



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)

Biennium Goals: It's time to wipe the slate clean and start over with completing the 2010-2011 goals. We want to hear about your light shines bright projects, illuminating membership, life preserver to the environment, and cool ideas on the website.

Conference: Conference Chair Scott Tice and Co-Chair Cindy Schad are doing a fabulous job with Lighting the Way! The conference is starting Thursday, April 29 and you will hear all about it in the Spring 2010 DSB and June Presidents' Communication.

2010-2011 Club Officer Rosters: I'm still missing some of the Club Officer Rosters. Please send us your information as soon as possible. I need to know the contact information for your incoming president so I can start sending communications. Treasurer Tammy Hall also needs the information so she can set up her 2010-2011 treasurer contact list.

Add An Altrusan Day: The first week of May is designated as "Add An Altrusan Day". This is a great time to invite potential members to a club meeting or activity. Activities could include assisting schools with end of year teacher and student recognitions, hosting fund raisers, conduction health fair/career fair, educating schools about ASTRA, etc.

2009-2010 Club Activity Report: Governor-Elect Beverly Hardy will be coordinating the report for you to complete and return to her. Her e-mail address has changed so please send your completed reports to beverly_hardy@comcast.net (there is an _ between her first and last name.)

Sponsors: Since April 1, Gloria Boone and Janis McNemar (Statesville, NC) sponsored new member Donna Hames. Barbie Scott (Live Oak, FL) sponsored Linda Bickel. We congratulate you for your recruitment efforts!

Club Visits: The last week of March and leading up to conference, I had the opportunity to do more club visits. It's always a pleasure for me to share the many exciting club service projects and activities with you.

The three clubs in the spotlight are doing great things in their communities.



Light Shines Bright: Altrusa Int'l Inc. Ocala, FL partnered with Marion County Public Schools to present "Are You Smarter Than A...? Vice Governor Colleen Duris is operating the power point questions and answers component. The contestants and host are in the background. (Mark Schad, husband of Cindy Schad, won the competition! Way To Go Mark!!!)



Light Shines Bright: Altrusa Int'l Inc. Lake City, FL sponsored a first time Spring Expo! A variety of

vendors participated in the event and it was a real community affair. It was scary and exciting to try a new project and the club deemed it a success.



Light Shines Bright: Above is a picture of **Ledmarie Rodriguez, Altrusa House Center Director** (middle), her husband **Raul Rodriguez** (left), and **Carol Meyer** (right), **Altrusa House Board and Altrusa Int'l. Inc. Gainesville, FL member.** They participated in the April 17 International Dinner. India was the featured country and it was a fun and informative dinner.

I'm working with many of you on scheduling club visits for the upcoming biennium. If I haven't yet visited your club or attended one of your activities, please know that I plan to do so during the upcoming year. This is the best part of serving as your Governor. What you are doing at the club level is vital to the success of our organization. I'm so in awe of all you accomplish and the difference you make.

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



Light Shines Bright: Altrusa Int'l, Inc. Gainesville, FL provides entertainment at the International dinner to promote cultural activities in India.

2011–2013 District Three Leadership: As club president, you are currently serving as the top leader in your club. Please consider serving at the District level for the upcoming 2011 – 2013 biennium. Our District is in need of board members and consultants with your leadership skills. Please encourage past presidents and past treasurers in your club to also consider serving on the District level.

Spring DSB: The spring DSB deadline to submit articles is May 15. Please remember to send editor Sandy Furches your Light Shines Bright articles with photo. This is how you receive credit for your goal completion. We also want to hear about your environmental projects.

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

May 31, 2010 continued:

- ✚ Club Activity Reports due to Governor-Elect and International Office
- ✚ District Service Bulletin electronic mailing
- ✚ Install new officers
- ✚ Club fiscal year ends
- ✚ Last day to pay membership dues
- ✚ Call for Board of Directors' Nominations letter to club presidents
- ✚ Select a literacy project for "Make A Difference Day"

June Calendar:

June 1, 2010:

- ✚ Schedule all club and board meetings for the upcoming year
- ✚ Present annual budget to club for approval
- ✚ Club fiscal year begins
- ✚ Sign new bank signature cards (President & Treasurer)
- ✚ Deadline to submit District and International Dues

June 15, 2010:

- ✚ Treasurer notifies members with unpaid dues and advises of late fees
- ✚ Late fees charged for unpaid dues

July Calendar:

July 1, 2010:

- ✚ Send IRS Form 990 if necessary
- ✚ Begin work on club yearbook
- ✚ Start thinking about projects to submit for Mamie L Bass and Letha H. Brown Literacy Awards
- ✚ ASTRA club sponsor information form due to International

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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,

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Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright!

See you at conference! Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day!