

**President's Message:** Here we are at another Holiday season! The time of year to be thankful for family and friends and all of the magnificent things this life has to offer. This has been a difficult year for many of our Altrusa sisters. I hope you have found comfort in your family, friends and fellow Altrusans. I know you have all been there for me when I have needed you and I am thankful to be a part of this Club!



Please come and be a part of the December Girls Night Out is presented by the Membership Committee. An evening of fun and fellowship is assured for all! December 6th dinner at Neely House at 5:30.

We have two amazing Service projects scheduled in November and December. These are BIG projects and your helping hands will be much appreciated in packing snack bags November 29th at Minnetrista and Foster Care packs December 27th.

A couple of fun facts...

The TV dinner was invented in 1953 when Swanson had 260 tons of leftover turkey from Thanksgiving and no idea what to do with it. When asked, one of the employees said that they should package it in trays with sides and freeze.

Sarah Josepha Hale, who is the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and editor of a women's magazine, had contributed to the establishment of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. After 17 years of sending letters to President Lincoln, she had convinced him to support legislation establishing a national holiday of Thanksgiving in 1863.

Have a Happy Holiday All!!

**CANCELLATION DEADLINE FOR BUSINESS AND PROGRAM MEETINGS IS BY NOON ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE MEETING.**

**Contact Linda Barb to cancel by emailing or calling her. Her contact information can be found in the email with this newsletter or the membership yearbook and directory,**

## Calendar of Events for December

Dec 6: Business Meeting

Dec 12: Club Board Meeting

Dec 13: Program—Delaware Foster Children

Dec 20: Christmas Luncheon

Dec 27: Project : Pack for Foster Children Program

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## Report from the Board

The board met on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. The following actions were taken:

Motion was made to add the following to the Standing Rules: No personal information about a member of the Altrusa Club is to be shared either within the Club or to outsiders, without the expressed permission of the member, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made to Standing Rule III Q: Communications Committee: There are four areas of responsibilities.

1. Website: The committee chair and assistant chair shall be responsible for the website maintenance and add new and updated content when necessary. They will monitor the club email and direct where needed.
2. Social Media: One member of the committee will be given admin access to the club's Facebook page and monitor postings. The committee also recommends that social media policy be put in place prior to new club year.
3. Press Releases: One member will be responsible for creating and submitting 2 press releases to local media outlets. The press releases will cover major fundraising events and a culmination of the year's projects and accomplishments, If there is a significant project or award the committee feels would be worthy of a press release, a 3rd press release will be created.
4. Ambassador: The committee will be responsible for the preparing of the Ambassador . MOTION CARRIED .

Motion was made to Standing Rule III L 4 : A member, sponsor and Board shall be notified by the Reservations Committee once a member has accumulated 3 uncancelled meal fees. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made to approve the leave of absence for Joan Schliebner from October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made to eliminate the Corresponding Secretary's Board position and combining her duties with the Recording Secretary's duties since the Ambassador will be prepared by the Communications Committee effective 2019-2020. MOTION CARRIED.

BSU Archives Funding Request: \$1,000.00 goal funding request was received from the BSU Archives. A motion was made to solicitate funds from the club members. Donations may be made to BSU Foundation with "5106 Archives & Special Collection" in the memo. Donation qualifies for charitable donation on tax return. Above information if the membership approves motion. MOTION CARRIED.

### December Birthdays

3- Jan Engstrom  
6 - Barb Baker  
14 - Jennifer Hasty  
15 - April Kemper  
15 - Heather Farmer  
16 - McKensie Monroe  
26 - Alice Prettyman Emeritus  
27 - Haley LeFiles



### December Anniversaries

1981 - Cathy Stewart  
1990 - Susan Ford  
2001 - Cindy Sollars  
2014 - Erika Hayes  
2017 - Monica Winkler

**Committee Chairs  
for 2018-19**

ASTRA: Christy Skeens

BRRR: Karon  
Nowakowski

Finance: Nancy Norris

Literacy: Lola Mauer

Communications: Ash-  
lee Anderson

Membership Develop-  
ment: Anne Condran

Nominating: Linda  
Barb

Reservations: Linda  
Barb

Service: Molly Harty

All Committees, EX-  
CEPT FUNDRAISERS  
are scheduled to meet  
the 2nd Thursday of  
each month unless  
otherwise notified.

**2018-19 Committee News and Information**

The **Service Committee** and Club members will be packing 826 lunches on **November 28th** for the school children for the Snack Attack Project. On **December 27th** the committee and club members will be assembling 250 bags for the Foster Care Closet.

The **Literacy Committee** : The kindergarten books have been delivered and the committee will work on labeling the books. The Essay Contest is being organized. The coloring books for the Children’s Museum have been ordered.

The **Membership Committee** has determined that the “Girls Night Out” will replace the Meet and Greet that was done last year. The next “Girls Night Out” will be December 6 at 5:30 p.m. and will be a HOLIDAY DINNER AT NEELY HOUSE. Liz Ludwick is taking the lead.

The **Reservations Committee** is planning the Club’s Holiday Party to be held December 20th. See announcement later in this newsletter on page 5. They will be collecting pencils and dry markers for the Back To School Teachers Store. Bring donations to December meeting.

The **Communications Committee** met and individual members duties were received. Media policy is being drafted. Updates are being made to the website. A recommendation is being made to make the Ambassador a part of the Communications Committee in the future.

The ASTRA Committee is preparing to make Christmas Cards and bring items for Project Shoe Box. They visited the Woodlands Nursing Home and played Bingo with the patients.

## UN DAYS FOR DECEMBER 2018

Dec 5— International Day for Economical and Social Development

Dec 10-International Human Rights Day

Dec 12– International Universal Health Coverage Day

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT #2

Altrusa Make a Difference Day—October 2018—Project #1

Altrusans spent several hours on Saturday cleaning at the Soup Kitchen. We cleaned tile in bathroom . Shined and polished the kitchen equipment. Cleaned, tossed out obsolete items, and organized shelves. It was definitely some deep cleaning. Reported in November.

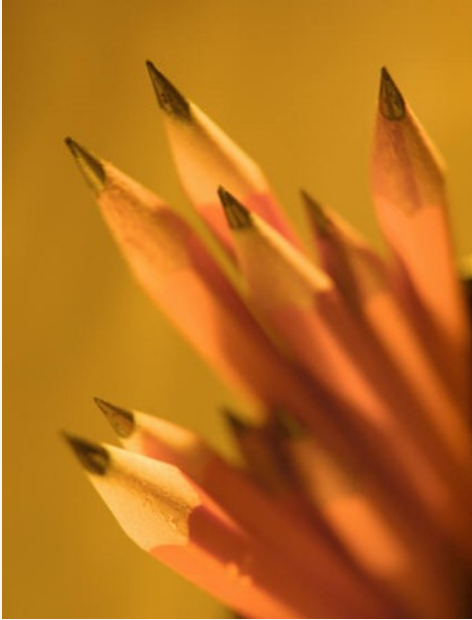
Altrusa Make A Difference Day—November 27th—Project #2

Altrusans made homemade cookies and other treats and delivered them to seven Muncie Fire Stations to show appreciation to our local firefighters for their service.



**Congratulations and Welcome to Our newest Altrusan !**

**Megan Orbin became a member of the Muncie Club on November 1,  
2018.**



# Altrusa Holiday Party

Join us for our Holiday Party Thursday, December 20th at noon at Minnetrista

Bring donations of reams of copy paper, Dixon yellow #2 pencils or Expo dry erase markers. All donations will go to Muncie Community Schools. Donations can be brought to any December meeting.



## ASTRA MEMBERS PACKING HOLIDAY CARDS



### DECEMBER MENUS

#### December 6

Creamy potato soup

Turkey, Swiss, Granny Smith Apple, sandwich/wrap

Spring mix salad with Apples, Cranberries & feta cheese

Pumpkin Toffee Cheesecake

#### December 13

Chicken Pot Pie

Winter Pear Salad

Mashed Potatoes

Stir fry vegetables

Peppermint bars

#### December 20

Cucumber Salad with Sour Cream & Dill Dressing

Stuffed Tuscan Garlic Chicken

Roasted Vegetables

Au Gratin potatoes

Hot Chocolate Cake

## Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc.

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