



Altrusa Accent

May 2026

Dear Altrusans,
May is National Get Caught Reading Month—the perfect time to celebrate stories, ideas, and the joy of learning! What have you been caught reading lately? A powerful biography? A mystery that kept you turning pages late into the night? We'd love to hear about it!

Feel free to share your recent reads, questions, and book-inspired ideas and more with fellow DeKalb County Altrusans on our Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/altrusaintdekalbcoil1/altrusa-international-of-dekalb-county-57eliirp3754tn8>

Looking for a quick and meaningful read? *Who Moved My Cheese?* by Spencer Johnson, M.D., is a great choice. District Nine will be hosting a Super Saturday training event on May 16th at 9:30 a.m., featuring a review and discussion of the book. This will be a fun and engaging opportunity to explore leadership, embrace change, and reflect on how we respond when life shifts around us.

May also brings one of our most special traditions—our Annual Dinner on May 20th, held during our regular meeting time. This evening is a chance to come together to celebrate Altrusa's founding, enjoy great food, share laughter, and connect in fellowship with one another.

Thank you for your continued dedication, enthusiasm, and service. I look forward to learning, growing, and celebrating together.

Warmly, and with dedication to Altrusa,
Your President Ele

Upcoming Events:

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

5/20/26- Club dinner &
celebration

Elwood House Visitors
Center.

6:00 start.

**Meet our special guest;
Anna Scott from
Neighbors House**

Reminders...

Keep track of your literacy related service and report to Elaine Wolf at wolfelaine@gmail.com

COMMITTEES...

We need you!

In our club we have

- Communications
- Service
- Finances
- Hospitality/Program

Are you on a committee?

Do you want to serve on a different committee?

Let me know!

kendraaltrusa@gmail.com

2026-2027 COMMITTEES!



Club Committees

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chris DeVlieger, Elaine Wolf

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Chris DeVlieger, Donna Gable, Kendra Nenia

SERVICE:

Kim Cole, Joy Gulotta, Naomi Faivre, Amber Highland

FINANCES:

Elaine Wolf

HOSPITALITY/PROGRAM:

Mary Love, Dee Martin, Jan Miller

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!





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?

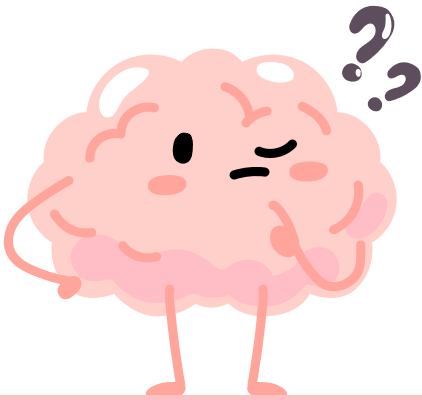


1. We can develop a new signature literacy project (or expand on our existing one). It needs to continue to grow and develop into the future.
2. We need to choose a record keeper to keep track of the number of books we distribute AND/OR the number of service hours you spend (for example reading to children,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



Who is our Altrusa Mystery Member?



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



Email your 1 guess
to Kendra at
kendraaltrusa@gmail.com.

One of the correct
guesses will win a prize at
our club meeting!

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 McFee	Elaine Wolf
Chris DeVlieger	Kendra Nenia	Kim Cole
Emily Shugarman	Jan Miller	✓ Naomi Faivre
Amber Highland	Linda Schwarz	Josie

Waiting for Mystery
Member email response.

Do you want to be the
next Mystery Member?

Email me at
kendraaltrusa@gmail.com



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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

Angel Hannah

May 4th

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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Wishlist](#)

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