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Governor's Message

Exciting events were held in District Three this month. The Charlotte, NC Club celebrated 95 years of Altrusa service to the community! It is the longest established club in the District. Club President Christy Bryant shares this event in her DSB article. At the celebration, another milestone for the Charlotte a Club and District Three was accomplished...an ASTRA Club! The celebratory event was beautiful, reflective and inspirational.

Charlotte was also the site of its Mid-Year Board Meeting on October 4 – 5 where our 2020 Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza. The Conference Co-Chairs are Dolores Hall of the Raleigh club and Yolander Hunter of the Charlotte club. The Board, along with Program Coordinator Tammy Hall and Conference Co-Chairs Dolores and Yolander discussed the plethora of activities involved in ensuring the conference is informative, fun and a memorable experience. The District Three Leadership Team is in the planning stages for the Conference. If you should be called upon to assist with conference, please take the opportunity to say yes and experience the camaraderie that comes from serving with other Altrusans.

Leadership opportunities at the District Level are available. Nominations for Trustees for the District Three Foundation Board are being requested. Candidates wishing to serve on the District Three Nominating Committee can submit an application to serve in that role. This committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election at the 2021 Conference and who will serve during the 2021-2023 biennium. Information on both of these leadership opportunities are included in this edition of the DSB.

The holiday season will soon be upon us. Veterans Day is a time to honor those individuals who serve and protect our country, ensuring our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Consider doing an SOS Service Project to support them or active military and their families. Thanksgiving is a time to gather in unity with family and friends and humbly reflect on the numerous blessings that saturate our lives. Religious and cultural celebrations are prevalent with holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. New Year’s Eve is a time to celebrate the many accomplishments and lessons learned over the past year. Following that, New Year's Day provides an opportunity to embrace a fresh start to the new year.

As you approach the upcoming holiday season, reflect on Altrusa Principle #4: “Altrusa, in the very derivation of its name, is committed to the philosophy of unselfishness, the joy of giving rather than getting, and to the search for that happiness which is based upon spiritual worthiness.”

Your dedication to Altrusa and its Principles is appreciated!

With much love and in Altrusa Service,

Kitty McElhaney
District Three Governor
Call for Candidates
for the District Nominating Committee
By Kitty McElhaney, District Three Governor

The Nominating Committee will be elected at the 2020 Conference in Charlotte, NC. Candidates eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee must be an active member who has served a term as club president from one of the following clubs:


Nomination forms are available from Club Presidents or from the Governor and are to be returned by December 15, 2019 to altrusankitty@comcast.net.

International President's Message

“Together We Thrive”: ASTRA will focus on increasing additional clubs; and facilitate/transition ASTRA members into Altrusa membership.

Communications will focus on making Altrusa a household name; educate members on social media; make our website more user friendly.

Leadership will focus on creating tools/best practice guidelines to build new leaders; remove barriers to growing new leaders.

Membership will focus on website resources/updates available on the website; Group Tally; Clubs-at-Large, Virtual clubs; and other toolkits regarding membership and retention.

Service will focus continuation of Days For Girls/implementation of Altrusa SOS our two International Projects as well as encouraging/sharing of other service & fundraising projects.

I am so proud to have the opportunity to be your new President. There is so much good about Altrusa: the good work we do; the people we help; the support we give our clubs and communities; the fun we have along the way. These standards are what make Altrusa stand out as an International premier organization based on merit and accomplishment. Altrusa exemplifies the well-known cardinal virtues: of Patriotism, Efficiency and Service. These are not words but mandates that should guide all Altrusans on a daily basis.

I challenge all members to honor our Past and Embrace the Future. Altrusa is only as strong as our dedication and creativity in stimulating interest among our members and increasing the relevance of our clubs in our local communities. If our clubs are actively engaged in bringing in quality new members while at the same time keeping the interest of our existing members, this is how we can grow. This biennium, I’m asking that we continue to have as our priority, to move our organization upward and onward to an even brighter future. I know we can do it with a lot of passion, enthusiasm, and energy! Let’s show the public we love what we’re doing. Remember, fun and success is contagious!

Yours in Altrusa Service,

Beverly B. Hardy
International President 2019-2021
District Three Foundation Update - Your District Three Foundation Board held its mid-year Board meeting at the end of September. The Board consists of a group of highly energized and committed individuals who bring a wide array of skills and talents to the Foundation. In addition to the Board’s ongoing work of reviewing financial reports, establishing policies and guidelines, and preparing for conference, including grants and awards, much of the focus was on fundraising and The Challenge.

As you are probably aware, an anonymous donor has challenged the Foundation and will match up to $5000 raised for the Grant Fund. The goal is to get this fund to the point that it is sustainable in perpetuity. Grant monies go directly to local clubs to support their projects. Through these funds, support services are provided to veterans; individuals receive resources to enroll in adult education; scholarships are provided to single parents and those less fortunate; and reading, mentoring, and nutrition programs are provided to children. These are just some examples of projects supported with grant funds. Basically, these funds support Altrusans doing what Altrusans do, making the community and the world a better place.

The Board has established a goal of increasing the fund to $50,000 so that going forward, grants will be provided from the interest and dividends, leaving the fund intact to secure these resources for future grants.

As a District Three Altrusan, we are asking you to be a part of this effort. We are currently at 37% and the match funds must be raised by the end of conference 2020. Your tax deductible contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Applications for awards and grants for the 2020–2021 year are due January 31, 2020. The applications are available on the District Three website under the Foundation page. This is your opportunity to share the exciting things happening at your Club and to be recognized at the Foundation Luncheon at Conference.

Also, our Auction Co-Chairs, Mary Kane and Julie Keiper, want to remind you that it is “that time of year” to start thinking about the District Three Silent Auction. We are encouraging clubs to do baskets again, and this year, we will have a basket competition for the one that best embodies the Conference theme. More details on that to follow. Remember – jewelry, purses, some home decorative items, scarves, belts and other accessories all remain items that get competitive bidding. Don’t forget services such as doing a will, doing taxes, financial planning, decluttering sessions/ tips, etc. are also great items to donate if you are qualified to provide any of those services. Do you have a vacation cabin or condo? Could you donate a weekend stay? What tourist sites do you have near you? Maybe you can get tickets donated. These places can write it off their taxes. If you need a receipt from the Foundation showing tax exempt status for donations, let Treasurer Scott Tice know. Watch for Black Friday or Cyber Monday deals on things you can pick up inexpensively and donate. These are just some ideas to get you thinking. We exceeded expectations last year and we want to go even bigger this year.

Remember, we can’t do it without you, and we thank you all in advance. We appreciate your support of the Foundation and look forward to seeing you next year at conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Yours in service,
Karen Robinson
Foundation Chair
District Three Awards
By Dimple Overstreet, District Three Vice Governor

It’s time to start thinking about which of your projects will apply to which award and who can be assigned to fill out the application for your club. The Awards Breakfast at District Conference is an opportunity for your club to be recognized for your efforts to fulfill the needs in your community.

1. Review the award criteria.
2. Identity a project.
3. Complete the application (provide pictures if available).
5. Submit by the January 31, 2020 deadline.

All awards applications are available on the www.districtthree.altrusa.org website. If you are unable to access the application, please send me an email at dimplej@embarqmail.com and I will send them to you.
## Altrusa International District Three, Inc.
### Membership Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of October 15, 2019

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District Three New Members

Altrusa International District Three, Inc.
NEW MEMBERS Aug 16-Oct 15, 2019

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| Brittany Loper           | Carrie Carson/Dennille Decker     | August  |
| Patti Roper              | Susie Hall/Leandra Johnson        | August  |

| NORTH GEORGIA, GA        |                                  |         |
| Becky Donaldson          | Norma Teuton                      | August  |
| Cathy Lipari             | Kathryn McDonald/Susan Winham     | August  |
| Katherine Warner         | Pat Davis                         | August  |
| Priscilla Cherry         | Pat Davis/Nancy Simms             | September |
| Kathleen Hollingsworth   | Pat Davis                         | September |
| Lynn Smith               | Pat Davis                         | September |

| ORLANDO-WINTER PARK, FL   |                                  |         |
| Judi Coachman            | Betsy Sushinsky/Gail Dressel      | August  |
| Susan Hanners-Stead      | Traci Jones/Randi Kahl            | August  |
The Board held its mid-year Board meeting on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5, at Crowne Plaza, Charlotte, NC, site of the 2020 District Three Conference. Each Board member shared reports of tasks they and Committee Chairs had accomplished since the 2019 Post Conference Board meeting. Treasurer Mary Kirley shared financial and membership reports. The 2019 Conference Report was presented along with By Laws that were updated as a result of revised International By Laws.

The Board reviewed submitted Revitalization Grants and approved funds for Altrusa Clubs in Gaffney, NC and Salisbury, NC. Vice-Governor Dimple Overstreet shared information about the Awards process for Conference. The Board also approved minimum movement of flags during the conference. The registration and credentials process at Conference will be handled at one table.

The Board, Program Chair and Co-Chairs toured the Crown Plaza facilities to be used during the 2020 District Three Conference. All participants discussed details of the 2020 District Three Conference, including budget, workshops and guest speakers. With the recent chartering of an ASTRA Club in Charlotte, inclusion of ASTRA students in Conference was discussed. Friday Fun Night and Conference Service Project were discussed, with input from appropriate Committee Chairs to be considered. The District Three Foundation presence at Conference will be similar to previous years.

Conference planning will ensue with conference calls involving all District Three Leadership Team members.

Following the Board Meeting, most of the Board celebrated with the Charlotte Club on its 95th Anniversary and charter ceremony of its ASTRA Club.

Altrusa, See it, Experience it and Live it at the 67th annual District Three Conference in Charlotte North Carolina. The conference will be held, April 16th through 18th at the Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park Hotel. The conference team is diligently working on the details to make this the most exciting conference experience ever. We’ve been listening to your feedback from previous conferences and applying those improvements. You will notice that the conference is in April instead of May so that it does not conflict with May college graduations. There are other exciting improvements as well.

The Crown Plaza Charlotte Executive Park Hotel (recently renovated) is conveniently located close to the Charlotte International Airport. You will also have close access to the light rail train that goes directly to Uptown Charlotte and you’ll be within a short driving distance of the premier SouthPark Mall. The Winter DSB will contain all the conference details.

The Queen City has seen an explosion of growth since the last conference was held 10+ years ago. Take a peak using the links below:

https://flphtml5.com/nxcu/sgqc
https://www.charlottesgotalot.com/about-charlotte
Conference Planning
From the Directors Point of View
by: Joanne Brown, Nanci Schwartz & Karen Wishart

The Altrusa District Three Board held its mid-year meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel October 4-5 in Charlotte, NC, site of the 2020 District 3 Conference. It was a busy and productive meeting with all of the planning that goes into our annual conference.

The facilities are beautiful and easy to reach via car or air. The rooms are large and we are concentrated in one area for the business meetings, vendors, Altrusa store and silent auction area. Our eating area is separate from the business area which will make it easier to move between venues and no waiting for room set up.

The conference chairs, Delores Hall and Yolander Hunter are eager to continue the planning with the input from the board. Next year’s theme is See IT Experience IT, Live IT. The keynote speakers have been selected and the program is underway. The board has made note of the suggestions from last year and incorporated many of them into the conference.

Make the Most of Conference

While the conference committee is deep into making the 2020 Conference spectacular, each Altrusan might consider how he or she can make the most of their conference experience.

Volunteering at conference is the best way to get to know Altrusans from across District Three as well as to learn about our organization’s governance and traditions. Being a volunteer also helps foster a path to leadership in District Three.

Two conference committees in particular rely on volunteers throughout conference: Registration/Credentials and Expediters.

Members of the Registration/Credentials committee are responsible for checking in all attendees during specified times throughout conference. The committee chair will work with the volunteers to determine the staffing schedule to divide up responsibilities for being at Registration/Credentials table.

The conference chairs rely heavily on Expediters to help make conference run smoothly. Expediters are responsible for ushering attendees into meals and business meetings. They may also be asked to distribute handouts, run errands, and help conference attendees with directions and other small tasks. If you like to smile, being an Expediter is the role for you! Again, the Expediter committee chair will develop a schedule to divide up shifts.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the committees, please contact any of the District Three Directors: Joanne Brown (fourwindsfarmhouse@centurylink.net), Nanci Schwartz (napschwartz@gmail.com) or Karen Wishart (karenataltrusa@gmail.com).

First Timers

We will be greeting Altrusans attending a District Conference for the first time. We will share tips about conference activities, introduce you to District Leadership and our International Representative in an interactive environment. We will provide a tool to encourage your interaction with other Altrusans throughout conference. We look forward to seeing YOU in Charlotte NC April 16-18, 2020!
Parliamentarian Pointer
By Jane Gray, District Three Parliamentarian

WHO IS THE ROBERT OF ROBERT’S RULES AND WHAT WAS HE UP TO?

Like most of you, I had heard of Robert’s Rules of Order before becoming an Altrusian, but until Governor Kitty asked me to serve as Parliamentarian this biennium, I had no real interest in the origins of the Rules. I hope you will find it as entertaining a story as I did!

Henry Martyn Robert was born in 1837 in Robertville, South Carolina. His father, Reverend Joseph Robert, vehemently opposed slavery and moved the family to Ohio, where Henry grew up. (Interesting side note: Rev. Robert later became the first President of Morehouse College.) Henry was an excellent student and was admitted to West Point where he finished fourth in his class in 1857. He was by profession a military engineer and during the Civil War served with the Army Corps of Engineers. He helped prepare the defenses of Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and other ports. He had a long and distinguished career with the Corps and was President of the Board of Engineers from 1895 to 1901. He received a “tombstone promotion” (another story!) to brigadier general 3 days before he retired on May 2, 1901. He died in 1923 and is buried at Arlington Cemetery.

So how did he become famous for his rules of order? This is the funny part of the story to me: he apparently performed so poorly in leading a church meeting about local defense in the town of New Bedford, Massachusetts, that it dissolved into open conflict! Parliamentary procedure existed in government at the time, but he was not familiar with it. He set to the task of writing his manual so that no one else would experience the same chaos as at his church meeting. It was published in 1876 as “Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies”, loosely based on procedure in the US House of Representatives, though his rules were never intended for governmental bodies.

Roberts’ Rules, as they are better known, is now in its Eleventh Edition. Robert was turned down by two publishers in New York and Chicago, and was only able to get his manual published by agreeing to be financially responsible for it and buying and giving away the first 1,000 copies to stimulate interest! It is certainly an understatement to say it has been a best seller ever since. When his rules are followed, it is a guarantee that open conflict and chaos will be avoided!

(Material sourced from an article written in 1954 by Arthur Edson and published in the Daytona Beach Morning Journal and “Historical Vignette 038 – An Army Engineer Brought Order to Church Meetings” published in 2001 by the Army Corps of Engineers.)

New Club Building
by: Valeree Browning Mason, District Three New Club Building Chair

Service Clubs have been around for generations as pillars of the community and a way for women to mingle. Can we start, and is there interest within District Three to start new clubs? If so, starting a club takes dedication, organization, and a passion for uplifting and empowering people. When we think of recruiting members, they can be recruited through word of mouth. Enlist potential candidates who will be committed, make contributions, and bring positivity to the club. Get to know the candidates by having them complete a questionnaire to find out their availability to meet. their personal interests, and what role they would like to play in the club.
District Committee Chair Spotlight:
Josie Freiser
District Three Communications Chair

I was born in Florida and stayed there until moving to Charlotte in 2011. I love my home state, but enjoy my life in Charlotte. We moved here in search of a better place to raise our son, Cody, and found exactly what we were looking for.

After our move to Charlotte I learned of Altrusa. I knew I had to get an invite to this group and I did! My now very close friend, Jeraldyn, invited me to a meeting and I loved it. However, I missed the details about becoming a “member”. I remember at some point I got a little nudge like “you can’t just keep hanging around here, you have to actually join”. I still giggle to myself about it.

I officially became a member of Altrusa in November 2017. I have served my local club as Fellowship chair, I’m the current 2nd Vice President, Communications Chair and ASTRA Co-Sponsor. I also serve as District Three Communications Chair. I feel privileged to be part of this group of amazing people in Charlotte and the larger Altrusa organization.

While the Charlotte club has long had male members participating behind the scenes, I had the honor of recruiting Charlotte’s first official male member, my husband Scott. We met in 2000, have been happily married for 16-years and I’m blessed to have him on this journey of life! In 2008 our son Cody was born and like his parents, he too has a heart for service. He has attended meetings with me and loves the amazing women in our club. He will say “Mom, do my ladies need me this week?” Scott and I both lost our Mom’s to cancer, so I think Cody stocks up on the loving hugs from these sweet women. They are a blessing!

In the summer of 2019 Cody commented that he wished there was Altrusa for kids. Little did he know, the world of service was right at his fingertips. He and his friend Tristan, the son of fellow Altrusan Jeraldyn, learned about ASTRA and decided to start a club, which I now have the honor of co-sponsoring with Jeraldyn. Just a few months after that initial inquiry, the first Charlotte ASTRA club was officially chartered 10/5/2019 with 21-members.

Professionally, I spent the first half of my career in the Mortgage Industry. I worked for small family owned Retail offices and large Wholesale Lenders. The most recent half of my career has been in International Banking Technology. I have supported projects ranging from the creation of Automated Underwriting systems to ongoing maintenance of International Banking/Trading/Check Cashing applications.

When I’m not working, running carpool or volunteering, I love to garden, bake and travel. I love to plan big trips or throw all planning to the wind, jump in the car or hop on a plane with my boys. We’re looking forward to upcoming travel to places like Israel, Australia and Europe.

I’m a 1.5 year breast cancer survivor and attribute my recovery to the support of my husband who is my true ride or die, my son who is the most caring/gentle soul, my Altrusa family who made sure my family was loved/fed while I recovered and my friends who picked up all of my slack! Most importantly, I’m a child of God and my cup runneth over.
District Committee Chair Spotlight:
Hilma Hicks-Gaskins
District Three Service Program Development Chair

After 35 years as food safety and risk manager for Florida Albertson stores, it was time to retire and move back to Starke, Florida which was my home community. Now it was time to find an activity that would allow me to give back to my community. Altrusa was the club that offered activities that fulfilled these goals. Their altruistic standards and programs fit the bill.

I became an Altrusan in 2016 and for the past three years worked on the Relay for Life survivor meal and the senior lunch served at the County Fair.

Presently I serve as First Vice President and Program Chair for our local club and as District Three Committee Chair for Service Program Development.

District Committee Chair Spotlight:
Sandy Thompson
District Three Service Bulletin Chair

When I was 19, I began building my foundational skills in accounting and bookkeeping at a CPA firm in Lake City, Florida. I worked alongside several inspiring professional women who were apart of an organization called “Altrusa”. Their inclusion of me in their events made a lasting impression that would lead me to my amazing journey with Altrusa today!

As my career transformed and my family grew, I found an underlying need to just do better and feel better. To enjoy the simple things and be a more active participant in every aspect of my life, my family and the community we all shared.

I now found myself in a position where I could professionally expand my capabilities and skills to help others feel “happy”, hence starting my company Organize Me Happy. Being a Professional Organizer allows me to combine all my past professional training and experiences to help others be more productive, less stressed and through simplifying their environments, set them forward toward a realization of a happier life.

I became an Altrusa in May of 2017, and have been able to contribute my skills to a broad and diverse group of individuals, who not only inspire me to be better, but push me out of my comfort cocoon to allow me to grow and spread this generosity to so many in our community.

Through events like the “Sixth Grade Red Carpet”, “Get Fit Lake City”, “Girls Summit” and most recently, the position of District Three Service Bulletin Editor, I am challenged and encouraged to continually grow. I take great pride in being an Altrusan, and strive to embolden others to find their inner strength and potential.
District Board Spotlight: 
Karen Wishart
District Three Board of Director

I am so happy to be serving as your Altrusa International District Three Director for the 2019–2021 biennium. It has been a pleasure meeting new Altrusans whom I did not know before joining the board. What a wonderful opportunity to make new friendships and renew old acquaintances while serving the community and Altrusa.

I grew up in the tiny Victorian town of McIntosh, and enjoyed the quite country life for many years. After college I married and started a family, which grew to include four wonderful children. We currently live in Gainesville, FL and I am a member of the Altrusa International of Gainesville club where I am the immediate past president and current treasurer. I have a B.A. in Business Administration and keep busy running our family Bar-B-Q restaurant.

When not at work, I enjoy volunteering in the community, working on Altrusa club projects, and being a reading mentor at our local elementary school. I look forward to visiting the clubs in our district and helping to support fellow members.

District Board Spotlight: 
Nanci Schwartz
District Three Board of Director

I joined Altrusa in 2012 because I wanted to network for my small public relations business. I knew many of the Lake County Altrusans to be among the most influential and engaged members of our community. It wasn’t long after I joined that I found the Altrusans to be among the most compassionate, friendly and fun people I had ever met.

At the club’s encouragement, I attended my first District Three Conference in 2013. There I learned about the leadership and professional growth opportunities that Altrusa has to offer. As a solo practitioner in my profession, I looked forward to working with others for a greater cause.

At that conference and others that I’ve been fortunate to attend, I’ve had the chance to meet Altrusans at varying stages of their membership. Whether longtime members or relative newbies, everyone shares a passion to do good in their community.

That first conference inspired me to get more involved at the club and District level. I have been editor of our Lake Altrusa newsletter, Club President and have chaired the Credentials and Expeditors committees at previous District Three conferences.

With each new role, it was affirmed: The more I give, the more I get.

I am so grateful to be a District Three Director and have learned so much about Altrusa governance and the organization’s commitment to service. I especially enjoy meeting members of other clubs and getting to know the wonderful things they’re doing in their community so I can share their best practices with anyone who wants to listen.
District Board Spotlight:
Joanne Brown
District Three Board of Director

I became an Altrusa in the fall of 2013 and absolutely love my club. I have been a director and past president. Currently I am serving as chair of the program committee, which I have done for 5 years.

I am a veterinarian with a MS in Veterinary Microbiology and am board certified in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. I served in the Army Veterinary Corps for almost 27 years with duty stations in Korea, Europe and the US. I retired with the rank of Colonel. After the Army I worked for the FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for 12 years and retired as Deputy Commissioner. Just couldn’t do complete retirement, so I taught food safety at FSU for 5 years and was an instructor and mentor for the International Food Protection Training Institute until 2016. Currently I am a consultant for food safety for the Association of Food and Drug Officials.

The Army taught me many things among which are leadership, discipline, organization, and flexibility. I am goal oriented and enjoy getting things accomplished.

My husband Frank (also a retired Army officer) and I own a farm and have 16 animals. Five cats, 4 horses, 3 dogs, 2 donkeys, and 2 camels that we have for our annual church nativity. Our daughter Jennie is a family medicine doctor with the Army stationed at Ft Carson, Colorado. My favorite hobbies are horseback riding, traveling and kayaking.

Charlotte's 95th Celebration
by Christy Bryant
President Altrusa International Charlotte, NC

Saturday, October 5, 2019 marked two major milestones in the life of Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC Inc. Not only was the club celebrating ‘95 Years of Service!’ but also the chartering of its first ASTRA club. The Charlotte club was first organized on February 24, 1924, and the club charter was officially issued by Altrusa International on March 28, 1928. There were sixteen charter members. The club is the oldest active club in District Three and one of the older clubs in the International Association.

A host of friends, family members and well-wishers participated in an afternoon of fellowship, recognitions and fundraising. Attendees had the opportunity to see many of the memorabilia of the club. Old photographs of club activities and displays with items from several signature projects – ‘Need-a-Read’, ‘Comfort of Reading’ and ‘Days-for-Girls’, were there for viewing. Among the festivities was a silent auction with a wide range of items from delectable cakes and pastries, one-of-a-kind art pieces, plants, storage items, to environmentally safe cleaning products, just to name a few. The program included highlights of club activities, details of the four endowed scholarships at UNC-Charlotte and recognition of members’ years of service.

Special guests included Governor Kitty McElhaney, many members of the District Three Board and the District Three Conference Planning Committee, who were in town for the Mid-Year Board meeting and Charlotte site visit, the location of the 2020 District Three Conference. Past Governor Linda Robison was also in attendance. The highlight of the evening was the charter ceremony for the ASTRA Club of Charlotte, officiated by Scott Tice, International ASTRA Committee member and District Three ASTRA, Chair. Twenty (20) new ASTRA members were initiated and the elected officers were installed. The evening culminated with a 50–50 raffle by the ASTRA Club, who has already hit the ground running with its first service project and fundraising event. The Charlotte and ASTRA clubs are looking forward to a bright future of many more years of Altrusa service!

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