



WOW - what an adventure and learning experience San Antonio and the 58th International Convention of Altrusa was!! (picture page Our Muncie club was well represented by having 10 members in attendance. The distinction of 4 of them being past or current District 6 Governors was not lost on anyone. It was thrilling to hear how many people have heard of our club on the International level.

The installation of Linda Smith from the Salina Kansas club as our 2023-25 International President along with Chris DeVliieger, from our very own District 6 club in DeKalb County Illinois as International Vice-President, was the culmination of days filled with learning, dreaming, planning, and sharing ideas with Altrusans from around the globe.

Linda has challenged all clubs to focus on 2 goals this biennium: continuing to aim toward distributing 1,000,000 books in the next 2 years and a kindness challenge. She would like us to all perform 1 **INTENTIONAL** act of kindness per week. If all Altrusans focus their efforts on those acts, that is over 300,000 acts yearly and we all know that kindness can change anyone's day. What better act of service can we all easily remind ourselves to focus on?

Muncie had a lot to celebrate during the conference!!!!

- We won an award as the first Facebook Service Challenge winner

with our 2021 post about the BSU Homecoming parade literacy project and have a lovely new pin on our banner for it.

- We were acknowledged for being a Distinguished Club for both years of the biennium.
- We were 1st place in the 6 for 60 Fundraiser Awards for the International Foundation. That award includes a \$1500 check so the Board will be looking at the best way to use those funds.
- Della Gregory and Anne Condran were the first two Altrusans to be presented the new Margaret C. Albin Lamplighter Award by the International Foundation.
- Sue Whitaker was honored for her service as an International Director.
- Anne Condran was elected to the 2023-25 International Foundation Board of Trustees.
- Nancy Norris was appointed as Vice-Chair for the International Membership Development Committee.

The fact that several Altrusan's referred to Muncie as a "powerhouse" should make each and every one of you proud of how hard you work to improve our community. This conference has given Mo and I lots of ideas to think through and bring back to the club. **THANK YOU** for the opportunity and trust to send us as representatives of such amazing friends and Altrusa sisters!!

Molly

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Calendar of Events:

Business Meeting
Thursday, August 3rd
Noon at Minnetrista

Committee Meetings
Thursday, August 10

Program Meeting
No Meeting

Board Meeting
Thursday, August 24th
Noon at Minnetrista



Birthdays

2nd-Jane White

4th-Cynthia Sollars

18th-Ashlee Anderson

24th-Mary Burford

Anniversaries

2008-Ashlee Anderson

2020-Susan Polz Volbrecht

2022-Karen Dall

Committee Updates

“Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.” -Anonymous

ASTRA

The ASTRA Committee oversees the growth and development of the ASTRA Club at Ball State University. Did you know ASTRA offers a scholarship?

BRRR

The BRRR Committee retains By-laws and standing Rules, Resolutions, Recommendations, minutes, correspondence, attendance records, financial records, president’s speeches, special recognitions, memorial services, ceremonies, histories, scrapbook, yearbooks and the Ambassador. The BRRR Committee is responsible for soliciting nominations for annual awards as well as selecting and presenting the winners at the annual meeting. The BRRR Committee is responsible for reviewing the by-laws yearly keeping them in sync with any changes implemented by International. Have you enjoyed the change to digital hour reporting?

Communications

The Communications Committee is responsible for creating and maintaining the Altrusa International of Muncie website, managing all social media, crafting press releases, monitoring the Club email, coordinating photos, and producing the monthly Club newsletter, the Ambassador.

Watch for communications about our Centennial celebration across various public resources such as Muncie Magazine, Muncie Journal, and Facebook. We are partnering with the membership committee to bring you more membership spotlights.

Please continue to share your committee information to [Muncie Altrusa email!](#)

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee is responsible for the development of fundraisers for the club. Funds raised are used for service projects.

Literacy

The Literacy Committee serves the community through projects that provide literacy focused support to Delaware County families and children.

Membership

The Membership Development Committee provides a smooth transition into the club for new members, prepares new member packets, and distributes and updates the name badges for meetings. The committee is also responsible for sharing the news of members, both good and unfortunate. In addition, they assist in the personal and professional growth of the Club as well as help in the recruitment and retention of its members.

Reservations

The Reservations Committee is responsible for records of attendance at all Altrusa meetings with the BRRR Committee, for negotiating the contract with the caterer and for making all arrangements pertaining to the site for business, committee, and program meetings.

Service

Service is what we're all about, so it's an honor to be the party planners, so to speak, for the club's service projects. President Molly and the club's leadership team challenged the Altrusa Service Committee to cultivate opportunities to bring out the best of what it means to be an Altrusan.

Muncie Altrusa Foundation



Our new foundation officers:

Tiffany Kerrigan, President
Megan Smith, Vice President
Susan Volbrecht, Treasurer
Colleen Cooper, Secretary
Directors – Ashlee Anderson, Jennifer Johnson, June Kramer, Kailee McKnight, Catherine Stewart, and Stephanie Clark

***Updated Picture to Come Soon!**



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.

Board News



The board meets the fourth Thursday of the month, noon at Minnetrista. This meeting is open for any Altrusan to attend. Lunch is not provided and a reservation is not necessary.

Having a great time representing at International Convention.



Volunteer Opportunities

Click on an image below to learn more!



First Choice can always use some help in the following areas for 'short term' needs:

- Cleaning buildings
- Donation Maintenance
- Diaper Drives (prefer sizes 5 & 6 and pull ups and wipes)
- Help on Mobile unit for events!
- Making cookies or encouraging notes for our volunteers

Of course, we can always use volunteers in a part time capacity as well if they would like to go through our training program and work regularly in the center with our clientele. See Kailee McKnight!

To cancel a meeting reservation, email
Linda Barb by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting.
LSB21820@GMAIL.COM

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

Altrusa International of Muncie, IN, Inc

President: Molly Harty
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Committee Chairs for 2022-23

ASTRA:	Chair – Lorraine Tomlin Co-Chair – Jennifer Johnson
BRRR:	Chair – Angie Rogers-Howell Co-Chair – Sandra Hoover
Literacy :	Chair – Susan Polcz-Volbrecht Co-Chair – Katherine Mitchell
Communications:	Chair – Colleen Cooper Co-Chair – Amber Burress
Membership:	Chair – Della Gregory Co-Chair – Nancy Norris
Reservations:	Chair – Linda Barb Co-Chair – Mary Louise Buck
Service:	Chair – Barb Baker Co-Chair – Stacy Wheeler
Fundraising:	Chair – Ashlee Anderson Co-Chair – Cathy Dowd

