



**FINDING AID TO THE  
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF LAFAYETTE,  
INDIANA RECORDS, 1922-2014**

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## Descriptive Summary

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<b>Title</b>	Altrusa International of Lafayette, Indiana records
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 127
<b>Date Span</b>	1922-2014
<b>Abstract</b>	Administrative papers, scrapbooks, and publications relating the activities of the Lafayette, Indiana chapter of Altrusa International.
<b>Extent</b>	3.2 cubic feet (5 mss. boxes, 1 Hollinger box, 1 flat box)
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Virginia Pleasant, 2015
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## Administrative Information

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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Organizations**

Altrusa International  
Altrusa Club of Lafayette, Indiana

### **Topics**

Philanthropy and education  
Women's Archives at Purdue University

### **Form and Genre Types**

Scrapbooks

### **Occupations**

Businesswomen

## History of Altrusa International of Lafayette, Indiana

The Lafayette Chapter of Altrusa International was founded in 1922 with Ruby Dautel serving as the first president. This early founding date makes the Lafayette chapter one of the earliest members of the national Altrusa Organization. Altrusa was started in 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee by Dr. Alfred Durham in an effort to foster fellowship among professional and business women, since no such clubs for women existed at the time. In 1918, Durham was joined at the helm by Mamie Bass, the superintendent of the Women's Division of the U.S. Employment Service. Bass instilled in the club its philosophy of service and personal achievement and organized the first Altrusa convention in 1918 in Indianapolis where she became the first elected president of the national organization. Since that time, Altrusa has gone international and now has thousands of members in several countries. The Lafayette Chapter of Altrusa has remained an active member of the sixth district which encompasses member clubs in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. Altrusa of Lafayette has been active in the support of vocational training and scholarships for young women, literacy programs, and various other projects during its tenure.

*Source(s):*

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## Collection Description

### Scope

The Altrusa International of Lafayette, Indiana records (1922-2014; 3.2 cubic feet) document the members and activities of the organization from its inception. Also documented are some of the milestones of individual members and the local chapter's involvement with the regional district chapter and Altrusa International. Due to the fact that the organization restricted membership to prominent women within the community, the collection could be useful for researchers interested in determining women leaders within the greater Lafayette and Purdue community. This fact could also provide insight into the types of jobs and professions held by women in the greater Lafayette community over the years. The records would also be useful to researchers interested in philanthropy in the Lafayette community and women's clubs and service organizations more generally. Types of materials include: papers, photographs, scrapbooks, and publications, etc. The records are organized into three series:

### Arrangement

**1. Administrative, 1922-2012 (1.4 cubic feet).** The administrative series includes meeting minutes, membership information, and documents regarding the inception of the club and its original members. Many of the founding and early members of the Lafayette chapter were prominent women at Purdue University. This series provides insight into the activities and goals of the club as well as the women involved with it. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically and by type. Please note that the filing system used for the meeting minutes appears to have changed periodically from a fiscal year to a calendar year; this system and order has been retained.

**2. Publications, 1939-2014 (0.5 cubic feet).** The publications series includes various publications and handouts produced by Altrusa International and the Lafayette chapter more specifically. These include the monthly newsletter *Trusa Tracks*, the *District Six Bulletin*, and the annual yearbooks. This series provides information on membership and leaders within the organization, as well as insight into the various activities with which they were involved. Materials in this series are arranged chronologically and by type.

**3. Photographs and Scrapbooks, 1922-2011 (1.3 cubic feet).** The photographs and scrapbooks series consists of loose photographs and scrapbooks that were compiled by the club. Scrapbooks contain news clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous other items relating to the activities of Altrusa of Lafayette. Materials in this series have been organized by type.

### Descriptive Rules

## **Processing Information**

Whenever possible, original order of the materials has been retained. The records have been grouped by type. All materials have been placed in archival housing. Loose photographs have been separated and placed in sleeves for preservation purposes.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### **Series 1. Administrative, 1922-2012**

(1.4 cubic feet)

#### **Box 1**

##### Folder

1. Meeting minutes, 1922-1923
2. Meeting minutes, 1923-1924
3. Meeting minutes, 1925-1926
4. Meeting minutes, 1926-1927
5. Meeting minutes, 1927-1928
6. Meeting minutes, 1928-1929
7. Meeting minutes, 1930-1931
8. Meeting minutes, 1931-1932
9. Meeting minutes, 1932-1933
10. Meeting minutes, 1933-1934
11. Meeting minutes, 1934-1935
12. Meeting minutes, 1935-1936
13. Meeting minutes, 1936-1937
14. Meeting minutes, 1937-1938
15. Meeting minutes, 1938-1939
16. Meeting minutes, 1940
17. Meeting minutes, 1941
18. Meeting minutes, 1942-1943

#### **Box 2**

##### Folder

1. Meeting minutes, 1943-1944
2. Meeting minutes, 1944
3. Meeting minutes, 1945
4. Meeting minutes, 1946
5. Meeting minutes, 1947
6. Meeting minutes, 1948
7. Meeting minutes, 1949
8. Meeting minutes, 1950
9. Meeting minutes, 1951
10. Meeting minutes, 1952
11. Meeting minutes, 1953
12. Meeting minutes, 1954
13. Meeting minutes, 1955
14. Meeting minutes, 1956
15. Meeting minutes, 1957
16. Meeting minutes, 1958

17. Meeting minutes, 1959
18. Meeting minutes, 1964
19. Meeting minutes, 1965
20. Meeting minutes, 1966
21. Meeting minutes, 1967
22. Meeting minutes, 1968
23. Meeting minutes, 1969
24. Meeting minutes, 1970
25. Meeting minutes, 1971
26. Meeting minutes, 1972

### **Box 3**

#### Folder

1. Meeting minutes, 1973
2. Meeting minutes, 1974
3. Meeting minutes, 1975
4. Meeting minutes, 1976
5. Meeting minutes, 1977
6. Meeting minutes, 1978
7. Meeting minutes, 1979
8. Meeting minutes, 1980
9. Meeting minutes, 1981
10. Meeting minutes, 1982
11. Meeting minutes, 1983
12. Meeting minutes, 1984
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14. Meeting minutes, 1986
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22. Meeting minutes, 1994
23. Meeting minutes, 1995
24. Meeting minutes, 1996
25. Meeting minutes, 1997
26. Meeting minutes, 1998
27. Meeting minutes, 1999
28. Meeting minutes, 2000
29. Meeting minutes, 2000-2001
30. Meeting minutes, 2001-2002
31. Meeting minutes, 2002-2003
32. Meeting minutes, 2004-2005

## **Box 4**

### Folder

1. Charter members, 1922
2. History, circa 1953-2005
3. Membership reports, 1936-1958
4. Membership, 1991-1992
5. New membership, 1956-2010
6. International membership guides, 1939, 1985-1987
7. Members deceased, 1965-1969
8. Resignations, 1977-1990
9. Strategic Plan, 2000-2005
10. Miscellaneous, 1971-2012

## **Series 2. Publications, 1939-2014**

(0.5 cubic feet)

## **Box 4**

### Folder

11. Miscellaneous publications, 1971-2010
12. Trusa Tracks, 1967-1968
13. Trusa Tracks, 1971-1980
14. Trusa Tracks, 1980-1986
15. Trusa Tracks, 1990-1999
16. Trusa Tracks, 2000-2004

## **Box 5**

### Folder

1. Trusa Tracks, 2005-2009
2. Trusa Tracks, 2010-2014
3. District Six Bulletin, 1973, 1993

## **Box 6**

### Item

1. Yearbook, 1939-1940
2. Yearbook, 1940-1941
3. Yearbook, 1941-1942
4. Yearbook, 1942-1943
5. Yearbook, 1945-1946
6. Yearbook, 1946-1947
7. Yearbook, 1947-1948
8. Yearbook, 1948-1949
9. Yearbook, 1949-1950

10. Yearbook, 1950-1951
11. Yearbook, 1951-1952
12. Yearbook, 1953-1954
13. Yearbook, 1954-1955
14. Yearbook, 1955-1956
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68. Yearbook, 2009-2010
69. Yearbook, 2009-2010
70. Yearbook, 2010-2011
71. Yearbook, 2010-2011
72. Yearbook, 2011-2012
73. Yearbook, 2012-2013
74. Yearbook, 2013-2014

### **Series 3. Photographs and Scrapbooks, 1922-2011** (1.3 cubic feet)

#### **Box 5**

##### Folder

4. Photographs, 1970s
5. Photographs, 1980s
6. Photographs, 1990s
7. Photographs, 2011
8. Negatives
9. Mary Ade clippings, 1999-2008

#### **Box 7**

- 1 Item Scrapbook, 1939-1949

#### **Box 8**

- Item 1 Treasurer's records, 1943-1986  
 Item 2 Members album, circa 1950s  
 Item 3 Scrapbook, 1922-1985  
 Item 4 Scrapbook, 1985-1995  
 Item 5 Scrapbook, 1995-2004  
 Item 6 Scrapbook, 1967-1980