



DAYTRUSAN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is almost here! As much as I enjoy summer, I must admit I'm ready for the cooler temperatures and the arrival of fall. It's one of my favorite seasons and I always enjoy this time of year.

September also means football season is back, which is one of my favorite things about fall. I can't wait to cheer on my Buckeyes and Irish on Saturdays and then settle in for Sunday NFL football. In my opinion, it makes the season even better.

September is also an important month for literacy as we celebrate International Literacy Day on September 8th. It's a great reminder of the importance of reading and the difference that books can make in a person's life, especially for the children we serve through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the last days of summer, and here's to cooler days, changing leaves, football Saturdays and Sundays, and another month of making a difference through Altrusa.



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September Birthdays

22 - Irene Colbert



INTERNATIONAL SCENE

AUTHOR: KATHY SCHREIN: INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

"Accepting The Leadership Role: Part 2 "

Have you been offered a new leadership role in our club?

It might be helpful to consider when the member is thinking of accepting a leadership role: do not consider the confidence of other members as a burden; they do not expect perfection.

Accept the fact from the beginning that everything will not run smoothly. Do not think of problems that might occur but simply acknowledge to oneself that conflicts will occur. Disagreements will happen when people of different opinions work together for common Altrusan goals.

Remember the task of the Altrusan leader-no matter the position description- is to help each member of the Dayton Club to give and receive from the group a listening ear, support of ideas, a safe place to discuss issues and a non-threatening atmosphere. Say YES to Altrusa!

Next month Part 3 will conclude considering what attributes do Altrusans seek in their leader?

Altrusa International, Inc.
Leading to a Better Community®

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks, Secretary

- District Five Director, Bev Kelley, will be visiting our club at our September meeting.
- Melissa Phillips distributed the tickets for the auction, along with Peggy Collins distributing the Cash Raffle tickets. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please contact them for your tickets.
- The Club members agreed to explore ways to earn money for the operating account to support members attending the 2027 convention in Columbus.
- The membership approved the new service project for backpacks for the children receiving their therapy dogs from 4 Paws for Ability. The Club will submit a grant to International for this project.
- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Lorine Reid Survivor Advocacy Center is at 2:00 pm, in the new lobby conference room at the YWCA, 141 W. Third St. Dayton 45402.

SAD NEWS

Author: Sue Ciarlariello



Debbie Roe lost her battle with Ovarian Cancer. She had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2024.

Debbie was one of the nicest people you could ever meet. Always ready to help you without being asked. Never critical, just kind. She was so smart. She had an amazing career as the Senior Tax Director for the BSFN Railway Company, the largest freight train conglomerate in the US for over 18 years. She lived in Chicago and traveled to DC regularly to work on tax regulation law. She retired to Texas with her husband and her friends. Her husband passed away in Texas, and she returned to the Dayton-Cincinnati area (where she grew up) in 2017 to care for her mom and dad. She was an Altrusan in Texas and joined our Dayton club in 2017 to continue her love for Altrusa's work. She told me when I visited her recently that she really loved our club, the people in our club, and was proud of all the projects we support. She loved reading our newsletter.

Memorial services are pending.

DISTRICT FIVE HAPPENINGS

Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks

The September District Service Bulletin (DSB) will be delivered to your email on September 1st.

Many clubs are having their major fundraising events during this autumn season. More details will be in the DSB

- Springfield's Annual Spelling Bee – September 22
- Youngstown's Shoppapalooza – October 6
- Dayton's Annual Luncheon/Auction – October 24
- Bucyrus's Designer Purse BINGO – October 29
- Findlay's Designer Purse BINGO – November 1
- Marion's Designer Purse BINGO – November 8
- Highland County's Quarter Raffle – November 12
- Chillicothe's Christmas Bazaar – November 14
- Branch County's Diamond Raffle through December
- Grand Rapids' Bulb Sale – check it out on Facebook

I have been to many of these events, and they are lots of fun. And you help support fellow Altrusa Clubs. You may want to check them out.

WHAT ALTRUSANS ARE READING...

Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks

Altrusans know that September is Literacy Month. Our club has been collecting books for Dayton Children's Sleep Center for many years. It is interesting to find out what books our members are reading or recommend to others. This is this year's list.

- The True Meaning of Love by Danielle Steel
- Abigail Trench: A Novel of Washington's Spy Ring
- Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari
- Sugarcreek Amish Mystery Series, by Jan Fields
- Radium Girls by Kate Moore
- Theo of Golden by Allen Levi
- Women of a Promiscuous Nature by Donna Everheart
- Entire Works of Cormac McCarthy
- Cross and Sampson by James Patterson and Brian Sitts
- Amish Books
- The Last Letter by Rebecca Yarnas
- The Boxcar Librarian by Brianna Labuskes
- Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
- Remarkable Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
- View from the East Wing by Jill Biden
- Moonshiners' Daughter by Donna Everheart
- A Man called Ove by Fredrik Bachman
- The Women by Kristen Hannah
- Whistler by Ann Patchett

So now when the winter cold hits, you have some wonderful suggestions to sit down in your easy chair, with a cup of tea and snuggle in for a good read.

Belinda

Thankyou for a wonderful time at your home on Indian Lake



Standing: Toni Bailey, Julie Hatton, Kathy Schrein, Cathy Brunner
Bev Ervin, Joyce Kelley, Belinda Huffman, Tess Litle,
Linda Neuhauser and Sue Ciarlariello

Sitting: Susan Sanders, Diane Noonan, Brigid O'Connor, ??
Dana Robers and Alisha French



Belinda's brother Ed
Dodi Munn and Susan Sanders



Left front to back
Joyce Kelley, Linda Neuhauser and
Brigid O'Conner
Sitting Center: Bev Ervin
Right front to back
Alisha French, Sue Ciarlariello and
Kathy Schrein



From Left
Julie Hatton, Cathy Brunner, Toni Bailey
Kathy and Norm Schrein



From Left
Linda Neuhauser, Alisha French,
Bev Ervin, ??, Dana Roberts, Tess Little
and Joyce Kelley



Tom and Diane Noonan



Cornhole Players from left to right (includes both pics)
Brigid O'Connor, Susan Sanders, Sue Ciarlariello & Dodi Munn



Boat Ride #1 with Capt. Ed (Start Left side Front to Back – then Right Side Back to Front)
Brigid O'Connor, Bev, Ervin, Capt Ed, Cathy Brunner, Julie Hatton
Sue Ciarlariello, Dodi Munn, Susan Sanders, ???, Dana Roberts

Belinda Huffman Operating the lift.



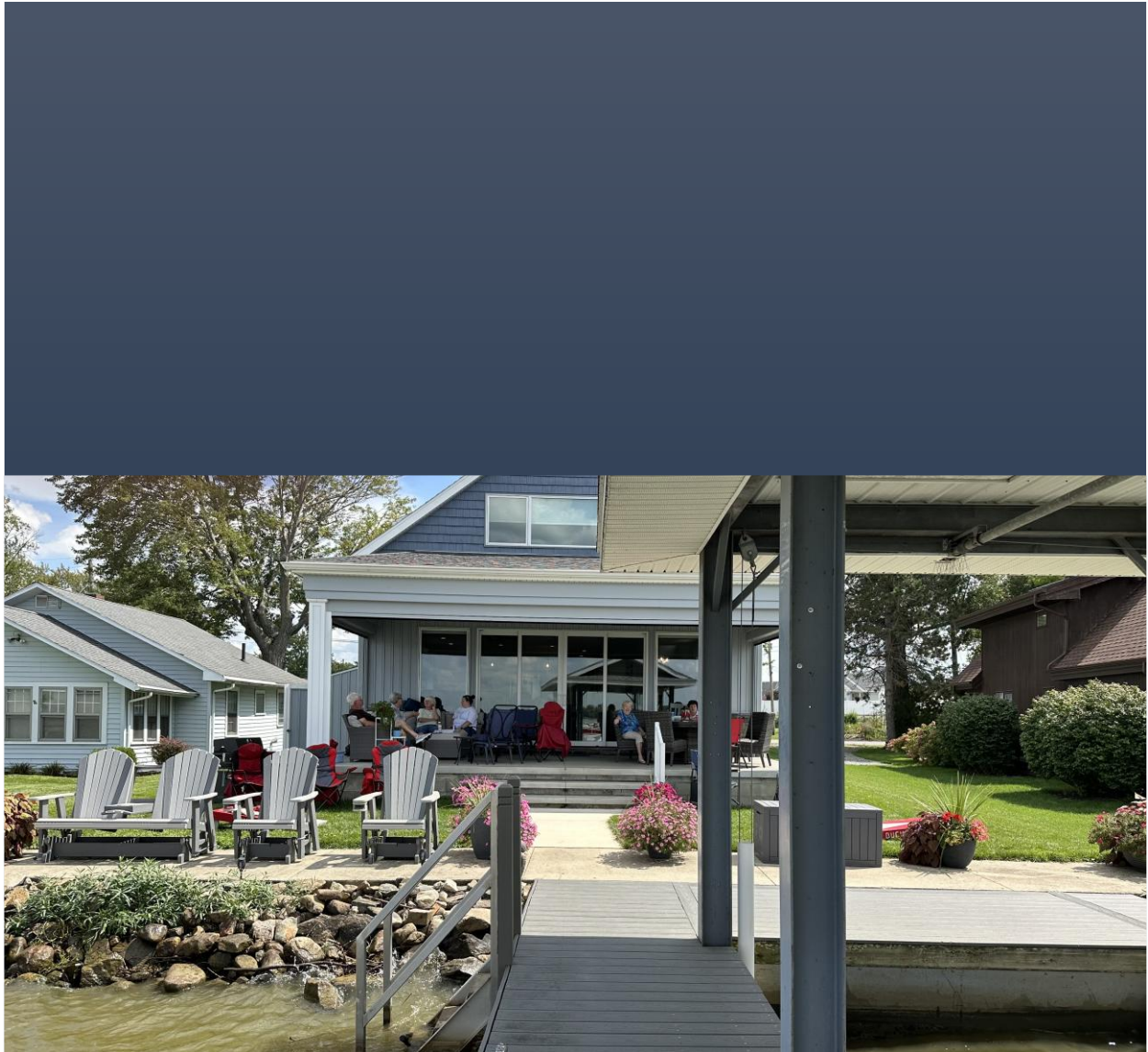
Same folks different view as they leave the dock and out on the lake.



Boat Ride #2 with Capt. Belinda Huffman
(Start Left side Front to Back – then Right Side Back to Front)
Joyce Kelley, Alisha French, Capt Belinda Huffman,
Norm Schrein, Brigid O’Conor, Susan Sanders,
Linda Neuhauser



Boat Ride #2
Same folks as above
with Toni Bailey
joining before boat left
the dock



Belinda Huffman's beautiful cottage.
Taken from the boat dock.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction

(Melissa Phillips and Linda Neuhauser – Co-Chairs

Communication Committee

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

Newsletter

27 September 2026 -- Input due for October 2026

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:

mthemaltrusa@gmail.com

Please let me know what you send so there is no duplication. Thanks

September DSB [Click here](#)

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

(Tess Little – Chairperson)

986 Aug pickups:

976 Aug Distributions:

Our club delivers to 35 organizations.

Foundation

(Chair: Linda Neuhauser)

YWCA Lorine Reid Project:

Barbara Ward, CEO of YWCA, will be moving back the ribbon cutting ceremony from the last week in August to sometime in September. She is supposed to get back to me soon about possible dates. I will send those out to leadership as soon as I receive them. Once an actual date is chosen, I will send the date out to everyone. All are invited!

Membership

Club Picnic at Belinda Huffman's Home at Indian Lake

- 29 August 2026
- Directions are on page [8](#)
- Arrive no later than noon for lunch will be served shortly after.
- Belinda will be providing the meat
- You are asked to bring a side dish and your favorite beverage.

Belinda will have a signup sheet at the August meeting so not to duplicate. Belinda will also send out an email after the August meeting to let those who did not attend to let them know what members are bringing.

Service

(Cathy Brunner)

Service hours amounted to 388.5 hours contributed to club work/activities and community activities.

Widows' Home

Turnout for bingo was very good at the Widows' Home. Altrusa members called the numbers and handed out prizes. The theme was summertime and ended with ice cream treats for everyone.

School Supplies

A very generous collection of school supplies donated by club members was distributed for use at Cleveland School and Crayons to Classrooms: 156 packages of pencils, paper, etc and 249 items (backpacks, tissues, spiral note books, etc)

With God's Grace (WGG) event

Brigid O'Connor, Toni Bailey and Dee Kaylor distributed books at WGG during their school supply event.

Looking ahead

Bev Erwin is collecting books for the sleep center at Dayton Children's Hospital in conjunction with National Literacy Day on Sept. 8th.

Ronald McDonald House Make a Meal

Dinner will be prepared for residents of Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Dee Kaylor will be "head chef".

DAYTON CALENDAR

CLUB MEETING DATES	EVENTS
Meeting Start Times Board @ 5:30 pm Business @ 6:00 pm 2025 Meeting Dates Regular Board and Business Meetings Dates Location (unless otherwise indicated) American Baptist Church 960 W. Dorothy Lane Kettering OH 45409 2026 Meet Dates 25 Aug 29 Sep 20 Oct (3D Tues) 17 Nov No Meeting Dec	September (<u>Literacy Month</u>) Send copy of club yearbook to District Officers and one copy to the International Office. TBD – Ronald McDonald House Meal preparation 01 – Labor Day 08 -- International Literacy Day -- Grant Applications Due (Watch International Pub for date) 11 – Widows Home Bingo Arrive by 6:15 pm 15 – With God's Grace School Supply Event Hours Noon to 3 pm 21 -- International Day of Peace Observance 23 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Lorine Reid Survivor Advocacy Center 2:00 pm in the new lobby conference room at the YWCA, 141 W. Third St. Dayton 45402. Park in the street if you can find it or in the City Garage October 08 – Youngstown Shoppopalooza 2026 (See Flyer on page 8) 16 -- World Food Day 24 -- United Nations Day 24 – Make a Difference Day 24 – Luncheon/Auction

DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCES & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS



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

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

HELPFUL LINKS

[ALTRUSA of Dayton Facebook:](#)

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

ALTRUSA International. Click on the links below.
[Facebook](#)
[Instagram](#)

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>



Shoppopalooza 2026

*Bring your family & friends
to enjoy an evening of dining, shopping and
trying your luck at the bag raffle!!*



Buffet Dinner

Chicken Bruschetta

Penne alla Vodka Sauce

Parsley Potatoes

Roasted Vegetable Medley

Fresh Garden Salad & Rolls

Coffee, Tea, Water

Cash Bar available

**Thursday,
October 8, 2026
6:00 p.m.**
Buffet Served at 6:30 p.m.

Avion on the Water
2177 W. Western Reserve Rd, #A
Canfield, OH 44406

New Vendors 🍂 More Shopping 🍂 Bag Raffle 🍂 Cash Bar

Event Chair: Barbara A. Smith • (330)314-3294 • 757bs4241@gmail.com

Please enclose this portion with your check & mail by **Sept 24, 2026**

Payable to: **Altrusa Youngstown Foundation**

Mail to: Altrusa Youngstown Foundation, Attn: Kim D., PO Box 602, Youngstown, OH 44501

Yes, count me in! Please reserve ____ at \$45 per person. Total Enclosed: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please seat me with: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

I cannot attend but would like to support the work we do! Please accept my gift of \$_____.