



## **DISTRICT THREE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**2011**

**District Conference**

**Ocala, Florida**

**April 28 - 30**

**Colleen M. Duris, Vice Governor**

**Awards Coordinator**

# District Three Awards Breakfast

## Recognition of 25 and 50 year members

Presented by Patricia Smith, District Three Secretary

## Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award

Presented by Kimberly Brown, District Three Director

## Todd Jordan Yearbook Award

Presented by Susy Meier, Atlanta, Georgia

## Newsletter Award

Presented by Lucy Quinn, District Three Communications Consultant

## Scrapbook Entries

Presented by Teresa Williams, District Three Director

## Outstanding Community Service Awards

Presented by Mary Kane, District Three Director

## Myrtice H. Price Membership Award

Presented by Tammy Hall, District Three Treasurer

## Membership-Greatest Net Gain Award

Presented by Tammy Hall, District Three Treasurer

## Membership Incentive Credit Award

Presented by Tammy Hall, District Three Treasurer

## Club Website Award

Presented by Colleen Duris, District Three Vice Governor

## Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

Presented by Angela Perry, District Three Membership Development Consultant

## Mamie L. Bass Service Award

Presented by Cathie Schanz, District Three Service Program Development Consultant

## Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

Presented by Linda Robison, District Three Immediate Past Governor

## Governor's Outstanding Club Award

Presented by Robin Hall, District Three Governor

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**Membership Anniversaries**

**25-Years**

Martha Tootle Cain, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Statesboro, Georgia*  
Lucille Carter, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Statesville, North Carolina*  
Ranae Clements, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*  
Catheryn Cotton, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Durham, North Carolina*  
Polly Doughty, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*  
Beth Hearn, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Anderson, South Carolina*  
Ruth Kincaid, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, North Carolina*  
Roberta Rossi, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina*  
Vicki Sellner, *Altrusa International, Inc. of St. Augustine, Florida*

**27-Years (not previously recognized)**

Neale Brennan, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Citrus County, Florida*

**28-Years (not previously recognized)**

Linda Henderson, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*

**29-Years (not previously recognized)**

Patricia Thomas, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Citrus County, Florida*

**50-Year**

Jane Hicks, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*  
Martha Thomas, *Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake County, Florida*

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**Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award**

The purpose of the Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award is based on the concept that good program planning is the key to a successful club. Ideally, programming should provide Altrusans with opportunities for fellowship, service, personal and professional growth; as well as influence member participation and attendance.

**Summary:** The judges chosen were three non-Altrusan (Assistant Dean for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences with the University of Florida; Deputy Federal Security Director, Department of Homeland Security; and, a Retired elementary school teacher) who were objective per the criteria of the award: Relevance (40 points), Quality and Balance (15 points) and Participation of Membership (10 points) for a possible total of 65 points from each judge or 195 overall.

We had eight entries for this award:

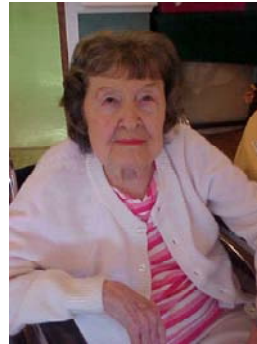
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of St. Augustine, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Waynesville, North Carolina*

**Award Winners**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<i>(191 points)</i>
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida</i>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<i>(186 points)</i>
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida</i>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<i>(182 points)</i>
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Waynesville, North Carolina</i>	

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**Todd Jordan Yearbook Award**

A yearbook's purpose is to serve as a reference tool in which members can find pertinent information. We had eight entries for this award:

- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, North Carolina*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake County, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida*
- *Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*

**Summary:** This award is presented to clubs who publish a yearbook and submitted a completed award submission form by January 31, 2011. The District Three Board encourages each club to produce a yearbook as a much needed communication tool. The club yearbook should contain local, district and international information. Three non-Altrusan judges were selected: a former Business Unit Manager for University of Tennessee School of Social Work, presently residing in Chattanooga, Tennessee; A Food Stylist and Blogger from Atlanta, Georgia; and a Communications and Marketing Specialist from Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Scoring was very objective per the criterion which is specific in six areas: format/usability (10 points), club information (65 points), district information (12 points), international information (20 points), Altrusa information (8 points) and distribution (10 points) for a total of 125 points each judge or 375 overall.

**Award Winners**

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| <i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala, Florida (352 points)</i><br>President: Scott Tice, <a href="mailto:scotttice@earthlink.net">scotttice@earthlink.net</a>                 | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> |
| <i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida (348 points)</i><br>President: Carol Thomas, <a href="mailto:carol.thomas@L-3com.com">carol.thomas@L-3com.com</a> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> |
| <i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina (348 points)</i><br>President: Pat Smith, <a href="mailto:pat.smithpa@gmail.com">pat.smithpa@gmail.com</a>         | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> |
| <i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina (345 points)</i><br>President: Linda Atz , <a href="mailto:atzie521@yahoo.com">atzie521@yahoo.com</a>                | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> |

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**Newsletter Award**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** (Score 70)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, FL—Keynotes*

Editor: Maryanne Kravitz, [Mkravitz@lhps.org](mailto:Mkravitz@lhps.org)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** (Score 69)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC—The Altrusan*

Editor: Pat Smith, [pat.smithpa@gmail.com](mailto:pat.smithpa@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** (Score 67)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, NC - Altrusa Accent*

Editor: Jennifer Drumm, [drummlandscaping@cs.com](mailto:drummlandscaping@cs.com)

**Other entries:**

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Asheville, NC—The Altrusan Leader*

Editor: Mary Kater, [mkater@charter.net](mailto:mkater@charter.net)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, NC—The Paper Clip*

Editor: Betsy McRee, [betsymcree@charter.net](mailto:betsymcree@charter.net)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, FL— Club View Newsletter*

Editor: Kitty McElhaney, [kemcelhaney@comcast.net](mailto:kemcelhaney@comcast.net)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake County, FL—High Heels with High Ideals*

Editor: Lori Farfaglia, [lori.farfaglia@unitedsouthernbank.com](mailto:lori.farfaglia@unitedsouthernbank.com)

**Summary:** All club newsletter editors would do well to use the judging criteria as a planning guide from the beginning of the club year. Scoring by three non-Altrusan judges (Author/Archivist, Professor of Education, Journalist/Newsletter Publisher ) was very objective per that criteria which is specific in four areas: content (60 points), format (13 points), readability (10 points) and distribution (18 points). Total points possible: 101

A newsletters purpose is effective communication within the club and beyond the club. To assist with judging, newsletter editor's contact information as well as the name of the newsletter should be included on each on-line posting. Electronic distribution makes that cost effective, timely, and possible for all.

**Scrapbook Entries**

1. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, North Carolina*
2. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina*
3. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, Florida*
4. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida*
5. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*
6. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida*
7. *Altrusa International, Inc. of Waynesville, North Carolina*

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**Outstanding Community Service Award**

**Criteria for the award:**

1. At least 75% of the total membership must have volunteered a minimum average of three hours each during the course of the year on the club's community service or fund-raising initiatives.
2. The club, as a whole, must have provided at least 300 hours of volunteer time during the course of the year. This could be by providing direct service through a project in the community or in raising funds to underwrite the cost of the community service initiatives.
3. The club must have given at least \$1,000 during the course of the year to underwrite to costs of the community service initiatives or to make direct charitable donations to community non-profit organizations or other worthy causes.
4. The deadline for submission was January 31, 2011. Eleven clubs submitted award applications this year.

The award submissions were scored by Mary Kane, District Three Director

**Award Winners:**

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Asheville, NC*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Atlanta, GA*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, NC*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, NC*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, FL*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Gastonia, NC*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, FL*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of North Georgia, GA*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, FL*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Raleigh, NC*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of St. Augustine, FL*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, FL*

**Total Volunteer Hours .....13,314**

**Provided by 470 members**

**Average of 28 hours per person**

**Total Monies Spent or Donated by Clubs.....\$94,982**

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**Myrtice H. Price Membership Award**

*Greatest percentage membership net gain from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> (certificate and check)		
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina</i>		16.67%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> (certificate)		
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida</i>		15.91%
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> (certificate)		
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Tampa Bay, Florida</i>		15.38%

**District Three Membership Awards  
Greatest Net Gain in Membership**

*Greatest Net Gain in Membership from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> (certificate)		
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida</i>		7
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> (certificate)		
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Statesboro, Georgia</i>		4
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> (certificate)		
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, North Carolina</i>		3
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of North Georgia, Georgia</i>		3

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**Membership Incentive Awards**

*All membership awards are based on District Treasurer's records as of January 31, 2011*

To encourage membership growth and attendance at District Three Conferences, a monetary incentive plan was approved by the District Three Board of Directors in June, 1996. Based on categories of net gain in membership, clubs receive funds to help offset the cost of attendance at conference. These funds can only be used for payment of conference registration fees for the conference immediately following the determination date for this award. To receive the award, a club must have delegates seated at the conference in which the credit is given.

**Net Membership Gain of:**

3-5 Members .....	\$25.00
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, North Carolina</i>	
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of North Georgia, Georgia</i>	
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Statesboro, Georgia</i>	
6-8 Members .....	\$50.00
<i>Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida</i>	
9-11 Members .....	\$75.00
<i>None</i>	
12 or more .....	\$100.00
<i>None</i>	

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**Club Website Award**

This award was created during the 2009-2011 biennium to recognize and encourage clubs to create and maintain a presence on the World Wide Web.

**Summary:** This award is presented to clubs who have a club website and submitted a completed award submission form by January 31, 2011. The District Three Board encourages each club to have a website including information for the general public and Altrusa membership.

Three Altrusan judges, outside District Three, were selected: Ilona Kerby, International Vice President, Longview, Washington; Rhoda Struhs, International Communications Committee Chair, Riverdale, Utah; Bev Herzog, District Governor, District Six, Bellflower, Illinois. All entry websites were reviewed by the judges between March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. Scoring was very objective per the criterion which is specific in five areas: Function/General (10 points), Club/Membership Information (55 points), District Information (6 points), International Information (6 points) and Altrusa Information (3 points) for a total of 80 points from each judge or 240 overall.

**Award Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Caldwell County, North Carolina* (190 points)  
[www.altrusacaldwell.org](http://www.altrusacaldwell.org)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina* (180 points)  
[www.altrusaofcharlotte.org](http://www.altrusaofcharlotte.org)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake County, Florida* (131 points)  
[www.altrusalakecounty.org](http://www.altrusalakecounty.org)

**Other entries:**

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala, Florida*  
[www.altrusaofocala.com](http://www.altrusaofocala.com)

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**Letha H. Brown Literacy Award**

**Altrusa International, Inc. of South Marion County, Florida – “Tutoring in Literacy at two schools; Belleview Santos Elementary and Harbour View Elementary”** **1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Contact: Carolyn Ruhe, email: [carolynruhe@att.net](mailto:carolynruhe@att.net) (100 points)

The members of this club tutored children in two different schools through grade 5 in Reading and preparation for State wide testing (FCAT). An Altrusa sponsored volunteer went into the classrooms at least one day each week to work with children who demonstrated a need for tutoring in reading which included not only literature and science articles but also understanding the written description of math problems. The average number of students tutored each week was four in each class over twenty five classes. Over 500 books have been given as gifts to children as a result of fund raising by the members.

**Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida - “The Altrusa Middle School Literacy Award”** **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Contact: Corrine Greenberg, email: [codaq2@gmail.com](mailto:codaq2@gmail.com) (89.33 points)

The Literacy Committee recognized that the club had ongoing projects at the preschool and elementary school levels and regularly donated books to support adult reading but there were no projects at the middle school level, so the project Altrusa Middle School Literacy Award was launched. With three objectives identified, three schools chosen and support of the school administrators, a child at each school was awarded a \$100.00 check payable to the child.

**Altrusa International Inc. of Lake City, Florida – “Altrusa Literacy Day 2010”** **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Contact: Jan Smithey, email: [janjansmithey@gmail.com](mailto:janjansmithey@gmail.com) (89.33 points)

The Service Committee chose a specific day to be Altrusa Literacy Day which was voted on and approved by the club. After identifying eight project objectives, choosing a site and getting support from the public library staff and several local authors, 27% of the club spent the day reading and being read to by children. The project also had Curious George assisting the library staff with registering 25 people for a library card and added four new volunteers for the adult literacy tutor program.

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**Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina – “Oh, Where Our Minds Can Take Us”**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

(82.33 points)

Contact: Linda Atz, email: [atzie521@yahoo.com](mailto:atzie521@yahoo.com)

After doing this same project for several years the club made some modifications to the basic development of their first ‘Read It Day’ sponsored in 2004, the project is now referred to as ‘Read Day.’ Readers, which included Altrusans and volunteers from the community, gather in the Specialty Centers of the school to read to children. Instead of going into the classroom to read, students were sent to the readers on a “mini field trip.” Readers would come to the “Gathering Room” to choose their books and have refreshments which allowed for recruitment while talking about literacy. In all 500 children were read to and experienced the fun of reading!

### **Other Excellent Entries**

**“Building Foundations Through Literacy” - Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake County, Florida**

Contact: Sharon Wooten, email: [swooten@tomgrizzard.com](mailto:swooten@tomgrizzard.com)

Through the sponsorship of \$3,000.00, the club was able to support six projects that gave: bags full of activities to children while their parents were taking night classes; funds to mothers to assist in getting their GED; books to Rafiki Foundation in Liberia; books to a local Ministry for students in the after school program; CD players and headphones to a local high school for students to listen to books on CD and other literacy-based activities and partnered with Beacon College to provide books and lesson plans to a local elementary school.

**“Suessical, The Musical” - Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina**

Contact: Pat Smith, email: [pat.smithpa@gmail.com](mailto:pat.smithpa@gmail.com)

In conjunction with The Spartanburg Little Theatre’s production of the hit Broadway musical *Seussical*, a contest was held asking students to donate gently loved books. The winner was promised a visit and story hour by the Cat in the Hat from *Seussical*. With the approximately 2000 books that were donated, five local elementary schools and seven non-profit organizations received books for distribution.

**“Scholastic Fairs at Bradford Elementary Schools” - Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida**

Contact: Vicki Teal, email: [vteal@tealtilecarpet.com](mailto:vteal@tealtilecarpet.com)

This club joined forces with BCEF and other local civic groups to host five book fairs. During the fairs the families were greeted by Altrusans, meals were provided and children were entertained while their parents attended the “Read and Rise” session. Each child in Bradford County elementary schools received a \$5.00 certificate to purchase a book and the parents would receive a free “Read and Rise” book for attending a Parent’s Night event. Over 1600 children received a book or two and families became better equipped to promote literacy and have fun with reading.

### **JUDGES**

The three judges were a Database Architect who has worked for Warrington College of Business at the University of Florida for over ten years; a college student studying to be a teacher with an emphasis in reading; and, an Alachua County Commissioner and past Mayor of Gainesville, Florida

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**Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award**

***Food for Thought***

*Altrusa International Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*

Contact: Gayle Magruder [gmagruder@chartyer.net](mailto:gmagruder@chartyer.net)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

(97 points)

The Spartanburg Altrusa Club has worked with Park Hills Elementary School, a low income inner-city school, for five years. Ninety-seven percent of the students live at the poverty level and receive free or reduced cost breakfasts and lunches. This year, the club was notified of 25 homeless or extremely needy children. The club implemented a program to supply nutritious food for the 25 children on the weekends. In addition to this, the club gave food to the eight homeless families for meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as money to buy some of the children presents at Christmas.

The guidance counselor who works closely with these children reported that the children were more positive, smile more often, and have better self esteem since this program was started. Providing food for the children helped them to grow stronger emotionally, physically, and mentally. These things will give them a foundation to become better citizens.

***Stuff the Bus***

*Altrusa International Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*

Contact: Alexander MacKenzie [amac22680@att.net](mailto:amac22680@att.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

(90 points)

For several years, the Gainesville Altrusa Club has made it possible for homeless school children in Alachua County to have a successful school year. These children are provided new school supplies, clothing, shoes, and personal hygiene items through their annual Stuff the Bus program. The sixth annual event raised over \$7,000 and will help more than 40 homeless families throughout the school year.

The club worked with several partners to set up an empty school bus which quickly filled up when an estimated 300 individual donors contributed cash, checks, gift cards, and school related merchandise such as backpacks, coats, notebooks, pens, pencils, glue, staplers, and blankets.

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***Serving Children through Interfaith***

*Altrusa International Inc. of Ocala, Florida*  
Contact: Scott Tice [scotttice@earthlink.net](mailto:scotttice@earthlink.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
(86 points)

For six years, the Ocala Altrusa Club has been supporting the Interfaith Emergency Services' Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, which feeds children and their siblings at local elementary schools on the weekends during the school year. Backpacks are sent home on Fridays filled with enough food for the children in the household and are returned to the schools on Mondays. Volunteers refill the packs and deliver them back to the schools once again. The program currently has 4,820 children in 27 elementary schools.

This year, the club voted to provide more services to Interfaith which would include the Food 4 Kids Program, sponsoring a child at Christmas, and creating the ABC (Altrusa Believes in Children) Corner in one of the family housing units on Make A Difference Day 2010. Through this project the club increased awareness of the needs of their community as well as excitement for service within their club. The project was even featured in the local newspaper!

## **Other Excellent Entries**

***Remembering the US in USA***

*Altrusa International Inc. of Charlotte, NC*  
Contact: Linda Atz, [linda.atz@bankofamerica.com](mailto:linda.atz@bankofamerica.com)

The Charlotte Altrusa Club learned about the Charlotte United Service Organization's (USO) travel-based center located at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport from a club meeting speaker. They learned the USO serves over 18,000 active and retired military service personnel per month and that approximately 220,000 men, women and children that travel through Charlotte per year are heading towards a deployment location overseas, transferring to another base or just coming home. Most importantly, they learned that the USO travel center was in need of items to benefit the children of the troops.

The club donated over 1000 books, 60 educational puzzles, 900 packages of animal cookies and 300 juice boxes to the center. The donated would be items that the children would be allowed to take with them on their journey or that a service member parent could take for their child. The remaining items would be used in the children's area. Club Members learned quite a bit will continue to support our troops and their families through continuing donations to the USO of Charlotte and show our troops that Altrusa in its own little way remembers the "US" in U.S.O.

***Salvation Army Kettle Drive Bell Ringing***

*Altrusa International Inc. of Lake City, FL*  
Contact: Jane Smithey, [janjansmithey@gmail.com](mailto:janjansmithey@gmail.com)

Over 20 years ago the Lake City Altrusa Club identified an opportunity to support a local and national and international charity organization, the Salvation Army, during their annual Kettle Drive fundraiser. Knowing that over 70% of the funds raised stay locally, and that the Salvation Army's mission to feed and support the poor in our communities, along with the national programs to provide youth summer camps, adult rehabilitation, recreation and community care ministries including veteran and prisoner outreach.

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The club is responsible for one of three kettles in their community. From the day after Thanksgiving until the day before Christmas Eve, the club was responsible for covering the kettle. The club included local youth organizations to assist in the effort and included a celebrity kick off with the number one rated meteorologist from the Weather Channel rang the bell for an hour giving the club great press coverage and spurring a spike in donations. The Altrusa kettle collected over \$9,800.

***Tara Plantation***

*Altrusa International Inc. of North Georgia, GA*  
Contact: Norma Teuton, [nsteuton@comcast.net](mailto:nsteuton@comcast.net)

The North Georgia Altrusa Club may never have been mentioned in Margaret Mitchell's immortal novel, *Gone with the Wind*, but they found themselves working at Tara Plantation, nevertheless. The Tara Plantation Assisted Living, Alzheimer's, and Short Term Care facility was in need of some special attention. The club graciously assisted with a community/activity room conversion.

***Local Food Pantry***

*Altrusa International Inc. of Starke, FL*  
Contact: Cheryl Canova, [cheryl.canova@sfcollge.edu](mailto:cheryl.canova@sfcollge.edu)

The Starke Altrusa Club has been giving to the local food pantry for many years. Members donated tons of canned goods which were delivered to the food pantry every other week. As the year progressed, the club learned that the meat the grocery stores could not sell, but was still good for consumption, was being picked up and taken to food pantries outside the Starke area. The club worked with the local Kiwanis and Rotary club to purchase a used refrigerated truck within a few months of learning of the need. Meat was then available at their local food pantry.

The club didn't stop there. They also started a brown bag project for people who do not qualify for food or still need food after receiving their limit for the month. Over 100 bags were donated to the food pantry. The club has continued this project with an average of 30 bags given each month.

The club used their talents to paint, replace books and movies with large type and age appropriate materials, provide games and puzzles designed to help brain function, and bring in floral arrangements and accessories to update the decor. And they didn't stop there. The club decorated two Christmas trees, donated bingo prizes, and brought in items such as warm socks, lotions, shampoos, and other personal items to make the resident's holidays special.

**JUDGES**

Scoring was completed by three non-Altrusan judges;

Debra Evenson, Executive Director of Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, Inc.;  
Karen Palus, City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Director; and  
Rebecca Heimstead, City of Tampa Volunteer Coordinator.

The criteria was specific in three areas: Selection of Project (20 points), Development and Implementation of Project (60 points), and Evaluation of Project (20 points). Total possible points: 100

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**Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award**

The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award was adopted in 2002 as a memorial to the only International President who served two terms and who focused on the International aspect of our organization. The objectives of this International Relations Award are as follows:

- To encourage and to stimulate international relations
- To create an awareness of other cultures and people of the world
- To recognize outstanding club achievement in international relations

Below are the Judge's comments and summary of each project:

***Altrusa International Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina***

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

***Dreams Can Become Reality***

After the founder of "Mothering Across Continents" spoke at a meeting, the Charlotte club approved a donation of \$500 to "Mothering Across Continents" which helped to renovate a primary school in Rwanda for 700 children. Also funding was provided for two paid teachers which also provided coaching of school staff to help increase exam scores to better prepare more students for secondary school. The Charlotte club also participated in the Jewish Center's Butterfly Project helping to paint 2000 ceramic butterflies in remembrance of the children who died in the Holocaust. These became a part of a permanent memorial and meditation garden open to the public. (92 points)

Contact: Linda Atz, 7500 Chidester Ct., Charlotte, NC 28277

***Altrusa International Inc. of Asheville, North Carolina***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

***We Are A World Project***

The Asheville Club began with supporting a twenty-two girls' foster home in the Dominican Republic and widened to Haitian relief after the earthquake. All members participated providing 184 hours of personal service to provide t-shirts, flip-flops and books. The club also purchased and sent six water filters to the home (each lasting five years). The filters will supply enough water per filter to serve six

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people to provide ample clean water. After the earthquake thirty-two filters were purchased and sent to Haiti to service 192 people with clean, fresh water. (88.6 points)

Contact: Barbara Whitaker, 32 Pine Tree Circle, Asheville, NC

***Altrusa International Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia***  
***Light Your World***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

After a speaker talked to the Atlanta club about going to India with her church group and installing painted ceiling panels from the Foundation for Hospital Art in the ceiling of a local clinic, the club decided on a similar project. They had a public paint-in at a local Festival and painted three canvas panels. With a lot of children participating, two completed panels were sent to their sister clubs in Teawamutu, NZ and Bangalore, India. (The third panel will be installed in the church where the Atlanta club meets.) They included children's drawings from the paint-in and another literacy event. 100% of members participated for over 100 hours of service logged. The panels were pictures of candles designed by the Foundation for Hospital Art. (81.3 points)

Contact: Karen Robinson, 67009 Roswell Rd., 26E, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

***Altrusa International Inc. of Gainesville, Florida***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

The Gainesville club provides punch and coffee to new citizens after the Naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse. 2-3 members are at each ceremony. 50-60 new citizens become citizens 8 times a year. Two \$750 scholarships are also awarded to international students at the University of Florida. \$500 each was provided to the Heifer Project/Africa, Central Asian Institute (to build schools for girls in Afghanistan/Pakistan), Friends of Case Materna (Prenatal care in Central America), FINCA (to provide small business loans) and ASHA (to support education in rural India). (81.3 points)

Contact: P. O. Box 14757, Gainesville, FL 32604-4757

## **Other Excellent Project**

***Altrusa International Inc. of Starke, Florida***

**"Haiti Project"** – The Starke Club with the assistance of the St. Augustine club and the community provided six prosthetic legs to Haiti. Many, many Haitian people of all ages lost their limbs due to being crushed in the earthquake in Haiti. A luncheon was held promoting awareness of this project and Bradford County officials, Starke Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and individuals gave enough money to total \$1,800 which was enough to purchase the six prosthetic legs.

Contact: P. O. Box 245, Starke, FL 32091

**JUDGES:** Joy Gardner, a choir director and legal assistant; Warren Watson, a contractor and business owner; and Leslie Huntley, a mental health volunteer who presently teaches family to family classes in NC and has been a paid volunteer for NAMI.

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**Governor's Biennium Goals Recognition**

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*Altrusa International, Inc. of Durham, North Carolina*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Marianna, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of St. Augustine, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of South Marion County, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Statesboro, Georgia*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Tampa Bay, Florida*  
*Altrusa International, Inc. of Waynesville, North Carolina*

**The Governor's Outstanding Club Award**

This award is determined by the present governor and tracks club's activities in a comprehensive way.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** (801 points)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** (790 points)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** (702 Points)

*Altrusa International, Inc. of Starke, Florida*