

Governor Kitty's Monthly Newsletter



December
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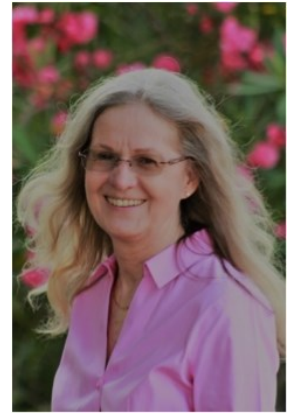
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Blessings

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A blessing is something one is grateful for in one's life. Charles Dickens, author of *A Christmas Carol*, penned the following: "Reflect upon your present **blessings** -- of which every man has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." When we count our blessings, our focus changes to what we do not have to what we do have. We are blessed to live in a country, where patriotic men and women volunteer to defend our freedom. We are to be stewards of our **blessings**, sharing our time, talents and resources so that others can be blessed. Being Altrusans, we pledge to live by Altrusa Principle #4, which states: "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." As the holiday hustle and bustle are upon us, take time to not only bless others, but also reflect on your **blessings**.

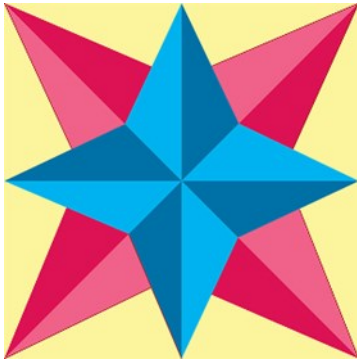


I am blessed to be a member of an altruistic organization, which has gifted me with friendships, an opportunity to lead and an avenue to assist like-minded individuals in *Building a Better Community*.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season!
In Altrusa Service,
Kitty



2019-2021 Biennium Goals



A compass signifies the purpose, vision and mission of our biennium. Living by the compass gives satisfaction from realizing the difference you make in *Building Better Communities.*

The points of the compass guide us in the direction of our goals. The North point of the compass represents creativity and helpfulness. The East point of the compass represents love and compassion. The South point of the compass represents adventure and passion. The West point of the compass represents confidence and persistence.

North: Vision

Goal: Submit at least one article for publication in the DSB.

East: Service

Goal: Participate in the International Service Project

Goal: Enhance a current service project or initiate a new service project.

South: Membership

Goal: A net gain of two members per year.

West: Leadership

Goal: Submit the same number of award applications or increase by one the number of award applications from the prior year.

Goal: Submit a club strategic plan

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Reminders

Send Altrusa Caring Thoughts (ACT) requests to altrusankitty@comcast.net

Virtual Club

The Virtual Club is still in formation, with monthly conference calls. If a member is unable to continue membership in your club, due to other obligations, yet has a passion for Altrusa and service, please consider guiding the member to the Virtual Club. Information on the Virtual Club can be obtained from Past Governor Christy Bryant who is coordinating this endeavor. Christy can be contacted via email at christybryant@windstream.net.

District Three Nominating Committee

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: Atlanta, GA, Caldwell County, NC, Charlotte, NC, Citrus County, FL, Durham, NC, Gaffney, SC, Gastonia, NC, Lake County, FL, Live Oak, FL, Marianna, FL, Monticello, FL, Ocala, FL, Orlando Winter Park, FL, Salisbury, NC, Spartanburg, SC, Starke, FL, Statesboro, GA, Tampa Bay, FL, Waynesville, NC. Nomination forms are to be returned by December 15, 2019 to altrusankitty@comcast.net

Half Dues

From December 1st - March 31st International and District membership dues are HALF-PRICE!

International dues are \$27.50 and District dues are \$10. As with all new memberships International adds a \$10 processing fee.

This a great time to enroll those folks who have been talking about joining, but just haven't done so.



Have an Idea or suggestion??

Send to:

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Website links:

Altrusa International District Three, Inc. :

<http://districtthree.altrusa.org/>

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*“From home
to home and
heart to
heart, from
one place to
another, the
warmth and
joy of
Christmas
brings us
closer to
each other.”*

Emily Matthews

Awards Submission: Share Your Accomplishments



One of the Biennium Goals is to submit the same number of award applications or increase by one the number of award applications from the prior year. If you haven't already organized a group to complete the Awards submission for your club, do so now. The International President's theme, **"Teamwork Makes The Dream Work"** is applicable here! Involve members to volunteer or there may already be members who have a

Board role, and whose responsibility is to lead this effort each year. You will need current copies of the awards application from the district website (link: <https://districtthree.altrusa.org/district-three-awards/> and a general understanding of the submission criteria for each award. Review the service projects and other activities conducted by the club and determine which award applications naturally align to the work that was done. Once the decision is made on which awards to submit, consider making assignments or get members to volunteer to complete a specific application. Schedule time up front for one or two or a group to provide feedback and/or updates to 'DRAFT' versions of the completed applications to make sure they adhere to the submission criteria. Designate which member (s) will be responsible for submitting the final applications to the District Vice Governor, Dimple Overstreet or to Foundation Chair, Karen Robinson at <https://districtthree.altrusa.org/district-three-awards/> by Jan 31, 2020.

Wishing you great success!

The Governors Outstanding Club award application is due February 28, 2020.

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."

Henry David Thoreau

2020 District Conference

Save the dates
April 16-18,2020
Charlotte,
North Carolina



DEC 2019				
12/01/19	Governor's Newsletter	Governor 2019-2021	Governor	
12/01/19	One half International & District Dues for new members 12/1 - 3/31	Local Club		
12/10/19	Human Rights Day	Local Club		
12/15/19	District Nominating Committee candidate names due from clubs	Local Club		
JAN 2020				
1/01/20	Governor's Newsletter	Governor 2019-2021	Governor	
01/01/20	First week in January, ASTRA scholarship applications available	Local Club	ASTRA Member, Altrusa Member/ Advisor	Due March 15 to International ASTRA Chair
01/01/20	Elect Nominating Committee	Local Club		
01/01/20	Club Presidents prepare for District Award Entries	Local Club		
01/01/20	BRR requests due from clubs to BRR Chair	Local Club	BRR Chair	Required 90 days before district conference
01/01/21	Invite ASTRA participation in District Conference	Governor	ASTRA Chair	
01/??/20	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors		
01/15/20	District Service Bulletin Articles Due	District Board, Comm. Chairs, Club Presidents	DSB Editor Governor	
01/31/20	District Award Submission Deadline	Local Club	Vice Governor	Dates can vary
01/31/20	Consider making a contribution to the Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund	Local Club		
01/31/20	District Service Bulletin Emailed & Governor's Call to Conference	DSB Editor		



Our Leadership Chair, Judy Perkin, will be relocating to another district which provides an opportunity for a member to step into the position of District Three Leadership Chair. If a member of your Club has the talent and desire to serve the District in this capacity, please contact me at:

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2019-2021 Biennium Leadership

District Three Board of Directors

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District Three Board of Directors Club Assignments

Governor	Kitty McElhaney	Durham, Raleigh, Salisbury, Spartanburg
Governor-Elect	Shannon Schell	Charlotte, Gaffney, Statesboro, Waynesville
Vice Governor	Dimple Overstreet	Atlanta, Caldwell County, Gastonia, North Georgia
Director	Joanne Brown	Lake County, St Augustine, Gainesville, Starke
Director	Nanci Schwartz	Citrus, Ocala, Orlando-Winter Park, Tampa
Director	Karen Wishart	Live Oak, Lake City, Marianna, Monticello

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