDENT'S CLUB OF DAYTON 2026 VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST**

Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks



Center Sue Ciarlariello  
Right Tamika William-Jetter

On May 6, 2026, the President's Club held their annual Volunteer Breakfast. The keynote speaker was

Tamika Williams-Jeter, UD Women's Basketball Head Coach.

This year, Altrusa chose Sue Ciarlariello as our nomination for her years of service to our club and the community.



Julie Hatton – Sue Ciarlariello and Kathy Ballman-Parks

Little did we know that another Altrusan, Neil Webster, was honored by the Engineers' Club for his has proven exemplary dedication to the mission of the Club, leading the weekly lunchtime Barn Gang meetings for over 14 years.



Center Neil Webster  
Right Tamika William-Jetter

## **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS SERVICE PROJECT**

Author: Peggy Collins

Picture: Toni Bailey



From Left: Toni Bailey, Kathy Brunner, Peggy Collins, Melissa Phillips, Diana Kaylor and Susan Sanders

Dayton Altrusans once again created flower arrangements for 50 residents of the Widows Home. Furst Florist donated carnations and baby's breath, which members arranged in vases and decorated with ribbon.

# SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME, SUM-SUM- SUMMERTIME !!!!

AUTHOR: KATHY BALLMAN-PARKS

Summertime is here and it is time to enjoy!!! We are blessed with a beautiful vibrant community with much to enjoy from parks, festivals, arts, concerts and much more. Here are a few ideas to enjoy and explore our community.

- Visit The Dayton Art Institute to cool off and enjoy the exhibits.
- Buy a bird feeder and enjoy your feathered visitors.
- Check out our Metroparks & Nature Centers (Englewood, Taylorsville, Germantown, Aullwood, Brukners, to name a few.)
- Have a book swap or visit your local library branch to kick off the summer reading program.
- Check the schedule for Frazee Pavillon, Levitt Pavillon, Rose Music Center for an outdoor concert.
- Attend a Dayton Dragons' Game at DayAir Ballpark downtown.
- Check out the festivals in the area. Great entertainment and great food!
- National Flag Day is June 14– Display the American flag from Flag Day through 4<sup>th</sup> of July, our 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States.
- Watch a firework display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- 'Eat Your Veggies Day' is June 17 – Visit a local farm or orchard to pick your own seasonal produce.

- Spend the afternoon browsing the exhibits at the National Museum of the US Air Force.
  - Iconic Starfighters: Rivals of the Silver Screen Features Two full-scale, Fan-created spacecraft inspired by Star Wars.
  - Where: National Museum of the USAF; Bldg 4
  - When: 22 May - 31 Dec 2026.
  - Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily



- Visit Carillon Historical Park – a true gem for our city.
- Stroll through an outdoor garden center or visit Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Auction**

***(Melissa Phillips and Linda Neuhauser – Co-Chairs***

Committee will meet on Thursday 29 May 2026 to discuss this year’s auction. They will then pick a date for all to attend.

**Communication Committee**

***(Kathy Ballman-Parks – Chair  
Diane Noonan - Newsletter Editor)***

**Newsletter**

**5 July 2026** -- Input due for July 2026  
(adjusted because our June meeting was moved to the 30<sup>th</sup>)

**DSB Submittal Dates**

10 January, 10 May, 10 August, 10 November,

I try to submit something from the newsletters; however, if you have something, forward it to me and I will ensure it gets to the DSB editor.

If you want to send it yourself, use the following email address: [mthemailtrusa@gmail.com](mailto:mthemailtrusa@gmail.com)  
Please let me know what you send so there is no duplication. Thanks

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

***(Tess Little – Chairperson)***

No report. Tess had not received everyone’s pickup and delivery reports. Once she receives it, she will email the report to the members.

**Finance/Fundraising**

***(Dana Roberts – Chairperson)***

- Dragon Fundraiser
- Suite reserved for 23 June 2026.
- Tickets will again be \$25 each. Which entitles the winner to 20 tickets for the game.
- Drawing - 7 June 2026.
  - Milano’s Beaver creek at 4 p.m.
- All money and ticket stubs go to Alsha French.

**Membership**

- Chair is transitioning to Peggy Collins
- Judy Zimmerman is in the hospital. She plans to go to The Widows Home for Rehab.

**Service**

***(Toni Bailey, Peggy Collins & Cheryl Page  
Co-Chairs)***

- March: 464 service hours  
362 books donated
- April: 675 service hours  
76 books donated
- Mother’s Day Flowers at the Widows Home  
Altrusans met on 9 May to put into vases the flowers donated by Furst Florist.
- Next Ronald McDonald House Make-A-Meal on 7 July 2026
- Next Widow’s Home Bingo on 9 June 2026

**DAYTON CALENDAR**

<b>CLUB MEETING DATES</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>
<p>Meeting Start Times Board @ 5:30 pm Business @ 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>2025 Meeting Dates Regular Board and Business Meetings Dates</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> (unless otherwise indicated) <b>American Baptist Church</b> <b>960 W. Dorothy Lane Kettering OH 45409</b></p> <p><b>2026 Meet Dates</b> <b>30 Jun</b> 28 Jul 25 Aug 29 Sep 27 Oct 17 Nov No Meeting Dec</p>	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present budget at business meeting for adoption.</li> <li>• Present Club calendar for the year at business meeting.</li> <li>• Begin having committees develop projects.</li> <li>• Club's fiscal year begins.</li> <li>• Dues must be mailed by June 15 to avoid penalty.</li> <li>• At Board Meetings, approve new bank signature authorizations, if applicable. 2 signatures are required</li> <li>• Submit Club Annual Report due June 15</li> </ul> <p>09 – Bingo at Widows Home 14 – Flag Day</p> <hr/> <p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Begin selection of Make a Difference Day project.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul> <p>30 – International Friendship Day 10 -- last day for members to pay membership dues before required to pay reinstatement fees.</p> <hr/> <p><b>August</b></p> <p>TBD – Dayton Club Picnic (Usually the 3D Saturday) TBD – Bingo at Widow's Home (Usually the 2D Tuesday) 12 – International Youth Day 25 – Women's Equality Day</p>

# DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCES & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

## DAYTON BOARD (JUN 2026 – MAY 2028)

**President:**  
Brigit O’Conner

**Past President:**  
Susan Sanders

**Vice-President:**  
Diane Noonan

**Treasurer:**  
Dana Roberts

**Secretary:**  
Kathy Ballman-Parks

**Directors:**  
(June 2025- May 2027)  
Tess Little  
Cathy Brunner

## FOUNDATION BOARD:

**President**  
Linda Neuhauser  
(June 2026 – May 2029)

**Secretary**  
(June 2025 to May 2028)  
Sue Ciarlariello

**Treasurer**  
Alisa French  
(June 2024 to May 2027)

**District Five Vice Governor -**  
Kathy Ballman-Parks

**District Five LRSP Chair**  
Joyce Kelley

**International Liaison:**  
Kathy Schrein



### District Five Conference Dates

**23-25 April 2027**  
**Howard Johnsons, Lima, OH**  
**Hosted by Bucyrus Club**

**28-30 April 2028**  
**Howard Johnsons, Lima, OH**  
**Hosted by Hamilton Club**

## HELPFUL LINKS

ALTRUSA of Dayton Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Altrusa-of-Dayton-Ohio/111345002242706>

ALTRUSA District Five Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/D5Altrusa?fref=ts>

ALTRUSA International **New Facebook Page**. Click on the link below.  
[Facebook](#)

Dayton ALTRUSA Website:  
We do not have an official website; however, we do pages within the District Five Website.  
Here is how to get to them:  
Once on the District Five Website, click on Clubs tab, scroll down to Ohio, and then click on Dayton.

ALTRUSA District Five Website: <https://districtfive.altrusa.org>

ALTRUSA International Website: <https://www.altrusa.org>  
Username – Altrusan Password - MamieBass1955

Both are universal for all Altrusans.

District Five on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/@altrusadistrictfive>