Happy November fellow Altrusans!

After the last couple of rough years, I feel like our group is really gaining momentum. We're back in the swing of our normal schedule and our committees rocking and rolling. I have to commend all of our committees for really stepping up to the challenge of meeting our goals. For today's message, I'd like to highlight our Literacy Committee in particular.

The Literacy Committee, chaired by Anne Condran, has knocked it out of the park with their "Today a Reader: Tomorrow a Leader" Program. We were just informed that we received a grant from Altrusa International to help fund this project. With this International grant, look for one more goal on our sheet to be filled in soon! Literacy has many great things planned for this club year and are looking to collaborate with other committees and/or organizations to reach as many kiddos as possible. They also rocked it with the BSU Homecoming Parade book distribution. Partnering with other community organizations, they put together little red wagons full of books. Thanks to their efforts over 1200 kiddos received books and I'm told we could have handed out probably that same amount more along the parade route. Great job Literacy Committee!

Thanks to everyone who has supported our literacy efforts and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings us.

In Altrusa Service,
Angie Rogers-Howell
Birthdays

Kailee Mcknight – 2\textsuperscript{nd} 
Brenda Williamson – 18\textsuperscript{th}

Nancy Norris – 19\textsuperscript{th}

Anniversaries

Linda Barb – 1986
Lorretta Parsons – 2017
Dea Bell – 2019

Megan “Mo” Orbin - 2018
Kaitlyn Winkle – 2016
Angie Pool – 2019
Colleen Ulrich - 2020
Soup Kitchen Sack Lunches
Altrusans assembled 125 sack lunches for the Soup Kitchen on October 25th

Altrusans are invited to join the Service Committee on December 9th for Snack Attack. Snack bags will be packed to distribute to local schools prior to winter break. Meet at

Muncie Altrusa Foundation

The Foundation’s mission is to assist organizations in Muncie/Delaware County, Indiana area for educational, literary, and charitable purposes. The organization strives to uphold its commitment to unselfish, unbiased giving.

The Foundation accepts charitable gifts to further our mission! Gifts are typically exempt from income, estate and gift taxes. Gifts can be sent to Muncie Altrusa Foundation, P. O. Box 923, Muncie, Indiana 47308.
Ruth Chin
May 10, 1924 - October 1, 2021
Ruth Chin, 97, passed away Friday, October 1, 2021, at Morrison Woods Health Campus in Muncie. Ruth was born May 10, 1924, in Chicago, the daughter of Lloyd and Holda Lee Chin. She graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1942, and graduated from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL in 1946, majoring in Art and minoring in English. She also attended the John Heron Art Institute in Indianapolis and the Chicago Art Institute.
Immediately following college, Ruth began her career as a Photographer for the Muncie Star and the Evening Press for seven years before starting her own business, Ruth Chin Photography in 1953. Ruth’s family was the first Chinese family to settle in Muncie, and opened the first Chinese Restaurant in Muncie, called the Mandarin Inn.
Ruth was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Altrusa Club of Muncie for 65 years, a long-time member of Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Indianapolis Press Club, Woman’s Press Club of Indiana, American Association of Magazine Photographers, and Midwest Travel Writers, writing for numerous publications. Ruth also wrote her own column for the Star Press for many years, entitled Positives and Negatives.
Ruth was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in 2014. She was a former board member of the Academy for Community Leadership and the Girl Scouts. She was an avid reader who loved to learn, enjoyed science, rock collecting, and making jewelry. Ruth is survived by her nieces, Teri Freeby, Ft. Wayne, and Tami Chin, Mishawaka; and two great nephews, Adam (Fiancée-Lexi Harmacinski) Freeby and Ryan Freeby. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Lois Chin; a brother, Charles Chin; a sister-in-law, Ann Chin; and a nephew-in-law, Kent Freeby.
From the Membership Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended the Taste of Altrusa Mixer!
From the Literacy Committee

Altrusa International Literacy Challenge - One Book at a Time

Something big is in the works and we want you to be a part of it. International President Kathy’s passion from a very young age has been reading. So, we coupled her love of reading with her love of Altrusa and the Literacy Challenge was born. Our ultimate goal is to enhance the lives of others ONE BOOK AT A TIME! The challenge is for Altrusans to distribute one million books and/or devote one million service hours to our communities during the 2021-2023 biennium. So how can you participate?

- Develop a signature literacy project (or expand on an existing one) that will continue to grow and develop into the future. Large and small clubs alike can participate in this challenge.
- Assign a record keeper to keep track of the number of books you distribute AND/OR the number of service hours you spend (for example reading to children, the elderly, participating in a book exchange ... something that works for you, your club and your community).
- Carry the project over through the next club year.
- Send your numbers (for both years) to the International Service Committee before June 1, 2023.
- Sit back and relish in the fact that you are making a difference .... ONE BOOK AT A TIME.

Remember the end goal is to enhance the lives of others. And the simple gift of a book to a child who has never had one can help eradicate illiteracy and give these children a chance to succeed in life. Will you accept the challenge and join our movement? UNITED WE CAN ... make a difference! UNITED WE CAN ... change the lives of others! UNITED WE CAN ... help develop a passion for reading that will last a lifetime!

The challenge is out there ... will you take it?

Taken from the Service Page on the International Website

The Literacy Committee of the Muncie Club is taking the Challenge, but we need every club and ASTRA member to participate over the next two years in our literacy project: Today a Reader–Tomorrow a Leader. The objectives of the project are to:

- **Place** books into the hands of each of the 3,430 PreK--5th grade students in the target schools
- **Involve** 90% of our active Altrusa and ASTRA members in the various project activities
- **Contribute** at least 500 service hours toward the various literacy project activities
- **Create** awareness of the project through various promotional efforts
- **Evaluate** the success of the project through surveys of various stakeholders

The proposed activities for this year include:

- Maintain the Altrusa Little Free Libraries
- Provide books to K-5 Students in Muncie Community Schools
- Participate with the Service Committee to distribute books with the December and March Snack Attack distribution
- Participate in the BSU Homecoming parade to distribute books
- Sponsor the 2022 4th grade essay contest
There will be various opportunities throughout the year to participate in literacy activities. Be aware of committee announcements during our meetings and emails. As you participate in the various projects you will need to keep track of your literacy service hours. These will be reported directly to the Literacy Committee using the following reporting form. (These hours are in addition to those Altrusa and other service hours you report to your committee.)

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Send your hours to Literacy Committee Member Sue Whitaker at shwitaker@bsu.edu.
WOW! Because of YOU and our partnership with four amazing organizations (Muncie Public Library, Muncie Altrusa, Second Harvest, and Classroom Connections of ECI), there are now 1,200 happier kiddos with new storybooks in Muncie. Thanks to our candy fairies, we gave out 3,000 pieces of candy along the parade route. Thanks to everyone who took photos and shared them! If you still have pictures and would like to share them, please send them to my email address.

I STILL can see the smiles and gleaming eyes of the children who I gifted books during the parade. What a high! I hope you had a similar experience.

Next time: So we quickly learned during the parade that we need 3,000 up to 5,000 storybooks and perhaps a total of 12 little red wagons. What a good problem to have. Right? I hope our partnership and collaboration on literacy efforts can continue throughout the year. Let me know your thoughts.

Thank you again. I appreciate you.

Stacy Wheeler
Classroom Connections of ECI
Fundraising Committee

Announcement

Texas Roadhouse Rolls & Butter pick up will be November 18th 12p-1p at Second Harvest Food Bank 6621 Old State Road 3

Contact Mo Orbin if other arrangements need to be made.
Get to know an Altrusan
Featuring: Angie Pool

1. When did you first become an Altrusan and why?
November of 2019. 2019 was one of the more challenging years in my Greenway world and when invited by Brenda to attend a meeting I thought why not and honestly it made my heart happy to be asked. When I attended that first meeting I was blown away by the friendship and support offered to each other by the club and thought I need this in my life right now. So I would say I joined for purely selfish reasons at the start to help my tired mind and soul!!

2. Who are/were your sponsors?
Brenda Williamson and Jen Johnson

3. What do you enjoy most about Altrusa?
The friendships and the support network

4. Has anything surprised you since becoming a member or is there anything that you’ve learned?
I only knew of Altrusa for the style show and I was surprised at all the projects the Club does to benefit children and literacy.

5. What is your favorite Altrusa service project? (current or past)
Last year’s essay contest because it was a success even with the pandemic.

6. List up to 5 things that will help us get to know you.
   • I have always worked in the nonprofit world – 25 years at the American Heart Association and soon to be starting year 14 with Cardinal Greenway! I never set out to work in this world but now I know no different!
   • Have an Associate Degree from what was Indiana Business college. When I attended the college was across from the old Ball Stores – would shop there at breaks!
   • I have been married for 34 years to my high school crush. Unknown fact – we dated in high school but both ended up having short lived marriages (like 1 year short) to other people. We got back together on November 13, 1985 and never looked back. Jay thinks it is a hoot that I still remember that date!
   • I have one son, Logan who just turned 30!!! His beautiful wife Ashley and our 2 adorable granddaughters Vivian and Reagan are our lives! They live about 2 minutes away and we love it!
   • Career wise – a highlight was being named Indiana’s Outstanding Trail Leader was pretty amazing! Went to Syracuse New York to receive my award in 2019.

7. What’s something about you that’s unique or others may not know?
When I was young I was actually pretty shy! I know right! My brother says I went from meek to sassy overnight. Maybe it was that waitress job I had as a teenager at the Blue Moon or maybe it was being our school’s Flag Corp captain for 5 years that did it but I did lose what shyness I had. (even though I come across as a people person, extrovert – one of my favorite things to do is chill alone on my porch!!)
Board News & Actions:

- Membership for Michelle Badders was approved.
- It was approved to use discretionary funds to have Farmhouse Creative manage updates of the website.
- Board approved suggestions for award names and criteria to be presented to the club for a vote.

*Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, 9am at the Farmhouse Creative conference room*
To cancel a meeting reservation email Linda Barb by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting.

lsb21820@gmail.com

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**Committee Chairs for 2021-22**

ASTRA: Chair – Haley Brocki  
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BRRR: Chair – Beth Kroehler  
Co-Chair – Nancy Norris  
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Service: Chair – Tiffany Kerrigan  
Co-Chair – Kelli Petroviak  
Fundraising: Chair – Mo Orbin  
Co-Chair – Jan Engstrom

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The August Ambassador deadline is November 20th.  
Please send information & pictures to MuncieAltrusa@gmail.com

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**Email Correspondence:**

When emailing Altrusa sisters with club matters and happenings, the first word in the subject line should be “Altrusa”

Examples: Altrusa – service project question  
Altrusa – for ambassador

This helps to ensure emails don’t get missed or sent to spam. Thank you!