DISTRICT SERVICE BULLETIN

Altrusa International District Two — Winter 2018

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ontario, Canada

WE WILL GO TO… HAGERSTOWN, MD

Call to Conference and Governor's Message

Happy New Year District Two Altrusans! Thank you all for an amazing 2017 and cheers to a new year and new opportunities to make a difference in our communities.

On behalf of District Two, I extend a warm invitation to attend our 62nd Annual District Conference to be held in Hagerstown, Maryland, April 19-22, 2018. Since there is no Altrusa Club in Hagerstown, this year's Conference will be hosted by the Past Governors of District Two. The Conference Co-Chairs are Maureen McGough and Silvia Silverman. Our conference venue is the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Hagerstown.

Our District Two leadership team and the conference committee are hard at work preparing to make this conference a special experience. I challenge each of you to commit to the conference experience 100% -- renewing friendships, bringing ideas to share, making new friends, collecting ideas to implement in your clubs, and truly enjoying this time with your Altrusa family. Our purpose is to gather together and enjoy the experience but also to return home energized with a new passion for service and for growth. District Conference is also an opportunity to recognize outstanding club accomplishments and I encourage all clubs to submit entries for awards. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Hagerstown!

With Altrusa love,

Marcy Royal

Governor

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Committee Reports

Service

Happy New Year! Here's to another exciting year in Altrusa service! I hope that 2017 was a great year for all the clubs in District Two and that you had many successful service projects. As we enter 2018, I would like to start sharing your service projects with the clubs in our District. My plan is to continue the District Two Service Newsletter. BUT…I cannot do it without your support. Club Presidents, if you can please submit an article to me by the end of each month, I would like to put your article in the newsletter to share with other clubs in the District. Please submit an article by the end of the month about one of your service projects from the fall. I would like to start the new year off by highlighting each club's Make a Difference Day Project. I hope that all the clubs participated in Make a Difference Day in October!

Each month, pick a service project you would like featured in the Service Newsletter and submit it to me at **jenhep22@comcast.net.** Feel free to include a picture of your project as well! I will send out a reminder email each month. I realize that we are all very busy people and lead very busy lives with work, home, family, children, pets, etc. If you can please try to participate by submitting an article each month, it would be wonderful to share your projects! We can learn so much about each other and the areas we live in and how Altrusa clubs are making a difference in our communities every day!

I wish all of you in District Two a happy, healthy and successful 2018!

Yours in service,

Jen Hepner McNichol

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BYLAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Carol James, Chair

If you have not heard or missed the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee in July 2017, there were some significant changes to the Bylaws and Policy 27. These are a few but not all of the changes approved and the last published revisions, July 24, 2017 are on the International Website under Publications.

- **Emeritus Status**- International Bylaws, Article IV. Members. Section 3(a), Emeritus Members and Club Bylaws, Article IV. Section 3(a), Emeritus Members
- **Elections at all levels of Altrusa-**International Bylaws Article XI. Section 2. Election of Officers and Directors, District Bylaws Article XI. Section 2 (a) and Club Bylaws, Article XIII Election of Officers and Directors. Section 1 (a). Election
- **Charter Strength**-International Bylaws, Article IV. Members. Section 9. Charter Strength. Charter Strength determination lowered from 20 Active members to 15 Active members required.
- Delegates to Conventions and Conferences-International Bylaws Article V. Section 1, Number of Delegates Authorized and District Bylaws Article V Section 1. Number of Delegates Authorized.
- Policy 27-Requirements for the Use of Association Brands.
- Virtual Cubs-Club Bylaws, Article 1. Name Section 2

In your spare time, please take a moment to review the Bylaws and Policy changes and update your Club Bylaws.

Committee Reports Continued

The ASTRA Club of Atlee High School is moving along this year so far. We had the installation dinner on Thursday, December 7, 2018 at Roma's Italian Restaurant. There were 31 ASTRA members and 9 Altrusans from our club at this very special event. Some of the kids' parents were at the event. It was a wonderful evening with the kids and we did a formal ceremony where the ASTRA Board was introduced. We called each member up to the front and they all received a certificate & pin for being a member of this very special club at Atlee High School.

The club this year is so motivated and ready to do lots of things in the community. They have already done a fundraiser at Stevie B's restaurant in Mechanicsville, VA and made some money to do Snack Bags for the Housing Families First Homeless Shelter in Richmond VA at their Business Meeting on February 7, 2018 with all of the members participating.

The club also has dates lined up to visit and help out the owners at the Hanover Adult Center in Mechanicsville VA on February 10, 2018 and February 24, 2018. This is an awesome opportunity for the kids to help out at the home while the residents are not there to get things in order & clean where needed. They have a donut event planned for St. Patrick's Day at their school where they will sell the donuts to make money for more opportunities to do things with kids that are less fortunate and their families.

My goal for District Two is to start at least 2 new clubs this year and the McKeesport Club is in the process of getting one started. This is so exciting and I hope to have more to report on in the next edition of the DSB. I am here to help out in any way and can be contacted at cjewels4u@aol.com. I can share ideas with any of you about how we are running our club and tell you what a great feeling it is to help kids grow in community service!

I know I asked before but if you don't have an ASTRA chair in your club, just ask your members and see if anyone would be willing to devote a little time to learning about it and be interested in leading it in your club. There are so many kids that would benefit from this Club as well as the communities in which you live! These kids do MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Cindy Jennings
ASTRA Chair District Two

From the Desk of Carol James, District Director

As a Director, I had the privilege to engage in the following activities since the District Conference, May 2017 in Martinsville, Va.:

- Attended a productive and very informative District Two Mid-Year Board Meeting held on Nov. 11, 2017 at the Ramada Plaza Hagerstown in Hagerstown, MD. We met at the facility, the site of our District Two Conference that will be held in April 2018.

- Initial contact with Ann Marie Basic and Jennifer McDermott, presidents of the New York Club and Rochester clubs respectively regarding assigned visits to their clubs during this biennium. They graciously responded to my request of meeting dates and location. I am excited and anticipate visiting both clubs at their convenience in late spring or early fall 2018.

Committee Reports Continued

Membership

Happy New Year District Two

Every club should have a good mix of membership strategies for retention and to increase growth. The start of the New Year is a good time to evaluate your membership plans.
So I thought I would share with you 10 Tips to Increase Membership that your membership committee could use.

1. Exude a warm and welcoming attitude
2. Make everything you do a "Media Event"
3. Want to get the media more interested in what you're doing?
4. Get to know your members
5. Set up a club website
6. Get new members involved on committees and special projects
7. Have a membership contest
8. Send postcards to local businesses
9. Challenge every member to bring a friend to at least one meeting per month
10. Make use of other organizations in your community to "spread the word" about your club

Pretty much common sense wouldn't you say? I would bet that many of your clubs are already doing a lot of these. If you want to know more about what some of these mean, please contact me and I will fill you in.....mhill@hcps.us and feel free to call me if you are a talker not an emailer 804-572- 4005.

My role as District Membership Chair is to assist when you need it and be a sounding board if I can. Please use me.....

As Governor Marcy's theme states "Oh! the places you'll go" and our clubs will go places as long as our memberships can continue to grow.....and that growth begins with YOU!!!

Margaret Hill
District Two Membership Chairman

Election of District Nominating Committee

At the 2018 District Two Conference in Hagerstown, a Nominating Committee will be elected. It will be the responsibility of this committee to present nominations for District officers to be considered at the 2019 District Conference. The requirements are as follows:

The Nominating Committee is composed of three (3) members elected by the members entitled to vote at Conference in non-election years from a slate consisting of one (1) nominee from a club.

(i) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast serves as chairman. No club may be represented on two consecutive Nominating Committees. Committee members serve for a term beginning with the close of the conference at which they were elected. Vacancies are filled by the District Board of Directors.

(ii) To be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee, a member must:
(aa) Be an Active Member, other Bylaws notwithstanding
(bb) Must have served a term as President of a club.

(iii) No member of the Nominating Committee is eligible to be slated for District Office while serving as a member of the Nominating Committee.

(iv) The Nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates for office.

Attention Club Presidents: Clubs are requested to submit the name of a club member meeting the criteria above and willing to have his/her name placed on the Nominating Committee ballot. Names should be sent to District Two Governor Marcy Royal by email: marcy.royal@verizon.net. before March 19, 2018.

Foundation News

FOUNDATION NEWS

A new year is upon us, and like all good Altrusans, the International Foundation is forging a path to a better year! District Two is fortunate to have Dr. Ida Hill of Capital City as the Immediate Past Foundation Chair and Sherral Nelson from Tidewater as the Grants Co-Chair on the Foundation Board. Sherral was elected to the Board at the International Convention in Nashville this past July – we are so proud of them both!

All of the District Foundation Liaisons had the opportunity to participate in a conference call with International Foundation Chair Sandra A. Miller and other members of the Board in October. It's a great way for all of the Districts to touch base and work together to keep our Foundation strong.

In November, the Montgomery County and Tidewater clubs found out that each of them had received a foundation grant of $2,000. Montgomery County's grant was to support "Undies 2000+ for Shepherd's Table" and Tidewater is using their grant for "Growing Young Readers: A Literacy Garden for Green Run Elementary School." Congratulations to both clubs! Does your club have an idea that could use a grant? The spring deadline is March 15, so start working on your application so that you, too, can get more bang for your buck while making a difference in your communities.

With hurricanes striking several districts, particularly Districts Nine and Fourteen, the Altrusa membership showed immediate support after recent hurricanes left electrical systems down, roadways and bridges collapsed, and homes flooded beyond repair. In addition, in November the Disaster Relief Fund disbursed grants of $2,000 each to the Salvation Army – Mayaguez Chapter, Fundación Stefano Steenbakkers, and Iniciativa Comunitaria. Most recently, in January 2018 three hundred lights were purchased from the Disaster Relief Fund and shipped to Puerto Rico to be distributed by our Altrusa Club members.

Finally, a word about Club 21. Every year at Conference we collect for Club 21, which supports camps for kids with blood and other disorders, but what about those members who don't go to Conference? Do your club members join Club 21 from home? I would encourage the Conference-goers to collect the $21 annual fee from their club members for Club 21 BEFORE skipping off to Hagerstown. You can mail it in beforehand, or bring them with you and turn them in at Conference; the form is available on the Altrusa website. And don't forget the $210 donation for your club to be a Club 21. Let's make this year the best Club 21 participation ever!

Brenda B. Ruby
District Two International Foundation Liaison

The Governor's Report

Oh! the Places You'll Go is the theme I introduced at the Installation Banquet last May in Martinsville. It serves as a backdrop for many Altrusa stories of service throughout District Two. Along the road to these places, we may find struggle and challenges, but mostly we find adventure and good times. Think of all the places you've gone and the places you will go on your Altrusa journey. In July 2017 almost 50 District Altrusans found their way to Nashville, TN to join with sister and brother Altrusans from around the globe for the Altrusa International Convention. We listened to wonderful presentations in workshops and in business sessions representing our clubs and districts throughout Altrusa. We celebrated our Centennial marking 100 years of service to our respective communities. We made new friends and renewed old friendships.

At Convention the Governors' Council met for the first time. Since then we have had several conference calls of which I was a part. The Governors have also met on conference calls with International President Leanne Milligan, the International Membership Chair and the International Leadership Chair. I attended the Area III Workshop in Richmond, VA. I am glad that District Two continues the tradition of fall workshops. I was very pleased that all Areas of District Two held informative and interesting workshops in the fall. Each workshop provided a hands-on service project, Altrusa information and fun!

As I read through your clubs' activities for this publication, I was so proud of all the service you are doing for and with your community… from your town to Puerto Rico and Malawi to name a few. Please take time to read and enjoy this District Service Bulletin which contains much information about our upcoming Conference. I look forward to seeing you in Hagerstown, MD, a place chosen for its central location in the District. As we reach out to others, it is just as important to help family members and friends who may be experiencing difficult times. After all that's what Altruism is… unselfish concern for others. **Please join us in Celebrating 101 Years of Altrusa!**

In Service,

Governor Marcy

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From the Immediate Past Governor's Desk. . .

Altrusa International , Inc.

District Two

Dianne Vann, Governor 2015-2017

The role of the Immediate Past Governor is to be supportive of the incoming Board of Directors and the newly installed Governor. In the months since I "passed the torch" I have attempted to offer assistance based on my experiences and those of my Board. I have communicated with current Governor Marcy Royal, as appropriate, to facilitate a smooth transition of leadership.

In July, I attended the International Convention in Nashville. At that event I was actively involved in a project to raise funds for the Altrusa International Convention.

In October I travelled to the Richmond area and participated in the Area III Workshop. This Workshop, hosted by the Capital City Club, was a very successful event and was well attended.

In November I participated, via conference call, in the District Two Mid-Year Board Meeting. This meeting was held in Hagerstown, MD, site of the 2018 Conference.

Throughout the fall, I have been a member of the Information Task Force appointed by International President Leanne Milligan. This task force is working on the revision of the forms/reports used within the organization.

I will be working with the other Past Governors of District Two in planning and hosting the 2018 District Two Conference in Hagerstown.

In the Spring I will arrange and make club visits to two clubs.

Finally, I have actively participated in the activities of my club, Altrusa International of Martinsville-Henry County, Inc.

Area Workshops

AREA I FALL WORKSHOP
Hosted by Altrusa International of South Central, PA
October 7, 2017
Location: Harrisburg, PA
Attendance: 20 Altrusans
Number of Clubs represented: 4

Our workshop began with a delicious breakfast, after which we had "Chair Yoga" presented by Evy Doherty. All Altrusans participated (or tried to participate). It wasn't as easy as you might think. Some of the positions were quite hard to do. Afterwards Evy took questions from the members. Most questions were about exercises they could do at work to help exercise different parts of their body that get stiff while being in the same position for long periods of time.

Next we had the lovely Mary Lou Adams speak on the nutritional value of chia seeds. Mary Lou's son was visiting her and helped her make a yummy pudding. Mary Lou is a good sport because she had to fill in for the original speaker who could not make it. Great job Mary Lou.

Kimberly Stratton, a member of the South Central Club, founder and CEO of HOPE 717, Inc. spoke about her organization. HOPE 717 is a faith-based, non-profit organization stands for Helping Overcome Poverty Everywhere. Kimberly was also selling Premier design jewelry and all her profits from the jewelry goes to HOPE 717, Inc.

The main focus of the Workshop was our service project making fleece blankets. We worked on the blankets for two hours. The blankets were then taken to Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter for the residents. Safe Harbor is another one of Kimberly's projects and part of HOPE 717. We had a fun time. I personally got to work with club members from other clubs that I never met before and really enjoyed working and getting to know them as I am sure the rest of the Altrusans did. It was a great time had by all.

Fran Stofko, Area I Representative

AREA II FALL WORKSHOP
Hosted by Altrusa International of Montgomery County, MD
October 7, 2017
Location: Crossways Community, Inc.
Attendance: 14 Altrusans and 2 guests
Number of Clubs represented: 2

With our group of fourteen persons attending this Fall Workshop was one member of the District Two Board, Carol James (MC) and two members of the International Board of Directors, Silvia Silverman, Immediate Past International President (MC) and Pat Woodward, JD, Legal Advisor (Fauquier). We were honored to have a special guest, Isabelle Maria Rivera, Past President of the San Juan Club.

At the “Meet and Greet”, the participants had an opportunity to make a name tag and embellish it with a fall theme. To learn about each club represented, the attendees gave a brief description about the club, when and how often they meet, fundraisers and their programs and projects.

The workshop's focus was "Domestic Violence". The speaker, Kemiah Gbolokai, Residential Service Coordinator/ Domestic Violence Supervisor is affiliated with one of our International Projects.

Ms. Gbolokai talked about her first internships and employment at the Montgomery County Corrections and Pre –Release Center that led her to pursue a career in Psychology and Community Counseling.

We were enlightened on the process of domestic violence, statistical data, counseling sessions, referrals as needed and preparing clients for follow-up services. These services included safety planning, legal options, mental health, housing options and individual goals.

Program ended with a delicious lunch and another opportunity to mingle.

Carol James, Area II Representative

AREA III FALL WORKSHOP
Hosted by Altrusa International of the Capital City of VA
October 14, 2017
Location: Shady Grove United Methodist Church
Attendance: 48 Altrusans and 4 Guests (ASTRA Students)
Number of Clubs Represented: 4

We started the day with a delicious breakfast provided by the Altrusa International of Richmond, VA Club. Capital City provided the breakfast for the 2016 Area Workshop hosted by the Richmond club and they agreed to do the same for us in 2017. The Altrusa Collect was led by the ASTRA Club of Atlee High School. We then told stories of our members that passed during the year during our Memorial time.

After the memorial President Daisy Lackey welcomed the attendees and Shirley Garnett facilitated an insightful ice breaker. Governor Marcy Royal provided a District update and we started our discussion on International initiatives. Annette Andrews continued the International update with a presentation about Convention and the Foundation. Convention attendees shared their experiences about the convention and the 100th anniversary party while a slideshow of images from convention and the party ran in the background. After these updates we gave each club time to brag on their efforts. It was wonderful hearing all of the fundraising and service work being performed for our communities.

After the Altrusa Grace, we had a delightful lunch catered by Homemades by Suzanne. After lunch in staying with **our** theme: A Whole New World, we worked on a service project for the Malawi Project charity that our International Committee works with. The project is to provide birthing kits to mothers in Malawi who birth their own babies. This is a rewarding and heart wrenching project when you think of the hardships of the people of Malawi. We closed with door prizes, remarks about the day and the Altrusa Benediction.

Daisy Lackey, Area III Representative

Altrusa International District Two
Treasurer's Report
June 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Income			
	Dues	$5,730.00	
	Conference Fees	225.00	
	Conference Advance	1,000.00	
	Net Profit from Conference	1,507.76	
	Late fee	5.00	
	Centennial merchandise	79.00	
Total Income			$8,546.76 **
Disbursements			
	Checks	$ 18.15	
	International Convention (Governor)	1,184.40	
	Governor-Elect training	800.00	
	Altrusa International (centennial merchandise and shipping)	94.00	
	Mid-year Board	1,123.24	
	Maureen McGough (Mid-year Board as Conference co-chair)	116.63	
Total Disbursements			$3,336.42
Balance			$5,210.34
CD's in Citizens Bank in PA…			
	$ 5,061.91 – due date 2/20/18		
	$ 5,038.18 – due date 4/10/18		
	$ 5,067.02 – due date 11/15/18		
	$15,167.11		
**NOTE: There is also $7,166.63 in Citizens Bank in PA in a checking account.			

International President Leanne Milligan

Greetings from International President Leanne Milligan

It is that time of year when we start thinking about attending our District Conference. Perhaps it will be your first time, maybe you made a New Year's Resolution to attend, perhaps you are thinking of stepping into a leadership role in your club and are thinking about learning more about Altrusa, perhaps you have been many times before and don't want to miss out – whatever your reason for attending your District Conference – it will be a decision that you won't regret. I have been fortunate to not only attend many of my own District Conferences, but also as a member of the International Board, I have been fortunate to attend a number of other District Conferences – each memorable for different reasons, great speakers, fun dress up events, informative workshops – but each with one common aspect – the opportunity to share ideas with other Altrusans, learn from each other and make long lasting friendships. At your conference you will have the opportunity to meet with your assigned International Representative. I would recommend that you take the opportunity to engage with them – that is what they are there for. They attend your conference to share news of our organisation with you but also to hear your viewpoint, ideas and issues and to share and learn right alongside you.

It is important that each club has members attend District Conference. It is a great place for your new and developing club leaders to gain more knowledge about Altrusa and upon their return the ideas and energy they bring can bring with a real injection of vigour into your club. Remember that Conference is not only for the experienced members – it is an ideal way to build leadership in your club. On a personal note attending District Conference is a decision that I have never regretted and I know that it will be a decision that you will not regret either. Let's make 2018 the year with record conference attendees!

Leanne Milligan
International President 2017-2019

Welcome

Denice R. Gilb, International Director

Altrusa International of Arcadia, California
District Eleven

Denice is a new International Director for the 2017-2019 biennium. Denice followed in her mother's footsteps by becoming an Altrusan in 1990. She has held most positions in her local club, Altrusa International of Arcadia, having the honor of being Club President three times; in 1994, 2006 and 2016. During the 1993-1995 Biennium, she served as District International Relations Chair, and during the 1995-1997 Biennium she served as District Program Coordinator. In 2005, Denice was elected to the District Eleven Board of Directors, and proudly worked through the levels to become District Governor for the 2013-2015 Biennium. She will be acting as District Parliamentarian for the biennial term 2017-2019. Denice worked diligently on the Altrusa International Centennial Committee, and will Co-Chair the 2019 International Convention in Reno, Nevada.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 62nd ANNUAL DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE will be here before you know it. Start making your plans to join member Altrusans from around the District.

Come have a ball - The Past Governors' Ball, Celebrating 101 years of Altrusa!

When: April 20 – April 22, 2018

Where: Located in the heart of the District - The Ramada Plaza Hotel in Hagerstown, MD.

District Two Governors have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the Conference energizes your Altrusa enthusiasm. We are providing for you:

- Thought provoking workshops.
- A relaxing and comfortable venue to renew friendships and connect with fellow Altrusans.
- A venue for meeting new members who have joined since last year
- The opportunity to meet International Director Denice Gilb and hear about what Altrusa International has been doing for us. Increasing communication between International and members, and helping us to continue our commitment to providing service to our communities. It's been a great start to the biennium!
- The chance to be inspired by our Friday guest speaker, Dr. Hattie Washington, the first female President of Coppin State University and founder of Aunt Hattie's Place in Baltimore, MD.
- The prospect of being encouraged by our Foundation Luncheon speaker, Patty Hillkirk, Executive Director of Camp Dreamcatcher in Kennett Square, PA.
- Outlet shopping
- The one of the lowest registration fees! We have worked diligently with the hotel to keep costs reasonable.

So, join us in Hagerstown for the Past Governors' Ball and PANDAMONIUM!

Our Conference hotel is the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 21730. Conveniently located off I-70 and I-81, the Ramada Plaza is close to historic downtown Hagerstown. For reservations call 1-301-797-2500 and ask for the Altrusa International District Two group rate of $68 per night double occupancy, plus 12% tax. Breakfast buffet, free parking, and indoor pool are included.

CONFERENCE MATTERS

Delegates/Alternates and New Bylaws Changes

Names of Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) from each club must be reported on the enclosed form to the District Secretary. There are no credential cards to give to your delegate(s) or alternate(s). **Please read the new information below.**

New Bylaw changes affect the number of Delegates/Alternates authorized at Conferences and Conventions. At the International Convention in July 2017, the Delegates approved an amendment that reduces the number of members for Charter Strength to fifteen (15) active members. As a result of that change, the calculation of delegates/alternates has also changed.
The new Bylaw states: "Each club in good standing in International that has a total active membership of fifteen (15) or less for whom dues have been paid to International, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. For each additional fifteen (15) members or portion thereof, a Club shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate and alternate up to a maximum of five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates."

Therefore, if a club has 15 active members, they will have 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate. For a club with 16-29 active members, they will have 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates. Clubs with 30-44 active members will have 3 each Delegates and Alternates, etc. up to a maximum of 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates. The District Treasurer will review with the District Secretary and notify you of any discrepancies. ***Send attached delegates/alternates form to District Secretary Carol Parsons,*** *2533 Level Loop Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or email: reader13@yahoo.com by 3/31/18.*

Conference Exhibits/Merchandising:

If you plan to bring an exhibit or sell items for fundraising, please complete the ***attached form and send to Sandi Craig****, 105 Ridgewood Circle, State College, PA 16803 or email: scraiglcsw@gmail.com by 3/15/18.*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS ~ Celebrate your Service! Share what Made A Difference! It is a thrill to discover what our clubs in District Two accomplish!

Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award

District Service Program Coordinator selects judges for this award. She serves as chair, and selects three other persons who are prominent in the community but who are not Altrusans and who independently score each entry. The judging panel returns the score sheets to the chair who tallies the scores and provides the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners to the Governor. The chair is also responsible for sending the winning entry to the International office for International competition. The District Two 1st place winner receives $100.

Submit 3 copies of your entry to ***Shari Gomez,*** *8222 Carrene Dr, Norfolk, VA 23518, or email: sharigomez66@gmail.com by 3/15/18.*

Mary S. Resh Award

District Two Leadership Chairman serves as chair of the judging committee with two additional members. Award recognizes excellence in program planning and execution and is given in recognition of District Two's first International President. The District 1st Place winner receives $50.

Submit 3 copies of your entry to ***Shirley Garnett,*** *3008 Woodrow Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222, or email: sgarnett96@ymail.com by 3/15/18.*

Betty S. Brooks/Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

District Two International Foundation Liaison coordinates the judging activity and appoints three (3) prominent members of the public to serve as judges who independently score each entry. The judging panel returns the score sheets and entries to the Chair who tallies them and provides the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners to the Governor. It was begun by the Washington, DC Club to honor Past District Governor Betty S. Brooks. The Washington, DC club formerly provided $40 to the 1st place winner. District Two now provides the money to the winning club. The winning entry also receives a $100 award from Altrusa International Foundation presented by the International Representative at Conference. The winning entry is submitted by the Foundation Liaison to the Letha H. Brown International competition.

Submit 3 copies of your entry to ***Brenda Ruby,*** *214 Homestead Lane, Boalsburg, PA 16823, or email: brendaruby@gmail.com by 3/15/18.*

Betty C. Schwartz Presidential Excellence Award

This award recognizes local club Presidents who excel in leadership, Altrusa knowledge, parliamentary procedure and timeliness, including the club's and the President's participation in Area, District and International activities. Given by District Two in recognition of Past Governor Betty Schwartz.

Submit your entry to ***Marcy Royal,*** *9314 Grove Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503, or email: marcy.royal@verizon.net by 3/15/18.*

Edith W. Nelson Environmental Award

Recognizes clubs that participate in a variety of activities that protect and enhance the environment. Chairman and two additional members are judges. Given by District Two in recognition of past International President Edith W. Nelson. The 1st place winner receives $50 from the District.

Submit 3 copies of your entry to ***Margaret Hill,*** *3711 Stratford Drive, Richmond, VA 23225, or email mhill@hcps.us by 3/15/18.*

Irene Mardis Newsletter Award

Award given in recognition of Past District Two Governor Irene Mardis. District Two Communications Chair serves as chair of the judging committee along with three other members. Each club should submit three (3) copies of three (3) issues of newsletters published between May 2017 and March 2017.

Submit 3 copies of each of 3 issues chosen for entry to *Tammy Boyd,* *117 McCauley Parkway, Aylett, VA 23009, or email: just-4-t@att.net by 3/15/18.*

Ann Ayer Club Yearbook Award

Yearbooks sent to the District Governor, Governor-Elect, First Vice-Governor and Second Vice-Governors and to the Communications Chair postmarked by 10/31/17 are eligible for judging and are automatically included in the competition. Points may be deducted for yearbooks mailed after 10/31/17.

District Two Communications Chair Tammy Boyd serves as Chair along with three members for this award.

Patsy Flensborg Conference Exhibit Award

Governor- Elect **Diane Kolesar** chairs the judging committee along with Immediate Past Governor **Dianne Vann** and visiting International Representative **Denice Gilb**. This award is based on the exhibits displayed at Conference. Reserve your space for an exhibit depicting a service project on form attached.

Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

Chair of the judging committee is appointed. The Chair selects three (3) prominent members of the community who are not Altrusans to independently score each entry. Score sheets and entries are returned to the Chair who tallies the scores and provides the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners to the Governor. The Chair is also responsible for sending the winning entry to the International Service Program Development Committee for International competition.

Submit 3 copies of your entry to *Jeanette Wolfe,* *15725 Radwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20906, or email: wolfej1@aol.com by 3/15/18.*

Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth Award

This award recognizes the clubs with the greatest percentage of growth in membership from April to the following March, and the greatest number of new members each year. The District Governor with the assistance of the District Treasurer will determine the clubs showing the most growth.

Phyllis J. Corman ASTRA Award

This award honors Phyllis Corman, Governor 1992-1994, Past International President and winner of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award. It recognizes the efforts of the local clubs in creating or supporting ASTRA clubs. The District ASTRA Chairman will chair judging, along with two committee members. Guidelines for the award are sent annually to each club by the International office. The first three place winners receive certificates and the first place winner receives $50. The Chair will forward entries to International by May 31.

Submit 3 copies of your entry to Cindy Jennings, *9231 Fair Hill Ct. Mechanicsville, VA 23116, or email: cjewels4u@aol.com by 3/15/18.*

Designation of Delegates and Alternates

Determined sixty (60) days prior to District Conference pursuant to Club Bylaws. Each club in good standing that has an Active membership of 15 or less for whom dues have been paid to International and District shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate. For each additional 15 members or portion thereof, a club shall be entitled to 1 additional delegate and 1 alternate up to a maximum of 5 delegates and 5 alternates. *** Note that this new bylaw was enacted at the International Convention in July 2017. See explanation in DSB.**

Altrusa International of _____

Name of Delegate(s): _____

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Name of Alternate(s): _____

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Club President's Signature Club Secretary's Signature

Return form to: District Secretary Carol Parsons, 2533 Level Loop Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23456, email: reader13@yahoo.com by March 31, 2018.

MEMORIAL FORM

Name of Club: Altrusa International of

_____

Name of deceased member Date of death

_____

Age_____ Member of Altrusa since_____ (approximate if unsure)

Contributions to Altrusa and this club include (attach page if needed):

_____
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Please include a picture if possible.

Contact person submitting this form:

Name _____

Address_____

_____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address_____

Position in club: _____

Name of member who will participate in Memorial Service at Conference (if known):

_____

Please send completed form to: Ann Tyndall, 2255 Trotter Ridge Court, York, PA 17408 or

email: atyndall46@gmail.com by March 31, 2018.

Conference Exhibit and Merchandising Space Reservation Form

Altrusa International of _____ wishes to reserve the following spaces at Conference:

Exhibit depicting a service project _____

Space requirement _____

Space for selling a product or service _____

Space requirement _____

Submitted by _____ Telephone _____

_____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Please send to: Sandi Craig, 105 Ridgewood Circle, State College, PA 16803, or email scraiglcsw@gmail.com by March 31, 2018.

Patsy Flensborg Conference Exhibit Award

Exhibits are judged based on these four (4) criteria:	Max score
1. Exhibit clearly conveys a club's project and/or program	25
2. Exhibit demonstrates the involvement of club members	25
3. Exhibit depicts service project and/or program that clearly advances Altrusa's image	35
4. Exhibit has visual appeal	15
Max Points	100

*Awards: See Altrusa District Policies Section IX- Appendix C for more information.

REGISTRATION FORM

62nd ANNUAL DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE
April 19 – April 22, 2018
Ramada Plaza Hotel Hagerstown
1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-797-2500

Last Name	First Name	Altrusa Club/State
Street Address	City	State/Zip Code
Evening Phone	E-mail address	Name on Badge

Please check **ALL** descriptions that apply to your for Altrusa year 2017-18:

___ Club President ___ District Officer ___ First Timer ___ Past Governor ___ District Committee Chair

___ Member ___ Delegate ___ Alternate ___ Past International President ___ International Officer

___ International Representative

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (Tentative starting times)

Thursday, April 19	**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**	**District Board Committee Meeting**
	3:00 – 7:00 p.m.	**Early Registration/Credentials Open**
	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	**Hospitality Room Open**
	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	**Pre-Conference District Board Meeting**
	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	**Welcome Party**
Friday, April 20	**8:00 a.m.**	**Registration/Credentials, First Timer's Meeting, Business Session, Workshops, Town Hall Meeting**
Saturday, April 21	**8:00 a.m.**	**Registration/Credentials, Business Session, Workshops, Area Meetings**
Sunday, April 22	**8:00 a.m.**	**Interfaith Service, Post-Conference Board Meeting**

FULL REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

_____ Plan A Full Registration @ $165.00 $ _____

Please SELECT YOUR Lunch and Dinner choices below:

Friday Lunch:
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich _____
- Turkey Club Sandwich or Wrap _____
- Cobb Salad _____

Special Request (Gluten Free) _____

Saturday Foundation Lunch:
- Chicken Salad Platter _____
- Tuna Salad Platter _____

Special Request (Gluten Free) _____

Saturday Dinner Choices:
- **Beef Tenderloin** _____
- **Stuffed Chicken Breast** _____

Special Request (Gluten Free _____

PARTIAL REGISTRATION OPTIONS: (Please select **ONE** Plan)

_____ Plan B – Friday only	@ $ 65.00	$ _____
_____ Plan C – Saturday only	@ $ 100.00	$ _____

Food Choices for Plan B and C: Please check your choice for each meal you will be attending:

Friday Lunch:
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich _____
- Turkey Club Sandwich or Wrap _____
- Cobb Salad _____

Special Request (Gluten Free) _____

Saturday Foundation Lunch:
- Chicken Salad Platter _____
- Tuna Salad Platter _____

Special Request (Gluten Free) _____

Saturday Dinner Choices:
- Beef Tenderloin _____
- Stuffed Chicken Breast _____

Special Request (Gluten Free) _____

FOR GUESTS ONLY – Additional Meal Tickets: Specify number and pick choice of meal above:

_____ Friday Luncheon	@ $ 18.00	$ _____
_____ Saturday Foundation Luncheon	@ $ 18.00	$ _____
_____ Saturday Banquet	@ $ 30.00	$ _____
LATE REGISTRATION FEE (Postmarked after April 1, 2018)	@ $ 25.00	$ _____
Total Payment Enclosed:		**$ _____**

Special Dietary or Physical Needs: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS — Note all four 4 items below:

1. Make checks payable to: **Altrusa District Two, Conference Account**
   Mail completed form with check to: Altrusa District Conference Treasurer
   Phyllis Corman
   2189 Zion Road
   Bellefonte, PA 16823

2. If you are paying by Credit Card there is a 5% fee incurred:

   Name on Card: _____ Zip Code: _____

   Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ SVC#: _____

3. You can also go online and complete the form: http://imagraphy.wufoo.com/forms/rfqv4g4169stwv/

4. Late Fee will apply if paid/postmarked after April 1, 2018. (THIS WILL NOT BE REFUNDABLE)

DISTRICT TWO SERVICE PROJECT:
We invite you to assist with our District Two Service Project. More information coming soon.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!
Complete The Online Survey

Online Evaluation Surveys will be available for the 2018 District Two Conference April 19-22, 2018. Location for the Conference will be the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Past District Two Governors will be hosting the Conference. The theme for the Conference is "The Past Governors' Ball – Celebrating 101 Years of Altrusa." Conference participants will be able to evaluate ALL activities of the Conference by completing an online survey using Survey Monkey. The URL will be available. The survey will be short and easy.

Conference participants are encouraged to complete the online Conference Evaluation Survey. The information you provide is truly valued, helpful, and appreciated. District Two Board Members will use your feedback in planning future District Two Conferences. By participating in this survey, you make your voice heard and are helping shape future Conferences. The compiled results of the survey will be detailed in the summer edition of the DSB.

Service Around the District

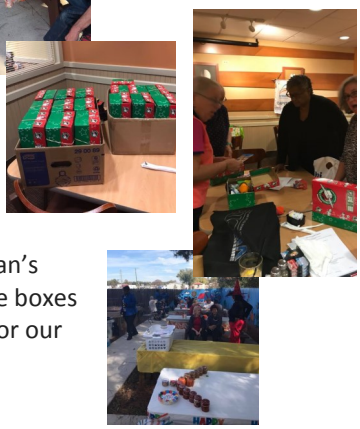
Capital City

Altrusa Capital City members sponsored a family during the holidays. This family lost everything in a fire. The cause of the fire was a cell phone charger. Club members purchased gifts for the family. The family said, “This was so much more than we could have ever imagined, thank you for everything!!” Our club enjoys this annual opportunity to serve.

On December 16th, the Capital City of Virginia club honored our soldiers at the national Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Richmond National Cemetery.

On Friday, November 17, Capital City club members participated in a food drive sponsored by FeedMore. Volunteers welcomed shoppers at several area Kroger grocery stores and asked customers to donate a food item on their way out of the store.

On October 28th, the Community Service committee of the Capital City club hosted a quarterly birthday celebration and Vocational Services event at Virginia Supportive Housing. Members discussed finances and budgeting with residents and provided materials on income and planning. This event was also held in honor of Make a Difference Day and the Vocational Services project honored Altrusa’s 100th Birthday. It was a beautiful day to spend time with residents. The laughter roared in the cool sunshine. The food the members prepared and grilled was delicious. The birthday cake was fantastic!



Altrusa Capital City club members donated and packed supplies for 29 shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse. The boxes are delivered overseas for a program named Operation Christmas Child. The boxes contain toys, socks and some hygiene items for children. This has become a beloved activity for our club each year.

Centre County

Centre County is small but we are mighty and are working hard to make a difference in the local community. We had a great time celebrating the 100th Anniversary in Nashville and also celebrating our own club’s rich history. We were privileged to have District Officer Margaret Hill visit our club in November and make Jared Boxes for the children at the local hospital. We also have collected socks for the local shoe bank and made donations to the Ethel Beaver Fund. We have been reaching out to libraries and day cares in the area and donated children’s books and also plan on going to "Ban Dirty Books" (i.e. clean the shelves) at the Centre County Library in February. We are in the process of Adopting a Highway and will be cleaning up part of the local roads on a regular basis. We have also sponsored students to attend a Humphrey Fellows Luncheon which features talks by international students and their experiences here. We hope to do some kind of service each month and are looking at ways to archive the rich history of our club at the Penn State University Library.

Richmond

Happy 2018 to each of you in District Two,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and you were able to enjoy being with your family and friends.

What a year Altrusa International of Richmond, VA had in 2017.

We were able to host Linda Dorr, our Second-Vice Governor from the Martinsville/Henry County Club and the District Two board as she chose to visit our awesome club. Many of us were able to attend the Conference in Martinsville/Henry County and the Convention in Nashville, as we celebrated 100 years of Altrusa. Our ASTRA Club is thriving, and our ASTRA officers did a great job speaking at the Area III Workshop in October. We continued to do wonderful community service projects throughout the year, donating books and school supplies to Crestview Elementary, and bringing ice cream to the students as they excel in the Reading Rewards Program, took turkeys to Housing Families First and dishes and pots and pans every month for families starting out. Laying wreaths with Wreaths across America at Richmond National Cemetery. We once again made sure that the kids at Hallmark Youth Care had something to open on Christmas. As we say in the Richmond Club continue to Celebrate…Develop….Connect in the upcoming year.

Look forward to seeing everyone in April at the conference in Maryland!!!!!

Martinsville/Henry Co

"Read For Life"

Partnering with the New College Institute

Altrusa International of MHC participated in the "Read For Life Reading Program" sponsored by the New College Institute. In November five Altrusa readers, Dianne Vann, Clarke Beckner, Doreen Fickle, Deloris East and Linda Dorr, met Steve Keyser, Coordinator of Education and Community Engagement, at Carver Elementary Schools to read to the Kindergarten Classes.

Altrusa members had a wonderful time reading to the children. At the conclusion, each child received a book to take home from the "Read For Life" Program. They were so excited. Thank you to the faculty and staff at Carver Elementary School for their hospitality.

We enjoyed this community service opportunity. This was a great way to encourage children to read. We enjoyed being with the children and appreciate the opportunity to partner with Steve Keyser and NCI on this very important literacy project.

We are #leadingtoabettercommunity ***one book one child at a time.*** Thanks to all the Altrusa Super Readers!

- **Opportunity House** is a non-profit in Reading that helps the homeless population in our area. Every winter our club provides a home cooked hearty meal for the homeless. We had several members that donated a hot meal, desserts and drinks.

- Our Altrusa busy bees made lots of cookies to sell at conference. We made enough money to provide scholarships to two young women in Malawi. One hundred and seventy-seven dollars provides books, uniforms, transportation, room and board and learning supplies for one child.

- Since 2016, our club has been trying to get a **Little Free Library** established in Berks County. It finally happened this past summer. We were granted permission to have it placed in the Borough of West Reading, in front of a children's barber shop. Our LFL was crafted by a donor in the shape of the Pagoda, which is the symbol that stands atop Mt. Penn in our city. Our LFL shows our commitment to our community in regards to literacy. We are very proud to continue working towards ending illiteracy in our town. It is maintained by members on a regular basis with donated books.

- Our club had the pleasure of becoming involved in **HBA Restoring Hope Foundation**. Their mission is to provide construction solutions to deserving people in Berks County. We had the opportunity to provide a lunch to construction workers on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. This non-profit has helped so many families in our area. Our club was so pleased to help with this worthy cause.

- **The Children's Home of Reading** provides help to children and families that are in crisis. These children have mental and behavior issues. Our club provided books and toiletries to the children in time for the holidays.

- **Mary's Shelter** provides housing and programs for pregnant homeless women and women with newborns. Altrusa "adopted" two rooms at the shelter. A dining room and a mother/baby room. Our club members worked two days prepping and painting walls. We are eagerly waiting for the contractors to finish the so we can decorate our adopted rooms.

- The theme of this year's **Make A Difference Day** project was a focus on vocational services. Our club decided to target our services to the women of the **YMCA Bridge House**. The facility provides housing and services to women just recently released from prison, and are interested in achieving financial self-sufficiency. Our club sponsored five sessions that taught the women some needed skills for re-entering the workforce and interviewing for a job. Our club collected items for their donation closet with an emphasis on clothing that could be worn to an interview. In total, we collected over 25 bags of shoes, purses, jewelry, winter coats, kitchen items, assorted toiletries, and clothing. We also provided Christmas cookies and decorations for a holiday party.

- **Cups of Compassion** was started 7 years ago by a local attorney who wanted to help the homeless she saw walking the streets of Reading. She enlisted friends, co-workers, and local businesses to help. This is a one-day event where caring individuals and groups come together to provide clothing, food, blankets and resources to the needy in our community. Our club provided books and paja- mas to over one hundred needy families in time for the holidays.

McKeesport

The McKeesport club has a great start on a new year starting with the approval by our school district to start up an ASTRA Club at the middle and high school. We once again entered the Festival of Trees this Christmas in McKeesport boasting a first place win for our tree in the service category. We are so proud as the entries are many and awesome! This time our tree was decorated to look like a person with hats, gloves, and scarves that we collected and donated to our local Pre-K Counts for 100 children. The tree was dedicated in memory of Marie Race. Marie was a long time member of Altrusa and dear friend who always loved doing projects for children.

Tidewater

Tidewater began a new project last fall— "Growing Young Readers: A Literacy Garden for Green Run Elementary School." It has been a wonderful project combining literacy and environmental. We began by reading "The Diary of a Worm" to kindergartners. Each kindergarten classroom received a copy of the book. After reading, students learned more about worms and we able to put some worms in the ground that would be the literacy garden.

Our next step was to build the literacy garden. With the help of the school's PTA, several sailors from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, and of course, Tidewater Altrusans, the literacy garden was born. Read the article in our Virginian Pilot!

Our next reading to the kindergartners was the book "The Soda Bottle School." After reading the book, students received a plastic soda bottle to use as a planter to start growing plants for the literacy garden.
In the spring, we will be building (with a lot of help from the community) a pergola to make our literacy garden special for the community—a place to read and learn outside.

District Two
Altrusa International Convention
July 21-24,2017 Nashville, TN

Keep in touch!

Contact your Committee Chairs and/or Board Members! They are here to help!

We're on the Web!
districttwo.altrusa.org

See us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Altrusa-District-Two/161135927283758

Check out the websites and Facebook pages of your sister clubs!

Shari Gomez, DSB Editor

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