

## **President's Message:**

Punxsutawney Phil DID NOT see his shadow!!  
Someone call Mother Nature and let her know.  
Turns out Phil has predicted 103 forecasts of more winter and 19 early springs and he has only been correct about 39 percent of the time. Let's shoot for 'In like a lion, out like a lamb!! WE NEED SPRING!!



Remember to set your clocks Daylight Savings Time that begins March 10.

Conference deadline is March 18th. Please register for all or part of this year's conference. You will learn a lot about Altrusa and meet new friends from other groups. If you are unable to make the meetings, please register as a guest to support our own Sue Whitaker as the incoming District Governor! The board will present the slate of Delegates and Alternates at this month's business meeting.

Another gentle reminder, 2019 will be quite an interesting year with the pending election. We have Altrusans and friends of Altrusans running for positions this year. While we wish you all the best Altrusa is a venue to serve the greater community. Our work serves our community ignoring our differences and highlighting our kinship. It is in this spirit we ask our members to refrain from political announcements or statements during Club announcements and good new dollars.

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## **Calendar of Events for March**

- 7 - Business Meeting
- 13 - Board Meeting
- 14 - Committee Meeting
- 13 - Board Meeting
- 21 - Program Meeting



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR DISTRICT CONERENCE IS:

# MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

The Registration Form is Attached to the Newsletter Email for Members. If you need assistance with the form or wanting to attend the Saturday night installation dinner only, please contact Nancy Norris as soon as possible!

### Top 10 Cool Things to Do at District Six Conference - By Linda Barb

10. Attend special First Timers Workshop if you haven't before.
9. Meet International Visitor Kathy Jackson from District Five (Hamilton, OH)
8. Listen to BSU President Mearns & First Lady talk about community service at Saturday's Luncheon
7. Shot the Altrusa Store managed by Angela Beck & buy cool stuff
6. Learn how to make jewelry
5. Sit in on a Workshop & learn something new
4. Take a Tour - 3 offered Friday afternoon
3. Make new friends
2. Get to know other Muncie Altrusans better - What happens at Conference, stays at Conference

And the **#1** reason to attend this year's District Six Conference is ....

**Make a memory for Sue of the support of her Club!**

Let's pack the house & be a part of her photo!



(Photo after the Installation of Governor Linda Barb, center, with members of the Muncie Club, April 2013)

### A SYMPHONY OF LEADERS IN SERVICE

District Six Conference - April 5 - 7, 2019

**Schedule\* at A Glance:**

Friday, April 5, 2019

Registration

Tours Of the following:

Altrusa International Archive at BSU Library and Shopping at the Orchard Shop at Minnetrista  
Glass Blowing Demonstration at the Marilyn Glick Glass Center at BSU and Shopping at the at Minnetrista Orchard Shop  
Tour of Erskine Green Training Institute

Workshops

Silent Auction/Swap 'n Shop/Altrusa Store  
(various times all weekend)

Reception for International Visitor

Opening Session and Awards Dinner

Conversations around the Fire Pit at

Courtyard

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Open Forum (BRR, Budget Briefing, and Candidates Forum)

Business Meeting & Voting

Luncheon and Conference Speaker

All Conference Service Project

Workshops

Installation Banquet

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Breakfast, Foundation Update, Memorial

Service, Conference Speaker and Closing

Session

\*The schedule is subject to revisions



**Be a Part of the Excitement at Conference!**  
Multiple volunteer opportunities all weekend!

Contact Nancy Norris for more information or to sign up!

## **Snack Attack for North View and Grissom Elementary Schools**

The Club had a great time working together to provide 826 “Snack Packs” for students of the two MCS elementary schools. This will provide nutrition for children to help get them through the weekend that may not have enough food at home. The bags packaged by Altrusans will be shared through the counselors at each of the schools. Thank you to the Service Committee Chair, Molly Harty, for your leadership on this project!



## **Upcoming Service Opportunities – Leading to a Better Community**

Email Molly Harty to sign up! Two great ways to serve your Community! See Below:

- Prepare Sack Lunches: Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am at The Soup Kitchen of Muncie  
Join other Altrusans as for the fun, before work activity to provide The Soup Kitchen of Muncie with 200 sack lunches for those in need.
- Prepare Comfort Care Kits: Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Minnetrista  
Help in preparing approximately 100 comfort care bags to Little Red Door for cancer patients.

## **Annual Altrusa Awards – Seeking Nominations**

Altrusa Club of Muncie has a long-standing tradition of attracting outstanding and dedicated members. The annual awards program was designed and established in 1990 to provide recognition to individual members for their contributions. The awards, themselves, are symbolic of the best of Altrusa. With the exception of the President's Award, each award is named for the outstanding member who first received the award in 1990.

The BRRR committee is responsible for selecting the final recipients of these awards each year after seeking nominations from club members. The following is a description and the selection criteria for each award. Please write in your nomination in the space provided. If you are unsure whether or not your candidate meets the criteria, the BRRR committee will verify the individual's qualifications by researching it for you. Do your best to describe this individual's activities and explain why you feel she is qualified for this award. You may nominate one or more members for one or more awards.

Complete the nomination form (included in the Club Member's email attachments) and either return it in person, by mail or email to Karon Nowakowski or Beth Kroehler by **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. ALL club members are needed to participate in this process and are encouraged to do so. You are welcome to attach additional pages for your nominations. The award recipients will be named at the Annual Meeting in May.

## **Report from The Board**

The Club's Board of Directors proposed the following during the February meeting:

- The 2019-20 proposed budget was discussed with some changes made. The revised proposed budget is to be printed in the March Ambassador, presented at the March business meeting, & voted on at the April business meeting.

- The Board proposes the following to represent the Club in the upcoming District Six Conference.

Proposed Delegates: Lorraine Tomlin, Diana Smiley, Erika Hayes, Beth Kroehler, and June Payne.

Proposed Alternate Delegates: Jane White, Janice Engstrom, Nancy Norris, Della Gregory, and Sherrell Bryant. Both slates are to be presented for vote at the March business meeting.

## **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.

### **March Menu**

#### **March 7**

Jersey Salad  
Chili  
Cornbread  
Peanut Butter Pie

#### **March 19**

Caesar Salad  
Chicken Alfredo  
Garlic Bread  
Texas Sheet Cake

### **March Birthdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dr. Betty Harrah, Emeritus  
9<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Benz  
9<sup>th</sup> - Blayne Umansky  
28<sup>th</sup> - WaTasha Barnes Griffin  
28<sup>th</sup> - Monique Armstrong



**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.

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

President: Lorraine Tomlin  
Vice President: Diana Smiley  
Recording Secretary: Sherrell Bryant  
Treasurer: Nancy Norris  
Director (2017-19): Jane White  
Director (2018-20): Angela Beck  
Past President: Janice Engstrom

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### **March Anniversaries**

1974 - Dr. Betty Harrah, Emeritus  
1978 - Rachel Ford, Emeritus  
1993 - Alice Prettyman, Emeritus  
2007 - Margot Middleton



### **Ambassador Deadline**

for March is February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Please email information and pictures, as events occur, to Angela Beck