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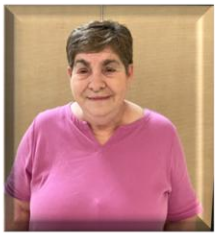
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President's Message

November is here and it is hard to believe we are heading into the holiday season. The year has gone by way too fast. November gives us many reasons to enjoy the month. November 4th is National Candy Day, November 11th is Veteran's Day, November 15th National Philanthropy Day and of course one of my favorite holidays Thanksgiving on the 26th.

At the end of October, I will be visiting my family in New England, and I am looking forward to taking in all the gorgeous fall colors and spending time with all my extended family. To top it all off, we will be attending the Notre Dame – Navy game. Granted, it is in seats at the top of Gillette Stadium, but we will enjoy the game and the atmosphere, no matter where we sit.

Finally, I want to take a moment and thank everyone for all their hard work in making our annual auction such a great success. Thank you for all your time in planning, collecting donations, and putting together baskets, and getting everything ready for a great day. I heard many positive comments, and we should all be proud of what was accomplished.

Wishing everyone a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving.





November Birthdays

06 – Toni Bailey
10 – Bev Ervin
15 – Judy Zimmerman



INTERNATIONAL SCENE

AUTHOR: KATHY SCHREIN; INTERNATIONAL LIAISON



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks, Secretary

- The Club agreed to purchase a suite for the Dayton Dragons again this year for a fundraising event.
- There will be a meeting on November 12 at 6 PM at Sue Ciarlariello's home to discuss hosting the 2029 Conference
- Sue & Paul Ciarlariello will be hosting the annual Christmas Party on December 8 at 6 pm. More details to come …

DISTRICT FIVE HAPPENINGS

Author: Kathy-Ballman-Parks

- The next District Service Bulletin (DSB) will be published on December 1, 2026, via your email. Please let me know if you do not receive it.
- The Mid-Year Board meeting was held in early October with the focus on the upcoming 2027 Conference in Lima, OH on April 23 – 25, 2027.
- Save-the-Date for the 2027 Altrusa International Convention in Columbus, OH on July 21 – 24, 2027 with District Five hosting. More to come …

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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.

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE MAKE-A-MEAL

Author: Diane Noonan

Altrusans answered the call from Ronald McDonald house. We normally only cook dinner every other month. However, Ronald McDonald House has been having trouble getting organizations to volunteer for this effort. So, we again picked a date in October before our regular schedule time in November.

For the October residents we made 8 Can Soup and Pumpkin bars. The recipes follow if you want to try at home.

8 Can Soup

1 can chicken broth
1 can refried beans
1 can black beans, rinsed
1 large can chicken
1 can of Mexico Corn
1 can kidney beans
1 can green chilies 1 can chili, with no beans

Dump all cans in a large pot. Heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Serve with tortilla strips

Pumpkin Bars

4 eggs
1 cup oil
2 cups flour
1 tsp salt
2 cups sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp soda
2 cups canned pumpkin
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Mix together in a bowl then pour into a 11x17 jelly roll pan.
Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.
Do not overbake

Topping
Mix together well

1 8 oz cream cheese, softened
1 stick margarine, softened
2 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Spread on bars when cool

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction
(Melissa Phillips and Linda Neuhauser – Co-Chairs

The auction committee will be meeting to do a recap of the auction. Please send any comments, suggestions, or concerns from this year's auction before Thursday, 5 November 2026. The committee will then review and have answers for everyone at the November meeting.

Also, please let us know if you would like to be a part of the auction committee for next year. We will be looking for co-chairs for the Silent Auction.

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

Newsletter
28 November 2026 -- Input due for December 2026 Newsletter

DSB Submittal Dates
10 January, 10 May, 10 August, **10 November**,

I try to send 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

Service
(Cathy Brunner – Chair)

Fall has been a busy time for service activities.

Widows' Home is now named East Valley Health Care Center. For us in our affection for the residents, it will still be The Widows' Home. Oct. 13 Bingo had a fall feel to it. We gave "Trick or Treat" bags of candy for the cover all.

The next Bingo will be Tues. December 8.

Ronald McDonald House has more residents and so the amount of food served has increased. The residents very much appreciate it. The Altrusa cooks prepared and served a meal on Oct. 19. An additional meal will be prepared on November 23.(See page 4 for recipes from our Oct visit)

The Christmas party for the Dayton Christian Center this year will be held December 12 from 1-3. Altrusans will be needed to set up starting at 12:00pm. Please help make it a wonderful time by participating by bringing food, lead/assisting in an activity, or assisting in serving the food and drinks, etc.

At the October meeting it was brought to our attention that the YWCA needs some help with Christmas gifts for the children in their care. I talked with the Director (Niece Lattimore) and she made these suggestions:

For ages 10 -18 $25 gift cards (14 kids) Meijer, Walmart, etc. (THESE ARE THE MOST NEEDED)

For ages 1-10 (14 kids) dolls, trucks, Legos (no puzzles)

Cathy Brunner will collect the items at our November meeting and deliver them ASAP.

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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** 24 Nov No Meeting Dec	**November** 12 – Meeting to accept or decline hosting the 2029 District Five Conference. Where: Sue Ciarlariello Home 1167 Sarah Freeman Dr Time: 6 pm Sue plans to make Italian stuffed shells for us to eat. Sue will have water, lemonade, and tea to drink. If a couple of people could bring salads, and a couple bring desserts or fruit. Let Sue Know if you plan to attend and if you will bring something to eat. 20 -- Universal Children's Day 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women **December** • Half-year dues for new members are due December 1 through March 31. • Mid-year review of Strategic Plan. (Ours updated in June 2026) • Mid-year evaluation of Club Program. 08 – Dayton Club Christmas party Where: Sue Ciarlariello's home More to come 10 -- Observe Human Rights Day 12 – Dayton Christian Center Christmas party From 1 to 3 p.m. 25 – Christmas Day **January** • Elect Nominating Committee. (If applicable) • Have Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations (BRR) Committee start review for changes in bylaws. • Send names of delegates and alternates to the District Secretary. • Watch District literature for due dates for Mamie L. Bass, Letha H. Brown and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun award applications. • TBD -- Dayton Club Planning Meeting (Usually 2D Tuesday) 01 – Happy New year 15 -- If Club has Local Foundation, send Local Club Foundation Annual Report to the International Foundation.

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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

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

DAYTON BOARD
(JUN 2026 – MAY 2028)

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Susan Sanders

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Diane Noonan

Treasurer:
Dana Roberts

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Kathy Ballman-Parks

Directors:

(June 2025- May 2027)
Tess Little
Cathy Brunner

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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

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Fundraising:

$ FUNDRAISING around DISTRICT FIVE $

Akron
None planned

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.slayton@homecaretransitions.net

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

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

Chillicothe
Altrusa Bazaar
November 14, 2026
9 AM – 2 PM
$1 admission
Contact: lscollins71@yahoo.com
lindamiller@gotanks.org

Columbus
Evaluating options

Dayton
Altrusa Auction/Luncheon
October 24, 2026
Doors open 10:30 AM
$35 per person
Contact: jvhs123@hotmail.com

Findlay
Purses and Pins Bingo
November 1, 2026
Doors open 2 PM/BINGO 3 PM
$50 person/$425 table
Contact: gwenpahl@gmail.com

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

Hamilton
Spring Auction
May 15, 2027 starting at 10:30 AM
Cost TBD
Contact: gvonderhaar45@gmail.com
maryjmayer@cinci.rr.com

Highland County
Quarter Raffle
November 12, 2026
Doors open 5:30 PM/Raffle 6:30 PM
Contact: mstanforth20@gmail.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

Marion
Purse Bingo
November 8, 2026
Open 1 PM/Bingo 2 PM
$40 per person
Contact: lkstrzelecki@msn.com

Springfield
Spelling Bee
September 22, 2026
11:30 AM – 1 PM
Lunch tickets and 3 person Spelling Bee Team tickets available
Contact:
buckeyeculler@aol.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

Tuscarawas County
Potential wreath fundraiser in December

March fundraiser - TBD

Washington Court House
Nothing currently planned; had a yard sale

Youngstown
Shoppopalooza
October 8, 2026; 6 PM
Cost TBD
Contact:
757bs4241@gmail.com

Youngstown Mob Talk – TBD
April 8, 2027; 6 PM
Cost TBD
Contact:
austrinoka@hotmail.com

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