



Altrusa Accent

March 2026

Hello, my fellow DeKalb County Altrusans,

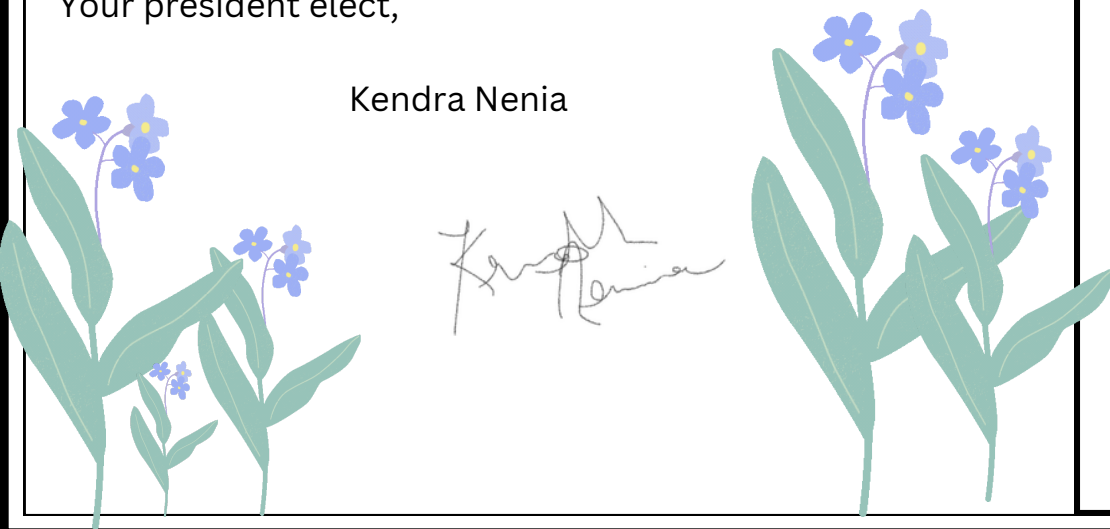
March has arrived, and with it comes the gentle awakening of the world around us. As we transition from winter into spring, I'm noticing the small but powerful signs of renewal –new growth emerging and birdsong growing louder each morning. Those cheerful chirps feel like a personal alarm clock, reminding me that growth is always happening. We are continually learning, evolving, and becoming better versions of ourselves—and so is Altrusa.

That is truly something worth celebrating. Over the past month, we have proudly welcomed three new members into our Altrusa family: Josie, Amber, and Naomi. We welcome them with open arms as they bring their energy and commitment strengthen our mission.

As we embrace this season of renewal, let us also celebrate International Women's Day—honoring the impact, resilience, and leadership of women in our community and beyond. Together, we continue to grow, serve, and make a meaningful difference in The DeKalb community and beyond.

Warmly, and with dedication to Altrusa,
Your president elect,

Kendra Nenia



Upcoming Events:

3/4/26- Board Meeting via Google Meet, 6:00 pm

3/18/26- Club meeting Elwood House Visitors Center. 5:30 pre-meeting social, 6:00 start.

3/28/26 Big, Bunco Fundraising Event! 5:00pm

4/1/26- Board Meeting via Google Meet, 6:00 pm

4/15/26- Club meeting Elwood House Visitors Center. 5:30 pre-meeting social, 6:00 start.

Reminders...

BUNCO!!



This FUNdraiser is coming quickly- Saturday, March 28th.

Want to help out?

Need info about selling tickets?

E-mail Kendra at kendraaltrusa@gmail.com





Bunco Benefit!

Where? Sycamore VFW 5768
121 S California St., Sycamore Il



What? 3 rounds of Bunco, 10 raffle tickets, light cold appetizers, desserts, lemonade, iced tea, and water. Cash bar available.

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH 5:00PM

50/50, DOOR PRIZES, & BASKET RAFFLES

Cost- \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Get 5 free raffle tickets for any 3 non-perishable food item donations you bring! Food items will be donated to our local food pantry.

All money raised goes to Altrusa International of DeKalb County philanthropic funds for literacy grants, and to support bringing literacy opportunities to DeKalb County.

To purchase tickets, email dekalbcoilaltrusa@gmail.com or purchase in person from Altrusa members. (We accept cash, check, or PayPal.)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing you a day filled with love, joy, and all
your favorite things!

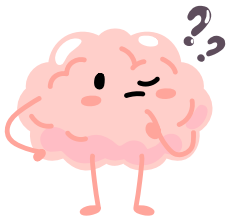
Donna Gable

March 19th

Emily Shugarman

March 16th

Can you guess which Altrusa member this is?



Clue 1: I taught Home Economics in WI public schools

Clue 2: I used to haul corn with a tractor and wagon from the farm to the grain elevator

Clue 3: I was raised with 4 brothers and one sister.

Clue 4: I played the accordion when I was young.

Clue 5: My favorite hobby today is gardening.



Angel Hannah
De Austin-Holland
Barbara Baie
Pat Brown
Elaine Cozort
Chris DeVlieger
Emily Shugarman

Mary Love
Suzanne Lehto
✓ Asheli Mann-Lofthouse
Dee Martin
Kim McFee-Cole
Kendra Nenia
Jan Miller
Linda Schwarz

Amanda Dey
Darlene Driscoe
Donna Gable
Joy Gulotta
Karen Hagen
Elaine Wolf
Kim Cole

Email your 3 guesses to Kendra at kenfnen1@gmail.com. One of the correct guesses will win a prize at our February 18th club meeting!



You are ALL invited to our Pre-meeting Gatherings!

What? This is an opportunity to make connections, grow friendships and have a little fun. Please join us!

Why? The survey results we all contributed to had comments about deepening connections and growing friendships. We all could use fun, connection and friendship!

When? Before our Business Meetings, the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm.

So, bring your dinner or a snack, come enjoy conversation, and someone might even bring a game to play. See you there!!



2025-2026

COMMITTEES!



Bunco Event

FOOD & BEVERAGE:

Joy Gulotta
Jan Miller
Dee Martin
Mary Love
Carol Sturm

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Chris DeVlielger
Kim Cole

DECORATIONS:

Angel Hannah
Kendra Nenia

RAFFLE BASKETS:

Chris DeVlielger
Kim Cole
Kendra Nenia

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:

Donna Gable
Elaine Wolf

ADVERTISEMENT:

Kendra Nenia

Club Committees

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chris DeVlielger
Elaine Wolf

MEMBERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT:

Chris DeVlielger
Donna Gable
Kendra Nenia

SERVICE:

Kim Cole
Joy Gulotta
Angel Hannah

FINANCES:

Elaine Wolf

HOSPITALITY/PROGRAM:

Mary Love
Dee Martin
Jan Miller
Angel Hannah

Connect with Your Committee!

Starting in 2026, each committee will have dedicated time to share updates with the club —highlighting what you've been working on and presenting any new ideas. Take this opportunity to collaborate, celebrate progress, and inspire future initiatives!





One Book at a Time

President Chris is continuing Past President Kathy's book challenge, and we invite you to join us! President Chris strongly believes that literacy should remain Altrusa's top priority, and we are committed to strengthening that focus. Our mission is simple yet powerful: to improve lives

ONE BOOK AT A TIME.

The challenge for the 2025–2027 biennium is for Altrusans worldwide to distribute 1,000,001 books and/or contribute 500,000 literacy service hours to support our communities

So, how can you get involved?



1. We can develop a new signature literacy project (or expand on our existing one). It needs to continue to grow and develop into the future.
2. We need to choose a record keeper to keep track of the number of books we 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 us, our club and our community).
3. Carry the project over through the next club year.

Have you distributed any books?

Click the heart to enter your numbers!



Days for Girls International



Every Girl.
Everywhere.
Period.

Empower girls and women worldwide with more dignity, health and safety through quality sustainable menstrual management. Every woman by 2022.

www.DaysForGirls.org

Altrusa's partnership with Days for Girls helps to improve the lives of women and girls around the world.

Donations can include individual materials, complete kits, and/or monetary donations.

Want to learn more about Days for Girls?

Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWowNaWOyo4&t=98s>

Interested in taking part of Days for Girls International?

We can help in lots of ways!

First check out the wishlist for small ways to give.

Click on Days for Girls logo for more ways to help!

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DAYS FOR
GIRLS

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