



“Hats Off to 100 Years of Altrusa” was a great segue in our Centennial Celebration but I’d like to say “Hat’s Off to All of You and Our Club’s Next 100 years”. You helped to create a celebration and gathering that was worthy of 100 years as a club!

There were so many hands in the making of the night that listing everyone who helped would include nearly every name in our yearbook!

I would like to say a couple of huge Thank Yous that go above and beyond:

Angela Beck - thank you for inviting me to coffee and bringing your signature brand of enthusiasm and excitement. One hour with you convinced me that the women of our club, past and present, deserved a **BIG** celebration and that we would pull it off together no matter what it took.

Monday 8 am meeting crew - you were the leaders of every facet of this celebration and I appreciate you all. This group led the charge on the vision and execution and found the right extra hands to help them with whatever they were assigned. Whether it was in person, on Zoom, on the phone, or in the billions of emails - you all did what it took to create a wonderful night and you did it when it fit my schedule even though I know that a lot of you HATED that timing. You’re the best!!

The contents of a congratulations letter that we received from Kitty McElhaney, Altrusa International Vice President sums it up beautifully:

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Business Meeting**  
Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Noon at Minnetrista

**Committee Meetings**  
Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Program Meeting**  
Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

**Board Meeting**  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Noon at Minnetrista

Dear President Molly,

Please share my congratulations to the members of your club on the upcoming 100th Anniversary! Throughout the years your members have demonstrated:

- A: Amazing longevity and service
- L: Leadership Development
- T: Teamwork
- R: Rallying around your community
- U: Uplifting members
- S: Significant accomplishments
- A: Altruism

The service of your members is greatly appreciated as you practice the ideals, principles and objectives of Altrusa. The impact your members make on the community is invaluable. Wishing many more years of Altrusa service in Building a Better Community!

Now, I need to get to work on what's next on our plate. We have a lot to live up to thanks to all of those "Remarkables" before us so keep the enthusiasm and ideas flowing.

## Welcome to our Second Century!!

Molly

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### Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kailee McKnight      18<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Williamson

19<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Norris      22<sup>nd</sup> – Kris Puterbaugh

### Anniversaries

1986 – Linda Barb      2016 – Monique Armstrong      2018 – Megan “Mo” Orbin

2019 – Angie Pool      2020 – Colleen Cooper      2021 – Amber Burress

2021 – Michelle Badders      2021 – Cathy Dowd

# Committee Updates

*“Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.” -Anonymous*

\*Note to all Committees: Thank you so much for your hard work for the Centennial Celebration! It was a blast! Here’s to the next century of leading to a better community!

## ASTRA

The ASTRA Committee oversees the growth and development of the ASTRA Club at Ball State University. Did you know ASTRA offers a scholarship?

## BRRR

The BRRR Committee retains By-laws and standing Rules, Resolutions, Recommendations, minutes, correspondence, attendance records, financial records, president’s speeches, special recognitions, memorial services, ceremonies, histories, scrapbook, yearbooks and the Ambassador. The BRRR Committee is responsible for soliciting nominations for annual awards as well as selecting and presenting the winners at the annual meeting. The BRRR Committee is responsible for reviewing the by-laws yearly keeping them in sync with any changes implemented by International.

## Communications

The Communications Committee is responsible for creating and maintaining the Altrusa International of Muncie website, managing all social media, crafting press releases, monitoring the Club email, coordinating photos, and producing the monthly Club newsletter, the Ambassador.

Please continue to share your committee information to [Muncie Altrusa email!](#) Remember, the communications committee can only pass on information that we have.

## Fundraising

A date for the Spring Tea & Auction has been set! The event will be Sunday, April 7th, 2024 1pm at the Delaware Country Club. A more formal save-the-date will come out soon!

## Literacy

See the Service Committee Update below for a great picture of the Ball State University Homecoming Parade!

## Membership

The Membership Development Committee provides a smooth transition into the club for new members, prepares new member packets, and distributes and updates the name badges for meetings. The committee is also responsible for sharing the news of members, both good and



unfortunate. In addition, they assist in the personal and professional growth of the Club as well as help in the recruitment and retention of its members.

## Reservations

The Reservations committee has made their work schedule for the Club year. We appreciate all member's assistance when checking in for meetings and canceling reservations if unable to attend. We will meet again this fall to plan our December Holiday Party scheduled for December 21st. If you have any suggestions for the party, please let me know.

## Service



## Governor's Request

Time to Share: Why Choose Altrusa?

Submit your "why," with a picture, to Governor Angela to share on the District Six website and in a future District Six newsletter.

[angela.beck.altrusa@gmail.com](mailto:angela.beck.altrusa@gmail.com)

# Muncie Altrusa Foundation



The one-time impact grant of \$10,000 is now available. The application is on our website. A press release was Published on The Muncie Journal. If Altrusans have media connections, please share with Colleen Cooper or Kailee McKnight to help spread the word.

The Altrusa Foundation Grant Committee will begin accepting applications October 15, 2023. Eligible organizations must be a 501©(3) nonprofit organization located in Delaware County requesting funding for educational and other charitable purposes. Funds may be used

to develop new programs or to fund existing programs. The application deadline is December 15, 2023. A one-time award of \$10,000 will be awarded to one nonprofit organization. Up to 3 finalists will be chosen to give a 10-minute presentation to the Altrusa Foundation Board on January 16, 2024. Finalists will be notified by January 8, 2024.

For more information on The Impact Grant: <https://munciealtrusa.org/scholarships-and-grants/>



## **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.

## Board News



The Board is currently working on updating the Strategic Plan to include committee action items.

We're also creating a Liaison job description to be included in the leadership binders.

We are planning a Hygiene Kit pack for the December 7th business meeting supported by the funds awarded from Altrusa International during the convention. They will be distributed among several local nonprofits.

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.



# Centennial Celebration Highlights



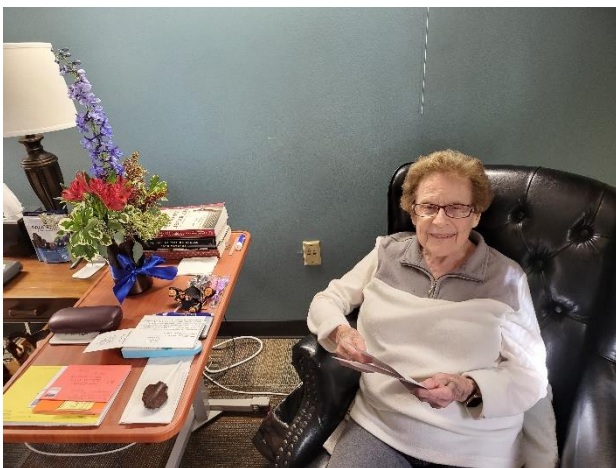


# Acts of Kindness



The Muncie Altrusa Club celebrated 100 years of service in our community in October. It was a wonderful celebration and everyone had an amazing time! However, after the event Altrusan Sherrell Bryant and her sister Becky Roland took centerpieces that were on the table (made by Normandy's) to several Emeritus Altrusans. One of their stops was Westminster Village. They didn't just drop them off at the front desk Sherrell went the extra step and took the time to go to each of their apartments to give them the flowers and a copy of the program. She shared with them what we were celebrating which allowed them to feel part of this great celebration.

Flowers and a program were left for Joan McKee who was on an outing, but the ladies were able to visit with Betty Harrah and Pat Schaefer. While Betty is a permanent resident, Pat expects to return home in a few weeks and was very appreciative of the flowers and visit. A phone call to inquire whether emeritus member Marilyn Nathan was home found that she was in North Carolina – she thought that the delivery might be an inconvenience. Although The Flower Bin made the floral arrangements, emeritus member Bonnie Breedlove also received a vase to enjoy at home where she had been “under the weather” for a few days. Flowers and a program were left at the home of Cindy Sollars who was at an appointment. Cindy texted a “thank you” for the flowers and said the program sounded like it was a nice evening. A good visit with Jane White included daughter Ann and Jane’s precious Yorkie, Ellie. Jane texted a “thank you” for the program which brought back memories, for the beautiful flower arrangement by Bonnie, and for the visit. After multiple hospital visits and stays at her son and daughter-in-law’s home, Jane is glad to continue her recovery at home.



I witnessed the joy they expressed when Sherrell was talking to them. What a great example of “Altrusa Act of Kindness!” Even though Altrusans do these random acts of kindness all the time it’s even more important to think of our sisters this holiday season. If you witness an “Altrusa Act of Kindness” please share it with our Communication Committee so we can make sure we put it in our December Ambassador newsletter.

Altrusa love, Brenda Williamson  
Board Liaison for Communication Committee

# Volunteer Opportunities

Muncie Mission    Muncie Community Schools    Second Harvest Food Bank  
...and many more!  
Reach out to the Service Committee for more information!

To cancel a meeting reservation, email  
Linda Barb by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting.  
[LSB21820@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LSB21820@GMAIL.COM)

The December Ambassador deadline is November 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Please send information & pictures to [MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com)

## **Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc**

President: Molly Harty  
Vice President Megan 'Mo' Orbin  
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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

