



The Blotter

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September 2026

Message from our President:

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer. As always, I am so incredibly grateful for this amazing group of women and the heart you put into everything we do together. Mamie L. Bass always said we should "be good for something," and seeing how much love you pour into our community makes me so proud to stand alongside you.

We have a lot of exciting things coming up, and we need your energy. Our next big project will be our 6th Purse Bingo, which will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

The next meeting will be the program/dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 6pm at The Meadows of Marion.

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy your day. Thank you for your endless dedication, your beautiful smiles, and your unmatched service to our community.

See you at the next meeting!

Linda Crock, President
Altrusa International of Marion, Ohio

Events to Remember:

Meetings:

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

Snacks: Kathy Regules, Linda Crock
Accent: Joan Shelton

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Program Meeting: Kate McCleese
Pizza and Salads – RSVP to Linda if
you are planning to attend!

Happy September!!

Did you know the "9" Magic:

September is the only month in the English language whose name has the exact same number of letters as its calendar number (9 letters, 9th month)

Sept. 5: National Cheese Pizza Day

Sept. 13: Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day

Sept. 24: National Punctuation Day

Sept. 29: National Coffee Day



Google's Birthday: Google was founded on
September 4, 1998

I don't know about you, but that sure makes
me feel old!!!

Past Events:

Our Annual Dress for Success event was another great hit and was held on Tuesday, August 4th with three shopping slots available!

From Roselynn:

What an awesome Dress for Success shopping day!!! We shopped with 28 children (2 cancelled the day before).

Our total spent was \$4114.01 or \$146.93 average per child. Many of the children left with shoes and all carried out large bags filled with clothes!!! We had a great bunch of kids...appreciative, polite and fun!!!

Many parents/grandparents/guardians expressed thanks and we received many hugs!!

We earned \$810 in Kohl's Cash... \$750 to outfit 5 more children and the remaining \$60 will buy backpacks for next year.

My app shows we earned \$315.25 in Kohl's Rewards which will also "buy" backpacks. Congratulations ladies!!!! My thanks to all of you for a very successful 16th year of this project!!!

Thanks also to Pam, Eileen, Darlene and Margaret for the help stuffing all 35 backpacks. Great job!!! Special thanks to Pam for getting the 34 cans of Play-Doh!!

Also, I am pleased to accept on behalf of all of us a \$140 donation from Lori's boss, Steve Kneepkens of Wyandotte Popcorn and an anonymous \$250 donation. These donations just covered the costs of the backpacks and supplies!!!

Again, my thanks to each and every one of you for helping to make a difference in so many children's lives!! A touching thing...while children were waiting for pickup after the afternoon session, several were sitting on the concrete in front of Kohl's reading their new books!!!!

We Altrusans make a difference!!!!

From leftover supplies and what was given from the conference, we put together 10 banker boxes and 4 copy paper boxes for our 14 elementary schools.

Each box was filled with filler paper, tablets, glue sticks, scissors, crayons, erasers, highlighters, and dry erase markers. It was decided to purchase and add a roll of paper towels (Pam), a box of Kleenex (Lisa T), a box of sandwich bags (Kathy R), and a container of disinfectant wipes (Margaret).

The following people will be taking these to the schools:

Pam & Roselynn- Benjamin Harrison and George Washington

Margaret & Joyce- Taft and Academy of Arts & Technology

Kathy R- Heritage, Liberty and Pleasant

Lisa T - St Mary's and Hayes

Sherri & Lisa B - Elgin and Ridgedale

Eileen- McKinley and Garfield

Each box will have a note on top with school name and that it's from Altrusa.

Thank you to everyone!!! What a great finish to the Dress for Success project!!!!



Thank you, ladies for stuffing those backpacks!

Look at all those backpacks!

Some happy children for sure!





shop! Sorry if I missed your picture here, but you are appreciated!



Enjoying lunch at Panera!



Future Events:

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 NEED to make this a success! Let's continue to be awesome!



Want to buy your own ticket for Purse Bingo? Use your camera to get access to pay electronically!

Support other Altrusa Clubs: Bucyrus has their annual purse bingo coming up on October 29!



Supporting one another happens across ALL clubs! Plus, who doesn't love seeing all the costumes?

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. The club does not have any funds to help cover this cost. If you have any ideas to help the members raise money that want to attend this event, please reach out to Linda Crock or Lisa Butcher.

When was the last time you invited a guest? Our October 27th meeting is an invitation for new members! Invite them to this meeting so they can see how awesome it is to be an Altrusan!

Other News:

Your yearbook “look” has changed!

The yearbook committee created a new yearbook format and the club voted to keep the new format vs going with the older version.

The new version will

- ❖ Save the club money as we won't have to print the yearbooks every year with a printer
- ❖ Be more easily flexible when things need changed (just print the page(s) that need changed)
- ❖ Keep club members organized as the yearbook is in a pocket folder so members can keep their other papers from meetings there as well
- ❖ Fit in your car, but may not fit in your purse (unless you carry a big purse)

This yearbook was designed based on the winning yearbook from last year. Other categories were also included that were not in the older version based on the criteria from the encyclopedia.

We know that change is hard, but change is necessary for growth. Thank you for supporting this change.



Leaves changing colors is one of my favorite parts of Fall. I don't like what comes after Fall, but I love the colors that Fall brings. Without this change in season, we would not have these beautiful colors.

Other News (Cont'd)

Baked Goods/Dessert Auction:

Each Business meeting we will be auctioning off a baked good item! This was decided by the board to help add funds to our operations budget.

Bring your cash and let's bid on some wonderful baked goods and desserts!

Linda has sent an email regarding volunteers to help make these wonderful treats! She will provide the full list once completed.



From the Membership committee:

We will be doing some fun mini-“interactive” member participation events at each meeting. For September's meeting we will be playing Altrusa Bingo.



Local Club Officers for 2025-2027

President:

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Lisa Butcher

Treasurer:

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Director: Lisa Troiano (2 year)

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Treasurer

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Director I

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Facebook

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.

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

Let's embrace FALL...and all that it brings!

