



The Ambassador

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Happy New Year Ladies! Welcome to 2024!

I hope everyone had a wonderful December and is ready to start the New Year off on the right foot. I know several of us have had covid rear its disruptive head again, but I'm trying to look on the bright side when possible. At least we're moving into 2024 with some built in immunity. It's a weak brightside - but silver linings try to hide a little sometimes lol.

Lot's of excitement and work will get us started in 2024.

- We'll be initiating at least one new member - two if the timing on vacations works out :).
- The Nominating Committee has been hard at work for the 2024-25 slate. The Board will work to approve that and the slate will be announced in February.
- There will be a Leadership Training meeting on January 25th from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Minnetrista large conference room immediately following the Board meeting. All current Board members, Committee Chairs and Assistant Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend. We will be discussing the budget and transition processes for next year.
- District Award submissions will be due January 31st. For those Committees that are in charge of submissions, please start your work early and let me know if you need a new copy of the award nomination paperwork. These awards not only recognize the hard work of our club, but often generate award dollars that can be used to do even more service for our community.
- Speaking of District Awards, the District Six 2024 Conference will be held at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Indiana April 18-21, 2024. Look at your calendars and let me know if you plan to attend. We will elect conference Delegates in February. The Conference is a great time to get ideas, learn more about our district, and make friends beyond our club. You will be amazed at the energy and inspiration that you walk away with.

Finally, thanks to HRH Mo for holding down the fort for the holiday meeting while I was out. It sounds like the Reservation committee outdid themselves by continuing the theme of celebrating our history and incorporating some challenging fun!

Linda reports that \$460 in gift cards were delivered to the VA. Well done, Friends!!!
Molly



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January Meetings

Thursday, January 4th
Business Meeting
Noon at Minnetrista

Thursday, January 11th
Committee Meetings

Thursday, January 18th
Program Meeting: Birth to 5 Panel
Noon at Minnetrista

Thursday, January 25th
Board Meeting
Noon at Minnetrista
All Altrusans are welcome



Birthdays

Stephanie Clark- 3rd

Angela Beck-4th

Stacy Wheeler- 16th

Erika Hayes- 28th

Marcy Minton and Vickie Winegar-31st

Anniversaries

Sue Whitaker- 1989

Sherrell Bryant- 1994

Barb Baker- 1998

Stephanie Clark & Angie Rogers-Howell- 2017

Julie Mason & Loretta Parsons- 2018

Jennifer Johnson- 2019

Committee Updates

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

Communications

We are looking at new ways to highlight members and make an impact on the committee’s future. 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!

Reservations

Thank you for all those we were able to contribute to the \$460 in gift cards for our local veterans!

Service

Thank you to all the Altrusans who attended the holiday party and spent time packing the hygiene care packs!! A great example of many hands making quick work of a big project.

Muncie Altrusa Foundation



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.



We are reviewing the impact grant applications and choosing the three finalists who will present their 10-minute presentation on January 16th! Thank you for sharing the opportunity with the organizations you are connected to.

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.

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.

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

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

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Committee Chairs for 2022-23

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Service:	Chair – Barb Baker Co-Chair – Stacy Wheeler
Fundraising:	Chair – Ashlee Anderson Co-Chair – Cathy Dowd

