



## Birthdays

10/1 Carolyn Scruggs      10/3 Saily Scruggs

10/5 Amber Burress

10/10 Catherine Swift      10/14 Linda Barb

10/15 Jennifer Johnson      10/15 Karon Nowakowski

## Anniversaries

Joan McKee - 1987

Megan Smith - 2018



## Upcoming Dates

Business Meeting  
Thursday, October 3, 2024  
Noon at Minnetrista

Committee Meetings  
Thursday, October 10, 2024  
Various Locations

Program Meeting  
Thursday, October 17, 2024  
Noon at Minnetrista  
*101<sup>st</sup> Birthday*

Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 24, 2024  
Noon at Minnetrista

BSU Homecoming Parade  
Saturday, October 26, 2024  
"Cardinal Roundup" Theme

No Meeting  
Thursday, October 31, 2024  
*Happy Halloween!*

## Why a Convention?

Just as one Altrusa club multiplies the rich gifts of the individual member and makes effective her effort in Altruism, so the National Association of Altrusa clubs multiplies the strength and the work of the individual clubs. No mere collection of words can adequately describe the benefits of a gathering of clubs in convention.

For the individual, it means the meeting of Altrusans from other cities, and because we have a common background and a common acceptance of principles and objects, we build beautiful friendships in an almost unbelievably short period of time. In fact, Altrusans find that this relationship annihilates time and Altrusans proceed to friendships that inspire and strengthen ideals already formed.

Many an Altrusan has become better acquainted with the members of her own club thru association at convention and has added many friends in other cities to her list of those whom she regards as her choicest friends. In fact, cities thru which she had been wont to pass on business or pleasure have ceased to be just sign posts on the way of her life and have become the abiding places of hospitality and friendship.

Never can there be such an opportunity for discussion of club problems and for help and inspiration in club work as that furnished by a convention. Conditions in our American cities are not so different and each city has something to contribute as to the solution of club problems, attendance, programs, problems of classification, community work, way and means of financing activities, and relations with other organizations. No organization worthy of the name ever grew and developed without careful planning. Some of its members must have had a vision and have labored long and earnestly to make real that vision. The vision of Altrusa has been vouchsafed to many and to each the vision takes on new coloring, new hues and tints that delight and lure, and new harmonies that entrance.

No Altrusa club whose members attend convention with open minds and hearts can fail to grow to its full height for the convention will furnish food for thought and inspiration for development.

No one was ever known to regret attending a convention.

- The National Altrusan, Indianapolis, Ind.

*The article above was submitted by Anne Condran and was written by Mamie Luella Bass, Editor of the Indianapolis newsletter titled The Altrusan.*

**2025 International Convention  
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada  
Wednesday, July 23th - Saturday, July 26th**

*If you are planning to attend, check your passport renewal date to make sure it is valid in July 2025.  
If you do not have a passport, you can obtain the application from the Post Office on 12th Street  
You will need a passport photo which can be obtained at Walgreen Pharmacy.*

## *In the Spotlight...*

“I became an Altrusan to get involved in community work. I have helped with Muncie Altrusa activities for years—it’s a great fit.”

-Chase Beck, Student, Ball State University



## 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.



# 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.

*Borad: Kathy Benz, WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, Sherril Bryant, Mo Orbin, Brenda Williamson, Molly Harty*

## Style Show Highlights



The Altrusa Foundation of Indianapolis and Altrusa International of Indianapolis recently held their 37th Style Show & Luncheon at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. 19 Muncie Altrusans and their friends were in attendance. It was a wonderful afternoon of socializing, online auction, silent auction, raffles, shopping, luncheon, as well as the style show. Our own Anne Condran was a model in the style show.



All proceeds benefit local service projects, including Barton Public Housing Complex, Coburn Place Safe haven, Coburn Academy, Indy Book Project, Lakeside Elementary School, Salvation Army Women & Children's Center, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Teachers' Treasurers, and scholarships for non-traditional students of Ivy Tech & IU Indianapolis.

If you are interested in attending the 38th Style Show & Luncheon it will be Sunday, September 14, 2025.



*Information submitted by Beth Kroehler, photos submitted by Brenda Williamson.*

# Volunteer Opportunities

The Literacy Committee has teamed up with the Service Committee and Classroom Connections to source Scholastic books at a wildly discounted rate. The books will support the Ball State Homecoming Parade distribution, the Little Free Library at the Muncie Children's Museum during free Saturday events, and regular teacher distributions through Classroom Connections.

This is A LOT of books - roughly 22,500!!!!!!!



All members are encouraged to sign up for volunteer hours at Classroom Connections using this link:

[VOLUNTEER @ CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS of ECI](#)

Don't forget to also sign up as part of the Ball State Homecoming Parade Wagon Brigade. It's a great way to get your exercise and your volunteer hours all at the same time.

[VOLUNTEER:BSU HOMECOMING PARADE & BOOKS](#)



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

[marylouisebuck@comcast.net](mailto:marylouisebuck@comcast.net)

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



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

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**Committee Chairs for 2024-25**

BRRR:	Chair – Angie Rogers-Howell Co-Chair – Sue Whitaker
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Fundraising:	Chair – Karon Nowakowski Co-Chair – Karen Dall
Literacy :	Chair – Molly Harty Co-Chair – Marilyn Davis
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Reservations:	Chair – Mary Louise Buck Co-Chair – Linda Barb
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