



# “Altrusa Life”

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### *President's Message*

*Hello Ladies!*

*We had a nice break during January and February. It's was so nice to stay home on those cold and snowy evenings.*

*Since we were relaxing for two months there isn't much for committees to report, so let's do a recap (Tracie's idea) of what we achieved in the last six months of 2025.*

*I hope you enjoy this trip down Memory Lane!*

*Sue*

### *Club Motto: Leaders in Service*

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## JUNE

A Memory Book was created for President Stephanie Gilbert, who resigned in June. It included pictures of many of her accomplishments as president.

We held our Year End Party on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We enjoyed Appetizers and desserts, then we played games and our new Board members were sworn in.

The Humane Society Personal Donation Drive took place on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We delivered items that members donated, which included towels, food, toys, cat carriers and much more.



## JULY



Our Happy Cow event took place on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We collected non-perishable food items for the needy, gave out books and received a nice donation from Happy Cow Ice Cream. We also received a donation from Celeste Singh from her lemonade stand sales!

We delivered the refurbished bureau to Belknap House. It turned out great, and the staff was very excited. It will be used by residents while they are housed at one of the facilities.



## SEPTEMBER

Our Distraction Bags project began. We delivered six bags to the Laconia Police Department. They will give them to kids that visit and need distraction from the problems with which they are dealing. The Officers planned to hand out two that very afternoon!



## OCTOBER



Our Make-A-Difference Day project was making bookmarks for residents at Belknap County Nursing Home. The bookmarks will be left in the New Library where residents will be free to choose one they like. It was a fun project, and Lisa's two daughters joined in on the creativity!

At our October Business meeting we were delighted to have guest speaker Claire Hebert-Dow. She told us about the book she wrote "Saving Mama" and her efforts to raise funds for purchasing Comfort Dogs for area Emergency Response teams.

She recently purchased a black lab puppy for the Belmont Fire Department. "Riggs" visited us with Belmont Fire Chief Deborah Black. He lives with Chief Black and two other dogs.



## **NOVEMBER**

Memory books for two residents were finished and delivered. The ladies are roommates and dear friends.

We were visited by Governor Susan Porazzo at Nancy LeRoy's house. We held our monthly meeting, talked with Susan, had dinner, and filled out Holiday Cards for residents at Belknap County Nursing Home.

## **DECEMBER**

Nancy LeRoy opened her lovely home to us for our Holiday party. Several members were not feeling well and couldn't attend, but the party still went on!

## **EVERY MONTH**

We visit Belknap County Nursing Home for their monthly birthday party. Cards are given to any residents that have a birthday that month. We assist the staff with serving cake, ice cream, and beverages as we visit with the residents. The staff organizes games and there is a lot of laughter.



## MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

All Meetings will be held at 5:30 PM on  
the 2nd Monday of the month at the  
Taylor Community,  
unless advised otherwise.  
(All meetings are subject to change)

No meetings Jan. & Feb.

April 13, 2026

May 11, 2026

June 8, 2026

July 13, 2026

August 10, 2026

September 14, 2026

October 12, 2026

November 9, 2026

December 14, 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### District One Spring Conference

May 1-3, 2026  
Sheraton, Nashua, NH

**Fall Workshop**  
November 14, 2026  
Nonantum Resort  
Kennebunkport, ME

**International  
60<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
July 21 – 24, 2027  
Hyatt Regency  
350 N. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio  
More info to follow.

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community!*



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