

Altrusa Action



May 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Fellow Altrusans,

We had nine(!) Altrusans volunteering at the opening of the huge AAUW used book sale on Saturday, including all four of our newest members: Kathy, Robin, Jessica, and Kimberly. I also volunteered during the final hours of the sale on Tuesday: the arena was shockingly empty as people left with bags of books. The number of books the AAUW re-homed was staggering.



A big THANK YOU to my Board and Committee Heads for making my presidency enjoyable. Huge thank you to our immediate past president Roxanne who I leaned on heavily my first year learning the ropes. Lisa Carey has been an extraordinarily helpful vice resident to me this year, and I think our club is in excellent hands when she takes the reins this week. Please pray for Lisa and for Mike, and for all the incoming board members and committee chairs.

This month you are being treated to a first draft of the newsletter, a before corrections and polish. I welcome corrections and will send a final version to District and International this weekend!

Peace and love,
Laura

"A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that."

— Dorothy Day

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210 W Hamilton Ave. #171
State College, PA 16801

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MAY MEMBERS' MEETING

Date: May 21

Time: 6:00 pm start, dinner at 5:30 pm

Program: Initiations and Installations
(Membership Committee)

Location: Good Shepherd Catholic Church,
867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA
and Zoom [REDACTED]

No computer? You can call +1 646 876 9923 and enter
meeting ID [REDACTED] # to listen to the meeting.

BOARD

President: Laura Ullrich Lockett
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VP: Lisa Carey

Treasurer: Eleanor Bird

Treasurer apprentice: Amy Miller

Recording Secretary
Jackie Esposito

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Betty Kenny (2023-2025)

Becky Schroepe (2024-2026)

Immediate Past President
Roxanne Barzona

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Communication Chair—
Lisa Carey

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Eleanor Bird

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Jackie Esposito

Membership Chair—
Lynn Myers

Service Chair—
Roxanne Barzona

Newsletter Editor—
Laura Ullrich

Parliamentarian—
Phyllis Corman

Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS: Over 4,000 views on Facebook page with Conference and last member's meeting the most popular. Due to the number of service projects and the time it takes to add photos, coverage of the Conference will be in the June newsletter.



FINANCE: Eleanor reported a balance of [REDACTED] in the bank account. The Board voted to have three signatories on the bank account: Eleanor Bird, Amy Miller, and Lisa Carey. Submit reimbursements for conference as soon as possible.



Altrusa Membership dues of \$100 for the 2025-2026 year are due this month and need to be paid by June 1st. If you have not yet paid, you can bring them to the May 21st Business (Members') meeting. Checks should be made out to Altrusa International of Centre County. You can also mail a check to
210 W. Hamilton Ave. #171
State College, PA 16801 (our PO box)

or to Eleanor Bird at [REDACTED]

Our Bunco fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, June 24 at the Boal Fire Hall.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Jackie is looking into inviting a Graduate Fellow being sponsored by AAUW and also contacted Global Connections as possible speakers for future meetings.

MEMBERSHIP: We are excited to initiate Kathy Cox, our newest member, at the May 21 Members' meeting!

SERVICE: Save the date for our "patriotic" food drive— Saturday, July 5.

Start thinking of service projects you would like to propose for the 2025-2026 calendar. We will be planning our upcoming programs and service projects at the June and July Members' meetings.



Mark your
calendar!

**MAY 21
MEMBERS' MEETING**

**JUNE 4
BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 18
MEMBERS' MEETING**

**JUNE 24
BUNCO**

**JULY 5
FOOD DRIVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

14	7:00 pm	Board Meeting via Zoom
15		International Day of Families (UN)
17	8:45 am	Providing assistance at AAUW Book Sale, PSU's Snider Ag Arena
21	5:30 / 6:00 pm	Members' Meeting at Good Shepherd: Membership Committee

JUNE

4	7:00 pm	Board Meeting: Zoom [REDACTED]
5		World Environment Day (UN)
14		World Blood Donor Day
18	5:30 / 6:00 pm	Members' Meeting: Program Planning at Good Shepherd
24	TBD	Bunco fundraiser at Boal Fire Hall, Boalsburg
24		74th Anniversary of Club's organization

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14th: Altrusa Centre County **Board Meeting** @ 7:00 pm via Zoom [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or at Roxanne's house, [REDACTED] (postponed from May 7)

May 17th: AAUW **Book Sale** at Penn State's Snyder Agricultural Arena - meet at 8:45 am to assist with the sale.

May 21st: Altrusa Centre County **Members' Meeting** @ 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Church in Grays Woods + via Zoom (dinner at 5:30 pm) - Membership Program: **Installations and Initiations**.

May 21st: Book club meeting immediately after the Members' Meeting at The Arena Bar & Grill. Book: *Golden Girl* authored by Elin Hilderbrand. Come socialize even if you didn't read the book!

June 4th: Altrusa Centre County **Board Meeting** @ 7:00 pm via Zoom [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

June 16th: Altrusa Centre County **Members' Meeting** @ 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Church in Grays Woods + via Zoom (dinner at 5:30 pm) - Program Planning (All).

June 24th: **Bunco Night** fundraising fun at the Boal Fire Hall in Boalsburg. Spread the word.

July 5th: Food Drive at Weis stores in State College Hills Plaza & Bellefonte (save the date)



BIRTHDAYS



MAY

[REDACTED] Susan Hoover
[REDACTED] Kimberly Lillie

JUNE

[REDACTED] - Laura Ullrich Lockett
[REDACTED] - Lynn Myers

MEETINGS

This month's Members' Meeting: May 21, 2025 @ 6:00pm / Social 5:30pm



- ◇ Membership Program: Initiations and Installations
- ◇ Location: Good Shepherd Church upstairs classroom, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda and Zoom
- ◇ Collecting food for PSU Veterans' pantry
- ◇ Wear your Altrusa pin with pride or face a \$1 fine



- Dinner @ 5:30pm will be Jim's salad with Italian dressing \$12.00 . **Reserve your meal with Cindy by May 16th**
- Don't forget to bring a drink.
- As always, feel free to bring your own meal.



Connecting to Zoom for the Members' / Board meetings:

Use any computer to connect - laptop, desktop, tablet, smart phone.

Join by following this link: [redacted] or hand enter

Meeting ID: [redacted] (no password)

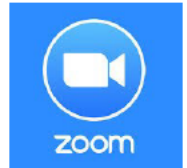
You do NOT need to have a Zoom account to join (simply hit "Join" instead of "Sign In"). There is no password.

You can join with either your computer audio or by any telephone (even a landline):

You can also just attend the audio portion of a Zoom meeting with a phone call (no internet needed).

To use phone audio dial this line: +1 646 876 9923 (if 1st line is busy use +1 312 626 6799)

When prompted enter our Meeting ID: [redacted] to attend with just audio.



Zoom has closed captioning / transcription!

How to turn on Zoom captioning.

- Go into Zoom. Look for the little "gear" on the upper right-hand side of the screen (below but close to your picture) & click on the gear to open the settings menu
- Scroll down and click on "Accessibility"
- Click on the little box to the left of "always show captions" and close the settings page



Next month's Members' Meeting/Social:

June 18, 2025 @ 5:30pm social / 6:00pm meeting

- ◇ Program: Program Planning
- ◇ Location: Good Shepherd Church upstairs classroom, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda and Zoom



Altrusa International of Centre County Members' Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 16, 2025 (Page 1 of 2)

MINUTES



In Attendance: Laura, presiding; Kim, Roxanne, Robin, Lynn, Marla, June, Terry, Susan, Lisa, Brenda, Jill, Betty, Amy, Eleanor, Sindy, Phyllis, Maureen, Allison, Sandi, and Jessica, recording.

Call to Order: 6:08 p.m.

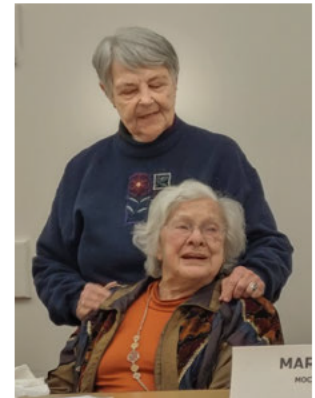
Introduction of guests June Krumrine & daughter, Judi were our guests. June has Emeritus status. We presented her with her pin for 50 years of service to Altrusa (she started in 1975); holds record for longest standing member in District Two. Has gone to Grange fair every year of her life, all but 2 due to war and Covid. June also a PA Health nurse, running Centre & Clinton counties for 20+ years. Phyllis spoke in honor of June commending her enthusiasm for volunteer activities through the group as well as throwing memorable parties. June states she is "grateful to be a part of Altrusa; it's been one of the most wonderful things in her 90+ years of life". Phyllis concluded speech by presenting pin and bouquet of flowers from Lynn.



Judi Kern and June Krumrine

Accent: Maureen spoke about where 'accent' derives from including events and policy changes through Altrusa and found a tidbit from the Dallas club: The 10 Altrusa Commandments:

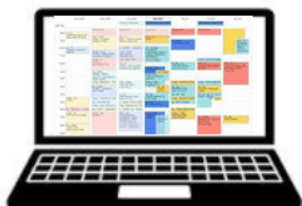
1. Thou shalt not come to meetings late, nor for the benediction refuse to wait.
2. Thy hungry stomach cannot be fed until the Altrusa blessing has been said.
3. And when the reports are sounded out, thou shalt listen - not look about.
4. The endmost chair thou shalt leave free, for more to share the table with thee.
5. Thou shall serve on committees well - and every opportunity of Altrusa tell.
6. Thou shall not the hour misuse, nor come alone to just take a snooze.
7. Forget not thou the occasional fee, nor permit the treasurer to remind thee.
8. Thou shall give heed to the program well and not on thine own business dwell.
9. Be friendly at the meeting so shall all members love thee more.
10. May the Altrusa motto mean more every day, as each Altrusa travelers her way.



Happy Notes: Lisa's daughter came to visit; Jessica celebrated 40th birthday; June shared about celebrating life; Lynn shared about going to Florida to celebrate nephew's wedding as well as visiting friends in Maryland and North Carolina; Terry shared that she laughed through an entire night although does not remember doing so; Phyllis shared about how the director of her church choir is putting together a Cantata and is feeling grateful for Easter blessings; Roxanne shared about having a good time putting together a conference display with Kim over the weekend; Laura shared about upcoming interview to go full time at PSU as well as upcoming trip to NJ to visit her father and his friends at his retirement community; Eleanor shared about how her son has recently been accepted to transfer to Penn State for continued studies; Sandi shared about receiving a save the date for her granddaughter's wedding.

March 2025 meeting minutes: Moved by Brenda and second by Lisa. Approved unanimously.

Program: Technology (Communications Committee).



Lisa and Robin handed out checklists for members to mark off sections they want to learn more about (Google including docs and sheets) which are free applications on the internet. She also handed out screenshots of computer to explain what certain icons do, including Google Drive. Explained how helpful the google calendar can facilitate communication on activities between fellow members. Also discussed how helpful Google Translate will be for upcoming trip to Quebec. Google classroom and scholar are also handy for those with children in school or who, themselves, study. Because Publisher will no longer be supported, Lisa is in the process of transitioning Altrusa yearbook to Microsoft Word.

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Altrusa International of Centre County Members' Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 16, 2025 (page 2 of 2)

MINUTES



Committee Reports:

- a) **Membership:** Claire Zilmer, president of Charlottesville, VA, group has passed away and a contribution to Altrusa Foundation has been made in her honor. Phyllis and Mauren both shared fond memories of her work with the community. Agreement to send a sympathy card – members were also made aware they can go on the foundation website to make donations if they feel inclined. Roxanne makes a motion to nominate Sandi Craig to emeritus status (former governor who served for 3 years but with Altrusa for 40 years); approved unanimously.
- b) **Finance:** Ghana medical raised \$150. In account currently is [REDACTED]. Becky is currently working on audit of our books. Checks for conference also were received at meeting tonight. The budget was handed out to members for comments/questions; the board has motioned for approval of budget; approved unanimously. Budget for Bunco fundraiser; board motions for mid-end June; approved unanimously. Volunteers needed for Bunco committee.
- c) **Service:** Easter egg hunt was successful with 27 children gathering 6 eggs each and a book. Phyllis, Lisa, Sindy and Brenda packed the eggs. Road cleanup was also successful with 4 bags of trash gathered. This coming Saturday (4/19) is Tadpole road cleanup (rescheduled from previous rain delay). Discussion to move food drive to 7/5 due to conflict with Bunco; donations made will go to Happy Valley Animals in Need, Faith Center in Bellefonte and Snowshoe Food Bank. Discussed upcoming 5/17 drive for Snyder Arena food bank (email to be sent to members with information next month).
- d) **Communications:** Facebook views back to normal at roughly 1,000 likes. Post uploaded today regarding book boats. Park Forest Easter Egg Hunt photos will be placed in near future.
- e) **International Relations:** Not Available – Jackie in recovery from surgery

Ongoing Business: Leftover gifts (Anne Taylor purse, Vera Bradley notepad & eyeglass case, and wine bottle candle) from previous Bunco fundraisers to be used as possible theme for upcoming Bunco: "Wine & Design". Sindy took poll on who will be at District Conference to set up hospitality room (\$1000 budget); wine has already been tasted and picked out (\$330 from Seven Mountains) and Jack Daniels to be purchased. Cupcakes have already been ordered as well as platters from Wegman's. Book boat cost approx. \$35 each; 24 made recently with 18 of them going to BFT elementary, 2 to St. John's and 2 to Milesburg – 2 book boats left that need to be donated (?possibly MNMC Advocacy Center); because Centre County has been covered with book boats, Laura will reach out to AAUW to see if we can use the remaining amount to purchase books for our January School book drive with the rest of the funds.

New Business: Board recommends \$50 gift to library on behalf of President (already in the budget) since the library will not take a book donation but will take monetary donation; approved unanimously. Board recommends \$100 gift to Happy Valley Animals in Need (spoke at March meeting); approved unanimously. International Convention delegate nominations discussed; Roxanne, Sindy, Lisa & Eleanor nominated. Roxanne & Sindy voted in as delegates with Eleanor & Lisa as alternates.

For the good of the order: None

Adjournment: 7:53 p.m.



Altrusa Anniversary Cake



Lynn reaches to hug June after presenting her with flowers

CONFERENCE

Installation of our own Brenda Ruby as District Two Governor

Phyllis performed an emotional installation of Brenda Ruby as District Two Governor during the **69th Annual District Two Conference** at Altoona Grand Hotel on May 3.



Altrusa International 69th Annual District Two Conference



DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE AWARDS SUMMARY

May 2-3, 2025

Edith W. Nelson Environmental Award*

1. Tidewater, VA ★ \$50
2. Centre County, PA
3. Martinsville-Henry Co., VA

Ann Ayer District Two Yearbook Award

1. Centre County, PA ★
2. South Central PA
3. Montgomery County, MD

Irene Mardis District Two Newsletter Award

1. Centre Co., PA ★
2. MHC, VA
3. South Central PA

Mary S. Resh Program Award

1. Centre County, PA ★
1. Montgomery County, MD
2. Reading-Berks, PA
3. Tidewater, VA

Patricia A. Woodward Conference Participation

1. Centre County, PA ★
2. South Central PA / Montgomery Co., MD
3. Tidewater, VA

Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (%)

1. Reading-Berks, PA
2. Tidewater, VA
3. Centre County, PA ★

Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (#)

1. Reading-Berks, PA
2. Tidewater, VA
3. n/a

Governor's Awards

1. Laura Ulrich - DSB Editor
2. Shari Gomez - Service Com Chr / Service News.
3. Marcy Royal - Proofreading Newsletters

Phyllis J. Corman ASTRA Award

1. Richmond, VA
- 2.
- 3.

Patsy Flensburg Conference Exhibit Award

1. Centre County, PA ★
2. Reading-Berks, PA
3. Tidewater, VA

Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award*

1. Montgomery County, MD \$100 Inter.
2. MHC, VA
3. Centre County, PA ★

Betty S. Brooks/Letha H Brown Literacy Award*

1. Centre County, PA \$50 Internat. \$40 Dist. ★
2. Capital City, VA
3. MHC, VA

Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award*

1. MHC, VA
2. Reading-Berks, VA
3. Tidewater, VA

Betty C. Schwartz/ Presidential Excellence

1. Capital City, VA - Dorothy Thompkins
2. MHC, VA - Deloris East
3. McKeesport, PA - Melissa Kolesar

First Timer's Award (Just First and Second)

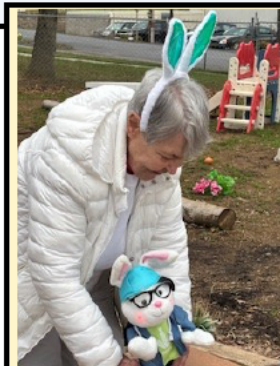
1. Emily Corey, Tidewater
2. Cheryl Outen, Capital City, VA
- 3.

Club Anniversaries (see pg. 3)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Our Centre County Club did very, very well in the awards category. Count those stars ★ on the list to the left.

More of the Conference will be highlighted in the June newsletter.



SERVICE - Altrusa International of Centre County

APRIL 2025

Community Service Hours

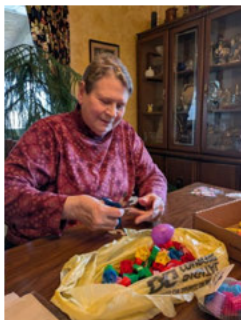
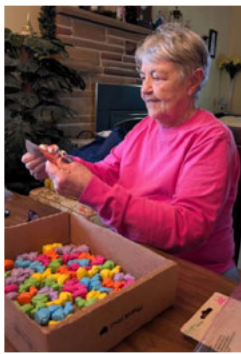
- * Total # of service hours - 548
- * Altrusa-organized service hours - 324
- * Other service hours - 224
- * Reported Acts of kindness: 219

SERVICE

Easter Egg Hunt at Park Forest Elementary

On April 15, I got to experience my first Altrusa Easter Egg hunt at the Park Forest Pre-school. Wearing my bunny headband and Peeps earrings, I hopped into the playground and helped my fellow Altrusans hide brightly colored plastic eggs. Some moody weather pushed us indoors and we had to get creative hiding eggs among the kids' toys, tables, and chairs. It was so fun to see the kids' excitement and joy and to watch my friends help them find the eggs. I dropped enough plastic eggs to make several omelettes but all was well. I enjoyed watching Easter bunny Phyllis interact with the children and show off her dancing and singing toys. I look forward to returning next year. -Allison

Phyllis, Lisa, Sindy and Brenda packed the eggs. It is just a fun time sitting around the table putting toys and stickers in the eggs and laughing! Everything is counted out and put in tote bags for each class of 2, 3, and 4 year-old kiddos! -Sindy



SERVICE

Tadpole Road cleanup

On Saturday, April 19, 2025, 6 Altrusans and 2 "guests" cleaned our designated stretch of Tadpole Road. We divided up into teams and were able to clean both sides of the whole road. Along with beer cans, soda bottles, fast-food bags, we also found part of a bumper and the (now deceased) deer that caused the accident. Weirdest find: a home pregnancy test.

The weather was windy, but there was no rain. Our efforts seem to be helping; each time we perform our road cleanup, there's less trash. - Eleanor



Annual Watershed Cleanup

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, 4 Altrusans and 3 recruited friends and family formed a team to participate in Clearwater Conservancy's Annual Watershed Cleanup. We split into three teams and cleaned a section of Waupelani Drive in State College. The forecast called for rain but we got very lucky and stayed dry! There wasn't a lot of trash along the road, so we got done quickly and pitched together to remove trash from the field behind the Westerly Parkway Weis strip mall with our extra time. The brush at the edge of the field had been doing a great job capturing the blowing trash, and our pickers came in handy to extract it. In total we collected 4 bags of trash. Most interesting finds: a SCAHS Hall Pass, and a jumbo sized whipped cream dispenser can. -Laura



SHARING PAGE

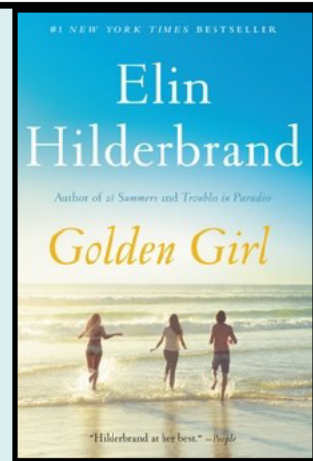
BOOK CLUB

We invite you to join us for some socializing and light book discussion at **The Arena Bar & Grill** following the May 21 Members' meeting.

You do not need to read the book to attend this social gathering.

This month's book:

Golden Girl
by Elin Hilderbrand



TIP: Cellphone tip for those of us traveling to Canada for the [Altrusa International Convention](#):



Check to confirm if you have free coverage in Canada on your cell phone plan. If you don't have it, and leave your phone on as normal, you could quickly get hundreds of dollars in roaming charges. Please check your plan. If you are not covered on your plan, you may want to turn cellular data off (in settings) while you are in Canada.

Lisa advises to look at your bill to see what plan you are on, then search on the internet to see if you are covered. Lisa learned this the hard way when they were on an Alaskan cruise and she forgot to turn her phone off. She had \$400 in roaming charges from AT&T in 20 minutes.

Brews and Support for ACAP

Eat, drink, mingle and play a little cornhole!

May 31, 2025 12-3pm

Axemann Brewery, 2042 Axemann Road, Bellefonte



All proceeds benefit:



• Ticket - Pay what you wish!



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