

June 2025

Hello fellow Altrusans,

This marks the first newsletter of my term as President of the Altrusa club. I have genuine excitement as I begin this journey with you all. Throughout my entire life I have had models of people who were dedicated to serving others. In this first newsletter, I want to tell you a little bit about my Dad. I hope this personal glimpse offers insight into the daily examples of service that shaped my life.

My Dad's heart overflowed with generosity, I have multiple memories of driving with him and seeing him instantly pull over to help someone in need, regardless of the situation, etched in memory. From picking up hitchhikers to assisting those with broken-down vehicles, he embodied the spirit of altruism. He didn't just talk about kindness; he lived it, demonstrating the true meaning of 'He'd give you the shirt off his back,' even when our family had very little.

This is only the beginning of what could be said about my Dad's giving heart. To me his selfless dedication is and will always be a true inspiration to me. How he lives his life represents the core principles of Altruism that guide our organization. As president, I am not only committed to upholding my Dad's incredible legacy and serving DeKalb County but also to continuing the impactful work of all past Altrusans, ensuring that work and dedication will resonate even more widely. The vision is a future where more people understand the power of Altrusa – its mission, its impact, and the profound joy and opportunity that comes from living a life of altruism.

I am very much looking forward to learning from and collaborating with all of you! During these opportunities I am also hopeful to help grow our club so Altrusa and its spirit of giving will be felt by our communities for many years to come.

If at any time you have any ideas, thoughts, or questions feel free to contact me! My new email is kendraaltrusa@gmail.com.

With great Altrusa love (and excitement about the upcoming year!),



Upcoming Events:

6/4/25 - Board Meeting via
Google Meet, 5:30 pm

6/16/25 - Service Project @
The Suter Company, 5:30 pm

6/18/25 - Club Picnic @
Chris DeVlieger's Home, 6:00
pm

6/19/25 - Juneteenth

7/2/25 - Board Meeting via
Google Meet, 5:30 pm



**IMPORTANT: The
book packing
service project at
Suter has been
MOVED to Monday,
June 16th due to
BASICS still
working to get
supplies. There is
NO CLUB MEETING
OR PROJECT ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE
4TH!!!!**



Register Your Child for

**FREE
BOOKS**

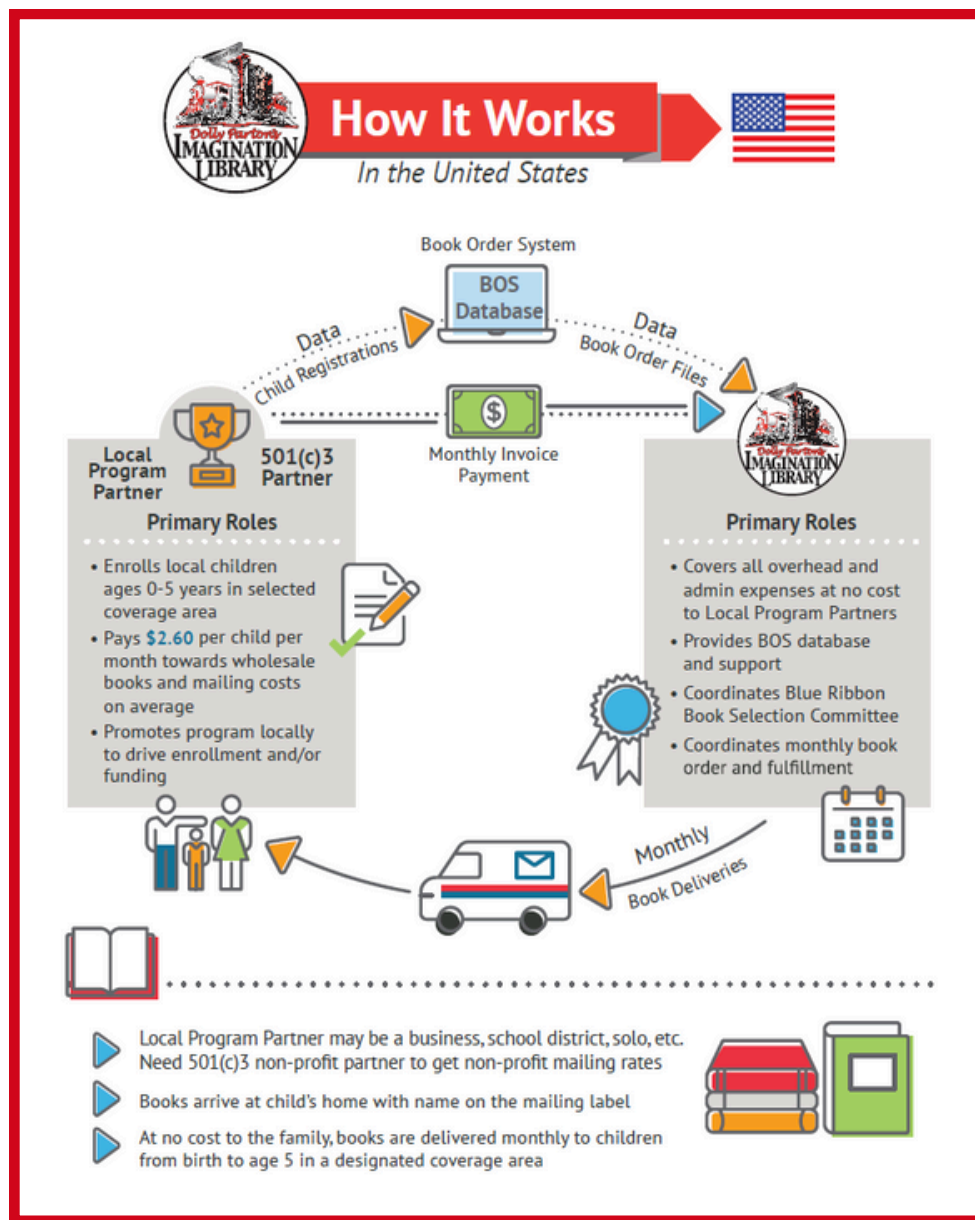
If your child lives in DeKalb County, register for the Imagination Library and get a FREE BOOK every month until their 5th birthday.



DEKALB COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



For more information, contact the DeKalb Public Library at (815) 756-9568 ext. 3350 or ysref@dkpl.org.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is coming to the DeKalb County, and we're celebrating in style! Bring your little ones (ages 0-4) for a fun-filled event featuring a brief welcome followed by cupcakes, crafts, dancing, and storytelling. You can also take your picture with a Dolly Parton life-sized cardboard cutout! Parents can register their children on the spot to receive free books every month through this incredible early literacy program. Don't miss this chance to encourage a lifelong love of reading and celebrate books together with friends and neighbors! Thank you to the Friends of the DeKalb Public Library, Lehan's, BASICS DeKalb County, Altrusa International DeKalb County IL, and the DeKalb County Community Foundation, for sponsoring The Dolly Parton Imagination Library in DeKalb County. For additional information, please contact Theresa at theresaw@dkpl.org or at (815) 756-9568 ext. 3350.



Norma Hiner

Past Altrusa International President from 1991-1993

Norma Hiner passed away after an extended illness on Friday, May 23, 2025. A member of District Five for 57 years, Norma's love of Altrusa was reflected throughout her life by her service, leadership and achievements.

Her words from the June/July 1992 issue of the Altrusa Accent still apply today:

“Growth, in both numbers and service, is absolutely essential if Altrusa is to remain a productive and meaningful organization... We all have to work “together” to attract others into Altrusa... In addition to recruitment, our club meetings and service projects must be meaningful to our membership. Free time is jealously guarded, and we are competing with other local civic organizations, churches, and school activities – plus the demands of family and work. Meetings must be enjoyable, interesting and productive. And, if community service projects are relevant and meaningful, members will always find the time to be active... We need new Altrusa Clubs...our history shows that growth was never hindered by war, economic depressions or troubled times. If your club is strong – internally and in service – you will attract new members. Altrusa is what you and I make it”.

No services are planned at this time, according to Norma's wishes. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



59th International **CONVENTION**

July 23-26, 2025



Quebec City

ALTRUSA SERVICE COMMITTEE

MAY 2025



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

District Liaison Assignments
Click on the member name to send them an email.



Karyn Evans, Chair
Districts Four & Six



Scott Tice, Vice Chair
District Nine



Becky Wood
Districts Five & Seven



Tracy Perrings
Districts One & Three



Danielle Robello
Districts Eight & Ten



Susi Chinnery-Brown
Districts Eleven & Twelve



Susan Porazzo
Districts Two & Fifteen



Vickie Kilgore
Days for Girls



Sylvia Zamora
District Fourteen & ASTRA

REMINDERS

Submit your **Kindness Challenge** and **Literacy Challenge** numbers by June 1!

Send your District's **1st place Service Award winners** from this year's conference to **International** (David) by June 1!

Triple your impact and celebrate Menstrual Hygiene Day!
Make a gift by May 28.

GIVE TODAY!

Donations were received from Districts **Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Eleven, Twelve, and Fourteen.**



THANK YOU
for uplifting L.A. families!

\$30,000 total value of items donated

3,611 - School furniture, equipment, & supplies
1,325 - Health & hygiene items
840 - Food & drinks
609 - Household items
523 - Clothing & shoes
213 - Pet food & supplies
60 - Toys & books



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May Charter Dinner and Installation



We had our Charter Dinner in May! Our club came together and not only installed our new Board of Directors but installed two new Altrusans!

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Board of Directors and new members Dee Martin and DeKol Austin Holland!





Member Spotlight!



Want to be featured in the next member spotlight?

Click below and fill out the form to be a spotlighted member in our next newsletter!



[Click Here!](#)



June Picnic Invitation!



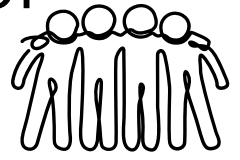
Join us on Wednesday, June 18th at Chris DeVlieger's home in Kirkland for our club picnic! We will be having Chicago-Style hotdogs and members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Emily Faulkner, Executive Director from the DeKalb Public Library, will be joining us to share some more information on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and our partnership. We will also be collecting items for Safe Passage, like blankets, feminine products, and children's toys.

If you plan to attend, please let us know by Monday, June 16th at dekalbcoilaltrusa@gmail.com



Recording your Intentional Acts of Kindness and Volunteer Hours



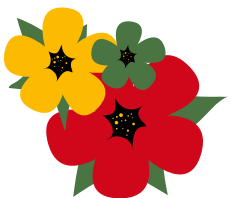
Altruism is a quality of people who care about the good of others and considers the good of others as the goal of our actions. As members of Altrusa, we believe that everyone is able to make a positive difference to the world around them, and we'd love to showcase all that you do outside of our club!

Intentional Acts of Kindness you take every day! This can be as simple as holding the door open for someone at the grocery store or driving someone to a doctor's appointment.

Volunteer hours are any time commitment you give to supporting another organization, perhaps a food bank, your church or a local business.

Please submit your acts of kindness and volunteer hours to our club VP, Amanda Dey at dekalbcoilaltrusa@gmail.com, as you are able. She will be taking on the responsibility of tracking our hours for International! Alternatively, you can track your own hours using the attached form and send back on a weekly/monthly basis.

**Click the heart to access
the tracking form**



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