



Welcome to 2023-24 - our 100th Year as the Muncie Altrusa Club!

I am honored and humbled that you've elected me to help our club celebrate the accomplishments of a century of caring women while we envision making the next 100 years just as vital and impactful. We have an absolutely incredible group of individuals that make up our club today and I can't wait to welcome even more people this year.

So what's the deal with trees and forests and why was that my entire installation ceremony?

Anyone that is Facebook friends with me knows that there are more photos of me looking grubby and happy hiking in the middle of a woods than anyone should ever be subjected to. The trees whether they're desert scrub, mountain pines, or Indiana forests always make me remember that I'm a small part of a beautiful picture. Altrusa does the same.

Individually we are strong and accomplished women. Together, we form a forest that supports, encourages, and weathers any storm. We invite new members and those saplings quickly grow into a part of our forest. The stately trees of seasoned members remind us that we are ready to lead. They wrap their supportive branches around us as we grow toward the sky with their encouragement. The canopy protects and shields us when we experience hard times. And together, we change the view on the horizon to show beauty that is deeply rooted in the belief that together we will continue to work toward making Delaware County the best place that it can be.

We all have unique beauties, talents, and ideas but together we have grown into the strong forest that is The Altrusa Club of Muncie Indiana.

Molly

"The forest; with its stately trees, so large and straight and grand, a monument to friendship, for in unity they stand." Leonora Milliken Boss

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Calendar of Events:

Business Meeting
Thursday, June 1st Noon at Minnetrista

Committee Meetings
Thursday, June 8th

Program Meeting
Thursday, June 15th Noon at Minnetrista

Board Meeting
Thursday, June 22nd Noon at Minnetrista



June
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

4th – Mary Louise Buck

11th – June Payne

14th - Kelli Petroviak

Anniversaries

2017 – Kathy Benz

2014 – Molly Harty

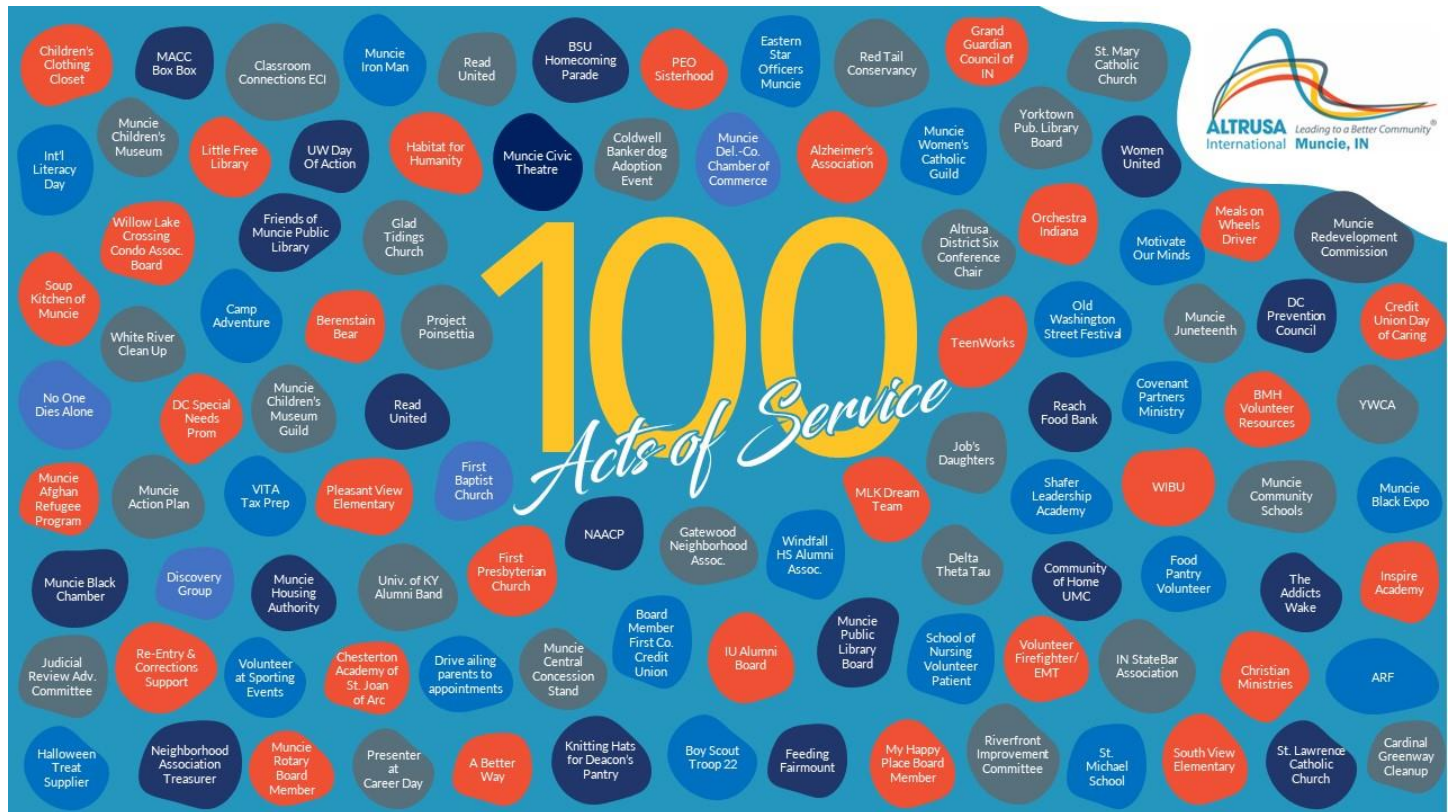
2006 – June Kramer

1996 – Mary Louise Buck

1983 - Bonnie Breedlove

1974 – Betty Harrah

A Year to Remember



We are very proud of our fellow Altrusans who received the following honors for their hard work and dedication for the 2022-2023 year:



District/International Award: Karen Brunson
Distinguished Member Award: Sherrell Bryant

New Member Award: Kailee McKnight, Tanya Shaneyfelt

Membership Sponsor Recognition: Ashlee Anderson, Angela Beck, Stephanie Clark, Anne Condran, Nancy Norris, Karon Nowakowski, Lorraine Tomlin



Community Service Award: Angie Rogers-Howell
President's Award: Mary Burford

Muncie Altrusa Foundation



The Muncie Altrusa Foundation

While the nursery rhyme proclaims that girls are “made of sugar and spice and everything nice,” history demonstrates that girls are made of stronger stuff. Minnetrista Museum & Gardens will delve into this history with *Girlhood (It’s complicated)*, an exhibition from the Smithsonian. Opening June 3, the exhibition showcases how girls have been on the frontlines of change and how they have made an impact on all aspects of American life. The exhibition will be on view through September 17.

Supported locally by DeFur Voran. In partnership with Ball State University Women’s and Gender Studies Program, League of Women Voters of Muncie-Delaware County, and Muncie Altrusa Foundation.

<https://www.munciejournal.com/2023/05/exhibition-highlighting-the-role-of-girls-in-history-coming-to-minnetrista-museum-gardens/>

The Foundation’s mission is to assist organizations in Muncie/Delaware County, Indiana area for educational, literary, and charitable purposes. The organization strives to uphold its commitment to unselfish, unbiased giving.



The Foundation accepts charitable gifts to further our mission! Gifts are typically exempt from income, estate and gift taxes. Gifts can be sent to Muncie Altrusa Foundation, P. O. Box 923, Muncie, Indiana 47308.

Committee Information

Thank you so much to all of our outgoing Committee Chairs for all of your hard work and time spent!

Incoming Chairs (and Assistant/Co-Chairs): Welcome! We look forward to what you have in store this year!

New information will be posted monthly on what the committees are up to. Stay tuned!

Board News



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF MUNCIE, INDIANA STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION STATEMENT: We exist to improve our community through service and support, with an emphasis on literacy and education.

OUR GOALS:

- 1. Each active member will participate in at least one club service or literacy project during the club year.**
- 2. The club will strive to participate in at least one service or literacy project per month.**
- 3. Each active club member will support club fundraisers through their participation and/or financial support.**
- 4. We will strive to retain club members with a loss of no more than five members per year.**

The board meets the fourth Thursday of the month, noon at Minnetrista. This meeting is open for any Altrusan to attend. Lunch is not provided and a reservation is not

necessary.

To cancel a meeting reservation email
Mary Louise Buck by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting.
marylouisebuck@comcast.net

The July Ambassador deadline is June 20th.
Please send information & pictures to MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com

Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc

President: Molly Harty
Vice President Megan 'Mo' Orbin
Secretary: Michelle Badders
Treasurer: Sherrell Bryant
Director (2023-25): WaTasha Barnes Griffin
Director (2022-24): Brenda Williamson
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Committee Chairs for 2022-23

ASTRA: Chair – Lorraine Tomlin
Co-Chair – Jennifer Johnson
BRRR: Chair – Angie Rogers-Howell
Co-Chair – Sandra Hoover
Literacy : Chair – Susan Polcz-Volbrecht
Co-Chair – Katherine Mitchell
Communications: Chair – Colleen Cooper
Co-Chair – Amber Burress
Membership: Chair – Della Gregory
Co-Chair – Nancy Norris
Reservations: Chair – Linda Barb
Co-Chair – Mary Louise Buck
Service: Chair – Barb Baker
Co-Chair – Stacy Wheeler
Fundraising: Chair – Ashlee Anderson
Co-Chair – Cathy Dowd

