

## Altrusa Notes:



*Diana J. Smiley*

*Altrusa President  
2019-2020*

*Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness,  
Goodness, Faithfulness,  
Gentleness & Self-Control*

October is one of my favorite months. Mainly because it is my birthday month. However, I enjoy the sweater weather, bonfires, football and all the family time that can be squeezed into our busy schedules. Make sure to take time to enjoy the fall.

Kudos to Erika Hayes for the wonderful Altrusa 101. I hope that each of you were able to learn at least one thing new about our organization or our club.

I extended a challenge for 103 members by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Would it not be awesome and wildly insane if we were the largest club in Altrusa? Mary Buford issued a challenge to me personally. During her president's year in May the club initiated 22 members. I am asking for your help to help me allow the club to initiate 23 members in May of 2020. We currently have 79 members and will add another in October to bring our total to 80. I don't want to wait until May, I want to initiate along the way to reach our goal of 103. Then our stretch goal will be to add 23 new members in May, which will make our club 126 members strong!

What impact could our club have on our community with 126 members? More service projects, greater reach into our community, depth of knowledge, the possibilities are endless.

Let's make this the club year that goes down in the history books!

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## Calendar of Events

- Oct 3 - Business Meeting
- Oct 12 - Committee Meeting
- Oct 18 - Board Meeting
- Oct 19 - Program Meeting
- Oct 26 - No Meeting

## MUNCIE ALTRUSA FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS

Muncie Altrusa Foundation is proud to have recently awarded two grants.

Boys and Girls Club of Muncie was awarded \$2,000 for their Minds in Motion Room. This grant allows the Boys and Girls Club of Muncie to convert a former storage room into the “Minds in Motion Room”— a space for after school “Power Hour” homework help and small group tutoring as well as evening “Creative Movements” classes.

The Culinary Club through Yorktown Public Library received \$1,944 for Culinary Club supplies for grades 3-6. This is a hands-on learning program with participants learning the fundamentals of nutrition, cooking and baking skills, and the importance of forming lifelong healthy habits through food.

Both of these projects were finalists for the Beulah Frogge Special Grant and were encouraged to apply through the regular grant process when they were not the ultimate recipient. Fundraising events help the Muncie Club support important causes in Muncie and Delaware County. Since 1984, Muncie Altrusa Foundation has awarded over \$140,000 in grants and scholarships in our community.



Initiation of  
New  
Members  
September  
5<sup>th</sup>

### **Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Information:**

1. Texas Roadhouse Bread and Gift Card Fundraiser
  - a. We will be passing out the order forms at the October Business Meeting. Our goal is for each Altrusan to sell a minimum of 5 dozen rolls. A dozen rolls costs \$5 and an 8oz portion of honey-cinnamon butter costs \$2. Altrusa will keep 50% of all sales. Gift cards can be purchased in any amount from \$5-\$100, and Altrusa will get 10% from those sales. We are able to sell a "Free cactus blossom or fried pickles for a year" card for \$5 with any \$25 or more gift card and Altrusa keeps the entire \$5! We need every Altrusan to help raise the funds we need to support our service projects for next year! All orders will need to be turned in at the November Business Meeting.
2. Texan Roadhouse Luncheon 2020
  - a. We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Texas Roadhouse Lunch on Thursday, September 24, 2020.
  - b. We are working on securing sponsors and need all Altrusans to help! We will have a table at the October Business Meeting where you can write down the organization's name contact information, or you can email Megan Smith directly at [megan.smith922@outlook.com](mailto:megan.smith922@outlook.com)
  - c. Please bring stamps to the October Business Meeting or consider mailing some of the sponsorship request letters.

### **Service Committee Announcement**

It is not too late to volunteer your help to the Service Committee for the Soup Kitchen on September 30th at 7:30 am! If members would like to volunteer, please contact Barb Baker by phone or email.

### **RSVP Cancellation Deadline**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL MEETINGS IS BY NOON  
ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE MEETING.**

Contact **Linda Barb**, Reservations Chair

### **Board Report:**

At the September 2019 Board meeting, the board proposed the following clarification to the by-laws, effective 9/17/2019:  
"The President of the Altrusa Club will serve as an ex-Officio member of the Altrusa Foundation Board without voting privileges." The by-laws will be updated to reflect current state.

### Member Birthdays

October 1 – Diana Smiley & Carolyn Scruggs

October 4 – Julie Mason

October 10 – Cathy Swift

October 11 – Marilyn Nathan

October 14 – Linda Barb

October 15 – Jennifer Johnson & Karon Nowakowski

October 20 – Rachel Ford

October 31 – Kaitlyn Winkle



### Member Anniversaries

Joan McKee - 1987

Heather Farmer - 2018

Megan Smith 2018



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

President:	Diana Smiley
Vice President:	Erika Hayes
Secretary:	Angie Rogers-Howell
Treasurer:	Nancy Norris
Director (2018-20):	Angela Beck
Director (2019-21):	June Payne
Past President:	Lorraine Tomlin

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### Committee Chairs for 2019-20

ASTRA: Kathy Benz  
BRRR: Beth Kroehler  
Finance: Nancy Norris  
Literacy: Carolyn Scruggs  
Communications: Marcy Minton  
Membership Development:  
Brenda Williamson  
Nominating: Ashlee Anderson  
Reservations: Linda Barb  
Service: Monique Armstrong

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



The November's Ambassador not go out until at least Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please send information & pictures for the November edition by Oct 27 to [MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com)