



## Governor's Message

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer. Many of you probably have taken marvelous vacations and many have decided to have a “staycation” at home or nearby. Joe and I have taken some weekends or a couple days here and there. We have great neighbors who come in to feed our two cats while we’re gone and we reciprocate by feeding dogs for one of the neighbors when they’re gone. We are fortunate to have great neighbors – I hope you do also. In case of any emergency, we can count on each other.

This week I experienced something new I hope I never have to experience again. As many of you know, we live on top of a mountain. Due to a lightning strike, a fire broke out in the forest down on our side of the mountain, but not too near—thank goodness. Fire fighters responded but had great difficulty reaching the fire due to the terrain. Helicopters were brought in to dump water on the fire. After a long day, they were not only able to control the fire but were able to put it out. In the meantime, we were asked to leave our home but were given plenty of time to do so. After living here for nineteen years, I still was not prepared for this emergency. What to take?!?!? Since we have been married for 45 years, so much of what we have in our home means a great deal to us. We have furniture and valuable items

from my great grandparents and grandparents and from his parents as well, in addition to everything we have accumulated over the years. With two vehicles available to pack, we started around the house collecting things. I began with family pictures on the walls and picture albums. What can't be replaced if the house burns to the ground? We decided on several days of clothes, the good jewelry, prescription medications, financial papers not in the bank lock box, and then looked around for meaningful items such as the mantel clock which had belonged to my grandparents. Yes, I thought about Altrusa. I disconnected my computer tower to take from my office, my laptop, some paperwork I needed, and especially a very large book of the history of Altrusa District Three that former governor Freddie Dobson placed in my hands for safekeeping and updating.



Photo by Betsy McRee, Caldwell County, NC

The reason I am sharing all of this with you is for you to please do some planning yourself. All of us in District Three live in areas where disasters could easily occur. We have hurricanes, forest fires, floods, lightning strikes, electrical fires, and more. Please give some thought to what is most important to you from your home. Once you have taken care of your family and your pets, then what is next. Think about this, if you only have five minutes to safely leave your

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*Hope everyone has gotten some downtime this summer.*

**Governor's Message continued**

home, what would you really need to take? If you have an hour, what would you take? I am in the process of making an emergency check off list and will keep it in an easily accessible place to quickly review if we have to ever again vacate our home. I will begin the list with the five minute items – very short list, and do another longer list. Those of you in the hurricane possible areas have often been advised to keep a box of supplies such as water, flashlights, extra batteries, canned and packaged foods, etc. We all need our lists, don't we? Don't forget to take your cell phones with family and friends programmed. Where will you go and who will you stay with? We all tend to think in the present and really ignore the "what ifs." I encourage all of you to do appropriate planning for your area. I will.



*In Altrusa love,*

Linda L. Robison  
Governor  
Altrusa District Three

**Dear Clubs and District Three Altrusans,**

Thank you so much for all of the kind emails, notes and cards I received from so many of you after the recent passing of my nephew, Joseph Hall. I was very touched by your remembrances. Every word helped carry me through a difficult time. It is a blessing for me to be associated with Altrusa.



*Warmest Regards,*

*Cindy Schad,  
Immediate Past Governor*

***In Memoriam***

***Verona M. Bordok (1921 – 2008)***

Linda Davis, Governor of District Five reported that Past International President Verona Bordok passed away peacefully on the evening of July 13, 2008.

She had a life-long professional career in education and touched lives of generations in a positive manner both at school and throughout the community. In addition to these contributions, Verona was very involved with Altrusa. Starting with the formation of a Barstow Chapter Altrusa, she rose to the position of International President. She traveled the world representing Altrusa and its services, including the promotion of world literacy. As International President, she met with persons of influence in service, business and politics and was always proud that she was foremost representing the small chapter and the community of Barstow.

She was preceded in death by her husband Louis; and sister Vivian Hutchinson. She is survived by brothers, Vince and Vance Meadows; son Jeff; daughter-in-law Barbara; grandsons, Preston, Trenton, and Jeffrey; and great-grandson, Brennan.

***Anna Panos Felos (1931 – 2008)***

An Emeritus Member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, FL., Mrs. Anna Felos passed away Monday, July 21, 2008 in Jacksonville following a brief illness

She was an avid volunteer donating time and funding to many organizations including: Altrusa of Starke, Hospice, the Shands at Starke Hospital Auxiliary, the Salvation Army Starke Service Unit, and she was a sponsor for College for Kids program at Santa Fe Community College. She was a Board member for Santa Fe Health Care Systems, and Shands at Starke. She was a pianist for St. Elizabeth Greek Orthodox Church, a member of Red Hats Society, and was a founding sponsor for the Center of Greek Studies at UF. Her most beloved endeavor was simply being a YaiYai.

She is survived by her son Chris Felos of Jacksonville; sister: Mary Panos of Jacksonville; grandchildren: Tyler Pete Felos and Sierra Anastasia Felos both of Jacksonville.

***Dot Sowell (1925 – 2008)***

An Emeritus Member of the Altrusa International Inc. of Charlotte NC., Mrs. Dot Sowell passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 4, 2008.

She was a devoted Altrusan who worked tirelessly on community services projects and will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years Pete Sowell; her son Perry T. Sowell, Jr. and wife Helen; her daughter Susan Sowell and husband Phil Goodman; her grandchildren Alyson, Spencer and Pete Sowell and Adam and Alex Goodman, all of Charlotte. She is also survived by her sister Corda Wepansnick of Maryland.

## *Hands Up With Altrusiasm Goals*

### **GOAL 1 - HANDS UP WITH ALTRUSIASM**

#### *Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, NC*

Our club donated \$100.00 to the Caldwell County Shelter Home to purchase gas cards for their residents to use to seek employment.

### **GOAL 2 – ACTS OF KINDNESS**

#### *Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, NC*

- Sent cards to cancer patient
- Sent “thinking of you” card to a friend going through a divorce
- Visited seriously ill friend in hospital
- Visited shut-in in nursing home and took a basket of fruit
- Baby-sat with two children while the father went to pick up the mother and baby # 3 at the hospital
- Cooked a chicken casserole and took it to the family with the new baby.
- Took two widows out to dinner
- Invited friend who was alone on July 4th holiday to share our dinner
- Made a donation to a fundraiser for a cancer patient

#### *Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC*

- Husband of friend and neighbor in ICU at hospital. Took full meal to neighbor and her family who had come from Florida. On another day took friend and a friend of hers to lunch near hospital. Continuing to check on friend as husband continues for several weeks in ICU.
- Took a meal to a shut-in friend.
- Held my umbrella over an elderly woman outside church.
- Baked a coffee cake for next door neighbor who had surgery.
- Helped a lady with poor eyesight select blue earrings to match outfit.
- Furnished dinner and maid service to a neighbor taking chemo treatments.
- Helped a handicapped woman walk from her car to the church pew.
- Gave 50% of my freezer food to former caregiver in need of a job.

#### *Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, FL*

- Heather Gray drove 40 miles to Gainesville to sit with one of her staff members whose husband was in ICU. Heather took lunch to her and sat with her the first day her husband was in ICU. The staff member had no family in the area. Heather really does have compassion for people.

- An Altrusan has an employee who is struggling financially. The employee’s biggest struggle right now is transportation; her family vehicle has broken down and she has a husband and two teenage sons. A local baseball team is raising money for the World Series. They are selling a limited number of raffle tickets on a Jeep Cherokee. I have purchased two tickets in her name and hope that she will be the winner. If she wins, I will let her know I purchased the tickets and ask her to do an act of kindness to pay it forward.
- Carolyn Castagna hosted a Holiday House in December that benefited CARC. That really wasn’t “random” as it required a lot of planning and preparation but Carolyn’s spirit of giving and helping others shone through the entire event. \$11,485 was raised.
- Cheryl Morgan sent a cheerful card to my mother, just because. It certainly brightened her day in assisted living!
- Sybil Hunziker provided theater tickets to High Springs Community Theater that gave us some much needed laughs and a change of focus after Daddy’s death.
- Picked up merchandise on the floor to help out a retail clerk
- Listened to a distraught elderly friend
- Planned a meal for a relative with physical challenges that she could eat independently without assistance from her husband
- Generously tipped a waitress who is a single mom working two jobs with a daughter in college
- For the convenience of those who followed me, rearranged card display in a store where cards had been all mixed up by other customers
- Put new roll of toilet paper on the dispenser at Curves and in a local restaurant for the next person
- Passed on an inspiring book to a friend after reading it, knowing it would meet her current need grown trees.
- Took some clothes and toiletries to a homeless shelter.
- Assisted a friend with setting up a router on their computer.
- Helped a neighbor who got an opossum stuck in her garage, find the phone number for animal control because her glasses were in the garage and in the car.

#### *Altrusa International, Inc. of Waynesville, NC*

- I spotted an old homeless man and bought him a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner complete with mashed potatoes, beans, chicken, biscuits and dessert.
- I used a moving company once that was just getting started so I designed his truck signage, logo and newspaper advertising. His business jumped in just weeks.
- I baked brownies and took them to a neighbor who was ill.
- I donated an almost new refrigerator and portable TV to a family who lost everything, including a child, in a fire.
- I watered the newly planted rhododendrons for my absentee neighbor.



## GOAL 2 – ACTS OF KINDNESS (CONT.)

- I held up traffic on Russ Avenue so that some poor soul could get out of Arby’s parking lot. He was really thankful with lots of smiles and waves.
- I helped a young lady find canned mushrooms in BiLo—she was lost in the fresh mushroom department.
- I kept my mouth shut on several occasions in my effort to act on my Zen Calendar saying of the day: “Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.”
- I took someone to get their car.
- I offered someone a ride.
- I gave someone a bottle of water
- I gave someone directions.
- I gave instructions to a design student.
- I cooked dinner for a friend that had recently lost her husband
- I brought flowers for two fellow employees in appreciation of their helpful attitude.
- I have been looking for a puppy at the pound to take to a friend that has recently lost his canine companion.
- I stopped on the side of the bypass to help an elderly man and his wife.
- I have made it a habit to let people out in front of me in traffic.
- I secretly paid for dinner for a couple that had taken in a two-year old from a bad home situation. I just wanted to treat them.
- I created a sanctuary for birds and other critters in my back yard and keep it supplied with bird food.

## GOAL 3 – MEMBER SERVICES

Nothing reported for this quarter.

## GOAL 4 – GLOBAL WARMING

Nothing reported for this quarter.

### *Training*

**One of my biennium goals is member service. What kind of training do you need for yourself and members of your club. We have a District Three Board, a Parliamentarian, and Consultants as well as other members who are willing and able to provide Altrusa training to the clubs. If you would like to take advantage of this expertise, let me know and I’ll put an Altrusan in touch with you to schedule training in your club. It’s up to you!**

*Linda L. Robison, Governor*

ANGELA PERRY

MEMBERSHIP CONSULTANT

Hello Altrusans! Over the last few months as your Membership Consultant I’ve had the pleasure of working with the Membership Chairs sharing ideas on membership recruitment, and retention. I truly appreciate the ideas, games and documentation sent my way. I will be sending out an email each month sharing what has been sent my way. So, what are you doing in your club?



## AWARDS ALERT

Let’s start early this year planning for award entries. I’ll do my part as your Awards Coordinator. Typically, in past years, each club president receives the award criteria for each District Three and District Three Foundation Award in November or December of a given year. This year I will mail each club president an award CD in August. I must wait until August because our District Three Foundation Board does not meet for their annual board meeting until August. The Foundation Board will probably be making updates to some of their awards.

**IMPORTANT...**destroy the Awards CD that I mailed you last year. There have been some changes in criteria for several of our District Awards. As I stated, each club will receive a new updated CD in late August.

However, let’s not wait for the new CD to arrive before choosing the awards that you want to apply. Go to our District Three Website, click on TOOLS and review the various awards. We all need to make it our goal for each club in District Three to apply for at least one award this year. **Allow all of us to hear about the wonderful work that your club does by applying for an award.**

Contact me with any questions you might have concerning our awards at: [beverlyhardy@embarqmail.com](mailto:beverlyhardy@embarqmail.com)

Yours in service,

Beverly B. Hardy, *Vice Governor/Awards Coordinator*



# District Three Service Bulletin

CLUB	GOAL 1 HANDS UP PROJECT	GOAL 2 ACTS OF KINDNESS	GOAL 3 MEMBER SERVICES	GOAL4 GLOBAL WARMING	COMMENTS
CITRUS COUNTY, FL					
GAINESVILLE, FL					
LAKE CITY, FL		X			
LAKE COUNTY, FL					
LIVE OAK, FL					
MARIANNA, FL					
MONTICELLO, FL					
OCALA, FL					
ORLANDO-WINTER PARK, FL					
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL					
STARKE, FL					
TAMPA, FL					
ATLANTA, GA					
COLUMBUS, GA					
NORTH GEORGIA, GA					
STATESBORO, GA					
ASHEVILLE, NC					
CALDWELL COUNTY, NC	X	X			
CHAPEL HILL, NC					
CHARLOTTE, NC					
DURHAM, NC					
GASTONIA, NC					
RALEIGH, NC					
ROCKY MOUNT, NC					
SALISBURY, NC					
STATESVILLE, NC					
WAYNESVILLE, NC		X			
ANDERSON, SC					
GAFFNEY, SC					
SPARTANBURG, SC		X			

*Altrusa International of Salisbury, N. C.  
 recognizes Lorene Hartline  
 for her 70 years of service to Altrusa*

On June 19, 2008, the Salisbury Club and District Three were able to honor Lorene Hartline for her 70 years of service to Altrusa. She received a letter and certificate from International, a beautifully inscribed plate from District Three, and the undying devotion from her local Salisbury Club.

The recognition was held at Lorene's home in Salisbury with daughter Frances serving as hostess. This was a real treat because Lorene lives with her daughter in Fayetteville. It was a stroke of luck that she was making a short trip to Salisbury on the same day I was doing my club visit to help with the USDA Food Commodities Distribution in Salisbury.

Lorene Hartline is a beautiful woman inside and out. She exudes enthusiasm and life! She greets you with a twinkle in her eye and immediately makes you feel at home. It's



hard to believe that she will be celebrating her 102 year young birthday in August.



*Lorene with Governor-Elect Robin Hall*

When Lorene was asked about the secret to living a long and healthy life she said, "Altrusa has been a big part of that because of friendships made, service to others, and working with other professional women. I haven't been to a doctor in over five years and I'm not on any medication. My days are spent reading, writing, and watching television." When asked if she had any vices, she looked at us mischievously and said "I don't smoke or drink, I just enjoy life."

It was a true pleasure to listen to Lorene talk about her life and what it was like to be in Altrusa for so many years. She married in the early 30's, ran a dry cleaning business with her husband, and became an Altrusan in 1938. In the early 40's she was widowed, became a single parent raising baby Frances and

running the business by herself. She was passionate about ASTRA and volunteered to be the leader for the Salisbury chapter. Her work was so outstanding that she received a 2nd place award at the International Convention in California. As an added bonus, her daughter was also in ASTRA and she speaks very positively about her experience.

Lorene's other story which had us mesmerized was when she attended an International Convention in Washington, DC. Harry Truman was President and his wife Bess invited all Altrusans to a tea at the White House.

The group had a chance to see other Altrusa mementoes. Lorene showed us an Altrusa plate she acquired at an October 1958 District Conference in Tallahassee, FL (Please see picture of Madeline Zieverink). With great pride, she showed us her 50 year recognition certificate signed by Governor Winifred (Mama Freddie) Dobson.

In conclusion, we SALUTE you, Lorene Hartline. You are an inspiration to all of us and we THANK YOU for your many years of service to Altrusa and your community.



*Madeline with Altrusa Plate*

TWO HANDS ONE HEART

DANA CRASE  
DIRECTOR

WHAT IS SERVICE?

JULIA WATSON-HELMS  
SERVICE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

Dear Club Presidents,

Here I am again your Two Hands One Heart District Cheerleader to rally with you in rejuvenating this program. By now you have received a letter and the guidelines from me on how to get started. I am hoping that you are planning your project with your sister club and going for the award. As promised in the last DSB article I am sharing another success story as another example to help you get started. This one is from my own club,

Starke, Florida and our sister club, St. Augustine, FL.

In January 2008, our two clubs took on an international project. Based on a presentation by the Fish Ministries on Haiti, the clubs decided to purchase a mule for a Haitian Village. With an investment of \$500.00, one Haitian community benefited from the generosity of these clubs. Mules are used as transportation and as an ambulance for the community in which the mule is placed. In the poor communities donations, such as mules, homes, and food are gifts indeed. Various needs were discussed and the clubs plan to work together again this year to address further crucial areas which face these people. Fish Ministries does not merely feed the people in Haiti, but rather teaches them to fish by developing fish hatcheries. This allows them to feed themselves for years to come.

As you can see, by combining these resources from Altrusa Clubs of Starke, Florida and St. Augustine, Florida and with the teaching capacities of the Fish Ministries, Altrusa's efforts will truly give a "helping hand" to these people.

I am hoping that these examples will show you how much more you can do if you join with another club. Please share your experience with the other clubs by emailing me your projects and we can read about you in our next DSB.

If you have any questions, need the guidelines, have a suggestion or a criticism, please feel free to contact me at any time. All of the Directors are here to serve you and to help you.

In Altrusa Love,  
Dana Crase, Director  
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Until I looked up the word "service" in Webster's, I had no idea it had so many meanings. The simplest definition of service is aid, help, a kindly act, or benefit. It is work done by one person that benefits another. However, the dictionary continues with, public service, service to country, and ultimately community service, and that is what Altrusa does.

So how is "philanthropy" different? Webster defines it as, 1) an activity performed with the goal of promoting the well-being of fellow man. 2) To dispense or receive aid in the form of a gift from funds intentioned for humanitarian purposes. Altrusa does that too!

So, are we community service givers or philanthropic? There is no definitive answer to that question. There is neither a right nor a wrong answer, what matters' is the time we give and purpose for which we give. It is all about GIVING and DOING. There is no community service project too small and minimal. It is the intent of the giver that counts and our intent in Altrusa is to give back to the communities we live and work in.

Has your club been doing the same project(s) for years? Does your want to do something new, but stuck on trying to find a new "project"? In finding and developing a service project, here are several strategies a club can take.

- 1) Determine the funds are available for a new project.
- 2) Is your club into "hands on" projects or do they prefer to make donations?
- 3) What specific issue(s) in your community needs assistance?
- 4) Contact another non-profit organization to determine if they would like to partner on a project.
- 5) Browse the Altrusa International web site for ideas.
- 6) Most importantly, whatever your club decides to do, remember to GIVE IT YOUR ALL! Remember Principle #12; Altrusa believes it is not good enough to be good. Each member must be doing the piece of work that is theirs in a way that puts him or her in the front ranks of accomplishments.

If your club has any specific questions about service projects, please feel free to contact me at julie.watson@att.net .

DID YOU KNOW?

TAMMY HALL  
 COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT

The mission of Altrusa International, Inc. is to promote community service by an international network of executive and professionals in diversified career classifications. Within that framework, District Three provides the necessary support and administrative structure for the clubs of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. This network of interconnected members and clubs is crucial to the sharing of values, visions, ideas, friendship, support and much, much more. How better to share information than websites and newsletters.

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the websites of District Three clubs. There is a wealth of information shared that will benefit you and your club as you set goals for this year and identify service projects to meet the needs of your community. Did you know?

- Asheville, NC was chartered in 1979 with 32 members, has their own Foundation and hosted an Adult Spelling Bee in May 2008 to benefit the Literacy Council of Buncombe County.
- The Atlanta, GA club has had three members serve as district governor.
- Gainesville, FL is the largest chapter in the world with 113 members and celebrated their 50th Anniversary in May 2008.
- Ocala, FL has a Cluster Club that was developed in 1997 which provides an additional Altrusa meeting for those members who may not always be able to attend daytime meetings.

There is so much to learn just by visiting these websites. Most of the clubs post their newsletters and articles/photos of projects in which they have participated. I encourage clubs to continually update their website and members to visit the sites listed below. If your club is not included and you have a website, please contact me so that we may update our records to add your web address.

Asheville, NC	<a href="http://www.altrusa-asheville.org">www.altrusa-asheville.org</a>
Atlanta, GA	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/altrusa_atl/index">www.geocities.com/altrusa_atl/index</a>
Charlotte, NC	<a href="http://www.altrusaofcharlotte.org">www.altrusaofcharlotte.org</a>
Columbus, GA	<a href="http://www.altrusacolumbus.com">www.altrusacolumbus.com</a>
Gainesville, FL	<a href="http://www.altrusa-gainesville.org">www.altrusa-gainesville.org</a>
Lake City, FL	<a href="http://www.altrusalakecity.org">www.altrusalakecity.org</a>
Lake County, FL	<a href="http://www.altrusalakecounty.org">www.altrusalakecounty.org</a>
Ocala, FL	<a href="http://www.altrusaofocala.com">www.altrusaofocala.com</a>
Orlando-Winter Park, FL	<a href="http://www.altrusa-orlando.org">www.altrusa-orlando.org</a>
Spartanburg, SC	<a href="http://www.altrusaspartanburg.org">www.altrusaspartanburg.org</a>
Tampa, FL	<a href="http://www.altrusatampa.com">www.altrusatampa.com</a>
Waynesville, NC	<a href="http://www.waynesvillealtrusa.org">www.waynesvillealtrusa.org</a>
District Three Website	<a href="http://www.districtthree.org">www.districtthree.org</a>

It is exciting to report that we will soon have a new club in District Three. To date a newly forming club in South Marion County, FL has 16 paid affiliate members. Only 4 additional members are needed to charter as an Altrusa Club. Our goal is to charter by August 31, 2008.

Below is a summary of what has transpired to date:

- ❖ After several months of promoting Altrusa, on March 27, 2008 I met with three individuals I thought would be valued members in forming a club. These three became the first affiliate members.
- ❖ On April 5, 2008 the community analysis form was completed and forwarded to our district governor.
- ❖ On April 11, 2008 invitations were emailed to 30 business leaders in the area.
- ❖ An informational meeting was held on April 22, 2008. At that meeting 8 individuals became affiliate members.
- ❖ A second informational meeting was held on May 13, 2008. During the meeting 4 individuals became affiliate members.
- ❖ An educational meeting was held on May 27, 2008. During that meeting we reviewed the Altrusa Encyclopedia, read and agreed to comply with Altrusa International Bylaws and adopted local club bylaws. Interim officers were elected and local club dues were established.
- ❖ On June 13, 2008 176 invitations were mailed to members of a local chamber of commerce and a compiled data base of professionals in the area inviting them to a third informational meeting.
- ❖ A third informational meeting was held on June 24, 2008 at a different location from where the other meetings had been held. Our guest speaker was Donna Johnson, International President Elect. Four guests attended and one guest became an Altrusan. All guests and members were encouraged to bring items needed to support a local single mother's shelter.
- ❖ An e-mail list was created for those who expressed interest in Altrusa but were unable to attend the June meeting.
- ❖ The first board meeting was held on July 17, 2008 to begin the process of developing a strategic plan for membership approval and to set criteria for club committees.
- ❖ The next club meeting will be held on July 31, 2008. Electronic invitations have been sent to those who could not attend the June meeting.



Once the club reaches 20 affiliate members they will be ready to charter! If you know of anyone living in South Marion County or in The Villages, FL, please e-mail me ([crschad@earthlink.net](mailto:crschad@earthlink.net)) their information and I will contact them to personally invite them to visit this forming club.

**FILING E-POSTCARDS FOR TAX  
 EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

**MARGARET CANNON  
 FINANCIAL CONSULTANT**

**TIPS FOR TREASURERS**

**DANELLE HILLS  
 DISTRICT TREASURER**

In the past if tax-exempt organizations (which Altrusa falls into this category) did not have gross receipts of \$25,000.00, the organization was not required to File Form 990 (or 990-EZ). New rules are now in effect.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires tax exempt organizations to file an annual electronic notice for tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006, if an tax exempt organization is not required to file Form 990 (or 990-EZ) because their gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less.

What does this mean for our Altrusa Clubs? If your fiscal year ends May 31, 2008, then you either have to file a Form 990 (or 990-EZ) if your gross receipts exceed \$25,000 or an E-Postcard by Oct 15, 2008 (the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax period.) Please note that gross receipts not only include income from fundraising projects but any income to your operating budget such as annual dues.

The following information will be required on the E-Postcard:

- Organization's legal name & Taxpayer ID Number
- Any other names your organization uses
- Organization's mailing address
- Organizations' website address (if applicable)
- Name and address of principal officer of organization
- Organization's annual tax period
- Verify that your organization's annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less

This form must be filed electronically. There is no paper form. For further information or to file the form, please access the website at [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo).

If a club fails to file this form for three consecutive years, your tax-exempt status is revoked as of the filing due date of the third year.

As the Annual Dues Renewal process is wrapping up, and we start a new year, here are three topics that may be helpful.

First, please note my address: 1931 Malone Road, Burlington, NC 27215-6300, Phone 336-226-2909, email: [danellealtrusa@gmail.com](mailto:danellealtrusa@gmail.com).

Second, there will be a significant time lag between sending in your dues renewals or membership changes, and it may be a month or so before you see them on our District Three. Web site under Membership Rosters. This is because we have a system in place for dues renewals and club membership changes that we follow. It works well, but does not necessarily work in the same time frame a member might expect or think is a reasonable one. Furthermore it requires everyone involved, including me, the club treasurers, and Carroll Myers, webmaster, to cooperate and follow that system.

This means that the annual dues renewal printouts sent with the club check payments to District need to be marked so that the district treasurer will know which members the club is renewing and paying for. Please either put a checkmark in the left margin beside their names, or mark through those that are not renewing. (Most of you do this already!)

We do not assume a member is not renewing and automatically delete them, just because he or she is not included in that annual renewal lump payment. This is because many members pay late; we do not remove members that way.

Third, an Additional Dues Remittance Form should be used for renewing members who pay late or do not pay their annual dues with the rest of their club. For all other additions, deletions, transfers and membership changes during the rest of the year, please use the official Membership Information Form. The bottom of the form tells you who to send a the completed form to.

These two forms can be found on District's web site at [www.districtthree.org](http://www.districtthree.org). Click on "Tools" to find these forms. Then click on "Publications," scroll down on the left to "Publications for Club Use" and click on "Membership Forms." Select the form you need and either print it from the web or download to your computer. No passwords are required to access these forms

If you ever need any assistance, please feel free to e-mail or call me.



# District Three Service Bulletin

## ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. DISTRICT THREE MEMBERS JUNE 30, 2008

New Member	Sponsor		
	<b>ATLANTA, GA</b>	Rhonda Sherrod	Robin Hall
Audrey Debam		Narragansett Smith	Mattie Jones
Linette Singleton	Gainesville, FL (transfer)	Laura Stewart	Martha Cox
	<b>CALDWELL COUNTY, NC</b>	Barbara Walker	Sherri Cole
Lynn Brady	Margaret Cannon	Martha A. Young	Jill Adams
Amanda Sherrill	Sharon C. Green		
	<b>CITRUS COUNTY, FL</b>		<b>LAKE COUNTY, FL</b>
Jennifer Beckner		Joni Smith	
Judith Berlow		Kim Varnadore	
Anne Black			<b>LIVE OAK, FL</b>
Linda McCarthy		Susan Burnett	Cheryle Chandler
Pam Teloh		Kelli Hicks	Barbie Scott
	<b>COLUMBUS, GA</b>	Dorothy Johns	Shannon Court
Donald L. Hollomon	Dorothy Hollomon	Heather Kirby	Dana Esco
	<b>GAFFNEY, SC</b>	Jennie Lyons	Shannon Court
Jan Moss		Carolyn Miller	Barbie Scott
	<b>GAINESVILLE, FL</b>	Nancy Papapetrou	Barbie Scott
Renee R. Buchanan	Donna C. Johnson		
Vicki Clifford			<b>OCALA, FL</b>
Allyson Huskisson	Linda Mealiea	Tina Banner	Mary Cay Landt
	<b>LAKE CITY, FL</b>	Karen Hill	
Pamela S. Beauchamp	Linda Gafford	Sonja Nasser	
Cecilia Cothran	Lonne Haltiwanger	Christina Salas	
Kristi Feagle	Martha Cox		<b>ORLANDO-WINTER PARK, FL</b>
Kristin Lee	Tammy Hall	Linda Blake	Pat Tobin
Angie A. See	Sherri Cole	Crystal L. King	Sandy Reitz
			<b>STATESVILLE, NC</b>
		Michelle R. Dodick	Janis McNemar
			<b>WAYNESVILLE, NC</b>
		Susan Garlington	Elizabeth Atkinson

Note: If nothing is listed under the Sponsor column, that means that either a membership information form was not received by the district treasurer from the club or that no sponsor was listed on the information form.

### CLUB PRESIDENTS

Please be sure that all your members receive this Newsletter either via e-mail or a hard copy. Thanks for your help.

Be sure to check the [DISTRICT THREE WEB SITE](#) often for updated information on what is going on in our District.

If changes need to be made, please e-mail Carroll Myers at [carrollmyers@aol.com](mailto:carrollmyers@aol.com).



Effectively Bringing Matters before the Assembly      Colleen Duris  
Parliamentarian

The primary essence of Robert's Rules of Order is the orderly conduct of business. This starts with the presiding officer and his or her conduct of the meetings, typically following a proposed agenda. It continues with the membership (or assembly) and their ability to bring action in an orderly manner.

Robert's Rules of Order contains a structure related to motions which governs how actions are handled. It would serve the membership to be informed of and accustomed to these items. There can only be one MAIN MOTION, that which brings a matter of business before the assembly, at a time. After the main motion is made and seconded and placed before the assembly for debate, there are numerous SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS which can be applied to the main motion. Subsidiary motions assist in the treatment and disposition of the main motion. They have a "ranking order" so some take precedence over others. The subsidiary motions are listed in this article in their ranking order; that being from the bottom, just above a main motion, to the top. The first to take precedence over the main motion is the Motion to Postpone Indefinitely. This is used when you wish the main motion to go away and not come back during the session. It is essence "kills" the motion and avoids a direct vote on the matter. Next in order of precedence is the Motion to Amend, this allows the presenter to make suggestions to the main motion by adding, inserting or removing language. It must relate back to the main motion, or be germane, to be entertained. Alternatively, you may wish to Move to Commit or Refer the main motion. This would take it to a committee for further action. The motion to commit should include a proposal as to what committee the motion goes to or who appoints those to the committee and what they are supposed to do. The next alternative is to Move to Postpone to a Certain Time. If you believe this action would be better taken at another time, you would move to stop examining the action now and take it up at a later specified time. The next two ranking motions affect the main motion in the sense that they can affect debate of the motion. The Motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate is used to do just that, limit or extend the time the assembly has to debate the item before it. The Motion for Previous Question or "Call the Question" is used to close debate and amendment of the motion. Once this motion is called a vote is taken on whether the assembly wants to end debate and go directly to the vote on the motion under consideration. Both of these previous motions require a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor since they are removing or limiting an important right of the assembly; that is the consideration of the question. Finally, if there are emergency circumstances or a matter of urgency requiring that the matter at hand be considered later, a Motion to Lay on the Table is appropriate. The assembly can "take the matter from the table" at a later time to resume discussion.

All of these motions could be pending at the same time. Their ranking order determines which is discussed and handled first. These are just some basics on a few motions effecting the discussion and handling of business for an assembly, whether a local club or delegates at conference. Hopefully this can help clarify and allow smooth transaction of business among the membership.



## *Call for Nominations*

*For*

### *District Three Officers 2009-2011*

The Nominating Committee reminds you to begin thinking about the nominations for the future officers and directors of District Three. As the committee looks over the Altrusa District membership rosters, we ask qualified members to consider broadening your realm of service through district leadership. We need to ensure that strong officers and directors of the future will inspire our district to continue its trend of steady growth and outstanding service.

Within the next several weeks, your club Presidents, District Officers, and Past Governors will receive the Call for Nominations for District Three Offices 2009-2011. The Nominating Committee will also post that Call for Nominations on the District Three website, <http://www.districtthree.org>, for all Altrusans to read. Watch for this letter and consider nominating someone who meets the qualifications and exhibits the leadership necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a District Office. Work with your club, Club President, District Officer, or Past Governor to put forth this nomination. Candidates for all positions except Treasurer must have served a full term as Club President. The candidates for Treasurer must have served a full term as Club President or Treasurer and must have a general accounting knowledge or experience.

Thank you for taking the time to think about the potential 2009-2011 leaders of District Three.

Betsy C. Burch, Live Oak, FL  
Chair of the District Three Nominating  
Committee

Members: Gayle Magruder, Spartanburg, SC  
Janis McNemar, Statesville, NC  
Past Governor, Cindy Schad, Ocala, FL  
Sylvia Tatum, Starke, FL



***Nomination Form***  
***District Three, Altrusa International, Inc.***

Club Presidents, District Officers, or Past Governors should complete this form to nominate a member for a position on the District Board and return it with a photo (head and shoulders) to the Nominating Committee Chair, Betsy Burch, 8863 133<sup>rd</sup> Rd., Live Oak, FL 32060 or email to [mecburch@alltel.net](mailto:mecburch@alltel.net) by August. 1

Remember: 1) The District Three By-Laws make it possible for two members of any club to hold District office at the same time.  
2) Someone currently on the Board may be nominated, but not for the office she holds now.

To be eligible for a District office, except the office of Treasurer, the candidate must have completed one term as club president. In accordance with District By-Laws, a candidate for Treasurer must have served a term as President or as Treasurer of an Altrusa club and have general accounting knowledge or experience. Have the candidate assist you in completing the form. Use additional paper if necessary. Please print or type.

Nominated for Position of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Past President of Altrusa International, Inc. of: \_\_\_\_\_

Altrusan since: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership status: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Club offices and/or chairmanships held, personal initiatives, or achievements:

District offices and/or chairmanships held, personal initiatives, or achievements:

List other community organizations to which the candidate belongs or has active interest. Include offices held:

List community/professional board, committees, councils, etc., Does the candidate serve now or has the candidate served within the past two years? Include offices held:

Professional Experience:

Training Experience (as trainer):

Briefly tell any personal history that you feel would add to the Nominating Committee's understanding of the candidate's leadership skills and training skills:

Have the candidate complete this sentence in 50 words or fewer:

In addition to my love for Altrusa, I want to be a District officer (director) because . . . and would bring to the District Board of Directors (tell what skills, attitudes, beliefs about Board membership, and other pertinent information about your work on a board of directors (the underlined text should not be included in the word count) :

I have conferred with the candidate who is willing to serve, to make the necessary commitment to the work of the District and to devote the time the office may require.

Signature of Club President/District Officer/Past Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE GREEN SCENE

JULIE WATSON-HELMS

SERVICE PROGRAM  
DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

“Water, Water, everywhere and not a drop to drink”... so the saying goes. However, what about bottle water? Several months ago, one of the local Orlando TV stations did an investigative story on the safety of drinking water from the tap and found it just as safe as bottled water.

Shortly after that report on TV, *People Magazine* in their July 16, 2007 edition ran a story written by Nancy Matsumoto from New York about the same issue; bottled water. According to the article, many restaurants in the San Francisco are refusing to serve bottled water to the customers. The reason why? The restaurant owners say, “Bottled water may be healthy to drink, but it isn’t green.” And here are some of their answers why bottled water is NOT GREEN.

Plastic bottles are made from petroleum and although there are efforts to recycle them, most end up in landfills. In addition, the bottled water manufacturers transport their products thousands of miles in trucks and air travel using up more costly and precious fuel. Even more ironic is that the article concludes my stating:

“After all, guess what’s in popular brands like Dasani and Aquafina? Local water.”

Some statistics on bottled water containers.

- 166 plastic bottles are used by the average American each year.
- 8 out of 10 plastic bottles used end up in landfills or incinerators
- 1,000 years is the estimated time it would take a plastic bottle to decompose.

(Source: Container Recycling Institute; EnvironmentMassachusetts.org)

INDEPENDENCE DAY — 4TH OF JULY

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five were imprisoned by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife’s bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn’t. So, take a few minutes and think of how you enjoyed the freedom of your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It’s not much to ask for the price they paid.

*Remember: freedom is never free!*

**God bless the USA**

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*International Tidbit*



*Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.,  
 Club 21 Renewal Change*

*A Program Supporting Children with HIV/AIDS*

The Altrusa International Foundation's Club 21 program was established in 1997 to support children with HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS is a global epidemic, affecting people in all countries and from all walks of life, but innocent children bear the brunt of this disease. Club 21 gives Altrusans the opportunity to extend their hands to these children and their families. With an annual contribution of \$21 (US) or more to the Altrusa International Foundation, you will become a member of Club 21. As a member you will receive the special gold and white Club 21 pin, signifying your participation in a program of which Altrusans are proud.

Since its inception, Club 21 has funded Safe Haven Camps for children with HIV/AIDS. Camp Safe Haven is free of charge to the children, and the entire staff of professionals and volunteers donate their time and services. Funding from Club 21 also sponsors the Ghana Health Education Initiative in Africa which provides HIV/AIDS education to a population that badly needs it.

At the February 2006 Board of Trustees meeting in Chicago, the Board approved moving from a quarterly Club 21 renewal schedule to a yearly schedule. From now on Club 21 members will have a chance every August to fill out a renewal form found in *The Altrusan*. Members also have the option of including their Club 21 renewal in their response to the yearly Foundation solicitation.

For more information please contact Heather Vogel, the foundation administrative assistant in the International Office at [vogel@altrusa.com](mailto:vogel@altrusa.com).

**DISTRICT THREE CLUB NEWS**

**Altrusa International, Inc. of North Georgia, GA**

**BALD RIDGE LODGE KITCHEN SHOWER**



**Bald Ridge Lodge calls for donations**

Opening scheduled for this summer  
 FORSYTH COUNTY—Altrusa International North Georgia presented kitchen supplies May 12 to the Bald Ridge Lodge. But more supplies such as kitchen supplies, linens and furniture are needed before the distribution for local boys opens this summer. The Bald Ridge Lodge is situated at five stores including Home Depot, Target, Lowe's, Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

The club presented the Bald Ridge Lodge with kitchen supplies on May 12th. The supplies were donated by club members at a kitchen shower held during the May Meeting. Bald Ridge Lodge is a new therapeutic temporary

shelter for bosys aged 12-17 who have been placed there by the Department of Family Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice. While the home is not a "treatment center," it does provide a safe and therapeutic environment where individuation and family counseling can be facilitated.

**Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC**

Altrusa International Inc. of Spartanburg received a \$1,000 grant from the Altrusa International Foundation Inc. that will be used to support its project at Park Hill Elementary School.

Altrusa of Spartanburg has partnered with Parks Hills to provide rewards to encourage students to improve academic standards, attend school regularly and arrive at school on time. The rewards are presented during Good News Assemblies. "We are putting on our thinking caps to dream up some more exciting events to do for the students at Park Hills," said Gayle Magruder, Community Service Chair. "We are so excited to be a part of their educational experience and look forward to bigger and better activities to inspire them."

Other Altrusa projects include READ ON, a program designed to encourage parents to read to babies and small children and help adults earn their GED; providing scholarships to college students, providing books to children at the Soup Kitchen and supporting Bethlehem Center.

The Spartanburg Club has a long-standing reputation for its work in education. The club organized Spartanburg AWARE (Adult Writing and Reading Education) in 1978 to help adults learn to read and write. AWARE later became the Basic Literacy Program of the Adult Learning Center.

The mission of Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg is to provide service to local and global communities with emphasis on family, education and literacy and the environment. Joe Ann Lever is president.

## *District Three Calendar Events and Deadlines*

### *August*

- 1 District Service Bulletin Electronic Mailing
- Encourage members to become a member of Club 21
- 12 Board of Director Nomination Forms due to Nominating Committee Chair
- 30 All Board of Directors nominations materials to Nominating Committee members

### *September*

- 1 Consider making a club donation to the International Foundation Grant Program  
Review available grants to determine if club should apply for an International Grant  
Distribute club yearbook Copies to District Governor, District Officer assigned to club, District Membership Development Consultant and International Office.
- 8 World Literacy Day, this is a great opportunity to introduce a new project (September is also Literacy month)
- 16 Nominating Committee Report Presented to Board of Directors and Consultants  
Board confirms eligibility of Nominating Committee candidates for office
- 25 Conference Proceedings Report to Governor  
Mid-Year Consultant Reports to Secretary  
Send your pre-Make a Difference Day Report to International and is due by 9/30/06
- 30 ASTRA club sponsor information form due to International  
Notify International if you club sponsors an ASTRA Club

### *October*

- 1 Send IRS Form 990 if necessary (Due 5 months after close of fiscal year if receipts over \$25,000; may vary for some clubs)  
Incoming Officer Training Workshops
- 3-4 Mid-Year Board Meeting, Tampa, FL
- 15 District Service Bulletin Articles Due
- 24 United Nations Day
- 28 Make A Difference Day

### *November*

- 1 District Service Bulletin Electronic Mailing
- 17 Final Report for Make A Difference Day to International Due

### *December*

- 1 District Award Packets Mailed to Clubs  
One-half International Dues for new members 12/1 - 3/31

## 2007 – 2009 District Three Board Members

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Director	Dana Crase	danabinky@comcast.net
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## 2007— 2009 District Three Consultants

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