



Reflections from Governor Robin

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Monthly Communication to Altrusa International, Inc. District Three Club Presidents Govrobin@comcast.net (Serving clubs in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina)

Please send your Governor's Outstanding Club Award application to me on or before March 1.

This is also a reminder that the deadline for the **International Foundation Grant** is **March 15**. If you applied last fall and were unsuccessful, you may resubmit your same request. Just make sure it meets all of the criteria requested in the application.

Since my last communication to you, I have had the pleasure of visiting clubs in Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. My visits were wonderful and I've included some of the pictures for you to see.



Illuminating Membership - Above is a picture of **Sponsor Frank Russo** (far right) from the Altrusa Int'l Inc. South Marion County, FL Club and their two latest members, **Diane and Ed Bray** (middle). It was an honor for me (far left) to conduct their initiation at their January 28 meeting.

Sponsors – Since February 1, the following sponsors have brought in **thirteen** new members. Many thanks are extended to **Linda Arnold** (Waynesville, NC), **Chris Forga** (Waynesville, NC), **Donna Paramore** (Marianna, FL), **Norma Teuton** (North Georgia, GA), **Linda Ray** (North Georgia, GA), **Dianne Westbrook** (Monticello, FL), **Jill Miller** (Marianna, FL), and **Terri Beck** (Salisbury, NC). **Frank Russo** (*South Marion County, FL*) sponsored two new members, and

Governor Elect Beverly Hardy (*Starke, FL*) sponsored **three new members**. Please thank your sponsors at your club meeting for their contributions to building membership. They are to be congratulated for reaching out and bringing in new members.



I told you when I went to North Carolina I wanted to see snow people. As I was making club visits, I happened upon this wonderful snow family and took the picture so I could share it with you.



Light Shines Bright –On February 5, the Altrusa Int'l Inc. Spartanburg Club sponsored a successful chili fundraiser on Superbowl Friday. Above is a picture of **President Pat Smith** (left) and the very talented chili

cook, **Sarah Broyles** (right). It was a cold wintery day (Brrr) and they sold lots of chili.



Illuminating Membership - At the February 2 Altrusa Int'l Inc. Waynesville, NC meeting, new members **Barbara Brennan** (far left) and **Michelle Sanderbeck** were initiated by **Dana Klinger** (far right).

Conference Reminders – By now, your club treasurer should have submitted your conference delegate fees to **District Three Treasurer Tammy Hall**. Please verify with your treasurer that this has been done.

By March 1, **District Secretary Pat Smith** needs the names of your delegates and alternates attending conference so she can create a report to give to the credentials committee. Pat also needs the names of members who were deceased during the past year, and names of your 25 and 50 year members. Her e-mail address is patsmithpa@gmail.com.

The conference service project is to support **FOOD 4 KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM**. Please start collecting canned meat, pasta and soup; juice boxes, macaroni and cheese, single serving pudding cups, fruit cups, cereal, snack bars; pop tarts, and single serving pretzels, cookies, raisins. Bringing these items to conference will help provide needy children with three meals on weekend days. A complete list was sent to you in a previous e-mail. Financial donations are also appreciated.

Upcoming Dates

March Calendar:

March 1, 2010:

- ✚ Governor’s Outstanding Club Award Application Due
- ✚ Club sends names of deceased members during

past year to District Secretary

- ✚ Elect officers for next club year

March 8, 2010:

- ✚ Women’s Rights Day & World Rights Day

Don’t forget to sign up for The Friday Night Fun Night Talent Show. It promises much fun and laughter. I hope to see you in Ocala!



Illuminating Membership - Altrusa Int'l Inc. Caldwell County, NC **President Angie Ashley** recognizes member **Ruth Kincaid** by presenting her with the "Let Your Light Shine Award" at their February 3 meeting.

International Updates – Please go to the website and read the e-news. Below are the topics.

Summary of January 2010 Board Meeting Actions

Did You Know? This covers bonding of Club Treasurers, Add an Altrusan Day moved to first week in May, and previous survey responses.

Managing Change: Altrusa A Great Investment! Bring the biennium theme to life by personally demonstrating that Altrusa IS a Great Investment!

We Have It All Backwards – Ways to demonstrate our passion by sharing our success stories.

Hot Off The Presses – Download a copy of the New Club Building Manual.

Pulse Check – Please take the short survey. It’s interactive and you’ll receive an instant tally of the votes. International wants to hear your voice and what you think is very important.

- March 15, 2010:
- ✚ Int'l Day for Elimination of Violence against Women
 - ✚ Application due for Int'l Foundation Project Grants
- March 31, 2010:
- ✚ Submit names of new officers to District and International
- April Calendar:*
- April 1, 2010:
- ✚ Begin work on Club Activity Report
- April 1, 2010 continued:
- ✚ New members pay full Dues (covers through 5/31/11)
 - ✚ Consider donation to Int'l Endowment fund
 - ✚ Incoming President appoints committee chairs
- April 7, 2010:
- ✚ World Health Day
- April 10, 2010:
- ✚ Audit committee report due to Governor
- April 11, 2010:
- ✚ Altrusa's Anniversary and Altrusa Awareness Day
- April 15, 2010:
- ✚ Int'l sends dues statements to club treasurers
- April 29-May 1, 2010:
- ✚ "Lighting the Way" Conference, Ocala, FL
- May Calendar:*
- May 1, 2010:
- ✚ Incoming President plans meeting of old and new Board of Directors
 - ✚ Finalize plans for annual meeting and installation of new officers
 - ✚ Plan to have conference delegates and alternates present a District Conference Report
- May 2, 2010:
- ✚ Add an Altrusan Day
- May 10, 2010:
- ✚ Report names of new committee chairs and officers to District and International
- May 15, 2010:
- ✚ District Service Bulletin articles due
 - ✚ Finalize proposed budget for upcoming club year
 - ✚ Annual reports of outgoing club officers and committee chairs due
 - ✚ International Day of Families
- May 31, 2010:
- ✚ Entry for ASTRA Club Service Award due to International Office
 - ✚ Entry for Distinguished Club Award due to International Office
 - ✚ Club Activity Reports due to Governor-Elect and International Office
 - ✚ District Service Bulletin electronic mailing
 - ✚ Install new officers
 - ✚ Club fiscal year ends
- E-Mail DSB Articles and Photos to:**
Sandy Furches, DSB editor, sandyfurches@me.com
- E-Mail Cool Ideas to:**
Julie Watson-Helms, Service Program Development Consultant, Julie.watson@att.net
- Overall District Three Goals** are: Beacon to Club Revitalization and New Club Building.
- Individual Club Goals:**
1. Illuminate Membership Development
 2. Our Light Shines Bright Service Project (Service Project and Photo in DSB)
 3. Life Preserver to the Environment
 4. Light Keeper Sister Club Project, Cool Ideas on the District Three Website.
- Warmest Regard,
- Robin Hall, Governor*
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Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright!