



Our Service Committee is ramping up on a normally quiet month. Chair [Stacy Wheeler](#) and Assistant Chair [Blayne Umansky](#) are gathering their committee to meet and volunteer at The Soup Kitchen of Muncie. If your committee isn't meeting on July 18, but you have the time blocked off, please consider joining us for an hour of service. We'll be packing sack lunches. Every person who comes to The Soup Kitchen gets one hot meal and one sack meal.

Did you know that they served 40,000 people in 2023? That is the highest number they have ever served in their 30 years!

Last Club Year, the Service Committee executed four sack lunch packs and is planning three more packs this Club Year!

Party!

[Anne Condran](#) is hosting a Driveway Party with honored guest International President-Elect [Chris DeVlieger](#) from District Six.

It will be held on Friday, July 19th, beginning at 5:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair and a snack to share with others. ADDRESS IS 5107 W. Churchill Court, which is at Willow Lake Crossing condos on Morrison Road. RSVP to Anne

Condran acondran@comcast.net. Thank you, Anne, for coordinating this!

Program Meeting Recap: Isaiah 117 House of Delaware County

Hannah Coffman, Location Leader, presented at the last Program Meeting, with [Mariah Dull](#) chiming in when needed. Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. Placement can take anywhere from 8 to 9 hours or, in special circumstances, longer. Children must always be with a social worker, which often means waiting in an office until placement.

Isaiah 117 House is an actual house currently being built where children receive comfort items, clothing, toiletries, and anything they might need. The Muncie Altrusa Foundation Impact Grant of \$10,000 will be used to stock up the "Giving Room." This room is full of NEW clothing, shoes, and accessories. The children can choose anything and everything they think they'll need in their new placement, and everything is brand new because children deserve to have nice things.

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July Meetings

Thursday, July 4th
Independence Day
NO MEETING

Thursday, June 11th
Business Meeting
Noon at Minnetrista

Thursday, June 18th
Committee Meetings

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

Each month, Isaiah 117 House has Bin Buddies around Delaware County, where you can drop off donations. [Colleen Cooper](#) has a Bin at Katherine Onieal Investments downtown. While it isn't what they are currently collecting in the bins, Hannah mentioned a need for swimsuits, pajamas, undergarments, and shoes. For more information about Isaiah 117 House, you can reach Hannah at hannah.coffman@isaiah117house.com



Birthdays

7th – Karen Brunson

11th – Tiffany Kerrigan

12th – Sue Whitaker

14th – Bonita Ramirez

22nd – Kay Bales

25th – Megan “Mo” Orbin

Anniversaries

1991 – Karen Nowakowski

2017 – Carolyn Scruggs

Committee Highlights

Literacy

The Literacy Committee met and started planning for 2024-25. We will once again distribute books during the BSU Parade on Saturday, October 26th. Planning has begun for the 4th Grade Essay Contest on Thursday, March 20th.

BIG thanks to AAUW for allowing us to pick up books for free at the end of their May Book Sale. We have started the year strong by getting 75 books into our Little Free Libraries.

Service

The Service Committee will meet at the Soup Kitchen to meet briefly and then pack sack lunches.

Muncie Altrusa Foundation



Our new Board was installed by out-going President, Tiffany Kerrigan, at the June 18th meeting. Our Board consists of:

President: June Kramer (2027)
President Elect: Susan Volbrecht (2025)
Secretary: Kailee McKnight (2026)
Treasurer: Colleen Cooper (2025)

Directors are:
Jennifer Johnson (2026)
Tiffany Kerrigan (2025)
Stephanie Clark (2026)
Kelli Petroviack (2027)
Leigh Edwards (2027)
Angie Roger-Howell (2027)

A Press Release was released announcing the beginning of our grant cycle for this year. A non-profit organization may apply for up to \$2000 for a grant. If approved, and a statement of assurance is signed, the money is distributed. If you know of a non-profit who may benefit from this grant, our application is on our website.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

The Altrusa Club of Muncie is committed to improving our community through service and support, with an emphasis on literacy and education.

As a Board, our first focus is to review the International grant application for the September 15 deadline. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for projects!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Service Committee will meet at the Soup Kitchen to meet briefly and then pack sack lunches.

To cancel or add guests to your standing meeting reservation, contact Mary Louise Buck by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting.
marylouisebuck@comcast.net

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

Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc

President: Megan 'Mo' Orbin
Vice President: Brenda Williamson
Secretary: Kathy Benz
Treasurer: Cathy Stewart
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Committee Chairs for 2024-25

BRRR:	Chair – Angie Rogers-Howell Co-Chair – Sue Whitaker
Communications:	Chair – Amber Burress Co-Chair – Tiffany Kerrigan
Fundraising:	Chair – Karon Nowakowski Co-Chair – Karen Dall
Literacy :	Chair – Molly Harty Co-Chair – Marilyn Davis
Membership:	Chair – Nancy Norris Co-Chair – Lorraine Tomlin
Reservations:	Chair – Mary Louise Buck Co-Chair – Linda Barb
Service:	Chair – Stacy Wheeler Co-Chair – Blayne Umansky

