

# Governor Christy's Monthly Newsletter



## August 2017

## Celebrate Altrusa!

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The 2017 Altrusa International Convention, including the 100th Celebration was a wonderful time to connect with Altrusans from across the world. It was amazing to be among the nearly 700 members who journeyed to Nashville, TN to join in the celebration and witness the installation of our newest International Officers for the 2017-2019 biennium. District Three was well represented with 74 members who registered for the event. The workshops and business sessions were engaging, especially the marathon discussions to address Bylaw changes. Congratulations to Leanne Milligan (District Fifteen), International President, and the new Board of Directors, including Colleen Duris (Ocala, FL) as Parliamentarian. In addition, we elected Beverly Hardy (Starke, FL) as International President-Elect, Donna Johnson, (Gainesville, FL) member of the International Nominating Committee and Linda Robison (Spartanburg, SC) to the International Foundation Board. Also, the following will serve at the International level: Past Governor Norma Teuton (North Georgia, GA), Clara Marts (Salisbury, NC), and Scott Tice (Ocala, FL) on the Membership Committee; Susy Meier (Atlanta, GA) as Communications Committee Chair; Jane Gray (Raleigh, NC) as a member of the BRR Committee; and your Governor (Charlotte, NC) has been appointed to serve as chair of the Governor's Council. In other news, we look forward to having Linda K. Smith, International Director from District Eight as our International Representative at the 2018 District Three Conference in Lake Mary, Florida. See the list of International Task Forces (page 3) for more opportunities to serve. If you have not done so, I encourage to go to the international website to view the workshop presentations and



many pictures covering the convention (<http://members.altrusa.org/Publications/ConventionPub.aspx>).

With much love and in Altrusa service,

*Christy*



**Making Connections**



## 2017-2019 Biennium Goals



### Making Connections

*“Like a missing piece in a puzzle, your skills, expertise and natural talents are needed to complete the picture which will ensure Altrusa and District Three are here 100 years for now”.*

#### • Leadership

- District Board and Leadership Team to provide targeted resources and support to under charter strength clubs to enhance club effectiveness.
- Annually, submit a copy of the club Long Range Strategic Plan to the District by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Provide at least one club member to serve on a District Committee
- Charter at least one (1) new club during the biennium

#### • Service

- Submit an article to the DSB.
- Provide at least one (1) project to the District Service Projects list.

#### • You / Membership

- Achieve a net gain of at least two (2) new members during the biennium.

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## 2017-2021 Int'l Long Range Strategic Plan

The main 1-pager 2017-2021 International Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) will be distributed along with this month's newsletter. Club presidents are requested to take a few minutes to review it and share it with your board. The District Three Leadership Committee Chairs, Governor Christy and Governor-Elect Kitty McElhaney, will conduct 1-2 conference calls to review the plan and to address any questions that clubs may have as they work to complete and submit plans by the November 30th target date. Clubs will be provided with a new District Three Strategic Plan template later this month.



**Got an Idea or suggestion??**

Send to:

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## **International Task Forces—Request from Leanne Milligan, Int'l President**

At the 55th Convention in Nashville, the Int'l Board launched its new 'Reaching Out' program for the next biennium. The Board and Program Chairs will be working on a number of initiatives to help Altrusans Reach Out and lead to a better community. In order to achieve the goals, Leanne has organized several Task Forces and will enlist the help of all Altrusans in the organization. If you have any interest in serving on one of the Task Forces, please let me know ([christybryant@windsteam.net](mailto:christybryant@windsteam.net)).

*“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”*

*John F.*

*Kennedy*



Name	Description
<b>Clubs-at-Large</b>	How can we support our clubs at large -continuation of work from 2015-2017 biennium
<b>Convention Planning</b>	Creating a Convention Planning Manual
<b>Corporate Membership</b>	Creating two plans. Corporate member sponsorship or corporate club sponsorship.
<b>Information</b>	Review all reports (club, governor, International Rep., etc.);use of Survey Monkey
<b>Marketing</b>	Specialised team to help Communications Committee finalise and roll out the plan.
<b>New Club Building</b>	Remove barriers and create 3-5 step programme, and help with roll out of virtual club building.
<b>Simplification</b>	Review all bylaw and policies - streamline
<b>Website Task Force</b>	Complete review of website structure/platform to make it more user friendly (Need website designers).
<b>Young Professionals</b>	To be made up of millennials (i.e., only members 40 and younger) who will work on a young professionals programme to increase numbers of young people joining Altrusa.
<b>Altrusa Mentor</b>	Task force to assist with development of a mentor programme.
<b>Best Practice Leadership</b>	Task force to audit current leadership materials, assist with development of new materials and ensure consistent training of club presidents, governors in the organisation.
<b>Group Tally</b>	To assist with enhancing the Group Tally Membership database system for use by members, staff and reporting for Districts.

## Reminders

### Mail District Dues to:

Shannon Schell, District Three Treasurer  
3171 Willow Brook LN  
The Villages, FL 32162

### Mail International Dues to:

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One North LaSalle St., Suite 1955  
Chicago, IL 60602-4006

### Website links:

Altrusa International District Three, Inc. : <http://districtthree.altrusa.org/>

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Send DSB articles to Yolander Hunter, DSB Editor, email address:

[dsbeditor@gmail.com](mailto:dsbeditor@gmail.com)

- \* Please add 'DSB' as the first information in the subject line
- \* Send the article in a WORD document
- \* Identify any people in pictures
- \* Provide the full contact information of the writer/submitter

## 2017-2019 District Biennium

- **Leadership Goal** - Provide at least one club member to serve on a District Committee

### Committee Highlight

#### **New Club Building, Jane Gray, Chair**

New clubs provide a great opportunity to increase our ranks and share the story of what Altrusa is and how we serve our communities. In building new clubs, we can extend our reach into new locations across our footprint in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. If you personally will be moving to a new location where there is no Altrusa club or know of a family member, colleague or friend currently residing in such a location, please let the district know. Jane is poised to take the 'ball and run' with it. With the introduction and approval by the delegates at Convention of 'Virtual Clubs' (more to come on this!), we will provide yet another way our organization can offer the option of being an Altrusan. Please consider adding your skills and talents to this effort as a member of the New Club Building Committee. Jane can be reached at [judgejanie49@gmail.com](mailto:judgejanie49@gmail.com).



*“You cannot  
be a modern  
association  
without a  
contemporary  
board.”*

*Omer Soker*

AUG 2017				
08/01/17	Encourage members to become a member of Club 21	Local Club		
08/01/17	Start organizing your Make A Difference Day Project	Local Club		
08/12/17	International Youth Day	Local Club		
08/17/17	Start planning a membership recruitment event for the fall	Local Club		
08/17/17	Plan an International Convention Report if club had delegate(s) attending	Local Club		
08/17/17	District Service Bulletin Articles Due	District Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
08/17/17	Consider making a club donation/application to the International Foundation Grant Program	Local Club		Review available grants to determine if club should apply for an International Grant. Due September 15
08/31/17	District Service Bulletin Distribution	DSB Editor		
SEPT 2017				
09/01/17	Mid-Year Committee Chairs Reports to Secretary	District Committee Chairs	District Secretary	
09/01/17	Distribute club yearbook ( Hopefully an electronic year book)	Local Club		District Board
09/08/17	International Literacy Day / World Literacy Day, this is a great opportunity to debut a new literacy project	Local Club		September is also Literacy month.
09/17/17	Grant applications due to International Foundation	Local Club		Due September 15
09/17/17	District and Foundation Award forms posted on website and Club Presidents notified	Local Club	Awards Coordinator	
09/21/17	International Day of Peace	Local Club		
09/25/17	Conference Program Report to Governor	Conference Committee	District Secretary	May need to coordinate with Secretary from prior administration.



**“The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.”**

*Ken Blanchard*



# 2017-2019 Biennium Leadership

## District Three Board of Directors

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## District Three Board of Directors Club Assignments

Governor	Christy R. Bryant	Anderson, Durham, Gastonia, Raleigh, Salisbury, Waynesville
Governor-Elect	Kitty McElhaney	Live Oak, Marianna, Monticello-Jefferson County, Ocala, Starke
Vice Governor	Cheryl Meyers	Asheville, Caldwell County, Charlotte, Gaffney, Spartanburg
Director	Frances Ferguson	Atlanta, North Georgia, Orlando-Winter Park
Director	Dimple Overstreet	Gainesville, Lake City, St. Augustine, Statesboro
Director	Carol Thomas	Citrus County, Lake County, Tampa Bay

## District Three Committee Chairs

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