



# Altrusa Accent

April 2026

Dear Altrusans,

April is a month filled with fresh starts, growing possibilities, and—most importantly for us—a celebration of literacy. As Altrusans, we know that literacy is not just about books; it's about opportunity, confidence, connection, and hope. Every book shared and every moment spent reading aloud helps open doors for someone in our community.

April 23 is World Book Day and is a perfect reminder of the power we hold in our hands—and on our shelves. A single book can inspire curiosity, spark imagination, and change the trajectory of a life. Whether it's a brand-new book gifted to a child, a story read aloud to a group, or time spent sharing the joy of reading, every literacy action matters.

There are literacy opportunities all around us! You don't need a formal project to make an impact. Sometimes, the simplest moments—reading one book to one person—have the biggest ripple effects.

To truly celebrate our impact, we encourage all members to keep track of their literacy activities, including:  
By recording these efforts, we not only honor the work we're doing individually, but we also strengthen our club's collective story of service.

As we celebrate World Book Day and the many literacy opportunities this month, let's continue turning pages together and changing lives—one story at a time.

In service and friendship,

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

## Upcoming Events:

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

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

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

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5/6/26- Board Meeting via  
Google Meet, 6:00 pm

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5/20/26- Club meeting  
Elwood House Visitors Center.  
5:30 pre-meeting social,  
6:00 start.

**Special guest speaker; Anna  
Scott from Neighbors House**

## Reminders...

Keep track of your literacy related service and report to Elaine Wolf at [wolfelaine@gmail.com](mailto:wolfelaine@gmail.com)





# 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?

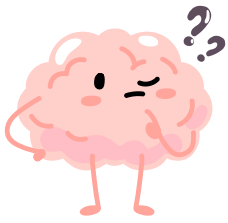


1. We can develop a new signature literacy project (or expand on our existing one). It needs to continue to grow and develop into the future.
2. We need to choose a record keeper to keep track of the number of books we distribute AND/OR the number of service hours you spend (for example reading to children, 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?  
Let Elaine Wolf know at  
wolfelaine@gmail.com!



Can you guess which Altrusa member this is?



# Coming Back Soon!!

- Clue 1:
- Clue 2:
- Clue 3:
- Clue 4:
- Clue 5:



Angel Hannah	Mary Love	Darlene Driscoe
De Austin-Holland	Suzanne Lehto	Donna Gable
Barbara Baie	✓ Asheli Mann-Lofthouse	✓ Joy Gulotta
Pat Brown	Dee Martin	Karen Hagen
Elaine Cozort	Kim McPhee-Cole	Elaine Wolf
Chris DeVlieger	Kendra Nerha	Kim Cole
Emily Shugarman	Jan Miller	Naomi Faivre
Amber Highland	Linda Schwarz	Josie

Email your 3 guesses to Kendra at [kendraaltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:kendraaltrusa@gmail.com). One of the correct guesses will win a prize at our April 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!!





**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

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

Elaine Cozort

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Kendra Nenia

April 19<sup>th</sup>

2025-2026

# COMMITTEES!



## Club Committees

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Chris DeVlieger, Elaine Wolf

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Chris DeVlieger, Donna Gable, Kendra Nenia

### SERVICE:

Kim Cole, Joy Gulotta, Angel Hannah

### FINANCES:

Elaine Wolf

### HOSPITALITY/PROGRAM:

Mary Love, Dee Martin, Jan Miller, Angel Hannah

### Not on a Committee?

We can easily fix that! Let Kendra know, and you can pick the committee you are most interested in serving on.

### 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!



# 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](http://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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Wishlist](#)

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