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## Althrusa International - Bowling Green (MSS 231)

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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 231 ALTRUSA International – Bowling Green**

1 ½ boxes. 20 folders. 459 items. 1968-2004. Originals and photocopies.

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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, 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 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.

## ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Altrusa International- Bowling Green</b>	<b>1968-2004</b>	<b>425 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Minutes (loose)	2000-2004	67 items
Folder 3	Attendance records	1983-2001	6 items
Folder 4	Financial records - Budgets	1987-2004	18 items
Folder 5	Financial records -Treasurer's Annual Report	1995-2004	9 items
Folder 6	Financial records -Treasurer's Monthly Report	1986-1996	90 items
Folder 7	Financial records -Treasurer's Monthly Report	1997-2004	88 items
Folder 8	Yearbooks	1993-2004	11 items
Folder 9	Newsletter - "The Reminder"	1993-1998	18 items
Folder 10	Newsletter - "Altrusa Action"	2000-2004	39 items
Folder 11	Correspondence	1999-2004	39 items
Folder 12	Miscellaneous - Brochures, membership card, stationery, etc.	1991-2000	12 items
Folder 13	Miscellaneous – Relating to projects sponsored by the local club	1981-2004	25 items
Folder 14	Photographs	1968,1976	2 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Altrusa International- Bowling Green</b>	<b>1983-2004</b>	<b>34 items</b>
Folder 1	Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws - International	1991	1 item
Folder 2	Altrusa International Encyclopedia	1991-1997	2 items

Folder 3	“Classification Guide”	1983	3 items
Folder 4	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Issue of <i>International Altrusan</i>	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 231 ALTRUSA International – Bowling Green 1968-2004

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

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### **SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Bowling Green – Clubs – Altrusa International  
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### **CHRONOLOGICAL CARDS**

1968  
 1976-2000  
 2001-2004

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

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