

# Governor Christy's Monthly Newsletter



## October 2017

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## Time to Make A Difference!

Following Hurricane Harvey in August impacting Texas (District Nine), September ushered in Hurricane Irma, impacting the entire state of Florida (District Three) and Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico (District Fourteen). The hurricanes left paths of destruction all along the way. Lives were lost, homes were destroyed and many cities and towns will spend months and in some cases, years to rebuild. There are many needs throughout the communities. It's at times like these that we have the opportunity to really make a difference in the lives of others. You can give directly to district funds at the Altrusa International Foundation or to specific organizations within the states or support a need that your club has identified. As Altrusans, we stand ready to offer whatever assistance we can. I encourage you to look for opportunities to help our fellow Altrusans, their families and their communities. Every little bit helps. It will take all of us pulling together and making connections. We can make a difference!



Making Connections

With much love and in  
Altrusa service,  
*Christy*



## 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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## Help Needed!

The District Committees need your skills and expertise to help move our district forward. We will accept any amount of time, no matter how limited, that you can contribute. Please encourage, at least one club member to join a committee. If you have any questions on which committee to consider, please contact any District Board member or Chair (see page 6 of this newsletter).



Got an Idea or suggestion??

Send to:

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Send Altrusa Caring Thoughts (ACT) requests to:

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*“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.”*

Marianne  
Williamson



## **\*\* Action Required\*\***

(Excerpt from International President's Accent)

### **UN Youth Ambassador Program**

It is time to work on appointing our next UN Youth Ambassador for Altrusa. This person could be an ASTRA member or an Altrusan who is under 35 years old. If you know someone who might be interested in finding out more please put them in touch with your District Governor.

### **Criteria for UN Youth Ambassador**

As an NGO Altrusa is automatically allocated 2 slots in the Youth program. This program has been in place for 10 years and Altrusa became involved in 2015. The youth representative must be between 18 and 32 years of age. This will mean that both ASTRA members and Altrusans would be eligible to participate.

### **Term of Appointment**

The appointment (from the UN perspective) is for an annual period from January through to December. However, there is nothing to stop Altrusa making a biennial appointment as we do for our UN rep.

### **Timeline**

July 2017- November 2017 Districts to seek applications and make a selection of up to 2 nominees to be forwarded to International.

January—2018 International Board to select UN Youth rep from pool of District Nominees

January—2018 Annual renewal of Grounds pass required

December—2019 UN Youth Ambassador role concludes

For more information about this program visit [www.altrusa.org](http://www.altrusa.org) and find link on the UN Committee page.

**Please let me know if you have a recommendation of someone to serve in this role.**

## Reminders

### Mail District Dues to:

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

### Mail International Dues to:

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

### Website links:

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

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

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

## Make a Difference Day

October is a time for Altrusans to conduct 'Make A Difference' projects on the 4th weekend of the month. This year, in honor of Altrusa's Centennial, we are encouraging clubs to focus on Vocational Service projects. Below are a few suggestions from the International *President's Accent* mailing, along with a few more to consider:

- \* Establish a shelf in a local library for books on vocational guidance
- \* Conduct a workshop for young business professionals
- \* Give a presentation on new and trending career opportunities
- \* Provide scholarships to adults to further their education and training
- \* Providing professional clothing for women & men getting into business and the workforce
- \* Provide funding for vocational programs
- \* Support services that help hurricane victims return to the workforce

**Don't forget to send a final report of your 'Make a Difference' project to the International Office.**



*“Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy.”*

Mahatma  
Gandhi



Oct. 2017	Description	Who	Responsible Person	Notes
10/01/17	Send IRS Form 990-N (If receipts over \$25,000, send 990-EZ or 990)	Local Club	Local Treasurer	Due 5 months after close of fiscal year
10/01/17	Committee Chair Reports to District Secretary for Mid-Year Board Meeting	District Committee Chairs	District Secretary	
10/13-14/17	Mid-Year Board Meeting, Conference Location (Lake Mary, FL)	District Bd.		
10/15/17	District Service Bulletin Articles Due	District Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
10/16/17	World Food Day	Local Club		
10/24/17	United Nations Day	Local Club		
10/28/17	Make A Difference Day –Vocational Service Project focus (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration)	Local Club		4th Saturday of Oct.
10/31/17	District Service Bulletin Distribution	DSB		
Nov. 2017	Description	Who	Responsible Person	Notes
11/01/17	Letter from the Governor to club presidents asking for nominating committee candidates	Club Presidents	District Secretary	Only clubs who didn't have a member on last committee. Includes all relevant by-laws and policy info in mailing.
11/01/17	Projects can be shared on the Altrusa Idea Showcase by emailing altrusashowcase@yahoo.com.	Local Club		
11/15/17	Email or mail final report on Make A Difference project to International Office	Local Club		
11/25/17	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	Local Club		



*“If you are a leader, you should never forget that everyone needs encouragement. And everyone who receives it - young or old, successful or less-than-successful, unknown or famous - is changed by it.”*

John C. Maxwell



# 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

ASTRA	<b>vacant</b>	
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