

District Service Bulletin

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Governor Shelley's Letter

As I look across the incredible work our clubs have accomplished this year, I am filled with admiration and gratitude. You give in so many different ways to strengthen your communities - from donating books, providing dress clothes for teens, supplying classrooms, supporting Days for Girls and other countless other acts of kindness that strengthen your communities.

Service is never about financial gain. It is rooted in compassion, responsibility and the desire to make life better for others. The joy you feel when serving is a beautiful reward – but just as meaningful is the visibility your actions bring to Altrusa. Every project, every partnership, every moment of giving shows our communities who we are. It reflects our values and may inspire future Altrusans who are ready to serve alongside us.

As we continue this important work, I want to highlight the **“Three R’s of Volunteer Management”**

These principles guide how we engage volunteers and apply just as meaningfully to our members, because we are all volunteers.

Recruitment

Ask clearly * Match skills * Share needs

Retention

Keep people happy * Listen to feedback * Offer growth

Recognition

Say thank you * Celebrate wins * Value impact

Thank you for the heart you bring to every project and the spirit you bring to Altrusa. Your service lights the way for others, and I am proud to serve with you!

Governor Shelley



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Important Dates:

September 05	International Day of Charity
September 08	International Day of Literacy
October 10	World Mental Health Day
November 20	World Children's Day

Service Projects:

Books for Brighter Futures: Impact Report

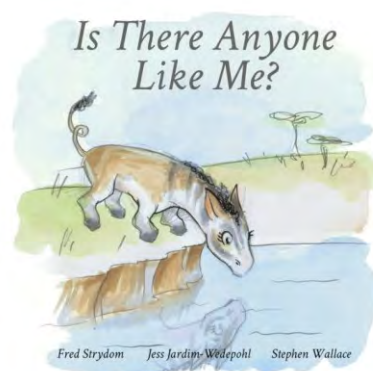
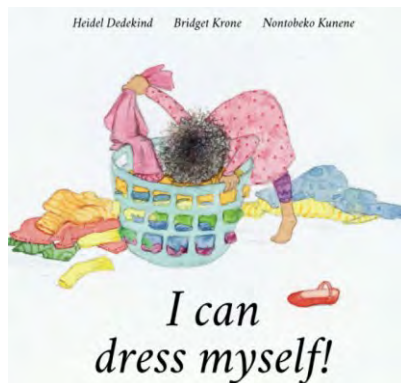
Altrusa of Washington Court House is thrilled to share the success of our "Books for Brighter Futures" initiative, made possible by a generous \$4,700 grant from ChangeX.

With this funding, we successfully printed and distributed 560 books (280 of each title) targeted at supporting early childhood development for children ages 0 to 5 right here in Fayette County. Early literacy is a critical building block for future academic success, and this project allowed us to put meaningful, high-quality reading materials directly into the hands of local families.

To support different stages of early development, the grant funded two unique, custom-printed books:

- *Is There Anyone Like Me?* – A story featuring a charming donkey that uses words to explore essential social and emotional themes, helping young children understand self-worth, belonging, and emotional awareness.
- *I Can Dress Myself!* – A wordless book designed for the youngest readers (and pre-readers) to foster independence, build vocabulary through storytelling, and encourage critical thinking as they narrate the pictures themselves.

Through the incredible support of ChangeX and the dedication of our Altrusa members, we are proud to foster a love for reading and support emotional and behavioral growth for our community's youngest citizens.



Altrusa Youngstown is partnering with Youngstown Area Goodwill to repurpose discarded books and distribute them to readers of all levels and interests.

Donated books are initially sorted to determine if the books are acceptable to be sold in retail stores or on-line platforms which are sold by Goodwill. Altrusa volunteers examine the unacceptable books looking for damage. Worn books are recycled. Books in very good to excellent condition are cleaned and stamped: "Compliments of Youngstown Area Altrusa and Goodwill".

The clean and stamped books are organized based on age levels and/or interest of the reader and are accordingly distributed throughout the community. As of May 2026, Altrusa Youngstown has distributed over 30,000 books.

Cheri Fuss of the Grand Rapids club, graciously opened her home to the membership and other volunteers to decorate lunch bags for the Kids Food Basket. She welcomed new folks to assist in this fun and needed service project. Food, snacks and a variety of drinks were provided in showing hospitality to the new participants. This service project got a needed boost for helping hungry children while showing volunteers what Altrusa is all about and meeting the members. There were approximately 15 people who attended the fun evening.

The Altrusa Club of Tuscarawas County has been very busy. We have recently held a used book drive. At the end of our meetings we cleaned and labeled the books. Members have distributed nearly a thousand books throughout our county. We have distributed them to local food pantries, little libraries and book carts in laundromats. We also distributed free books during a local community event while also spreading the word about Altrusa. We are beginning planning for our annual Literacy Bash, where we will provide a free new book to children that attend. The event is for children and families in grades k-5. We will provide a meal and local agencies in our county will be there to let families know the local support available in our county for families.

Troy Altrusa Service Project

In 2009, Troy Altrusa began partnering with Partners In Hope, a non-profit human services agency that has a Christmas Shop Program. Parents or guardians choose a book for each child and then wrap it for Christmas.

In December 2025, we provided books for 228 children. Giving books since 2009 and estimating approximately 200 books per year, we have donated at least 4000 new books to PIH clients and their children.

The Findlay club had a couple members help collect school supplies for stuff the bus drive in collaboration with the Christian Clearing House. We then help with packing and distributing the bags. We are currently collecting children books for the Help me Grow program at the Health Department.

Tools for Schools Begins Its 24th Year of Serving Richland County Students

Now entering its 24th year, **Tools for Schools** remains one of Altrusa Club of Mansfield's signature community service projects. The program reflects Altrusa's commitment to literacy and education by helping ensure that students have the basic school supplies they need to succeed in the classroom.

The program began when a local principal approached the club seeking assistance in providing essential classroom supplies for children whose families were unable to meet those needs. What started as a single request has grown into a longstanding community initiative that now serves students throughout Richland County. As the need has increased over the years, so has Altrusa's commitment to meeting it.

Altrusans believe that access to essential school supplies can make a meaningful difference in a child's confidence, learning, and overall educational success. Through Tools for Schools, the club provides supplies to students whose parents or guardians may be unable to purchase them. After receiving confidential requests from teachers across Richland County, Altrusa members use funds raised by the club to purchase and distribute backpacks and essential classroom supplies to students in need.

Funding for the program comes primarily from Altrusa's annual **Bash** fundraiser, with proceeds directly supporting this important service project. Each year, members eagerly gather to shop, sort, and prepare supplies, knowing their efforts will help local children begin the school year ready to learn. Their enthusiasm reflects a shared belief that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed—and having the necessary school supplies is an important first step.

During the 2025-26 school year, Altrusa provided 109,609 school supplies with requests from 433 teachers and 6 community programs.



The Altrusa Club of Bucyrus, Ohio does numerous service projects throughout the year. There is one in particular that has a special place in our members' hearts. We call this event The Garwin Girls Christmas. Roughly 25 years ago one of our charter members had a sister with developmental disabilities and resided in a group home with 3-4 other ladies and a house mother. It was brought out attention that these ladies do not have a Christmas Celebration. The Altrusa Club of Bucyrus took it upon themselves to change that. Members at that time decided they were going to purchase special gifts for each of the ladies with a list provided. The Altrusa Club would also prepare a meal to be shared with the residents and ring in the season with Christmas season with carols. Here over 20 years later that tradition lives on with minor changes. The residents now are excited to have a pizza party with pop and Christmas cookies, but the personalized gifts and carols continue on. When members are welcomed into the group home, all hearts are filled with joy as the residents are overjoyed the company and presents. It's truly uplifting that some ladies are absolutely over the moon with something as simple as a bottle of nail polish.

Columbus Altrusans assembled non-perishable food packets for homeless veterans, to be distributed through the VA's outreach teams. These dedicated professionals meet veterans where they are—in shelters, temporary housing, and encampments—offering not only food and supplies, but also compassion, support, and a pathway to housing, healthcare, and other essential services. We also provided snacks for veterans visiting area VA clinics, as a small gesture of comfort while they wait for appointments.

In preparation for the service project, Altrusa member Pat Fitzpatrick contacted the VA's Volunteer Services Department for ideas and researched online for recommendations for homeless food packs. She combined several ideas, pricing everything to get the most for our dollars, while providing a good variety of nutritious, filling, and practical items. Our Foundation funded this project.

Each homeless veteran pack contained 21 items (making sure there were items with protein), including: Vienna Sausage; pouches of Spam, Ready-to-Eat Rice, Tuna, Chicken Salad, and Applesauce; Nutri-Grain Breakfast Bar, Chewy Granola Bar, Cheese Crackers, Fruit snacks, Peanuts, Slim Jims, and Crackers w/Cheese Dip; packets of Oatmeal, Trail Mix, and Instant Coffee; Lifesaver Mints and Wrigley Gum; as well as a pocket Flashlight, Toothbrush, and Toothpaste.

Pat Fitzpatrick delivered our homeless veteran packets and snacks for the VA Snack Closet to the Columbus VA Medical Center, where she talked with the Chief of Volunteer Services about Altrusa's international focus on literacy, our club collecting used books, and if the VA would be interested in making books available for veterans to take home. His answer was YES! He even had some ideas for how we might distribute the books.



Altrusa Club of Dayton Foundation Provides \$22,500 Grant to YWCA of Dayton To Support the “Lorine Reid Survivor Advocacy Program”



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 28th, 2026, for members to present project ideas. All 13 members present voted for their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 17th 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 13th, as the YWCA's CEO wants to get the Center up and running by August 1st. Barbara Ward developed a mutual agreement contract 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 21st, 2026, and presented Barbara Ward with the \$22,500 check.

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

Fundraising:

\$ FUNDRAISING around DISTRICT FIVE \$

Akron None planned	Columbus Evaluating options	Marion Purse Bingo November 8, 2026 Open 1 PM/Bingo 2 PM \$40 per person Contact: lkstrzelecki@msn.com
Battle Creek Purse Bingo September 24, 2026 \$20 per ticket Spaghetti Dinner October 22, 2026 4:00 – 6:30 PM \$16 per meal Contact: pat.alayton@home-caretransitions.net	Dayton Altrusa Auction/Luncheon October 24, 2026 Doors open 10:30 AM \$35 per person Contact: jvhs123@hotmail.com	Springfield Spelling Bee September 22, 2026 11:30 AM – 1 PM Lunch tickets and <u>3 person</u> Spelling Bee Team tickets available Contact: buckeyeculler@aol.com
Branch County Altrusa Diamond Raffle December 2, 2026; drawing 12:30 PM \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets Contact: dhawley@smb-t.com Altrusa Golf Scramble May 28, 2027 at 9 AM \$500 per golf team Contact: janelle.warner@approducts.net	Findlay Purses and Pins Bingo November 1, 2026 Doors open 2 PM/BINGO 3 PM \$50 person/\$425 table Contact: gwenpahl@gmail.com	Troy Rada Cutlery Member Project August 3 – October 5, 2026 (catalog only) Contact: Nickcor@gmail.com Altrusa of Troy Bee for Literacy March 18, 2027 5 – 7:30 PM \$50 per person Contact: glennarinehat@yahoo.com
Bucyrus Halloween Designer Purse Bingo October 29, 2026 Doors open 5:15 PM Bingo 6:30 PM \$40/person; \$350/table 8 Message Facebook page for tickets: Altrusa Club of Bucyrus, Ohio	Grand Rapids Flower seeds/bulbs sale with Flower Power through October 15, 2026 Visit website: flowerpowerfundraising.com and choose Altrusa International of Grand Rapids, MI	Tuscarawas County Potential wreath fundraiser in December March fundraiser - TBD
Chillicothe Altrusa Bazaar November 14, 2026 9 AM – 2 PM \$1 admission Contact: lscollins71@yahoo.com lindamiller@gotanks.org	Hamilton Spring Auction May 15, 2027 starting at 10:30 AM Cost TBD Contact: gvonderhaar45@gmail.com maryjmayer@cinci.rr.com	Washington Court House Nothing currently planned; had a yard sale
	Highland County Quarter Raffle November 12, 2026 Doors open 5:30 PM/Raffle 6:30 PM Contact: mstanforth20@gmail.com	Youngstown <u>Shoppopalooza</u> October 8, 2026; 6 PM Cost TBD Contact: 757bs4241@gmail.com Youngstown Mob Talk – TBD April 8, 2027; 6 PM Cost TBD Contact: austrioka@hotmail.com
	Lima Kentucky Derby Fundraiser May 1, 2027 from 5 – 8 PM \$40 per ticket Contact: mrwells123@yahoo.com	
	Mansfield Spring Bash February 27, 2027 Poinsettia sales: Oct – Nov 14, 2026 (Small \$16 Large \$27) Contact: kshambre@drsohio.com	

Strategic Plans:

District Five LRSP Updates

Just like local Altrusa Clubs review their LRSP periodically, so does District Five Board. This allows the clubs and the District to review how they are progressing towards their goals, make modifications as warranted and celebrate their goal achievements. Here is an update on where the District stands.

- Communications – Club Presidents received an email regarding updating the webpage on the District Five website. For questions, reach out to McKenzie Dinger, our Communication Chair
- Leadership
 - Governor Shelley continues with the bi-monthly Zoom meetings for the Club Presidents.
 - Club visits are underway.
 - Altrusa members received the District Five Workshop survey to complete to guide the District for upcoming virtual Zoom workshops and Conference workshops.
- Membership – There are 10 new Altrusans since our April Conference. We are at 7.3% of our goal of 10% increase. That means the District needs 13-14 new members to reach our goal of 10%. For assistance, reach out to Pat Skornika, our Membership Chair.
- ASTRA – ASTRA clubs are going strong in Branch County, Hamilton, Mansfield (nearly at charter-strength) and Troy. If interested in forming an ASTRA club, contact Roberta Jacobs, our ASTRA chair.

Submitted by: Kathy Ballman-Parks, Vice Governor

Club Long Range Strategic Planning

The following is taken from the Club President's Handbook: "In order to sustain growth and success, all Altrusa Clubs should develop and adhere to a long-range strategic plan (LRSP). Developing your Club's LRSP is an investment in future success."

Once your club has established an LRSP and all members have reviewed and agreed upon it, the club will have a wonderful tool to constantly refer to for better organization and follow-through in completing their mission. By having all club members review and agree upon the LRSP, it will ensure that everyone will be working towards the same goals based on what is important and will help Club members stay committed to developing and maintaining a strong position within the community.

Of utmost importance after establishing your Club's LRSP is to refer to it as often as necessary, making sure everyone is on track, that nothing has been forgotten, and determining whether any priorities have changed. Maybe some adjustments need to be made in order to keep everyone on task, energized, and active. Or maybe the club has taken on some new project(s) since your LRSP was established that need to be included. Regardless of how often you refer to the Club LRSP, a review should be done no less than once a year.

So, if your Club does not have an up-to-date LRSP, try to get one established ASAP in order to get/make sure that you have this wonderful tool to use to keep the Club on track. If your Club has a current LRSP, be sure to refer to the plan often in order to check the Club's progress and to make any changes or additions. If your Club needs any assistance, please feel free to contact Joyce Kelley, District Five LRSP Chair, at momj49@woh.rr.com, or by phone at (937)672-6931

Submitted by: Joyce Kelley, District Five Chair

ASTRA:

ASTRA: Where Young People Turn Ideas Into Impact

What happens when you give young people a voice, an opportunity to serve, and a chance to make a difference?

ASTRA happens!

We often talk about ASTRA in the same familiar ways: service projects, leadership development, community involvement, and preparing young people to become tomorrow's leaders. All of those things are important—but ASTRA is so much more than a list of activities.

ASTRA is about discovering what young people care about and giving them the opportunity to do something about it.

Growing ASTRA in District Five

In District Five, we currently have four ASTRA Clubs, with one club nearing charter status. That is exciting progress—and just the beginning!

As the new school year approaches, we will have updates to share about the many projects, service activities, and contributions these young people are making in their schools and communities. Their enthusiasm and creativity are a wonderful reminder of the difference young people can make when they are given the opportunity to lead.

I also want to encourage Altrusa Clubs in District Five that do not currently have an ASTRA Club to look outside the box for opportunities to establish one. ASTRA doesn't have to look the same in every community. Consider where young people are already gathering and serving—schools, career centers, community organizations, youth programs, or other groups—and explore where an ASTRA Club might fit.

Sometimes the opportunity is there; we simply have to look at it a little differently.

That is what makes ASTRA exciting.

We aren't simply providing young people with opportunities to volunteer. We are giving them opportunities to create, imagine, organize, decide, lead, and make an impact today.

As Altrusans, let's continue to ask ourselves:

Where is the next ASTRA Club waiting to happen?

And perhaps even more importantly: What can we do to give the ASTRA members we already have even more opportunities to shine?

The future of Altrusa may very well be sitting in an ASTRA meeting today—and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to encourage, mentor, and cheer them on.

Submitted by Roberta Jacobs, District Five ASTRA Chair

Financials:

Altrusa International, Inc. District Five
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Member's Equity
As of May 31, 2026

Assets

Current Assets

Cash

Cash in Checking	\$ 8,131.01
Certificate of Deposit, 6 Month	10,540.99
Money Market Savings	10,813.10
Total Cash	<u>29,485.10</u>

Prepaid Expenses

Conference Venue Deposits: 2027, 2028	<u>1,000.00</u>
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Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 30,485.10</u></u>
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Members' Equity

Restricted Funds

Six Month's Operating Reserves	** \$ 9,483.00
Conference Reserves	3,000.00
Total Restricted Funds	<u>12,483.00</u>

Unrestricted Reserves	<u>18,002.10</u>
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Total Members' Equity	<u><u>\$ 30,485.10</u></u>
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** Total expenses per budget \$37,930/24 months X 6 months= \$9,483

Altrusa International, Inc. - District Five
Income Statement - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended May 31, 2026

Income

Dues	\$ 12,215.00
Interest Income	447.05
Conference Fees	250.00
Conference Store Sales	637.37
International Intentional Acts of Giving	1,000.00
Club 52 Memberships	3,988.00
International Foundation Raffle	4,109.36
Fundraising Challenge	1,593.52
Income from Conference	663.31

Total Income	\$ 24,903.61	
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Expenses

Directors and Officers Insurance	473.00
Computer/Printer Maintenance	307.32
Supplies	170.29
Conference Expense	932.12
Conference Fees	190.00
Conference Meals and Lodging	2,152.49
Conference Travel	942.69
International Convention Expense	3,939.24
Club Visit/Lodging/Travel	1,835.10
Mid-Year Conference Planning	2,291.54
Governor Elect Training	850.00
Officer Workshop/Orientation	1,853.43
International Intentional Acts of Giving	1,000.00
Club 52 Memberships	3,988.00
International Foundation Raffle	4,109.36
Conference Store Sales	605.50

Total Expenses	25,640.08	
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Net Loss	(736.47)	
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Carry-Over Funds 2023-2025	31,221.57	
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Total Funds	\$ 30,485.10	
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Altrusa International, Inc. District Five
 Budget for the Two Year Period Ended May 31, 2027
 For the One Year Ended May 31, 2026

	Budget for the Two Years Ended May 31, 2027	Actual	In Kind
Receipts			
Operations			
Dues (based on 450 members)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 12,215.00	\$ 0.00
Partial Dues (based on 10 members)	100.00	-	0.00
Interest Income	500.00	447.05	0.00
Conference fees (19 clubs)	380.00	250.00	0.00
Carryover from 2023-2025	3,450.00	-	0.00
Total Receipts from Income	22,430.00	12,912.05	0.00
Conference Income			
Store	500.00	637.37	0.00
Foundation Raffle	5,000.00	4,109.36	0.00
Foundation Intentional Acts of Giving	1,500.00	1,000.00	0.00
Foundation Club 52	1,000.00	3,988.00	0.00
Income from Conference	4,500.00	663.31	0.00
Total Conference Income	12,500.00	10,398.04	0.00
Fundraising Challenge	3,000.00	1,593.52	0.00
Total Receipts	\$ 37,930.00	\$ 24,903.61	\$ 0.00
Expenses			
Administration			
Bonding Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Director's and Officer's Insurance	1,000.00	473.00	0.00
Copy Machine/Computer Maintenance	200.00	307.32	0.00
Duplication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	100.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	600.00	170.29	0.00
Total Administration Expense	2,400.00	950.61	0.00
Conference			
Administration	100.00	0.00	0.00
Conference Fees	380.00	190.00	0.00
Conference Costs	5,000.00	3,084.61	230.00
Travel	3,500.00	942.69	1,165.13
Total Conference Expense	8,980.00	4,217.30	1,395.13

Altrusa International, Inc. District Five
 Budget for the Two Year Period Ended May 31, 2027
 For the One Year Ended May 31, 2026

	Budget for the Two Years Ended May 31, 2027	Actual	In Kind
International Convention			
Governor Per Diem & Travel	1,500.00	1,278.05	627.20
Lodging	2,250.00	1,270.39	0.00
Governor-Elect Per Diem	500.00	490.80	654.40
Registration for Gov/Gov Elect/First VG	1,350.00	900.00	0.00
Total International Convention Expense	5,600.00	3,939.24	1,281.60
Membership Support			
Committees			
Club Visit/Lodging/Travel	3,500.00	1,835.10	2,733.36
District Chair Expenses	200.00	0.00	0.00
ASTRA	50.00	0.00	0.00
New Club Building	500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Membership Support	4,250.00	1,835.10	2,733.36
Mid-Year Conference Planning			
Food/Lodging	3,000.00	1,815.05	0.00
Travel	2,500.00	476.49	1,028.56
Total Mid-Year Conference Planning	5,500.00	2,291.54	1,028.56
Miscellaneous			
Governor-Elect Training	850.00	850.00	0.00
Governor's Award	100.00	0.00	0.00
Governor's Pin	250.00	0.00	0.00
Officer Chair Workshop/Orientation	2,000.00	1,853.43	778.88
Total Miscellaneous Expense	3,200.00	2,703.43	778.88
Conference			
Store	500.00	605.50	0.00
International Foundation Donations and Club 2:	7,500.00	9,097.36	0.00
Total Conference Expense	8,000.00	9,702.86	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 37,930.00	\$ 25,640.08	\$ 7,217.53

Membership:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC DISTRICT FIVE MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 2026

	Members	Emeritus	Lifetime	Dual	Difference from 5/31/25
Akron	10	2		1	-2
Battle Creek	26	4			4
Branch County	37	0			-5
Bucyrus	11	1			-7
Chillicothe	18	0			0
Columbus	20	1			2
Dayton	26	2			1
Findlay	13	2			-2
Grand Rapids	18	0			-2
Hamilton	20	1			2
Highland County	26	0			-2
Lima	22	0			-1
Mansfield	57	1			1
Marion	24	4			1
Springfield	13	1			-1
Troy	34	0			3
Tusawaras County	10	0		4	-2
Washington Court House	29	1			2
Youngstown	43	2			-2
Not Club Affiliated	0	0			0
Total: 19 Clubs	457	22	0	5	-10

Convention:



International Convention will be in District Five July 22-25, 2027!

- Location at Hyatt Regency Columbus (downtown near Arena District)
- Cost will be \$460 for full registration or \$300 for partial registration; ASTRA members can come anytime during convention and pay for meals only
- Optional excursion to the Columbus Zoo with meal, close animal encounters and giraffe feeding
- Friday Fun Night to benefit the Altrusa International Foundation
- Awards luncheon (our own clubs may be International winners)
- Group service project to honor our military
- Educational workshops
- Networking and fun!

Our District is the host for Convention and will be sharing our creativity, talents and organization with other Altrusans worldwide. Stay tuned for regional work sessions in the District to allow everyone an opportunity to help in the assembly of decorations and other items needed for Convention.

Submitted by: Linda Williams and Tammy Bader, District Five Co-Chairs, Convention Planning Committee