

President's Message:

January is coming in with a roar. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. We have to start thinking about our District meeting, April 20-22, Embassy Suites, Peoria, Ill. We will be looking for delegates and alternates. We can also think about car pooling.

At the January business meeting we will be initiating new members, maybe seven. That is great news.

On a sad note, we lost two long time members: Mary Graves-Wise and Dorothy Webb. (See page 4.)

We are looking for an alternative fund raiser, if you have any ideas let your board know.

Lastly, anyone interested in committee leadership positions for next year please let Lorraine know.

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CANCELLATION DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MEETINGS IS BY NOON ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

Contacting Mary Louise Buck at marylouisebuck@comcast.net is the preferred method of notification. If you must call please use one of the two following numbers: office at 289-4505 or cell phone at 212-9000. **DO NOT CALL THE HOME NUMBER.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A WINTER SOCIAL

- Membership Development committee would like to invite you to a fun evening with your fellow Altrusans.
- What: Brushes and Brews
- When: January 29th: 5:30pm-8:00pm
- Location: Guardian Brewery @ MadJax
- Altrusa fun evening of painting taught by Nancy Norris
- No experience needed
- RSVP required by January 24th (for supplies which will be provided)—Limited to the first 20 that sign up—make reservations with Nancy Norris at nnorris@muncie.com
- Cost \$10 (to cover supplies)—any food/drink you get from Guardian is on your own.
- Come learn to paint, laugh and enjoy an evening with your Altrusa friends
- Go home with a finished painting for a gift or for your house! (You are painting the above picture.)



Calendar of Events for January

- January 4: Business Meeting
- January 11: Committee Meetings
- January 16: Muncie Altrusa Foundation Board Meeting
- January 17: Board Meeting
- January 18: Muncie Altrusa Foundation Auction
- January 22 (Monday): Service Project at The Soup Kitchen at 7:30 AM
- January 25: No Meeting

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Report from the Board

The board met on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. The following actions were taken:

- Approved the following changes to the Standing Rules to be presented to the membership at the January 2018 Business Meeting:
 - Section IV, B, 2 – add last sentence to read “Treasurer shall send invoice to prospective members and dues shall be collected by Membership Development Committee prior to initiation.
 - Section IV, A – Add #10 – District and International Officers may be reimbursed for Conference and/or Convention, if delegate, for any portion of expense that is not allowed by District or International. Reimbursement may not exceed the Club budget for delegate.
 - Section IV, A – Add #11 – The Treasurer shall invoice the local foundation for their portion of the website maintenance in January of each year. Current portion is \$70.00.
- Reaffirmed the following email votes (so they are officially recorded in the board minutes):
 - To increase the meal charge from \$13.00 to \$15.00 for the Christmas Luncheon.
 - Approval of membership for the following: Loretta Parsons, Julie Mason and Stacy Wheeler.
 - Approved the continuation of the style show for 2018.
- Approved the following for membership: Tina Black, Natalie Hawn, Haley LeFiles and Blayne Umansky.

The next board meeting will be January 17th at 5:30 PM at Prime Trust.

Christmas Party



At the Christmas Party Muncie members wrote thank you notes to elementary school teachers in the Muncie schools.

Menu for January 4th

Ham
Maple Bacon Brussel
Sprouts
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Spring Mix Salad with Crai-
sins & Pecans
Strawberry Pecan Cake

Menu for January 18th

Smothered Pork Chop
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
California Blend Vegeta-
bles
Spinach Salad with Blue-
berries & Mandarin Orang-
es
Key Lime Pie

January Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

Birthdays:

4 - Angela Beck

7 - Gay Barrett

16 - Stacy Wheeler

18 - Holly Nelson

26 - Lola Mauer

28 - Erika Hayes

28 Tonikia Steans

31 - Marcy Minton

Anniversaries:

1989 - Sue Whitaker

1998 - Barb Baker

2016 - Jennie Marsh

2017 - Holly Nelson

2017 - Christy Skeens

2017 - Angela Rogers-
Howell

2017 - Tonikia Steans

2017 - Monica Winkler

2017 - Stephanie DeWitt

2017 - Paula Mangus

2017 - Gay Barrett

2017 - Lola Mauer

Committee Chairs for 2017-18

ASTRA: Angela Beck

BRRR: Mary Burford

Finance: Diana Smiley

Literacy: Tonikia Ste-
ans

Media: Angie Rogers-
Howell

Membership Develop-
ment: Nancy Norris

Nominating: Anne
Condran

Reservations: Mary
Louise Buck

Service: Erin Brooks

Style Show: Ashlee
Bane

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Committees, EXCEPT
STYLE SHOW are
scheduled to meet the
2nd Thursday of each
month unless other-
wise notified.

2017-18 Committee News and Information

ASTRA: Committee meeting will be announced. Waiting for BSU students to return to campus.

BRRR: The committee will meet on January 11 at noon in the BRRR Room at the Riverside Baptist Church. Bring your own lunch.

Literacy: The committee will meet on January 11 at noon in the small board room at the Minnetrista Cultural Center. They will be reading the 4th grade essays.


Media: The committee will meet on January 11 at noon in the small meeting room at the Madjax building downtown.

Membership Development: The committee will meet on January 11 at noon at First Merchants Bank downtown, in their Community Room.

Reservations: The committee will NOT meet in January.

Service: The committee will meet on January 11 at noon in a meeting room at Minnetrista Cultural Center.

January Service Project

 The service committee will prepare sack lunches of The Soup Kitchen of Muncie on Monday, January 22 at 7:30 AM. The address is 920 Charles Street. Barb Baker is the lead on this project. Please contact her at barb-baker1019@comcast.net if you are able to help.

News from International

Are you receiving information from Altrusa International? If you are not please contact them by sending an email to altrusa@altrusa.org or call us at 312-427-4410.

Governor Leanne Milligan is encouraging every Altrusa member to invite at least one guest to a club meeting and if only 10% of invited guests join we could add 700 members, then we would get 700 new members. As a club let's do our part.— we need seven new members. We can do better than 10%!

Service Committee Calendar for the Year (subject to be updated or changed)

Ongoing – Sample size toiletry donations for shelters and DCS donation – Suzanne Kadinger

August 14, 2017– at the Soup Kitchen, pack lunches – Barb Baker

September 28, 2017 – Altrusa Style Show – Ashlee Bane

October 9, 2017– at the Soup Kitchen, pack lunches—Barb Baker

November 30, 2017– at Noon at Minnetrista- pack Snack Attack bags and deliver to the schools—Cathy Swift

December 14, 2017 – at Minnetrista at noon, collecting socks and underwear for South View and Grissom Elementary schools—Molly Harty

January 22, 2018 – at the Soup Kitchen, pack lunches – Barb Baker

February 22, 2018– at Noon at Minnetrista- pack Snack Attack bags and deliver to the schools. –Cathy Stewart

March 29, 2018 – at Minnetrista at noon– packing “Chemo Kits” for Little Red Door—Erin Brooks

April 23, 2018 – at the Soup Kitchen, pack lunches—Barb Baker

May 2018 – Sponsorship of two organizations to fulfill most pressing needs. Organizations mentioned- YWCA, A Better Way, and Christian Ministries. (possible others- MOM’s and Huffer Memorial Children’s Center)

June 14, 2018 – Altrusa Summer Auction

June 25, 2018 – at Soup Kitchen, pack lunches—Barb Baker

July 2018 – Kickoff to Kindergarten volunteers – new service committee chair

In each month we will highlight more details including times and number of volunteers required for our major service projects and why they are important to the community.

Members in the News

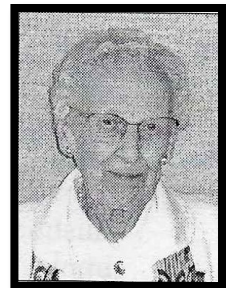
Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc. lost two long time members this past week. Both were Emeritus members.



Mary Graves Wise, a 58 year Altrusa member passed away on December 28th. Mary

was a registered dietitian and served as Director of Dietetics at Ball Memorial Hospital for over 25 years. She had a Bachelor’s degree from Purdue and a Master’s from Ball State. Mary was club president in 1977-78. Services were December 30th.

Dorothy Webb, a 60 year member passed away on December 29th. Dorothy served the



Muncie Club in several positions including president in 1971-72. She also served as District Six Treasurer and attended several District Six Conferences and International Conventions. She also served her country in the WAVES. Services will be on Friday, January 5th at High Street Methodist Church with calling beginning at 10:00 and services at 1:00.

Muncie Foundation Update

Muncie Altrusa
Foundation, Inc.



Mark your calendar for the Muncie Altrusa Foundation Board annual auction at our program meeting on January 18th.

Let's ring in the New Year right for the Altrusa Foundation. The bidding will start at noon, so arrive early to preview the items and eat.

The Foundation Board provides the items for the auction; however, if other members wish to donate items for the auction feel free to contribute.

We encourage everyone to think of a few friends and colleagues that would enjoy attending this great event and bring them along to enjoy the fun and experience Altrusa.



Only cash or checks will be accepted at the auction.

The photo is from a previous Foundation Auction.

Submitted by Sherrell Bryant, Publicity Chair of the Muncie Altrusa Foundation.

ATTENTION

- The deadline for the February *Ambassador* is January 20th. Please submit a report and pictures of committee activities, special projects, financial reports, minutes, etc. to Sue Whitaker:

swhitaker@bsu.edu

- Editor's Note: The minutes and financial report will be sent as separate attachments to members at the same time the *Ambassador* is distributed.

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