

Welcome to February.....It's Leap Year 2024!

Leap year gives you an extra day to work toward International President Linda's challenge for each Altrusan to create one intentional act of kindness each week.

It's even more fun this month because the whole world will be spreading kindness together as we celebrate National Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17th.

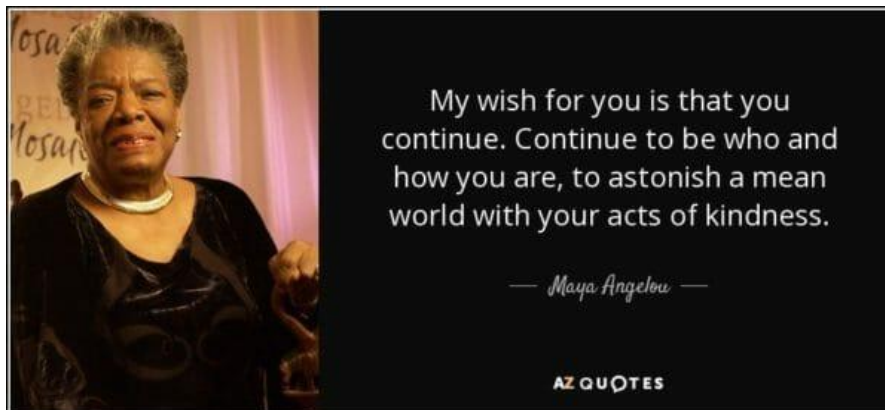


Wikipedia defines kindness as a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, consideration, rendering assistance, or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward in return.

While we're working on our challenge, let's also celebrate this concept by remembering that February is Black History Month. By honoring and acknowledging all holidays, we show kindness every day. Maya Angelou said it very eloquently and simply.

If everyone in our club rises to the challenge of one act per week this year, we will astonish Muncie with over **3,500** acts of kindness.

Sounds like a great way to start "Leading to a Better Community". ~Molly





Birthdays

Mare Castner – 7th

Lorraine Tomlin – 10th

Sherrell Bryant – 14th

Susan Volbrecht – 21st

Leigh Edwards – 24th

Angie Pool – 26th

Anniversaries

Angela Beck – 2007

Sandra Hoover – 1986

Tanya Shanefelt – 2022 Vickie Winegar - 2022

Patricia Schaefer (E) - 1979

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January Meetings

Thursday, February 1st
Business Meeting
Noon at Minnetrista

Thursday, February 8th
Committee Meetings

Thursday, February 15th
Program Meeting – Recovery Café
Noon at Minnetrista

Thursday, February 22nd
Board Meeting
Noon at Minnetrista
All Altrusans are welcome!



Committee Updates

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

ASTRA

The committee is working diligently to foster growth within the community. More information to come at a later date.

BRRR

The By-laws, Standing Rules, Resolutions, and Recommendations committee is thoroughly working on digitizing the records of the Muncie Altrusa Club.

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

Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at 1pm at the Delaware Country Club is the Spring Tea & Auction. A more formal save-the-date will come out soon!

Literacy

The Literacy Committee is going through the essays for the annual 4th Grade Essay Contest, a highlight of every year.

Membership

The Membership Committee met in January. The purpose of our committee is to engage new members and to share more details about the Altrusa organization. This month we talked about the Nominating Committee and Board member qualifications. We also discussed all the upcoming things in April, to get dates on our Calendars. The month of April is Add an Altrusan, April 7th is the annual fundraiser Tea/Auction, and April 19-21 is District Conference at Swan Lake, Plymouth, IN.

Service

We will be filling out Valentine's cards for Huffer and Teddy Bear daycare centers at the February Business Meeting.

Muncie Altrusa Foundation



The \$10,000 one-time impact grant was awarded to Isaiah 117 House.

Isaiah 117 House, a non-profit organization, reduces trauma in foster children by providing a safe, loving transition from family removal to foster care placement. Isaiah 117 House Delaware County is the local arm of this organization and is in the early stages of establishing services in Delaware County and adjacent counties (Area 7). Currently, when children are removed from their homes due to neglect, abuse, and other safety issues, they are brought to the Department of Child Services (DCS) office building for several hours and sometimes days. These children often have nothing with them and are confused, scared, hungry, and in need of clean clothing and hygiene care. The DCS procedures and resources are insufficient for providing these children with the attention and care they need while their DCS caseworker is busy completing paperwork and attempting to secure a foster placement.

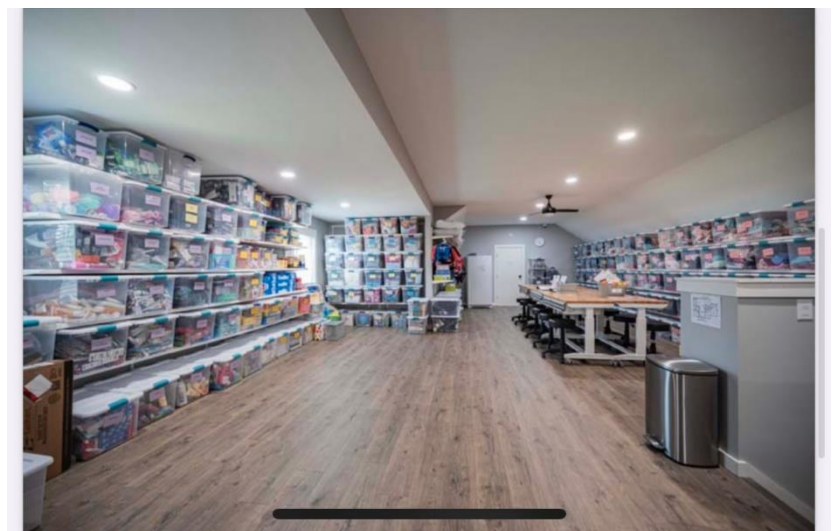
The mission of Isaiah 117 House is threefold:

- Reduce trauma for children awaiting placement.
- Lighten the load for child welfare services.
- Ease the transition for foster families.

Altrusa will directly impact the Giving Room where clothes and supplies are grouped by size and other characteristics. Shelving systems and bins keep the room organized and facilitate the shipping process that children go through to choose their outfits. The room needs durable structuring to ensure its longevity for serving children for many years to come.

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 hosted a leadership training for all current committee chairs and assistant chairs on Thursday, January 25th. Topics included the 2024-25 budget process, committee transition planning, and any mid-year questions or ideas the Board could help with.

District Conference:

District Six Conference 2024 will be held April 19-21. Information will come from the district leadership in mid-February. Please let Molly (mollyharty@yahoo.com) know if you are planning to attend so that a slate of delegates can be started.

International Service:

The Muncie Club participated in the International Days for Girls service project by purchasing supplies for clubs that are putting together kits for girls. The purchase of 72 pairs of underwear was made with the Board's Discretionary budget.

Who do you know in Madison County?

We are assisting Marissa Carr of Anderson, IN in starting a new Altrsua Club. Please invite people you know in Madison County and plan to attend this Information Meeting to learn more about the new club.

Madison County Altrsua new club

Information Meeting
February 13th 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Anderson Public Library
In the Chief Anderson Room
111 E. 12th Street, Anderson, IN

Please let Nancy Norris or Angela Beck know of your attendance plans.

Let's support Madison County!!!



Remarkable Altrusans

Coming soon!

Revisiting the Remarkable Altrusans mentioned during the Centennial Celebration.

1920s – Emma Christy
1930s – Nellie Brown
1940s – Martha Wickham
1950s – Nell Brogdon
1960s – Fern McNary
1970s – Dorothy Webb
1980s – Rita Winters
1990s – Pennie Thomas
2000s – Beulah Frogge
2010s – Ruth Chin
2020s- Linda Clark Dague

Our future will be made up of professionals, scientists, accountants, homemakers, volunteers, humanitarians, and community difference makers, who, together, will continue to serve our community through commitment, excellence, and service. They will continue to be a builder of Altrusa, remain committed to the philosophy of unselfishness and the joy of giving, and seek happiness in spiritual worthiness for themselves and others. Keep us, your past, in your hearts, as you look toward the future – Leading to a Better Community!

Volunteer Opportunities



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

Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc

President: Molly Harty
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Committee Chairs for 2023-24

ASTRA:	Chair – Lorraine Tomlin Co-Chair – Jennifer Johnson
BRRR:	Chair – Angie Rogers-Howell Co-Chair – Sandra Hoover
Communications:	Chair – Colleen Cooper Co-Chair – Amber Burress
Fundraising:	Chair – Ashlee Anderson Co-Chair – Cathy Dowd
Literacy:	Chair – Susan Polcz-Volbrecht Co-Chair – Katherine Mitchell
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

