

Altrusa Notes:



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*Altrusa President
2019-2020*

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

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays. This is the time of year we think about special times and special people. Take an extra minute to enjoy this season. We are all truly blessed with what we have. I find it is the people that I miss most. Take the time to tell a tale about the loved ones who are far away or are gone from this earth. Enjoy traditions but make some new ones as well. I will share with you a personal memory: It was Christmas morning and my mother who lived with me at the time was shedding quiet tears. I asked her why? Everyone was coming - the kids, the grandkids - why was she crying? She said some day I would understand. And I do, it isn't about those that are coming, it is about those who can't.

Life is short. Enjoy, love much, hug often, and let people know what they really mean to you. Don't be afraid to be too sentimental or sappy. Say what is on your heart!

Much joy and peace to each of you and your families this holiday season.

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Calendar of Events

- Dec 5 - Business Meeting
- Dec 12 - Committee Meeting
- No Board Meeting
- Dec 19 - Holiday Party
- Dec 26 - No Meeting

Altrusa Happenings

Congratulations to the 2019 Academy of Community Leadership graduates!



2019 Academy of Community Leadership 2019
Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce
and Ball State University

Our own Shelina Isom is second from the left in the front!



Service Committee News:

200 Sack Lunches were prepared by Altrusa members for the Harvest Soup Kitchen in November! (pictures at right)

Toiletries are being collected at all Altrusa meetings. December's recipient is the YMCA. Future recipients are:
Jan, Feb, Mar: A Better Way
April, May, June: Little Red Door

Altrusa Foundation News:

Muncie Altrusa Foundation is proud to have recently awarded a \$1,500 grant to Youth Symphony Orchestra of East Central Indiana (YSOECI). The support from Muncie Altrusa Foundation will enable the Youth Symphony Orchestra to continue its mission of musical education, events and enrichment to the youth of East Central Indiana by allowing students access to excellent teaching and performance opportunities.

The Foundation also voted to participate in Funders' Forum's Collaborative Grant to address drug addiction and its impact on our community. This year, we will again grant \$2,000. The Community Foundation administers the fund and grant making process on behalf of the participating funders. Their board will vote to approve the funders' recommended grants in December. The process and the very notion that funders are working together to address a problem is garnering attention throughout the state as it is highly unusual. Altrusa Foundation is proud to be among the community's foundations, banks, and philanthropic organizations supporting children and families struggling with addiction and its ripple effects.

Since 1984, Muncie Altrusa Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 in grants and scholarships in our community.

Reservations Committee Holiday Party Service Project

The Reservation Committee is requesting your presence at our upcoming December 19th Holiday Party. Pictures of winter and holiday art will be showcased courtesy of the David Owsley Museum of Art (DOMA) and museum staff Tania Said.

We are asking Altrusa members to bring in **new 10 count color pencils** and **24 count Crayola Crayons** to help us fulfill our holiday service project. We are aiming to get a combined total of 7,800 packages of colored pencils and crayons. The Back to School Teachers Store is donating 7,800 coloring books to us to benefit area kids returning back to school in January 2020.

Let's help students start the New Year with supplies they need!



Board News:

At the November 20th Board Meeting, the Board:

Approved a Leave of Absence for
Joan Schliebner through April 30, 2020
Molly Harty through the rest of the club year

Received a report from our Treasurer that the club is financially sound and under budget

Received word that the county schools are unable to participate in the Altrusa Essay Contest due to lack of time in their instructional day

Learned that 5-6 BSU students are involved in ASTRA

RSVP Cancellation Deadline

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

**Contact Mary Louise Buck to
cancel**

Meeting Menus:

Dec 5: House salad, Shrimp & grits, Garlic Bread, Veg du jour, Chef's choice dessert
Dec 19: Soup du jour, Slow roasted NY strip (au jus, horseradish, mushrooms & onions), Dinner rolls & butter, Country smashed potatoes, Braised Brussels sprouts, Dessert

Member Birthdays

Dec 3 – Jan Engstrom

Dec 6 – Barb Baker

Dec 14 – Jennifer Hasty, Quiana Clemens

Dec 15 – April Kemper, Heather Farmer

Dec 16 – McKensie Monroe

Dec 26 – Alice Prettyman

Dec 27 – Haley LeFiles



Member Anniversaries

1981 – Cathy Stewart

1990 – Susan Ford

2001 Cindy Sollars

2014 – Erika Hayes

2016 – Molly Harty



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 December Ambassador deadline is Saturday, December 21st.

Please send information & pictures to MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com