



# Reflections from Governor Robin

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

**Agenda for Mid Year Board Meeting:** Your District Three Board will be meeting in Concord, NC on October 1-2. Some topics include: Parliamentary pointer, Treasurer's reports, District officer reports, approval of the 2010 Conference report, approval of items associated with the District 2011 Conference, and approval of the slate of candidates for the District Three Board. Special committee reports will be made on District Records Policy, Conference Manual update, and Club Revitalization Grants for under charter strength clubs. If you have any Emeritus requests, please send to me for approval at the board meeting.

**Foundation Grant Applications Reminder:** The International Foundation is still accepting grant applications up until September 15. It's not too late to submit your request.

**E-NEWS –[www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com) and click Login. Enter your e-mail address, password, select membership:**

1. File annual Form 990-N if your club or foundation had gross receipts less than \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010.
2. Altrusa at the United Nations – Two Altrusans attended four interactive General Assembly hearings and provided a summary.
3. Announcements – International Convention fee increased to \$30, Bylaws and Policies updated, Make A Difference Day, and verify Officers and Committee Chair information with International.
4. Executive Director Search Update – Search is being continued and more updates will follow.
5. Article by Thomas McKee on “Crowdsourcing and Micro Volunteering: A New Breed of Volunteer Power”.

**Light Shines Bright:** A simple way to make a difference is to donate your hair. One of the goals on my bucket list was to donate my hair to “Locks of Love”. I had heard about it for years but had never acted on it. In my research, I learned that Locks of Love wigs are given to children with long term hair

loss. Initially, I thought the wigs went to kids with cancer. The list is wider and according to the website includes kids with hair loss resulting from burns, chemotherapy, radiation treatments, alopecia and other medical problems. A custom human hair wig costs thousands of dollars and it takes multiple hair donations to make one wig. The children who receive the wigs are from financially disadvantaged families and aren't charged for the wigs created for them. Several years ago I stated to grow out my hair and recently donated 13 inches to the organization. Below are pictures of my stylist, Amber Taylor, preparing my hair for donation to Locks of Love.





A week after I sent in my hair, Locks of Love sent me a beautiful certificate of appreciation. Amber told me I was her third customer that week to donate to the Lock of Love organization.



In the picture above, I'm looking at my new hairstyle minus the length! It seems a little strange to be this short but I know it will grow back when I decide to do another donation. For more information, go to their

website at [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org). Please spread the word about this wonderful organization.

**Sponsors:** Since August 1, **Ellen Zane** sponsored new members **Tina Marks** and **Joanne Rocca** (Citrus County, FL). **Susan LaPorte** sponsored new member **Debbie Ressler** (Citrus County, FL). **Janet Gandara** sponsored new member **Rena Collins** (St. Augustine, FL). **Frances Alguire** sponsored new members **Jennifer DiGiovanna** and **Mary Papish** (Chapel Hill, NC). **Connie Elzey** sponsored new member **Marcella Calvert** (Gastonia, NC). It is indeed our Altrusa sponsors who are helping grow our organization. Congratulations to Citrus County, FL for bringing in three new members.

**Foundation Club 21:** Please remember to send the International Foundation \$21 for Club 21 to support Safe Haven Camps. Your contribution will help children with HIV/AIDS experience camp free of charge. The newest camp is located in Arden, NC and serves kids from our District. The form is located at: [http://www.altrusa.com/PDF/FoundationForms/Club\\_21\\_Renewal\\_Form.pdf](http://www.altrusa.com/PDF/FoundationForms/Club_21_Renewal_Form.pdf). When you complete your annual Club Activity Report, your number of Club 21 members counts toward Distinguished Club status.

**Make A Difference Day (MADD) Reminder:** Make a Difference Day is on October 23. Please select your literacy project and e-mail your information to **Service Program Development Consultant Cathie Schanz** at [cathies627@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cathies627@tampabay.rr.com). She will post your information on our website. To record your MADD project with International, go to the [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com) website.

**Strategic Planning:** Please make sure your club has a strategic plan developed by your members that is reviewed and updated regularly. An updated plan will guide your club into the next biennium. If you would like help with your plan, please contact Christy Bryant at [Christy.bryant@bankofamerica.com](mailto:Christy.bryant@bankofamerica.com). Christy is the District Three Leadership Development Consultant and is willing to provide guidance to you and your club.

**Conference and Convention Reminders:** Please remind your members at every meeting about the upcoming conference and convention dates.

**2011 District Three Conference:** April 28 – 30, Embassy Suites, Concord, NC.

**2011 International Convention:** July 22 – 25 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conf. Center, Rapid City, SD.

### September Calendar:

- September 1, 2010:
- ✚ Please consider making a club donation to the International Foundation Grant Program
  - ✚ Distribute Club Yearbook
- September 8, 2010:
- ✚ World Literacy Day, great opportunity to introduce a new project
- September 15, 2010:
- ✚ Grant applications due to International Foundation
- September 21, 2010:
- ✚ International Day of Peace
- September 25, 2010:
- ✚ Conference Proceedings Report to Governor
- September 25, 2010
- ✚ Send your pre-Make a Difference Day Report to International
- September 30, 2010:
- ✚ ASTRA club sponsor information form due to International
  - ✚ Notify International if your club sponsors an ASTRA Club.

### October Calendar:

- October 1, 2010:
- ✚ Send IRS Form 990 if necessary
  - ✚ Mid-year Consultant Reports to Secretary
  - ✚ Mid-year Board Meeting Concord, NC
  - ✚ Nominating Committee Report presented to Board of Directors
  - ✚ Board confirms eligibility of Nominating Committee candidates for office
- October 2, 2010:
- ✚ Mid-year Board Meeting continued
- October 15, 2010:
- ✚ District Service Bulletin articles due
- October 16, 2010:
- ✚ World Food Day

- October 23, 2010:
- ✚ Make A Difference Day (MADD)
- October 24, 2010:
- ✚ United Nations Day
- October 31, 2010:
- ✚ District Service Electronic Mailing

### November Calendar:

- November 15, 2010:
- ✚ Final Report for Make A Difference Day to International Due
  - ✚ 2013-2015 Altrusa Int'l Nominations for Long Range Strategic Planning Committee and Foundation Board
- November 25, 2010:
- ✚ International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women
  - ✚ Happy Thanksgiving!

**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.

#### E-Mail DSB Articles and Photos to:

Sandy Furches, DSB editor, [sandyfurches@me.com](mailto:sandyfurches@me.com)

#### E-Mail Make A Difference Day Plans/Cool Ideas to:

Cathie Schanz, Service Program Development Consultant, [cathies627@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cathies627@tampabay.rr.com)

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Enjoy your fall activities!

Warmest Regards,

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**Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright!**