



The Ambassador

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As we enter November we look forward to tradition. Taking time to be thankful and grateful. Altrusa has many traditions, one of which is the essay contest. For new members and those who are curious:

2025 Altrusa Essay Contest Overview:

The Altrusa Club of Muncie is excited to announce the 38th Annual Essay Contest for fourth-grade students, featuring the theme "**Why is Reading Like a Magical Adventure?**" This long-standing contest has inspired thousands of young writers over its nearly four-decade history. It encourages students to explore the joy and magic of reading through their own words.

Key details include:

Who Can Participate: Fourth-grade classrooms from every school in Delaware County are invited to participate. Teachers and schools decide on whether their class will submit entries that year.

Essay Requirements: Essays are written at school. They must be between 50 and 150 words and include essential information (student's, teacher's, and principal's names, and school name) on the back.

Timeline: The writing period runs from **October 15 to December 2, 2024**. Altrusa members will pick up essays by **December 9-11, 2024**. Semi-finalists will be selected in early January, and final winners will be notified by **February 14, 2025**.

Awards Luncheon: Six overall winners will be celebrated at a luncheon on **March 20, 2025**, at the Minnetrista Cultural Center. Winners will read their essays and be honored along with their principals, teachers, and guests.

This contest offers a wonderful opportunity for students to express their love for reading while showcasing their writing talents. Schools are encouraged to support participation, helping foster a love of reading and writing in young learners.



Birthdays

11/2 Kailee McKnight 11/14 Jacklyn Bolan

11/18 Brenda Williamson 11/19 Nancy Norris

Anniversaries

1986 Linda Barb

2018 Mo Orbin 2019 Angie Pool

2020 Colleen Cooper 2021 Amber Burress

2021 Cathy Dowd 2023 Mariah Dull

Upcoming Dates

Business Meeting
Thursday, Nov 7th, 2024
Noon at Minnetrista

Committee Meetings
Thursday, Nov 14, 2024
Various Locations

Board Meeting
Thursday, Nov 21, 2024
Noon at Minnetrista

No Meeting
Thursday, Nov 28, 2024
Happy Thanksgiving!

New Member Spotlight...

New to Muncie, Saily wanted to get involved, her sister-in-law Carolyn Scruggs introduced her
Muncie Altrusa

-Saily Scruggs, Business Owner,
Flawless Coat Painting LLC





In the spotlight....

Lorraine Tomlin was awarded the 2024 Emerging Leadership Award by the Indiana Credit Union League!

PrimeTrust boasted on social media, “Your dedication, leadership, and contributions to PrimeTrust FCU have made a significant impact on our credit union and our members. We’re proud to have you as part of our team!”

Muncie Altrusa shares the sentiment; we are proud of you and proud to have you as an Altrusan. Congratulations!!

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.

Board: President Megan "Mo" Orbin, Vice President Brenda Williamson, Immediate Past President Molly Harty, Secretary Kathy Benz, Treasurer Cathy Stewart, Director WaTasha Barnes-Griffin and Beth Kroehler

Literacy Committee

We teamed up with the Service Committee at Classroom Connections again in October to get books ready for distribution in the BSU Homecoming Parade and at the Muncie Children's Museum.

Volunteer Opportunities



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

[VOLUNTEER @ CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS of ECI](#)

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



Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc

President: Megan 'Mo' Orbin

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Committee Chairs for 2024-25

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

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