



Altrusa Accent

July & August 2026

Dear Altrusans,

Hello! It feels like I haven't seen many of you in quite some time. Life pulls us in many different directions, and we all do the best we can. I know that is true for each of us.

Please join me in welcoming Josie, our newest member. Her enthusiasm and energy are contagious, and I look forward to her future contributions to our club.

I'm also excited to share that Altrusa is now a member of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce! This partnership gives us a wonderful opportunity to promote Altrusa, expand our community connections, and attract new members. Be sure to read more about the benefits this affiliation can bring.

As we enjoy the warm days of August before the school year begins, we also celebrate National Be an Angel Day on August 22. This day reminds us that small acts of kindness—a helping hand, a kind word, or simply being there for someone—can make a meaningful difference.

Our newest members are already bringing fresh ideas and exciting opportunities to serve others. Keep an eye out for ways to get involved and spread a little kindness in our community.

#BeAnAngelDay

Let's also take a moment to appreciate the angels in our own lives—the people whose encouragement, support, and compassion have helped us through difficult days.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference.

Warmly, and with dedication to Altrusa,
Your President Elect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendra Altrusa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Upcoming Events:

8/6/26- Board
Meeting via Zoom,
6:00 pm

8/19/26- Monthly Business
Meeting will be held at the
Elwood House
Visitors Center.
5:30 munch and mingle
6:00 start time

Reminders...

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

Committees...

We need you!

- Communications
- Service
- Finances
- Hospitality

Which one do
you want to serve on?

Let me know!

kendraaltrusa@gmail.com

It's official! We are now
members of the...



DeKalb
Chamber of Commerce

Below you will find a few of the benefits of
becoming members of the chamber;

- Promote Altrusa at community-gearred events, such as the Local Showcase and Family Fun Fest
- Display Altrusa business cards and information in the Chamber's office
- Share Altrusa events on online Community Calendar
- Add Altrusa items and information to New Residence Bags and New Teacher Welcome Bags
- Sponsor and/or participate in community geared events
- Altrusa can now be found through Chamber Business Directory & Area Guide Listing, both digitally and in-print

**We
could
also...**

Host a ribbon cutting for Altrusa (at one of our little libraries?) – shared online, on social media, and in-print

Create an online profile to boost your SEO, gaining you more visibility on Google, Yahoo, and Bing

Advertise with e-blasts through Constant Contact and on Chamber social media platforms

What could we contribute to new Teacher Welcome Bags?

2026-2027 COMMITTEES!



Club Committees

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chris DeVlieger, Elaine Wolf

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Chris DeVlieger, Donna Gable, Kendra Nenia

SERVICE:

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!



Happy Birthday!



Hoping your day is bursting with love, joy, and all the things that make your heart do a happy dance!

Joy Gulotta
August 2nd

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! Should we start hands on projects?

First check out the wishlist for small ways to give.

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

Click here to see the
Days for
Girls
Wishlist



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