



The Ambassador

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““New fields shall open unto us”

A little more than a generation ago a group of women from four cities formed the first Association of Altrusa Clubs. We had expansive visions of what Altrusa might become. But in our wildest dreams we did not picture the Altrusa of today with more than thirteen thousand members from Canada to Mexico and Guatemala and even across the Atlantic. Nor did we dream the extent of our service to others before self, not only accomplishing great things in our carried communities, but extending a hand for valued education to women of South America and Asia as well.

What we have already achieved is magnificent. But Altrusa is not static. It is dynamic. New fields shall open unto us and we will achieve new goals of helpfulness. In the past, in the present, and in the future the strength of Altrusa is in the individual member – her vision, her character, her kindness and her desire for service, and always her power to add to the happiness of those about her. So it is to you, each of you, to build for Altrusa and for your own happiness. Altrusans of the present and the future, I salute you and pledge anew my devotion and understanding.

- Mamie L. Bass, President, 1917-1918

Miss Mamie L. Bass, Altrusa's first national president, was born November 19, 1879 in Indianapolis. Educated in Indiana, she was for many years partner with Herbert L. Bass, architect. Not only was she Altrusa's first national president, 1917, but she compiled the first Constitution and By-Laws, and created the Principles of Altrusa as a philosophy to live by. "

The article above, submitted by Della Gregory, was written for Altrusa's 39th birthday and published in April of 1956 in the International Altrusan.

Upcoming Dates

Business Meeting
Thursday, September 5, 2024
Noon at Minnetrista

Committee Meetings
Thursday, September 12, 2024
Various Locations

Program Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2024
Noon at Minnetrista
Mango's Miracles

Board Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2024
Noon at Minnetrista

Muncie Altrusa 101st Birthday
Thursday, October 17, 2024

BSU Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 26, 2024
“Cardinal Roundup” Theme



Birthdays

9/1 Beth Kroehler
9/8 Loretta Parsons
9/22 Megan Rhetts
9/28 Jan Wake

Anniversaries

1994 Sherrell Bryant
1994 Della Gregory
2009 Brenda Williamson
2019 Kelly Petroviak
2023 Blayne Umansky

In the Spotlight...

Why I became an Altrusan:

“I was looking for an organization in which I could further increase my service opportunities in the community. Altrusa not only seems to provide the increase for service, but also a way to cultivate community relationships and develop my leadership skills. “

Sheila Johnson, Chief of Staff, Ivy Tech Community College; June 2024



Muncie Altrusa Foundation



Pictured: Leigh Edwards, Kailee McKnight, Angie Rogers-Howell, Kelli Petroviack, June Kramer, Tiffany Kerrigan, Colleen Cooper, Jennifer Johnson.

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 Updates

The BRRR Committee will continue to work on digital record conversion.

The Fundraising Committee is working on reserving a date for the 2025 Spring Tea & Auction.

The Literacy Committee is working to identify local daycares that might need some assistance with books and readers. Members are still working through finalizing the remainder of our projects.

The Membership Committee learned about Volunteer Hours and the Literacy Committee's purpose and main activities. They also discussed the possibility of holding a few events for the club, just for fun.

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

Volunteer Opportunities



United Way Day of Action

Day of Action is an annual day of community service. People join together from all over Delaware County to make a difference locally using their skills and special talents to help. Volunteer opportunities exist for group and individuals.

Heart of Indiana
United Way

To learn more or to register visit:

<https://heartofindianaunitedway.org/day-of-action-event/>

For questions, please email Holly Juip at HJuip@heartofindiana.org

BSU HOMECOMING PARADE & BOOKS: Please sign up

JOIN OUR 2024 BSU HOMECOMING PARADE - LITERACY-FOCUSED FLOAT! SATURDAY OCT 26th

Calling all volunteers! Sign up to let us know that you're committed to being part of **our literacy-focused float brigade at this year's BSU homecoming parade, starting at 7:30am till 12:30am on Sat., Oct 26, 2024.** The signup is quick and easy to fill out. Many organizations have joined forces to make this possible. Details are given within the link.

Share this link <https://signup.com/go/azjjCRg> with others who you think would be interested. Special thanks to the literacy-focused organizations for making this possible: Muncie Altrusa, Classroom Connections of ECI, Muncie Public Library, Second Harvest, Whitely Community Council, Muncie Boys & Girls Club and others.

To cancel or add guests to your standing meeting reservation, contact
Mary Louise Buck by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting.
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Committee Chairs for 2024-25

BRRR:	Chair – Angie Rogers-Howell Co-Chair – Sue Whitaker
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