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Althrusa International - Bowling Green (MSS 231)

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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 231 ALTRUSA International – Bowling Green


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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, lead 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 1983 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.
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<td>Altrusa International Encyclopedia</td>
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Folder 3  “Classification Guide”  1983  3 items

Folder 4  75th Anniversary Commemorative Issue of *International Altrusan*  1992  1 item

Folder 5  Newsletters - “Altrusa District Six Service Bulletin”  1994-1998  17 items

Folder 6  Newsletters - “In Touch” – District Six  1999-2004  10 items

**CATALOG CARD**

MSS  ALTRUSA International – 1968-2004
231  Bowling Green

Chiefly financial reports, minutes, year-books, newsletters, and correspondence of the club from 1983 until its dissolution in 2004, 50 years after its organization.

1⅓ boxes. 20 folders. 459 items. Originals and photocopies

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Bowling Green – Clubs – Altrusa International
Bowling Green – Education – Relating to
Bowling Green – Social services – Relating to
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**CHRONOLOGICAL CARDS**

1968
1976-2000
2001-2004

me - 1; sl - 1; sa - 6; chrono - 3

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