

President's Message:

Wow! What a great 2018 Altrusa has had! Girls Night Out at Neely House in December was a fabulous evening. We filled the large room upstairs and were able to mix and mingle and enjoy some fine food and even finer company!



We also had two HUGE service projects that went off without a hitch! We had a great showing of volunteers help pack over 850 (yes eight hundred and fifty!) Snack Attack bags for Grissom and Westview Elementary Schools. We also packed around 300 emergency packs for the Foster Closet. Again, we had a great showing of volunteers including Mary Louise Buck's kids and their friends. It was so enjoyable to have Jessica Smith, the executive director of Delaware County Foster Closet, present at our Program meeting in December. Thank you to everyone who was able to help! Thanks also to Reservations for a fabulous birthday party and presentation by Muncie Civic Theatre. Their commitment to the community and especially the children of our community are a true blessing.

Now let's kick off an equally amazing 2019. Anyone interested in leadership positions via chair or assistant chair positions for the 2019-2020 club year, please contact Diana Smiley or me. We are happy to discuss all options with you.

April will be a VERY busy month for the Club. April 5-7 Muncie will be hosting District Six Conference. Nancy Norris is looking for help with putting on a great conference. Our own Sue Whitaker will be inaugurated at District President at this Conference. Please plan to attend the conference and or help on a committee. We will also need delegates and alternates for the District Meeting during Conference.

We are also beginning to plan our April Fundraiser. April 25th Altrusans will be taking over Texas Roadhouse to raise project funds for 2019. If you would like to volunteer to join the committee, please let June Kramer or myself know. This is our chance to create something outstanding with new ideas and new energy and allow us to continue the impact we have made on the community in the past!!

Happy New Year to All !!!

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Calendar of Events for January

- 3rd - Business Meeting
- 9th - Club Board Meeting
- 10th - Committee Meeting
- 17th - Program Meeting
- 21st - Sack Lunches @ Soup Kitchen of Muncie, Leader Barb Baker
- 24th - Muncie Altrusa Foundation Auction
- 31st - No Meeting

Two Altrusans Honored at ATHENA Awards Luncheon

At its 20th Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon, Muncie's Women in Business Unlimited (WIBU) presented three ATHENA Leadership Awards and one WIBU Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ruth Chin was awarded the 2018 WIBU Lifetime Achievement Award and WaTasha Barnes Griffin was awarded the 2018 ATHENA Leadership Award.

The WIBU Lifetime Achievement Award honors a woman who has dedicated her life to be a leader and role model and is selected by the WIBU Board of Directors. In addition to a framed certificate, WIBU will award a scholarship in Chin's name to a full-time, non-traditional female student enrolled in a local college/university.

The ATHENA Leadership Awards are nationally-recognized awards which WIBU has been pleased to present for twenty years. From a pool of eleven nominees, the ATHENA judges had the unenviable task of choosing the 2018 ATHENA Award Recipients. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, have devoted time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and who open doors for women.



Leadership Awardee WaTasha Barnes Griffin with her winning smile.



WaTasha with last year's recipient and creator of the jewelry piece she received.



Ruth Chin comparing cameras with Altrusan Amanda Kishel.



A few of the Altrusan in support: (L-R) Kaitlyn Winkle, Kari Wissel, Club President Lorraine Tomlin, Brenda Williamson, Elizabeth Ludwick, Blayne Umansky, Megan Smith, McKensie Monroe, Nancy Norris & Lifetime Achievement Awardee Ruth Chin, seated.

Delaware Foster Closet Emergency Grab Bags

One of our Club's Service Projects was to prepare several emergency grab bags (that contain new underwear, socks, toiletries, and a set of pajamas for recently placed foster children) for the Delaware Foster Closet. Molly Harty recognized the opportunity to apply for an Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. grant to assist in getting more of these much-needed bags for our community. As a result, our Club was awarded \$4,000 to do exactly that! We were able to hear from the founder and Executive Director, Jessica Smith at a recent program meeting. Molly got to work to get the supplies to fill 250 of these care packages that vary in size from 2T to Large for both boys and girls! On December 27th, Altrusans (and some family and friends) completed that task. The bags have now been delivered and are ready to help!



Altrusan Missy Lampke & Guest Erin Ailstock



Past Pres. Jan Engstrom & the wonderful Molly Harty!



Cathy Stewart, Kathy Benz, & Cathy Swift smiling for the camera!



(L-R): Molly Harty, Mary Louise Buck, Della Gregory, Angela Beck, Missy Lampke, & Sherrell Bryant



250 Bags!!!



Marilyn Nathan & Kathy Benz



(L-R): Club President Lorraine Tomlin, Kathy Benz, Nancy Norris, Cathy Stewart, Sherrell Bryant, Anne Condran, Mary Louise Buck, June Kramer, Missy Lampke, Della Gregory, & Past Governor Linda Barb



A WHOLE Truckload of Kindness!

January Menu

3rd - Spring mix with feta,
almonds, & mandarin oranges
Chili w/corn bread
Red velvet cake w/ cream
cheese frosting

17th - Broccoli salad
Breaded Dill Cod w/house-made tartar sauce
Potato au gratin
Asparagus
Lemon gooey bars

24th - To Be Announced

Report from The Board

Literacy Committee to present to the Board an expense request to purchase additional books, as needed to complete a service, and to propose expense allocation request to produce the contest 4th Grade Essay Contest.

The Board approved the Leave of Absence request of Cheryl Honkomp, December 6 to May 31, 2019.

Committee Chairs for 2018-19

ASTRA: Christy Skeens

BRRR: Karon Nowakowski

Finance: Nancy Norris

Literacy: Lola Mauer

Communications: Ashlee Anderson

Membership Development:
Anne Condran

Nominating: Linda Barb

Reservations: Linda Barb

Service: Molly Harty

All Committees (Except Fundraisers) are scheduled to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted by Committee Chair.

A SYMPHONY OF LEADERS IN SERVICE

District Six
Conference
April 5-7, 2019



We are so excited to be working on the 63rd Annual District Six Conference with your District board. On Friday, there are three free tours and three interesting workshops available for you to choose from. The dinner will be the Opening Session of Conference with the presentation of the club banners and the presentation of the traditional awards as well as our new awards.

Saturday brings more changes and fun! Our lunch will offer an inspiring keynote address, which will be followed by a hands-on service project. Later that afternoon, we will have five different workshops available. We will wrap up the evening with our installation banquet and entertainment by a small group from the Muncie Symphony Orchestra. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and to learn more about each of the clubs in attendance.

Nancy Norris, Conference Chair

HELP WANTED!

For Upcoming District Six Conference –
Contact Nancy Norris for more information
or to sign up!

Congratulations!



Altrusan Kaitlyn Winkle & Family
welcomed a baby boy into their family on
December 30th!
Mommy and baby are doing great!

Muncie Altrusa Foundation, Inc. Auction is January 24th

Don't Forget



RSVP Deadline for all guests is January 22nd

Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc.

President: Lorraine Tomlin

Vice President: Diana Smiley

Recording Secretary: Sherrell Bryant

Corresponding Secretary: Della Gregory

Treasurer: Nancy Norris

Director (2017-19): Jane White

Director (2018-20): Angela Beck

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***RSVP CANCELLATION DEADLINE FOR ALL 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.

January Birthdays

3rd Stephanie Clark

4th Angela Beck

20th Tina Black

26th Lola Mauer

28th Erika Hayes

31st Marcy Minton



January Anniversaries

1988 - Sue Whitaker

1998 - Barbara Baker

2016 - Jenni Marsh

2017 - Stephanie Clark

2017 - Holly Haskell

2017 - Lola Mauer

2017 - Angie Rogers-

Howell

2017 - Christy Skeens

2017 - Monica Winkler

2018 - Natalie Hahn

2018 - Haley LeFiles

2018 - Julie Mason

2018 - Blayne Umansky

Ambassador Deadline

for February is January 20th