

President's Message:



Hello everyone!

I am not going to lie, these last two weeks have been tough for us as our daycare closed, and I figured out working from home with three small children and "homeschooling" for our oldest. We've all been thrust into a situation that we did not expect nor did any of us want to be in. I was on a conference call on Monday and a coworker mentioned that we have three choices:

1. Give up
2. Survive
3. Thrive

I think I'll be happy surviving, buuuut I would much rather thrive so let's all be gentle with ourselves and others as we learn how to thrive in these new situations. I know it's possible because I'm seeing countless people prove their ingenuity, creativity and compassion for others on a daily basis - people are adapting and I think this is amazing and a testament to the human and the American resilience! One thing I know for sure, is that I don't want to come out of this time and not have used it to make myself a better version of myself.

A few things:

- Applications for new members were sent in a separate email
- Don't forget to sign up for next year's committee choices on the google doc or email me if you can't figure it out.
- Consider reaching out to any other Altrusan, especially those who might be more isolated, and cheer them up with a phone call or a letter!

Currently, Minnetrista is closed though the end of April, I will keep you up to date as situations progress - like all of you, I am being a teacher, mother and business owner all from my home, so I am a bit slower than my usual response time!

Hang in there - we've got this!
Erika Hayes

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Calendar of Events

All in-person meetings have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

April 18: District Conference Meeting via Conference Call
9:30AM - Delegates Only

April 20: Board Meeting
8:30AM

Board Report

At Board met via conference call Monday, March 16. The following is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting:

Committee Liaison Reports:

Literacy: Cancelled Essay Contest due to Pandemic. Jennifer Johnson accepted Co-Chair role.

ASTRA: Supplies for 11 backpacks purchased. Giveaway is on hold.

Service: Comfort Kits packed during last meeting. Spent \$99 of \$500 budget. Submitted a program grant for Erskine Greene/ARC of Indiana – if funds are approved, will be used to create a new service project. Tiffany Kerrigan accepted Co-Chair role.

Membership Development: Planned for Annual Meeting (tentative due to COVID-19) Planned a luncheon for new members & Board at the end of April (tentative). 16 new members invited for membership this club year. Texas Roadhouse pick-up cancelled (will follow up regarding pick-up and protocols).

Officer Reports:

President – Erika: Updating Committee Requests in Google Docs

Treasurer – Nancy: Budget needs to be approved by membership vote. Logistics to be determined.

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws will be emailed to the board for final review. The board will vote to approve via email, then will be presented to the club for approval.

District Award Nominees for Rookie and Governor's Awards have been submitted.

New Business:

District Conference has been cancelled due to Pandemic. In lieu of an in-person conference, a conference call has been scheduled on April 18, 2020 at 9:30AM. District requests that participants block 2.5 hours for this call.

New Delegates: Kathy, Della, Angie, Erika, Karen Brunson

Alternates: Rest of the Board Members – Lorraine, Nancy, June

Erika will communicate this change with the delegates.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2020 at 8:30AM



Service
Committee
packing
Comfort
Kits



Ryder Briggs Anderson

Born to Ashlee & Jon Anderson
March 12, 2020, 3:04AM
7lbs 5 oz
21-3/4 in

Member Anniversaries



Anne Condran 1988

Bonita Ramirez 1990

June Payne 1999

Joan Schliebner 2004

Cathy Swift 2005

Marcy Minton 2013

Lorraine Tomlin 2013

Beth Kroehler 2015

Diana Smiley 2015

Watasha Barnes Griffin 2016

Marilyn Nathan 2017

Jennifer Hasty 2018

Amanda Kishel 2018

Liz Ludwick 2018

McKensie Monroe 2018

MUNCIE ALTRUSA FOUNDATION NAMES DIRECTORS

At its March 2020 meeting, the Altrusa Foundation board approved the following slate of 2020-21 officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. They are:

President: Ashlee Anderson
President Elect: Haley Brocki
Secretary: Stephanie Clark
Treasurer: Cathy Stewart

Congratulations to the new board members and thank you for your continued service to Altrusa. Other newly elected members of the board are as follows:

Three year term:
Haley Brocki
Jennifer Johnson
Tina Black

Two year term:
Tiffany Kerrigan

MUNCIE ALTRUSA FOUNDATION APPROVES GRANT

The Muncie Altrusa Foundation approved to award a \$2,000 grant from the Himelick Fund to TeenWorks. These funds will support their 2020 Muncie Summer Program that serves 60 teens. This program provides paid work-learn experiences, professional and life skills training, and career and college exploration to teens in Muncie and Delaware County who aspire to post-secondary success and career readiness.

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

Member Birthdays:

April 1: Joan Schleibner
April 2: Joan McKee
April 4: Bonnie Breedlove
April 10: Cheryl McKinney
April 12: Linda Clark Dague
April 16: Molly Harty
April 17: Della Gregory
April 19: Margeaux Dever
April 20: Anne Condran
April 23: Pat Schaefer
April 25: Amanda Kishel



Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc.

President: Erika Hayes
Vice President:
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: Jennifer Hasty

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



The May Ambassador deadline is Saturday, April 25th.
Please send information & pictures to MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com