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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 702 ALTRUSA International – Bowling Green, Kentucky

7 boxes. 75 folders. 1,435 items. 1954-2004.
 Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Altrusa International was founded by Dr. Alfred Durham in 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee as a civic club for professional working women. In 1918, under the leadership of Mamie L. Bass, it became a classified service organization that made vocational education for women its national policy. Career diversity, an early goal of the group, led to its classification system. The number of members from any one particular business or professional field of activity may not exceed ten percent of the total membership of the club.

The Bowling Green chapter was organized 15 June 1954 with 18 charter members; Olive H. Gillespie was elected president. Its first service project benefited the Girls' Club. Through the years the Bowling Green Club sponsored or organized sister clubs in Hopkinsville, Owensboro, and Glasgow-Barren County. Altrusa members have financially supported and volunteered in local projects ranging from the Literacy Commission to the Salvation Army to the Dream Factory to Hospice.

Bowling Green's Altrusa Club was dissolved in 2004 after 50 years of continuous service to the community. At the final meeting, held 18 May 2004, the members voted to donate the remaining club funds to Western Kentucky University's College Heights Foundation for the "Altrusa/Olive Gillespie Scholarship Fund."

COLLECTION

This collection consists chiefly of the club's financial reports, attendance records, minutes, yearbooks, program information, and correspondence from 1954 through 2004. Also included are copies of the club's newsletters, "The Reminder" from 1993 to 1998 and "Altrusa Action" from 2000 to 2004. Additionally, there is information related to Altrusa International and Altrusa International District Six, which includes Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	History and minutes	1954-2004	29 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Bylaws	1956-1992	13 items
Folder 3	Club history	1954	3 items
Folder 4	Minutes	1954-1956	2 items
Folder 5	Minutes	1956-1957	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1958-1960	2 items
Folder 7	Minutes	1961-1963	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	1963-1967	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	1967-1971	2 items
Folder 10	Minutes	1971-1973	1 item
Folder 11	Minutes	1973-1975	1 item
Folder 12	Minutes	1976-1977	1 item
BOX 2	Minutes and yearbooks	1978-2004	32 items
Folder 1	Minutes	1978	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	1979-1983	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1983-1986	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1986-1987	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1987-1989	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1989-1991	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	1991	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	2000-2004	1 item

Folder 9	Yearbooks	1958-1995	13 items
Folder 10	Yearbooks	1993-204	11 items
BOX 3	Membership and programs	1954-2004	634 items
Folder 1	Membership – Related to membership classification and recruitment	1966-1985	18 items
Folder 2	Membership – Initiation ceremony and membership program material	1972-1993	23 items
Folder 3	Membership – Women recommended for membership	1954-2000	97 items
Folder 4	Membership – Recruitment reports	1954-1990	25 items
Folder 5	Membership – Correspondence	1956-2002	84 items
Folder 6	Membership attendance book	1979-1983	4 items
Folder 7	Membership attendance book	1983-2001	6 items
Folder 8	Membership roll calls	1984-1986	37 items
Folder 9	Financial records – Audits	1984-1991	4 items
Folder 10	Financial records – Budgets	1958-2004	42 items
Folder 11	Financial records – Treasurer’s monthly reports	1963-1985	68 items
Folder 12	Financial records – Treasurer’s monthly reports	1986-1996	109 items
Folder 13	Financial records – Treasurer’s monthly reports	1997-2004	88 items
Folder 14	Financial records – Treasurer’s Annual Report	1962-2004	26 items
Folder 15	Financial – Miscellaneous	1969-1976	3 items

BOX 4	Reports, Committees, Newsletters	1956-2004	362 items
Folder 1	Correspondence	1956-2004	86 items
Folder 2	Program of work; lists of projects	1969-2003	21 items
Folder 3	Annual progress report	1977-1992	7 items
Folder 4	President's annual report	1972-1974	2 items
Folder 5	Committee rosters	1969-1993	13 items
Folder 6	Committee reports	1969-1985	36 items
Folder 7	Committees: Nominating & duties of officers	1974-1993	24 items
Folder 8	Newsletters	1972-1993	43 items
Folder 9	Newsletters	1994-1998	17 items
Folder 10	Newsletters	2000-2004	39 items
Folder 11	News clippings	1959-2003	43 items
Folder 12	Photographs	1968-1976	8 items
Folder 13	Certificates and awards	1967-2003	43 items
Folder 14	Miscellaneous	1991-2003	7 items
BOX 5	Projects	1964-2004	230 items
Folder 1	Projects: Capitol Arts Center	1979-1991	11 items
Folder 2	Projects: Eloise B. Houchens Center for Women	1976-1999	15 items
Folder 3	Projects: Hospice of Southern Kentucky	1981-2004	10 items
Folder 4	Projects: International programs	1967-1990	30 items
Folder 5	Projects: Kentucky's Junior Miss	1979-1985	23 items
Folder 6	Projects: Literacy	1974-2003	19 items

Folder 7	Projects: Miscellaneous	1996-2003	7 items
Folder 8	Projects: Needlework Fair	1976-1986	15 items
Folder 9	Projects: Art Shows	1964-1968	24 items
Folder 10	Projects: Recycling	1990-1991	2 items
Folder 11	Projects: Salvation Army	1976-1992	15 items
Folder 12	Projects: War Memorial Boys Club of Bowling Green	1976-1984	7 items
Folder 13	Projects: Scholarships	1969-2004	35 items
Folder 14	Projects: Girls Club of Bowling Green, Inc.	1968-1987	17 items
Box 6	Sixth District and Altrusa International	1972-1997	41 items
Folder 1	Sixth District, Altrusa	1976-1992	23 items
Folder 2	Articles of incorporation & Bylaws –	1991	1 item
Folder 3	“Altrusa International Encyclopedia”	1991-1997	2 items
Folder 4	“Classification Guide”	1983	3 items
Folder 5	75 th Anniversary Commemorative Issue of <i>International Altrusan</i>	1992	2 items
Folder 6	Miscellaneous international materials	1972-1997	10 items
BOX 7	Scrapbooks	1983-1997	107 items
Folder 1	Congratulations letters (formerly in a scrapbook)	1954	101 items
Folder 2	Scrapbook (pp. 1-21)	1954-1955	1 item
Folder 3	Scrapbook (pp. 22-93)	1955-1956	1 item
Folder 4	Scrapbook	1956-1959	1 item

Folder 5	Scrapbook	1964-1967	1 item
Folder 6	Scrapbook	1977-1978	1 item
Folder 7	Press book	1985-1986	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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Bowling Green Woman's Club B5,F9
Capitol Arts Center – Bowling Green B5,F1
Clubs – Bowling Green
Eloise B. Houchens Center for Women – Bowling Green B5,F2
Gillespie, Olive (Hildreth), 1901-1989
Girls Club of Bowling Green, Inc. – Bowling Green B5,F14; B7
Hospice of Southern Kentucky B5,F3
International students B5,F4
Kentucky's Junior Miss B5,F5
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Southern Contemporary Art Festival – Bowling Green B5,F9
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Boys and Girls Club of Bowling Green
See also
Girls Club of Bowling Green, Inc.

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