



2022-2024 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Club Board

Cynthia Castleberry, President

Laure Bruner, Vice-President

Diane Sloan, Treasurer

Janice Staples, Secretary

Linda Taylor, 1st Director

Sharon Davis, 2nd Director

Kathleen Smith, Immediate Past President

Service Committee

Keri Rhone (Chair), Sharon Davis, Connie Glenn, MK Kahrhoff

Membership Development Committee

Laure Bruner (Chair), Lois Durant, Marla Naylor, Alison Rader

Communications Committee

Kathleen Smith (Chair), Lou Cauthron, Amy Gordon

Finance Committee

Diane Sloan (Chair), Linda Taylor, Janice Staples

Make A Difference Day

Cynthia Castleberry (Chair), Kathleen Smith (Co-Chair), Lou Cauthron, Marla Naylor, Amy Gordon

Scholarship Committee

Kathleen Smith (Chair), Laure Bruner, Alison Rader

Foundation Board

Laure Bruner President

Linda Taylor, Treasurer

Kathleen Smith, Secretary

Diane Sloan, Director

Cynthia Castleberry, Director

Letter from the President

Tis the season to appreciate all we have done this year...

2022 has been a very busy year. I want to remind everyone how much I appreciate all your hard work. I have been reviewing the calendar of all the projects we have been involved in. We deserve a round of applause.

We started the year off with distributing books to the rural elementary schools in Anderson County. Our big Fundraiser, the Annual Chicken Spaghetti Luncheon, was a success. We raised enough money to award four scholarships to Seniors in Anderson County. April brought the Altrusa International District Nine Conference in Georgetown. This was the first in-person Conference we have had in 3 years.

We started the Summer off with volunteering with other organizations in the United Way's Food Packing event. We also started planning our First Annual Poinsettia Gala to support Palestine's Operation Read. Our plan was to expand the reach to all the elementary schools in Anderson County. August, we held our Rummage Sale.

October started by volunteering in the Paint Palestine Pink Run/Walk, by running a rest stop on the route. Followed by our Frito Pie Fundraiser at the Cars of Palestine show during Palestine's Hot Pepper Festival.



November, we attended the Altrusa International District Nine Fall Leadership Event. I am very proud of our success with our First Annual Poinsettia Gala. We held our annual Poinsettia Fundraiser and had fun filling Stocking for Soldiers.

December started with installing our entry in the Festival of Trees. We joined in with Palestine's Operation Read distribution of books to the school children. We will round out our year with putting out wreaths at the soldiers' graves to support Wreaths Across America.

We have expanded the public's awareness of Altrusa International of Anderson County and have proved once again that we live up to our motto of **Leading to a Better Community**.

Thank you everyone, and I wish you a Merry Christmas with your families, and a Happy New Year.

Cynthia Castleberry

December-January Events

Dec. 6	Club Board Meeting
Dec. 9	Annette Bussey Birthday
Dec. 15	Christmas Party
Dec. 20	MK Kahrhoff Birthday
Jan. 3	Foundation Board Meeting

Jan. 10	Club Business Meeting
Jan. 16	Linda Taylor Birthday
Jan. 20	Patsy Bush Birthday Kathleen Smith Birthday
Jan. 24	Program Meeting Host: Service Committee



Club Goals 2022-2023

Theme: Together We Create Possibilities

Membership Development

- 🤝 Together we include three (3) new members.
- 🤝 We promote flexibility to keep existing members involved.
- 🤝 Create new opportunities to expand talents and skills of all our members.
- 🤝 With enthusiasm and clarity, we share Altrusa with other organization in Anderson County.

Service

- 🤝 Together we expand our capability to make changes in our community by working with other organizations.
- 🤝 We increase the number of books given throughout Anderson County by 10%, expanding literacy.
- 🤝 Using our imagination, we create new ways to provide service for those in need in our community.

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November Program Meeting

The Program Meeting was moved to our Fifth Tuesday Social on November 27. We gathered at Rhone Funeral Home for finger foods brought by members. Then we stuffed Stockings for Vets. LOTS of them! It was a great time. [See addendum for pictures for past weeks.](#)

Membership Challenge!

As you know, you are always encouraged to bring people you know to our meetings and events so that they can see what Altrusa is all about. This is a good way to grow our membership. This year, the membership committee is challenging you to invite specific groups of people to our meetings and events each month. So far, we've done daughters (June), sons (July), sisters (August), brothers (September), spouses (October) and mothers (November).

But you are not limited just to these groups. In December, we'd like to remind you to look at your father and see if you can foster an interest in him. We've had lots of family connections in the past, and speaking from experience, I can tell you how very rewarding it is to serve in a service organization alongside a family member. Many of us no longer have our parents around, so this is one more reason to look to our children and siblings. Serving with a close relative can only bring you closer together.

We have already gained four new members this year (Amy Gordon, Annette Bussey, Melissa Broughton and Patsy Leach), but we need to keep the momentum going. More members mean better projects that we can accomplish and new friendships that we can build!

Laure Bruner, Membership Committee Chair



Foundation

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Poinsettia Gala a success. We will soon begin discussing whether or not we will have a repeat performance of this fundraiser. We need your input before we can make this decision. If you have not already done so, please visit <https://forms.gle/hmVBZRxx9fcDDgGz5> to fill out the feedback form. Your input is important even if you were unable to attend.


Thanks for all that you do!

Laure Bruner, Foundation President

Service Hours Reminder!

Club Theme 2022-2023:
Together We Create Possibilities

Service Hour Goals

 Target of 3000 service hours to our community



Enter your hours monthly or more often at
[\\https://andersoncountyaltr.wixsite.com](https://andersoncountyaltr.wixsite.com).

Click **Members Only**. Login with your email, Facebook, or Google **or Create an Account**. You will be ready to enter your name and continue through the prompts.

The International office tracks service hours performed by Altrusans whether they are performed as part of an Altrusa project or part of another organization. They track from March 1st to February 28th, so if you haven't been entering your hours, please go back to the beginning of March or as far as you can remember and record them. members only page of our website shown **above**.

The hours you enter are automatically added to our impact statement which can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/yzc2at9n> or on the About page of our website.




"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."

Napoleon Hill






Club Goals 2022-2023 (Continued)

Theme: Together We Create Possibilities

Finance

-  Together we create new fundraising ideas to support our service reach.
-  We practice fiscal responsibility of all the funds held in trust.
-  Expanding our strong relationship with donors.

Communications:

-  Together we spread the joy of being an Altrusans.
-  We participate in projects throughout Anderson County proudly wearing our Altrusa membership pin.
-  We share our service projects on social media, other organizations' calendars, and in print media.
-  We create our personal "WHY I AM AN ALTRUSAN" speech.
-  We each share our "WHY" we belong to Altrusa and how we have grown personally from our involvement. We share with both people like us and those who are different, expanding our inclusion.



Zoom will be available for Business & Board Meetings.

All meetings at Senior Activity Center unless otherwise notified.

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Board Meetings

(Club – EVEN months)
(Foundation – ODD months)
1st Tuesday 12:00 noon

Brown Bag

Business Meetings

2nd Tuesday 12:00 noon
Brown Bag

Program Meetings

4th Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Committee will **notify** about meal options and **pickup building key**.

Fifth Tuesday Social

Location To Be Announced

UN International Days

February 20 – World Day of Social Justice

March 8 – International Women's Day

April 7 – World Health Day

May 15 – International Day of Families

June 6 – World Environment Day

August 12 – International Youth Day

September 8 – International Literacy Day

September 21 – International Day of Peace

October 16 – World Food Day

October 24 – UN Day

November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women

December 10 – Human Rights Day

