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## 2009–2011 Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright



District Three is comprised of four states that border the Atlantic Ocean and lay claim to having lighthouses. Like the lighthouses, District Three clubs are also providing local lifelines by determining what projects would most help those in need.

### District Three Goals

- Beacon to Club Revitalization
- Beacon to New Club Building

### Individual Club Goals

- Illuminate Membership Development
- Our Light Shines Bright Service Projects
- Life Preserver to the Environment
- Light Keeper Sister Club Projects

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## Governor's Message

# Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright



W elcome to the new biennium Summer DSB. You will notice a few changes beginning with this newsletter and we hope you like what you see. In this issue, you will have the opportunity to experience convention through the eyes of the District Three attendees, read about club activities, and receive updates from board members and consultants.

It was an exciting time for the Altrusans attending the “Winning in Indy” convention this past week. The air was filled with lots of electricity in anticipation of all that is ahead of us during the upcoming two years. Our organization will be undergoing a major rebranding effort to assist with the recruitment of new members. The International theme is “Altrusa, A Great Investment” and the goals are activities to “Grow” Altrusa. All members will be asked to promote Altrusa and assist with membership recruitment. Our District goals of new club building and club revitalization fit in perfectly with the International goals.

*District Three  
at Indy  
Convention*

What really stood out for me at convention was the number of District Three leaders serving at the International level. Our District does a



great job with building leadership opportunities and mentoring our membership. District Three is providing leadership on the International Board with **Donna Johnson** (Gainesville, FL) serving as International President, **Cindy Schad** (Ocala, FL) serving as Treasurer, and **Colleen Duris** (Ocala, FL) serving as Parliamentarian. Immediate Past Governor **Linda Robison** (Spartanburg, SC) was elected to the nominating committee. **Janis McNemar** (Statesville, NC) was appointed as Vice Chair of Membership Development and **Christy Bryant** (Charlotte, NC) was appointed as Vice Chair of Leadership and Development. Congratulations are extended to our International leadership!

We also did a great job of being recognized at the awards ceremony. **Ocala, FL** received 2nd Honorable Mention for the Letha H. Brown Award. **Spartanburg, SC** received 3rd place for its club exhibit and **District Three** received 1st place for its exhibit. **South Marion County, FL** was recognized as a new club and **Cindy Schad** was recognized for sponsoring 10 new members.

This year we had a change in how the Distinguished Club Award was determined. Club Presidents were required to send in separate application to the International Office. I'm pleased to announce that **Charlotte, NC**; **Gainesville, FL**; **Lake City, FL**; and **Spartanburg, SC** all received the Distinguished Club award. Congratulations to these clubs for their dedication to service!

If I sound proud of District Three, it is because I am very proud of our members! It is an honor for me to have the opportunity to work with all of you in District Three. Thank you for your support!

Yours in Altrusa Service,  
Robin Hall, Governor §



Colleen M. Duris, Vice Governor

# International Convention Highlights



We started our engines, made the laps (with a few pit stops included) and won the checkered flag at the 51st Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The winning driver was our very own **Donna Johnson** as she was installed as the International President of Altrusa.



The convention was four days filled with Altrusa. It all started with the Opening Banquet, Flag Ceremony and Parade of Clubs. District Three made our presence known and even if your club could not send a representative, you were there! Representative signs were carried by District Three members and a banner showing our support of Donna was included.



The city of Indianapolis had plenty of sites to see and places to go. The hotel was wonderful and the staff ever so gracious and accommodating.

The first full day included our first business meeting to discuss the prevalent issues of the day. The biggest item on the agenda was the budget. As you all should be aware, we are on the cusp of changes in Altrusa. Changes that we hope will bring about revitalization and strengthening of our organization. To work toward that goal the membership listened to the reasoning, discussed the issues

and after much contemplation determined that the proposed budget, including funds from our reserve partially dedicated to a marketing campaign, would be approved as presented. With the passing of the budget, it requires work on the part of each and every member to make the effort to promote and grow Altrusa. Although we approved a budget to take some funds out of reserve, by the initiation of the group of Past Governors in attendance, we started a fund from individual members wanting to contribute to the success of the new campaign. During conference over \$15,000 dollars were collected and/or pledged for the cause. More information will be coming to your clubs. Please consider investing in Altrusa's future.

During the business meeting we also addressed two items related to bylaws and policy that came before the convention assembly. Both of those items were detailed in the International Altrusan prior to convention. Both of those items failed. We also had nomination of officers and directors and a candidate forum on Friday. Due to the fact that our business did not take as long as expected, we were able to end the day early on Friday and start later on Saturday, giving people some time to enjoy the White River State Park, Indianapolis Zoo or Eiteljorg Museum, and many other sites around town.

It wasn't all business, we had many dynamic speakers and enjoyable entertainment. During the opening ceremonies we were entertained by Dan Riley, a wonderful comic singer..... he brought back many memories of the music of the 60's and 70's and had the audience in stitches. He has a unique connection to Altrusa in that his family stayed at an Altrusa house during a hospital stay of his own. We also heard from Janice Baldes, the creator of Bagolitas; a delightful young lady who followed her passion and created her own business and also gives back to





the community...in true Altrusa fashion.

([www.bagolitas.com/altrusanational](http://www.bagolitas.com/altrusanational))

Plus, Larry Checco and Tom Meier, speakers who spoke to us about working on our “branding” and reminded us of the ways in which we deal with change and how to work through those tough times and help others along. Each person helped to energize and inspire this Altrusan.

Next came the awards luncheon, and the winners from District Three are . . . . . **Altrusa International Inc. of Ocala, Florida** received 2nd Honorable Mention for the Letha H. Brown Award for their Literacy Month Marathon project. Third place in the display award went to **Altrusa International of Spartanburg, South Carolina** and 1st



place to **District Three** display (thanks to **Lake City** and **Governor Robin Hall!**) The new club of **South Marion County, Florida** was recognized along with **Cindy Schad** for sponsoring 10

new members over the past biennium. **WAY TO GO DISTRICT THREE!**

Altrusa International Foundation had a lovely breakfast honoring donors and individuals who have participated with the Foundation over the years along with telling us what is happening now. There are a few new donor programs to



participate in: planned giving, Club Lamp-lighter and Club Level Club 21. Check out the International website for information on these and more. We also heard from the founder and director of Camp Safe Haven, the



camp which Club 21 donations help support. He had a heart wrenching story and the Foundation presented him with a \$10,000 check at the end of the day....not a dry eye in the house!

We also had numerous opportunities for “FUN” with one another (that is what it is all about!). I participated in the Casino Night....dancing, blackjack, roulette and craps! We also went to Symphony on the Prairie and heard Mozart under the stars with the fireflies. The World Drum Core championships were held during the same weekend, so some got to experience that. There was also minor league baseball, the State Fair and a mall and restaurants galore nearby. We also had many opportunities for workshops that helped us learn more about Altrusa: gain ideas for community service, membership, promoting Altrusa, leadership development, Foundation and legal matters to name a few.



One of the highlights of Convention is always the election of our govern-





Donna Johnson from Gainesville, Florida, but also the International Treasurer, **Cindy Schad** from Ocala, Florida. The other officers and directors are: President-Elect, Dona Garretson from Grand Junction, Colorado; Vice President, Ilona Kerby from Longview-Kelso, Washington; Directors, Terri Houston from Plymouth County, Massachusetts; Chris Mouter from Nelson, New Zealand; Carolyn Rash from Dallas, Texas; and, Silvia Silverman from Montgomery County, Maryland. Our Immediate



ate Past Governor **Linda Robison** was elected to the International Nominating Committee.

ing Board of Directors for the incoming biennium. We are very proud in District Three to not only have the Presidency filled by our own

District Three is also represented on Donna's Leadership Team with **Christy Bryant** as Leadership Committee Co-Chair and Governor Elect Trainer, Co-Chair; **Janis McNemar** as Membership Committee Co-Chair and I have the pleasure of serving as International Parliamentarian.

The Installation banquet was wonderfully conducted by **Sandy Furches**, Past Governor District Three, Lake City, Florida; **Marty Johnson**, Gainesville, Florida, and **Liz Jones**, Gainesville, Florida. Donna's theme, "Altrusa, A Great Investment" will carry us through the next two years and beyond as we continue to grow.

As you can tell, there was a lot going on...I tried to touch on it all. If you missed it, be sure to calendar in Rapid City, South Dakota, 2011. The race is over, I am exhausted but energized . . . . . and ready to go! §



## 2009-2011 Altrusa International Program Team



### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Pamela Nunnally, Chair  
Janis McNemar\*, Vice-Chair

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Regina Lawson, Chair  
Christy Bryant\*, Vice-Chair

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Debby Elliott, Chair  
Lynda Turner-Heaton, Vice-Chair

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Rhoda Struhs, Chair  
Rhonda Hauter, Vice-Chair

### ASTRA:

Dr. Willa Ramsay, Chair  
Margaret Goodhue, Vice-Chair

### BRR: Martha Hardwick Hofmeister

### CLUBS AT LARGE:

Mary Burford

### PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Colleen M. Duris\*

### UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:

Audrey Braver

### LEGAL ADVISOR:

Patricia A. Woodward

\* indicates District Three member



## District Three Award Winners in Indy



2007-2009 International President **Zaida Perez-Mendez**; **Linda Robison**, Spartanburg SC; **Susan Hack**, Evansville IN; **Robin Hall**, District Three Governor; and **Chris Mouter**, Exhibit Award Committee Chair



2007-2009 International President **Zaida Perez-Mendez**; **Judy Reaton**, District Seven; **Sylvia Samara**, District Nine; **Cindy Schad**, District Three; and **Sylvia Ng**, Membership Development Committee

### Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

**Ocala, FL** – 2nd place honorable mention and \$75 for Literacy Month Marathon - Claiming September as “National Literacy Month”, the club sponsored their annual countywide Read-In for Literacy Event at all elementary schools in the county, sponsored Three Billy Goats Gruff Operetta for elementary students at the local community college, participated in the Rainbow Springs Literacy Day, and held a Read-In at the local Toys “R” Us Store. 22,000+ adults and children in the community participated in or benefited from the marathon.

### EXHIBIT AWARDS

**District Three** - First Place

**Spartanburg, SC** - Third Place

### DISTINGUISHED CLUBS 2008-2009

**Charlotte, NC**

**Gainesville, FL**

**Lake City, FL**

**Spartanburg, SC**

### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**Cindy Schad**, Ocala, FL

First Place for sponsoring 10 new members §



Past Governor **Eva Ulrich**, Treasurer **Tammy Hall**, and Past Governor **Freddie Dobson** enjoy a moment together at Indy.

## Special Indy Memories



Lake City Altrusans **Kitty McElhane**y, **Tammy Hall**, **Sandy Furches**, and **Barbara Thomas** were among many who visited the grave of **Mamie L. Bass**.



**Linda Lewandowski**, Asheville NC; **Michelle Smith**, Ocala FL; **Terry Beck**, Salisbury NC; and **Sharon Mai**, Ocala FL connect with Altrusan **Nadejda Strelnikova** of Novorossisk, Russia.



Crown Hill Cemetary

## Past Governor Sandy Furches

### **Altrusans God Mothers to Children of Camp Safe Haven**



The International Foundation Breakfast in Indianapolis was a true highlight of Convention 2009. Hearing Camp Safe Haven President David Butler share his personal story was inspirational and energizing. Witnessing his humility and joy as the Foundation presented him a \$10,000 check was a defining moment.



District Three's Connie Cannon with Camp Safe Haven founder and president David Butler

The power of one individual was again realized. As a High School Health Educator, David was touched by children with HIV and Aids, especially Ryan White. That legacy of one courageous kid with a determination to tell the truth about his health is one that has inspired David

to seek counsel from Ryan's mom six months after Ryan's death in 1990 and subsequently open multiple camps for children with HIV and Aids. Camp Safe Haven in District Three is located in Arden, NC, serves approximately 40 kids, and is in it's second summer. Referrals for campers are

mostly received from Duke University Hospital.

David represents a small yet powerful charity. Every Altrusan who has been a Club 21 member over the last 12 years is a "God Mother" to these children and David reminds the kids of their Altrusa "God Mothers" at the end of each week of camp.



Local Altrusa clubs can now be "Club Level Club 21" members with an annual donation of \$210 and

a ribbon medallion will be sent to each local club for their club banner. Will your club support kids like Ryan White who bond and blossom through this camp in spite of the persecution and rejection they receive from their schools and communities? What a worthwhile cause to share with others as we recruit new Altrusans and remind current Altrusans of the difference we do make in this world.

For more information [www.safehavenproject.org/](http://www.safehavenproject.org/) §

## Scott Tice, ASTRA Consultant

### **District Three Focuses on ASTRA**



Does your club sponsor an ASTRA Club? If not, is your club interested in sponsoring an ASTRA Club? It is a goal of Governor Robin to have the ASTRA page on the District Three website updated. We would like to include pictures of your ASTRA Clubs with testimonials from your club and/or ASTRA Club as well as an area listing Frequently Asked Questions about ASTRA Clubs. The content of the page is up to you

– each District Three club. Please send me your information and I will work with Carroll Myers, our webmaster, to update the page.

I know several of you approached me at the District Conference in Tampa, FL to inquire about starting an ASTRA Club. I am here to assist you in any way possible. I'm only a phone call or e-mail away. I look forward to hearing from you!



Scott Tice - [scottaltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:scottaltrusa@gmail.com) §

## Glenna Luca, Int. Foundation Liaison

### **Disaster Relief Programs**



The International Foundation's Disaster Relief Program addresses unfunded needs of communities worldwide following a disaster. Any disaster affecting 100 or more individuals qualifies for this program. Applicants must submit a completed application to the Altrusa Foundation within 90 days of the disaster. Applications must be initiated by a Club President, go to the District Governor for approval, and be forwarded to the

International Foundation office. Don't forget that Club 21, a program established to support children with HIV / AIDS, also needs your individual and club support.

For more information on Foundation grants and programs, please contact Foundation Administrator Josie Lucente at [lucente@altrusa.com](mailto:lucente@altrusa.com) or by phone 312-427-4410.

Glenna Luca - [tluca\\_61@yahoo.com](mailto:tluca_61@yahoo.com) §



## **Past Governor Cindy Schad** **New Incentives for New Club Building**



This is an exciting time for Altrusa! Under the leadership of our Governor, Robin Hall and our newly elected International President, Donna Johnson, Altrusa's future looks very bright! Both of these leaders understand and are committed to New Club Building and have made it a priority in their biennium goals.

It is an honor for me to have been asked by your Governor to work with your New Club Building Consultant, Norma Teuton, this biennium. Both Norma and I have chartered clubs in Georgia and Florida, and we are excited to offer our assistance to your club or you if you choose to establish a new Altrusa Club in our district.



*Norma Teuton,  
New Club Building  
Consultant*

Last week Altrusans at the 2009 International Convention in Indianapolis, IN passed the 2009-2011 International Budget which has some aggressive incentives for Districts, Clubs and Individuals for New Club Building. For any new club chartered between June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2011, the organizer (Districts, Clubs or Individuals) will receive 100% of the first year International Dues (20 members x \$55.00 = \$1,100.00) within six weeks of the forming club reaching charter strength with all of the appropriate actions taken. If the organizer commits to supporting the newly formed club and the club remains at charter strength at renewal time on the second year, the organizer will receive 50% of the new club's International Dues (20 members x \$27.50 = \$550.00). Already in place in International Policy 20 is a \$500.00 award paid in three increments during the charter process, so these new

funds will be in addition to what has already been established.

Your District Three Board of Directors is also very committed to New Club Building. During this past biennium under the leadership of Governor, Linda Robison, a new section was added to the District Three Policies under VI) Financial which is H.) Membership Development/New Club Building. Your District will also give a \$750.00 award in three increments, up to \$500.00 in reimbursement with receipts to the organizer, present the new club with an imprinted banner and engraved president gavel at the charter banquet, and will pay the registration fee and 50% hotel costs for one member of the new club to attend the next District Three Conference after the charter date.

### **“Those who become Altrusans will grow as Leaders in Service . . .”**

With all of these incentives in place, all that is needed is you! What can you do to help Altrusa grow in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina or South Carolina? Who will benefit from this? Those who become Altrusans will grow as Leaders in Service, and communities will also benefit from the acts of service given by these new clubs. Believe me when I tell you that it is a great joy to watch people become excited about our wonderful organization and to see lives touched by the acts of service a new club provides.

President Donna has challenged us to “Grow Altrusa” and Governor Robin has challenged us to be “Altrusans in Action” so let's get busy and plant some acorns in our district!

*Norma Teuton - [nsteuton@comcast.net](mailto:nsteuton@comcast.net) §*

## **Lucy Quinn, Communications Consultant**

### **I want to hear from you!**



It delights me to get email from Altrusans, especially the messages that come with a club newsletter or yearbook attached. I hope the Communications Chair in each club will make it a habit to forward those documents to me when they are published. Please remember as well that awards are given at District Conference and your club could be one of the winners. In the very near future I hope to be able to contact each club

and establish a working relationship with newsletter and yearbook editors so they will have the name of a district consultant and can develop a working relationship with that person.

Best wishes to each of you.

Don't forget! There is a lot being communicated on our websites:

Altrusa International - [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com)

District Three - [www.districtthree.org](http://www.districtthree.org)

*Lucy Quinn - [quinnlb@wofford.edu](mailto:quinnlb@wofford.edu) §*



## **Christy Bryant, Leadership Development Consultant**

### **What's Your Plan? Is it realistic?**



**A**s we kickoff this new biennium, we will continue to focus on improving club strategic planning in District Three. Many clubs have active plans that are reviewed and updated on an annual basis. However, we continue to have a few clubs that could benefit from personal, 1-on-1 assistance with fine tuning the plan to address unique challenges in their club.

Strategic Planning is a continuous process. What is the status of your club's plan?

1. Does one exist in written form?
  - a. Yes - Great! Does every member have a copy?
  - b. No - It's never too late to get started. If you need any assistance, perhaps a template to jump-start the process, please contact me directly.
2. Was it used (updated or referenced) within the last six (6) months?
  - a. Yes - Fantastic!
  - b. No - Just a reminder it can be used by the club Board of Directors as a planning tool and helps link the club's support towards Altrusa's Long Range/Strategic Plan goals:
    - Membership growth – recruitment, retention, orientation, new clubs
    - Service – participation in Service projects, fundraising, engaging in collaborative projects with other Altrusa clubs or local community groups



- Member Benefits – planning member activities, leadership development
- Image – improving internal and external communication

3. Did you assess the effectiveness of the previous club year to decide what changes were needed to this year's Strategic Plan?
  - a. What worked well in the club?
  - b. What were areas for improvement and focus?
  - c. Did you meet the club goals?
  - d. What is the state of the membership?
  - e. Did you solicit feedback from the membership?
  - f. Have changes occurred in your local community providing an opportunity for a new Service project?

If you are able to answer most questions favorably, your club is well on the way. If this assessment indicates more work is needed, I'm available to assist your club. All club presidents are requested to submit a copy of your current strategic plan to me no later than September 30.

Visit the District Three website for a reprint of this and other articles, under the Leadership Development link on the District Consultants page. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions.

*Christy Bryant - [christybryant@windstream.net](mailto:christybryant@windstream.net) and [christy.bryant@bankofamerica.com](mailto:christy.bryant@bankofamerica.com) or 980-683-5533 (office) §*

## **Angela Perry, Membership Consultant**

### **Membership Challenge**



**W**e are embarking on a new phase in Altrusa's existence. International President Donna Johnson has drawn the line in the sand, and is challenging each of us to stop the decline of our membership. How do we answer that challenge? Recruitment and retention! International is beginning the process of rebranding Altrusa and will help us to answer the question "What/Who is Altrusa?" With the new materials and new look, we will have the tools necessary to

meet the challenge and make Altrusa a household name!

So, let's get started. Past Governors at Convention started the Acorn Fund for rebranding and \$15,400 was raised in Indy! YES! Visit International's web site for the new brochure (it will be published soon) and other materials that you'll be able to use for recruiting new members and starting new clubs. Let's answer the challenge.

If you have membership questions or concerns please feel free to contact me!

*Angela Perry - [perryal@ufl.edu](mailto:perryal@ufl.edu) §*



**Julie Watson-Helms, Service Program Development Consultant**  
**Altrusa + Talent = "Cool Ideas" for the Website**



I am constantly amazed at the amount of creativity and talent Altrusans display in developing their service projects. Since becoming an Altrusan in 2003, attending two International Conventions and four District Three Conferences, I never see duplications of service projects. Their scope and diversity are true testaments to our talent.

While flying home from Convention in Indy, I remembered something I read as an "Altrusa Accent" while serving as President Elect for my club, regarding Talent. It was in the Altrusa Key!

**Talent:** Talent needs recognition. No matter how great a person's ability may be, it never reaches its most effective level unless it is understood, encouraged, and developed. Altrusa encourages the expression of Talent. - Adapted, 1925

As Altrusans, what better way to display our Talent than to share our Service Projects with one another? During the 2009-2011 District Three Biennium

"Altrusans in Action", Gov. Robin asks all of us to let "Our Light Shine Bright". We can start shining bright by sharing our service project ideas

with one another in two ways.

1) Acquire a Sister Club. Sister Clubs are a fun and an exciting way to develop new friendships as well as meaningful and diverse service projects. Sometimes brainstorming with another club can foster exciting and fresh ideas. Combining talents and resources can also provide opportunities to double the impact of a service project. Pick a club, any club, and you will find a winner, as we are all winners.

2) Send your Service Projects to "Cool Ideas". Sometimes developing a new service project is as easy as sharing your ideas with fellow Altrusans. While at Convention in Indy, several "Cool Ideas" came into my head just by sharing with fellow Altrusans. I encourage all of you to surf the web and visit [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com) as well as our own District Three website [www.districtthree.org](http://www.districtthree.org), you will be surprised how quickly you develop a new service project for your club.

Whatever your club decides to do, collaborate with a Sister Club, another organization, or on your own, we need to hear from you! Remember, sharing your ideas could stimulate fellow Altrusans to find and develop the right project for them. Then, as your clubs' new service project comes to completion, I want to encourage you to participate in the Awards program for our 2010 District Three Conference in Ocala, it is fun, exciting, and extremely rewarding! I look forward to hearing from all of you during this biennium, and remember to email me your "COOL IDEAS".

Julie Watson-Helms - [julie.watson@att.net](mailto:julie.watson@att.net) §



**Our Light Shines Bright Service Project:**



**Atlanta Altrusans Get An**



On July 31st Altrusa of Atlanta donated school supplies to local kids through the Community Action Center (CAC) in Sandy Springs. Over 143 items from packs of pencils to backpacks came from the club and from personal donations by Atlanta

Altrusans. **Tejal Elliott** delivered the supplies despite heavy thunderstorms that could not dampen the spirit of giving to help these kids that need it the most.

Contact: **Caroll Myers** [carrollmyers@aol.com](mailto:carrollmyers@aol.com) §



**Madlean Rogers, Finance Consultant**  
**Congratulations Treasurers!**



Your club has a lot of confidence in you. Your fiduciary responsibility is extremely important. Some of the key items you should complete timely:

- Deposit funds to bank upon receipt and record properly in the transaction record.
- Report and pay new member dues immediately to International and District.
- Update members' information with District and International upon receipt of changes. Issue a Member Roster occasionally and remind members to let you know of changes.
- Keep service funds and expenses separate from operating (club use only). This is an ab-



solute must.

- Pay properly authorized expenses preferably within ten (10) days.
- Prepare and give Receipt & Expense report and Balance Sheet at Board Meetings.
- Prepare and give brief financial reports at club meetings with full report at appropriate time during year and at year end.
- File the appropriate 990 form for your foundation or operations within five (5) months of your year end. Also reply to Altrusa International Foundation confirming that you have filed.

You should have received Treasurer Guidelines from International and information at District conference. I will be glad to assist you in any way. Please contact me at the e-mail address below.

*Madlean Rogers - [mvr@altrusa@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mvr@altrusa@carolina.rr.com) §*

**Margaret Cannon, Chair**  
**Past Governors' Action Committee**



Governor **Robin Hall** has asked the following past governors to serve on a club revitalization committee for the next biennium:

- Marie Garrett** (Governor 1962-1964)
- Barbara Ann Hughes** (Governor 1978-1980)
- Freddie Dobson** (Governor 1986-1988)
- Eva D. Ulrich** (Governor 1988-1990)
- Dorothea Alderfer** (Governor 1990-1992)
- Donna Johnson** (Governor 1999-2001)
- Sandy Furches** (Governor 2001-2003)
- Margaret H. Cannon** (Governor 2003-2005)
- Cindy Schad** (Governor 2005-2007)
- Linda Robison** (Governor 2007-2009)

The purpose of the committee is to assist clubs in gaining new members and retaining current members.

Since our appointment to this committee, we have exchanged emails and 8 of the 10 members attended the International Convention that was held in Indianapolis, IN, on Aug 6-9th.

The budget that was approved at the International Convention included \$100,000.00 for a Professional Marketing Plan. The committee is now waiting for this plan to be put into effect in order that we can assist the clubs in District Three.

In the meantime, if your club would like assistance in revitalization, please contact any member of this committee and the committee member will be delighted to share ideas with your club on both gaining new members and retention of current ones. §



**Donna Johnson, International President**

District Three: You're the greatest! You have no idea how much it meant to me to have every club represented at convention. The 30 club placards and banner sign were just fabulous. Your donation to the Altrusa International Foundation in recognition of my installation will truly make an Altrusan difference for someone. What

an amazing gift. And of course, we can't overlook the gorgeous Gator/Altrusa bag and cheerleader Allie Altrusan. She'll go along with me whenever I travel to other clubs. I will always cherish the scrapbook of wishes from the clubs and district. You all are the very best there is. I know we will do ourselves proud with a membership increase next year! Love, Donna §



**Pat Smith, Secretary**

**Post-Conference Board Meeting**



The District Three Board of Directors held its post-conference board meeting in the boardroom of the Westshore Hilton Hotel in Tampa, Fla., on April 26, 2009.

Attending were: Governor Robin Hall, Governor-Elect Beverly Hardy, Vice-Governor Colleen Duris, Treasurer Tammy Hall, Secretary Pat Smith, Parliamentarian Kitty McElhaney, Director Kimberly Browne, Director Mary Kane, Director Teresa Williams, Conference Chair Eileen Hines, Conference Vice-Chair Cathy Schanz, and International Representative Lizzette Ocasio-Campbell.

Governor Robin Hall welcomed board members and guests to the Post Conference Board Meeting and said she was looking forward to working with them.

Conference Chair Eileen Hines and Vice-Chair Cathy Schanz gave a brief post-conference report. There were 109 members in attendance (93 full registrations, 11 partial registrations and 17 guests). A final report will be given at the June 12-13, 2009 Get-Acquainted Meeting.

International Director Lizzette Campbell-Ocasio thanked the District for their kindness and the hospitality provided to her and her husband. She reported that International had separated the Distinguished Club and Club Activity Report this year. She was looking forward to the Indianapolis Convention and hoped to see many District Three members there.

The pre-conference Board minutes were approved with corrections.

Governor Hall would like to begin storing District Information electronically and appointed a committee of Pat Smith, chair, Lucy Quinn, and Cathy Connor to come up with a plan and report at the October 23-24, 2009 Board meeting.

At this meeting, the board ratified Pat Smith as secretary; Kitty McElhaney as parliamentarian; ASTRA – Scott Tice; Communications - Lucy Quinn; District Service Bulletin - Sandy Furches; Finance – Madlean Rogers; International Foundation Liaison – Glenna Luca; Leadership – Christy Bryant; Membership Development – Angela Perry; New Club Building – Norma Teuton; Service Program Development – Julie Watson-Helms; Webmaster – Carroll Myers. The Bylaws, Resolutions, and Recommendation (BRR) Chair is Margaret Anderson. In addition to the chair, the BBR committee will consist of Nancy Mott and Jane Gray. Governor-Elect Beverly Hardy is the District International Foundation Liaison.

Governor Hall outlined the Board’s duties and provided them with the appropriate information. The major focus this biennium will be club revitalization.

A Get-Acquainted Meeting was set up for June 12-13, 2009 in Forsyth, GA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Smith, Secretary. §

**Altrusa Accent**

**Beacon of Hope: Women Lighthouse Keepers**



Lighthouse keeping was one of the first non-clerical jobs open to women. United States Coast Guard records list 174 women who worked as a lighthouse keeper from spanning close to 180 years (1776-1954) before lighthouses were automated. True trailblazers of the time, these women served their country for many years with distinction in a time when employment for women was extremely limited.

Lighthouse workers worked in remote and lone-

ly locations performing routine and repetitive yet vital tasks. The job requires self-sufficiency and dedication. On occasions, it called for bravery as well to rescue others caught in ship wrecks from storms, ice or tsunamis. Typically, but not always, as a spouse of the assistant or head keeper, the women were appointed the professional duties when their husband died or became ill and many performed the duties while raising children.

*Tejal Thakore Elliott, Altrusa International of Atlanta §*



## Pat Smith, Secretary

### Get-Acquainted Board Meeting



The Board met in the boardroom of the Holiday Inn Express in Forsyth, Ga., on June 12-13, 2009.

Attending were Governor Robin Hall, Governor-Elect Beverly Hardy, Vice-Governor Colleen Duris, Treasurer Tammy Hall, Secretary Pat Smith, Parliamentarian Kitty McElhaney, Director Kimberly Browne, Director Mary Kane, and Director Teresa Williams.

Board members gave reports on their activities since the last meeting on April 26, 2009. Each of them have been getting acclimated with their new duties and making plans to visit their assigned clubs.

Governor Hall reported that she was pleased with the conference evaluations from the Tampa club. She noted some constructive criticism about the first business meeting and that this information would be used in planning the meetings for the Ocala Conference. The question of the amount of money spent on travel was also questioned at the meeting. The Board discussed ways to reduce the amount being spent. (This amount had increased dramatically due to high gas prices and the economy. In order to help reduce these costs, the Board voted to reduce the mileage rate from the current IRS business rate to 75% of the current IRS business rate (rounded to the nearest penny) effective June 12, 2009. The Board does car pool

whenever feasible and often stay with fellow Altrusans when they are traveling (if possible).

The board granted the emeritus request made by Mary Anne Shuford of Starke, Fla.

Governor Hall reported that the Conference Manual needed to be updated, Vice Governor Colleen Duris was charged with being the coordinator of this project. The committee will consist of the Tampa Conference Chair and Vice Chair and Susy Meier of the Atlanta Club.

The Board viewed a preview of the new Website that Webmaster Carroll Myers has been working on. The new site has a brand new look and great functionality. The Board is excited with the possibilities this new site offers.

Governor Hall said that District Three Strategic Plan needs to be updated to reflect changes being made on the International Level. Governor Elect Beverly Hardy will be the District Three Plan Coordinator along with Governor Robin Hall and Leadership Training Consultant Christy Bryant. The committee planned to meet during the International Convention to get started on the changes.

Vice Governor Colleen Duris requested that District Three develop a Web site Award starting in 2010. The board felt that since electronic communications are becoming more essential as a communications tool, that this award should be developed and discussed at the mid-year board meeting in Ocala, Fla. on Oct. 23-24, 2009.

Minutes submitted by Pat Smith, Secretary. §



### Illuminating Membership Development

#### **Celebration!**

Before relocating from her home in Lake City, FL to The Villages Retirement Complex in Gainesville, FL, Lake City charter member **Dodie Pedlow** was honored at a get together to celebrate her dedication to Altrusa and the community. Dodie was presented with an embroidered afghan personalized with the Altrusa logo, her name and her years of service: 1982-2009.

(l-r): Lake City Altrusans **Linda Gafford, Linda Chambers, Roberta Whitaker, Jo Haley**, honoree **Dodie Pedlow**, Lake City Charter President **Faye Bowling-Warren**, and **Judy Spring** §



## **Beverly Hardy, Governor-Elect**

### **Club Activity Report Summary**



Thank you for your valuable information! Each Club should carefully read over this report to analyze their own goals and determine their strengths and weaknesses. Each club has its own unique style and special set of circumstances within their given communities. However, the basic guidelines/questions in our Club Activity Report are a good measure of how your club is succeeding as Altrusa. This information is a valuable tool for both your District Board and International Staff/Board in determining how we can best serve you at the local club level. Data from 29 of our 30 District Three clubs is summarized below:

#### **SERVICE**

- 11 Clubs submitted a Mamie L. Bass Award entry.
- 7 Clubs submitted a Letha H. Brown Award entry.
- 2 Clubs submitted a Nina Fay Calhoun Award entry.
- 17 Clubs initiated a new service project.
- 9 Clubs participated with other civic clubs on projects.
- 3 Clubs conducted a Make a Difference Day project.
- 2 Clubs sponsored an ASTRA Club.

#### **NEW ASTRA CLUBS SPONSORED:**

- 2 Clubs from Spartanburg, SC-Dorman High ASTRA Club & Spartanburg Day School ASTRA Club
- 1 Club from Gainesville, FL-UF ASTRA Club
- 1 Club from Caldwell County, NC-West Caldwell ASTRA Club
- 1 Club from Lake City, FL-Ft White High ASTRA Club

**56,091 hours of community service;** service toward planning & implementation of service projects, fundraising for projects, ASTRA & New Club Building.

**25,896 hours of member service;** donated by members for meeting attendance, newsletter production, workshop/conference/convention attendance.

**40,908 hours of volunteer hours;** donated to non-Altrusa organizations such as volunteer boards, hospitals, non-profit organizations.

#### **PROGRAMMING**

- 19 Clubs had a strategic plan that is evaluated and updated yearly
- 25 Clubs had at least 60% their membership at each meeting
- 25 Clubs set goals in all program areas
- 12 Clubs meet 1-2 times per month
- 18 Clubs meet 3 or more times per month

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 6 Clubs had a 10% net increase in membership.
- 5 Clubs had a 15%+ net increase in membership.
- 9 Clubs met their membership goals.
- 1 new club chartered, Altrusa International, Inc. of So.

Marion Cty., FL sponsored by Immediate Past Governor Cindy Schad.

11 Clubs participated in "Add an Altrusan Day"

9 Clubs had successful retention activities in place:

Telephone follow-up when members missed meetings, ongoing orientation, service projects that meet member's interest, strong partnerships between new members and their sponsors.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- 29 Clubs had monthly Board of Directors Meetings.
- 10 Clubs had monthly Committee Meetings.
- 15 Clubs had joint training sessions for new & retiring officers.
- 11 Clubs had members attend District Workshops, regional trainings, etc.
- 5 Clubs had members lead segments of District Workshops, regional trainings.
- 14 Clubs sent their full complement of delegates to District Conference.
- 20 Clubs have 35 members serving on other local boards.
- 10 Clubs have a member serving on a District or International Committee.
- 10 Clubs have a member serving on the District or International Board.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12 Clubs have a web page.
- 23 Clubs publish a newsletter.
- 19 Clubs send their newsletters electronically.
- 15 Clubs have good success having articles printed for free in the newspaper.
- 50 Articles were published in newspapers.
- 22 Clubs published a brochure.
  - 9 Clubs sent local Club publications to District Officers.
  - 8 Local Clubs sent publications to International Officers.
- 12 Clubs sent information to be included on District website.
- 12 Clubs sent information to be included on International website.

#### **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

- 16 Clubs contributed to the International Foundation.
- 23 Clubs have members who belong to Club 21.
  - 2 Clubs applied for but did not receive a grant.
  - 2 Clubs applied for and did receive a grant.
- 6 Clubs have a foundation under International's umbrella.
  - 1 Club held a specific fundraiser for the Foundation. The Raleigh, NC Club participated in the Belk's Department Store Charity Sale this past fall and spring. Their Altrusans found it very worthwhile.
- 9 Clubs participated at Conference in fundraising for the Foundation.

Thank you again for your participation! §



## **Our Light Shines Bright Service Project:**

### **Altrusa of Orlando-Winter Park Adopts Alvin II**

**A**ltrusa of Orlando-Winter Park donated \$500 to Canine Companions for Independence in April. Our donation qualified us to adopt Alvin II, a white Labrador Retriever puppy in training. Our club had a wonderful opportunity to meet Alvin II and his puppy raiser, Jeanne Brooks, at our August meeting.



*Alvin II at 8 months old*

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities. All

dogs and services are provided free of charge.

**Ann Prince** (Orlando-Winter Park) has raised seven puppies for CCI. Ann and her husband became involved about 10 years ago when he called the local CCI office to find out how one becomes a puppy raiser.

A long-time CCI volunteer came to their home to discuss the process. There was a written application, a tour of their home and yard, and lots of information shared about the experience and responsibilities of raising a CCI puppy.

A few weeks later, they met with the puppy program manager who told them they were approved for the program. She informed Ann and her husband that a new litter of puppies was on its way from California. Soon they were at the airport picking up an adorable, eight-week old black lab mix puppy named Sera.

They were lucky enough to train and care for Sera for 14 months, which included socializing and introducing her to the public, guiding her through the basic puppy training program, agonizing while she was

away for 6 months in advanced training, and eventually traveling to New York to participate in her graduation ceremony and turn her over to her new owner. She was paired with a wonderful, retired surgeon who was stricken with multiple sclerosis and in need of an assistance dog.

Since that time, they have raised six additional puppies for CCI. And, Ann says, to answer the question most people ask, "it is very hard to give them up...and no, it doesn't get much easier the more dogs you raise. What makes us able to do this is seeing the relationship "your" dog develops with its new partner and the wonderful things he or she is able to do to give that person a better quality of life. We visit Dr. Mike and Sera every year when they vacation in Florida, and I am happy to report both are doing well."

The Southeast Regional Center of Canine Companions for Independence is located in Orlando and serves the eight states of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mis-



*(l to r) Jeanne Brooks, Alvin II, Ann Prince (O-WP) and Maryanne Kravitz (O-WP)*

issippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park has volunteered to assist at the November graduation by serving as greeters, distributing programs, and helping to set up the venue if needed. We also look forward to following Alvin throughout his training and have invited Jeanne and Alvin to be our special guests at upcoming service projects.

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<http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.3978475/k.BED8/Home.htm>



**Illuminate Membership Development  
District Three New Members  
July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009**



Tammy Hall,  
Treasurer



**Welcome!**

New Member	Sponsor
<b>ANDERSON SC</b>	
Gail Arney	Beth Cribbe
Joel Hogg	Linne Otter
<b>CALDWELL COUNTY NC</b>	
Jill Church	Sharon Green
Dodie May	Margaret Cannon
Sherry Robertson	Janet Winkler
<b>CHARLOTTE NC</b>	
Irene Spears	Jo Minchew
<b>COLUMBUS GA</b>	
Leslie Search	Jan Carter
<b>GAFFNEY SC</b>	
Ginger Wallace	Janet Carroll
<b>GAINESVILLE FL</b>	
Constance Shehan	Kimberly Browne
<b>LAKE CITY FL</b>	
Terrie Boyette	Lonnie Haltiwanger
Deborah DeNike	Leandra Johnson
Scott Denmark	Debbie Brannon
Heather Jennings	Carole Dotson, Jill Adams
Jacqueline Kite	Wanda Toner
Jennifer Kuyrkendall	Lily Johnson, N. Holliday-Fields
Dawna Lang	Jo Haley, Heather Gray
Cecey Larramore	Linda Chambers, Jenny Drawdy
Hendietta Onodi-Haley	Jo Haley, Teresa Morgan
Christina Seifert	Carol Jewett
<b>LAKE COUNTY FL</b>	
Jennifer Dempsey	Michele LaFever
Carol Millwater	Patti Wolf, Beth Work
Polly Watson	Meredith Kirste
<b>LIVE OAK FL</b>	
Hillary Cannon	Betsy Burch
Karen Carroll	Barbie Scott
Rose Decker, Jr.	Julie Ulmer
Sharon Jordan	Glenda Williams
Wanda O'Neal	Heather Henderson
Donna Sandage	Dorothy Jean Johns
<b>MARIANNA FL</b>	
Lisa Stevens	Susie Stevens
<b>MONTICELLO FL</b>	
Maurey Beggs	Nan Baughman

Lori Bilberry	Lisa Reasoner
Virginia Blow	Linda Alexander
Sarah Hofmeister	Mary Frances Gramling
Dianne Westbrook	Diane Simpson

**NORTH GEORGIA GA**

Susan Tilford	Elaine Reins
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**Ocala FL**

Carol Bard	Scott Tice
Meri Beyer	Karen Thigpen
Amanda Harland	Sharon Mai
Theresa McPherson	Michelle Smith

**ORLANDO-WINTER PARK FL**

Amy Adams	Carol Thomas
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**RALEIGH NC**

Rhonda Bailey	Transfer from Quincy, MA
Carol Paquette	Barbara Ann Hughes
Beverly Warden	Barbara Ann Hughes
Susan Weavil	Sandy Reid

**SALISBURY NC**

Grace Lowe	Evelyn Schaffer
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**SOUTH MARION COUNTY FL**

JoAnne Giessler	Marguerite McCullough
Nancy Guseman	Cynthia Steinemann, Cindy Schad

**STARKE FL**

LaVon Drivas	Beverly Hardy
Terry Oglesby	Linda Tatum
Ellen Roberts	Carol Berry

**STATESBORO GA**

Karen Bishop	Nancy Waters
Tammy Gann	Martha Cain
Susan Hardiman	Melanie Mosley
Sheri Hendrix	Myrtis Akins
Martha Ray	Jane Deloach
Carole Smith	Melanie Mosley
Kimberly Williams	Mary Harden

**TAMPA BAY FL**

Sharon Miller, Past Gov.	Transfer from District Five
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**WAYNESVILLE NC**

Karen Cioce	Joan Barnes
Dana Klinger	Joan Barnes
Nancy Oheir	Joan Barnes
Holly Patton-Roark	Joan Barnes
Jan Plummer	Joan Barnes

Contact: Tammy Hall [tammy@odommoses.com](mailto:tammy@odommoses.com) §



**Our Light Shines Bright Service Project:  
Altrusa International of S Marion County, FL  
Story Time**

Altrusa International of South Marion County Florida, a relatively new club with members in Stonecrest and The Villages, conducted



South Marion County charter member Marguerite McCullough reads to the children on June 19th

“Story Time” readings to young children at St Theresa’s Food Pantry in Belleview. One-hour reading events took place on June 19, July 10 and July 24. Participating were Altrusans **Sallie Shookman, Marguerite McCullough, Carolyn Ruhe, Frank Russo, Cindy Schad, and Dolly Barie** with volunteer Walt Yesberg. They gave 20 volunteer hours to 22 children and distributed 31 books.

Five children attended the first event. Marguerite McCullough, a former educator and reading

specialist, read two stories to the children, The Rainbow Book and The Very Quiet Cricket. Each child received crayons, a coloring book, and two books to take home. One of the boys was so enthusiastic that he wanted to be sure to return to the other events.

Six children attended the second event with ages ranging from 1 to 12. Frank Russo read to the older three children, as Carolyn Ruhe entertained the younger ones. Frank held a coloring contest with the older children, and gave “prizes” to the winners. All the children took home books and crayons.

The number of children participating in the third event increased to eleven from 1 to 16 years old. Cindy Schad, Frank Russo and Dolly Barie managed the “crowd” with no difficulty, however, and they knew they had made an impact when one boy asked in amazement, “Do we get to keep these books?”

Altrusan **Joy Robbins** donated the crayons. An **ASTRA Club in Ocala, Florida** donated the children’s books. Coloring books were donated by Carolyn Ruhe and Frank Russo.

Donna Krause, Director of Social Services, and her assistant, Mary Ann Gricar attended the club’s regular meeting on July 30 to talk with Altrusans and guests about the food pantry’s operation and the population they serve. The club thanks Donna, Mary Ann, and St Theresa Catholic Church, for allowing the club to share the joy of reading with some of their small clients. We look forward to other projects in the future.

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**Life Preserver To The Environment:  
Back to School Hints from [www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org)  
and Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC**



Teach the children and grand children these environmentally friendly tips:

**Lunch break:** Use lunch pails or canvas bags, not paper. Re-use plastic sandwich bags or only use durable plastic con-

tainers. Avoid use of plastic with harmful toxins.

**Start with the basics:** Turn off the lights in the bathroom or cloak room when leaving, throw away trash found on the school playground, use both sides of the paper and save unused chalk, pens or art supplies.

**Support recycling at school:** Ask for recycling bins if they are not present. Use them for glass and plastic.

**Spread the word:** Encourage children to share this information with friends!

[www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org) §



**Colleen M. Duris, Vice Governor**

**Planning Now Is Critical for Awards**



I hope you have started thinking about submitting award entries for International and District competition. All entries are due by January 31, 2010. For current information you can review the awards criteria forms that are presently located on the District Three website at [www.districtthree.org](http://www.districtthree.org). The awards are found under the Tools/Awards section. There is a section for both District Three Awards, which includes some of the International Awards, and District Three Foundation Awards. For your information, some changes have been made to the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Award. Those items are noted below.



**Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Award**

The list of celebration dates to observe has been extended from six to eleven. You need to observe five of these dates. The complete list is:

International Day of Youth	Aug 12
World Literacy Day	Sep 8

International Peace Day	3rd Tue in Sep
World Food Day	Oct 16
United Nations Day	Oct 24
International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women	Nov 25
Human Rights Day	Dec 10
World Day of Social Justice	Feb 20
Women's Rights Day	Mar 8
World Health Day	Apr 7
International Day of Families	May 15

We also plan on having a NEW award related to Club Websites....more information will be provided to Club Presidents with the Awards Criteria information. Club Presidents, please send me the postcard related to how you wish to receive the awards criteria forms or contact me by e-mail. Thank you and keep up the good work!

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**Illuminate Membership Development:  
District Three Membership 7/31/09**



Tammy Hall, Treasurer

<b>Florida</b>		<b>Statesboro</b>	28
Citrus County	33	<b>Total Georgia</b>	<b>83</b>
Gainesville	95		
Lake City	112	<b>North Carolina</b>	
Lake County	40	Asheville	23
Live Oak	28	Caldwell County	30
Marianna	42	Chapel Hill	16
Monticello	46	Charlotte	37
Ocala	51	Durham	13
Orlando-Winter Park	37	Gastonia	28
South Marion County	25	Raleigh	13
St. Augustine	19	Salisbury	27
Starke	50	Statesville	18
Tampa	17	Waynesville	34
<b>Total Florida</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>Total North Carolina</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Georgia</b>		<b>South Carolina</b>	
Atlanta	14	Anderson	14
Columbus	22	Gaffney	12
North Georgia	19	Spartanburg	41
		<b>Total South Carolina</b>	<b>67</b>

<b>Total Club Membership</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Affiliate Members</b>	
Mary S. Leonard	1
Nancy Drought	1
Christine Prescott	1
Shirley J. Foor	1
Lake Norman Club:	
Shirley Bobo	1
Diane Gavin	1
<b>Total Affiliate Members</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Membership 990</b>	

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## Kitty Mc Elhaney, Parliamentarian **Minutes Make History**



Parliamentary procedures are a set of rules used to provide for fair and open discussions of organized assemblies. Minutes are the official record of the proceedings of a deliberative assembly. The minutes serve as a public record of the meeting, reflecting what was done at the meeting, not what was said. Hence, they are a factual, not an opinionated report.

Minutes are comprised of three parts:

The first paragraph contains the **kind of meeting**: (regular, special, adjourned regular, or adjourned special); the name of the assembly; the date and time of the meeting, and the place, if it is not always the same; the fact that the regular chairman and secretary were present or, in their absence, the names of the persons who substituted for them; and whether or not the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved or revised and approved as revised.

The second part, or body, of the minutes has a **separate paragraph for each topic**. Each mo-

tion brought before the assembly is to be recorded and is to accurately contain the wording of the motion, and include the disposition of the motion.

The last part includes the **time of adjournment**.

The minutes are then signed by the secretary, often using Respectfully Submitted, although those words are not required. If a draft of the minutes of the preceding meeting is sent to all members in advance, the reading of the minutes is not required at the next meeting. Correction and approval of the minutes are then handled in the usual way. Once the minutes are approved, the word Approved, with the secretary's initials and the date, should be written below them.

Minutes of a meeting may be corrected at any time when an error or omission is found.

The minutes should be kept in a substantial book, binder or in an electronic format as they are an accurate recording of the organization's acts and accomplishments and serve to provide the history of the organization. May your minutes make history!

Contact: *Kitty McElhaney kemcelhaney@comcast.net §*

## Linda Robison, Immediate Past Governor **Thank You**



All the cards, notes, emails and phone calls due to the loss of my son Joe (Joey) Robison are appreciated by my family and me. This is a very difficult time for the family and the love and support of Altrusans has been and is very helpful and much needed. Thank you. Linda §

**"I've been thinking about my life value," Ms. Clothier said. "And this helps me to see how important my volunteer work is. It's like my life is a tripod. I've got my church, my job and Altrusa. Without any one of them, I'd wobble and not be able to carry on. You, Altrusa members, give me the strength to carry on, and I thank you for that." - Tamara Clothier, 2009 Altrusan of the Year, Temple TX, Temple Daily Telegram**  
<http://www.tdtnews.com/story/2009/05/03/57622/>

## Mary Kane, Director **Director's Report**



In June I met with my fellow Board members for two days of busy but very productive work. We got to know each other better and found that we all bring a little something different to the table. We also discovered that we work well and efficiently together. I am truly honored to be a part of this board and excited about this biennium.

My four assigned clubs are: Asheville, NC, Durham, NC, North Georgia, GA and Spartanburg, SC. Letters were sent to presidents and I recently followed up with e-mails to start scheduling club visits. My

goal is to have at least one visit and hopefully two visits completed by District Conference 2010. The balance of the visits will be in the second year of the biennium. I am perusing previous club reports to learn more about my assigned clubs. I am really looking forward to the opportunity to visit the clubs, meet the members and represent Governor Robin and the District Three Board.

A scheduling conflict with my work caused me to miss the International Convention. I have seen some of the new materials and they are awesome! It truly is an exciting time to be an Altrusan. With Donna Johnson at the helm, I feel we will be very well served. I remain yours in Altrusiasm. §



**Our Light Shines Bright Service Project:**  
**Altrusa of Spartanburg Helps Park Hills Elementary with Money for Bikes and Helmets**

Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC received a \$750.00 grant from District Three and a \$1,000.00 grant from International. The Community Service Committee had several meetings with school administrators and arrived at some unique ways to support the students at Park Hills Elementary School.



It was decided the District Three grant money would buy bicycles and helmets for the children. These were awarded at their Good News Assemblies every nine weeks. The students were rewarded for good attendance, good behavior and academic achievement. Our club continued to support these assemblies by giving money that was used to purchase small awards, helmets and bicycles.



The International Grant money was for the students with perfect attendance during each nine-week session. Each student was handed an "Altrusa attendance" pencil during the Good News Assemblies. Popcorn parties were for the class in each grade level that had the best attendance during the session. We met at a member's house and packaged individual bags of popcorn then handed out juice boxes and bags of popcorn to the children in each of the winning classrooms at the school.

We held an end-of-the-year pizza party for the children who had perfect attendance for at least one nine-week session. Of 400 Park Hills Elementary School students, 135 attended

this party. The children received juice drinks, pizza and drawings were held for bicycles.

The Spartanburg Club also awarded a bicycle to a student who had perfect attendance for three consecutive years. This bicycle was given in honor of one of our former club members who continues to make many contributions to our club and to Park Hills Elementary School.

Altrusans who worked with these projects were impressed with the progress the children made in their academic achievements and behavior. The number of children who had perfect attendance increased each nine-week session and surpassed their attendance records in previous years. The principal, teachers and staff constantly expressed their gratitude. The principal also commended our club during our end-of-year Annual Meeting. Packaging popcorn and watching the children enjoy the parties and Good News Assemblies helped our members develop an even closer camaraderie. In one year we awarded 27 bicycles and helmets, mounds of popcorn and loads of pencils and small awards. All of our Altrusans wish to continue this project.

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**Our Light Shines Bright Service Project:**  
**Altrusa of Lake City Serves Hope Lodge and Children with Cancer**

Lake City Altrusans Margaret Collins, Sherri Cole, Marty Cox, Leanne Fair, Jan Smithey, Cindy Todd and her daughter, Kim Kreel, Sybil Hunziker, Kay Poltorak and Nancy Fields served dinner to 42 residents at American Cancer Society Gainesville Hope Lodge. Numerous members donated three kinds of lasagna, macaroni and cheese, salad, bread and desserts. Leanne's white chicken lasagna was a big hit! Personally serving and then visiting and eating with the residents who are undergoing cancer treatments was meaningful to all.



The next day's Rock Camp send off from Hope Lodge for kids with cancer was attended by Altrusans Jo Haley, Kay Poltorak, Kim Kreel and Nancy Fields.

Lunch was donated. The room was filled with toy centerpieces and balloons. Each sponsor including Altrusa had a table. Camp counselors, families, volunteers, and UF football team members attended. Each child was given a



marshmallow blow gun and had a blast. Individual photos were taken with the football team in Safari gear. Each child made an art project. Hope Lodge borrowed Altrusa's idea and the kids decorated their own hats. Each child received a bag from Altrusa and used the bags to hold their art supplies. Of the 152 kids from Pensacola to Gainesville who went to Rock Camp at Eustis, Florida, 12 were from our area. All 152 received a bag from Altrusa. Channel 20 TV took two Altrusa bags to feature on the news. Special kudos to Altrusan Kim Kreel for coming from Orlando to help with both events.

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## Quarterly District Calendar



Date	Event	Categories
8/21/09	Foundation Board Meeting, Spartanburg	Foundation
8/22/09	2nd Day Foundation Board Meeting, Spartanburg	Foundation
8/31/09	District Service Bulletin Mailing	DSB
Sept. 09		
9/1/09	Consider making a club donation to the International Foundation Grant Program in October	Local Club
9/1/09	Distribute club yearbook	Local Club
9/8/09	World Literacy Day, this is a great opportunity to debut a new literacy project	Local Club
9/15/09	Grant applications due to International Foundation	Local Club
9/22/09	International Day of Peace	Local Club
9/30/09	Notify International if you club sponsors an ASTRA Club	Local Club

Date	Event	Categories
9/30/09	Send your pre-Make a Difference Day Report to International	Local Club
Oct. 09		
10/1/09	Send IRS Form 990 if necessary	Local Club
10/15/09	Mid-Year Consultant Reports to Secretary	District Consultants
10/15/09	District Service Bulletin Articles Due	DSB
10/16/09	World Food Day	Local Club
10/23/09	Mid-Year Board Meeting, Ocala, FL	District Board
10/24/09	2nd Day Mid-Year Board Meeting, Ocala, FL	District Board
10/24/09	United Nations Day	Local Club
10/24/09	Make A Difference Day	Local Club
10/31/09	District Service Bulletin Electronic Mailing	DSB

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**“What we have already achieved is magnificent. But Altrusa is not static; it is dynamic. New fields shall open unto us and we will achieve new goals of helpfulness. In the past, in the present, and in the future. The strength of Altrusa is in the individual member, her vision, her character, her kindness and her desire for service and always her power to add to the happiness of those about her.” —Mamie L Bass**

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**C**lubs are encouraged to give special attention to the fact Add An Altrusan Day has been moved to May 2-8, 2010! Choose a day that week or an entire week of activities to celebrate! Membershipdevelopment@altrusa.com invites you to share your ideas, photos, and events. Collaborate with other clubs in your area, involve the media, and make Altrusa shine.

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