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**Altrusa Club of Muncie, Inc. Records, 1923-1994**

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## History

The Altrusa Club of Muncie, Inc., was granted its charter from Altrusa International Inc., in April 1925, eight years after the mother organization was organized by Dr. Alfred Duke Durham during the time when woman suffrage was a dominant national issue. In October 1923, thirteen Muncie business and professional women met with Patty Garnett, the Altrusa national organizer, to discuss the forming of a local club. By June 12, 1924, the necessary twenty charter members were available and the charter was granted the following year at the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

In accordance with its motto "Patriotism, Efficiency, Service," the Altrusa Club aimed to serve less fortunate and deserving people. Members were selected from professional and business categories (one member selected for each vocational field) and were classed into three groups: active, past service, and honorary. Through the years, the Altrusa Club of Muncie has also helped with various projects, including the raising of monies for the Ball Hospital Building Fund and the Emens College-Community Auditorium Building Fund. The club also has helped students further their education by providing them with scholarships such as the Mamie Bass Scholarship Loan Fund to help young women finish their college education and the Grants-In-Aid Project which provided aid to foreign students. Through these and other projects, the women of Altrusa helped to provide opportunities for the advancement of women of Muncie.

## Scope and Content

The collection focuses on service projects, activities of individual members and business matters of the Altrusa Club of Muncie, Inc. This information is contained in scrapbooks, yearbooks, and other archival records. ARCHIVES, the first series, contains the names of charter members, officers, and directors 1923-1962 and 1977-78. The ASTRA CLUB materials contain information pertaining to this organization for fifteen- to twenty-year-old girls. The next series is ATTENDANCE RECORDS. These records extend from 1923 to 1933. The COMMITTEE RECORDS series contains information on committees such as Career Development, Public Affairs, Community Services, Information, International Relations and Publicity. Contained within the FINANCIAL MATERIALS series are records of receipts and disbursements of the Altrusa Club of Muncie, Inc., 1924-1976 and 1978-91. Correspondence to the Altrusa Club and action decided on with regard to these requests along with various officer reports comprise the bulk of the MINUTES series. These minutes are of meetings held between 1923 and 1990. The SONGBOOKS series consists of songs used for group singing. Some of these songs are popular tunes to which have been set words appropriate to the Altrusa Club.

The SCRAPBOOKS series, 1978-1991, contains photographs and clippings about Altrusa conventions, workshops, scholarships, and information about speakers on various topics. Also included are clippings which focus on the activities of various members, such as, Miss Mildred Moore and her work in Home Economics and Miss Chloe Jackson in her position as Executive Director of the Delaware County Tuberculosis Association. The Golden Anniversary Celebration of Altrusa International, Inc. in 1967 is another item included in the scrapbooks. The YEARBOOKS date from 1950-1990 and contain information on meeting schedules and programs.

PSC 105 contains snapshots of Altrusa members c. 1920s-1930s. R 67 is a reel-to-reel audiotape of Ann Landers' appearance in Muncie.

Presented by the Altrusa Club of Muncie, Inc.

R. Cumberbatch, 13 June 1984

Updated M. Gentis, 14 November 1985

Updated R. Murray, 13 September 1994

Updated J. Gastineau, 30 September 2005

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- 24 October 17, 1923-October 23, 1924 (Rhody Welding, President; Louise Maddy, Secretary)
- 25 November 6, 1924-October 24, 1925 (Grace DeHority, President; Margaret Slater, Secretary)
- 26 October 29, 1925-June 30, 1926 (Edna McDowell, President; Erma B. Christy, Secretary)
- 27 July 8, 1926-May 1927 (Edna McDowell, President; Erma B. Christy, Secretary, May-November 8; Vida Stacy, Secretary Nov. 18-May 19, 1927)
- 28 May 23, 1928-June 27, 1929 (Myrtle Souders, President; Psyche Davis, Secretary)
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- 39 1938-1939 (Mary Beeman, President; Myrtle Souders, Secretary)
- 40 1939-1940 (Susan Nay, President; Myrtle Souders, Secretary)
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- 45 1944-1945, 1945-1946 (June Mull, President; Mary Modlung, Secretary)
- 46 1946-1947 (Lucille DeVoe, President 1946; Myrtle Souders, Secretary 1946; Ruth Drummond, President 1947; Alice Fisher, Secretary 1947)
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- 3 July 13, 1950-August 9, 1953 (Erma Christy, President; Marion Grady, Secretary)
- 4 July 21, 1955-June 20, 1957 (Nellie Brogden, President; Chella M. Rinker, Secretary)
- 5 August 25, 1955-May 23, 1957 (Nellie Brogden, President; Chella M. Rinker, Secretary)
- 6 September 10, 1953-June 5, 1955 (Ethel Vlaskamp, President; Martha Lumpkin, Secretary)
- 7 August 1, 1957-June 16, 1960 (Martha Lumpkin, President; Dorothy Webb, Secretary)
- 8 1957-1960 (Alice Smith, President; Fern McNary, Secretary)
- 9 1960-1963 (Zoe Beebe, President; Fern Dick, Secretary)
- 10 April 16, 1964-June 3, 1965 (Ethel Himelick, President; Violet Greene, Secretary)
- 11 April 4, 1963-June 4, 1964 (Fern McNary, President; Katherine Brown,

- Secretary)
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