

Governor Kitty's Monthly Newsletter



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Perseverance

To **persevere** is to persist in anything undertaken; maintain a purpose in spite of difficulty, obstacles, or discouragement; to continue steadfastly.

These past few weeks have provided us an occasion to navigate through uncharted territory, assess our blessings and remain steadfast in our roles as Altrusans. In these unprecedented times we are asked to limit our interaction with others for the health and safety of all. It is a true test of humanity and compassion, and we are striving to pass with excellence.

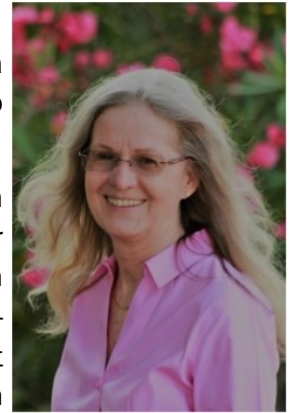
As the District Three Board discussed cancelling the 2020 Conference, the foremost topic was the health and safety of the members. The planning and work that had been put forth by all members of the Leadership Team was not in the forefront. I am deeply grateful for the Leadership Team who has worked diligently to prepare a conference. We will emerge stronger from this experience, due our **perseverance**.

The District will move forward with elections, awards and training for incoming presidents, and treasurers. We are embracing the opportunity to navigate handling elections electronically. Announcements of Award winners will be made via teleconference with certificates personally delivered by a Board member, once the current medical situation subsides. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

There are some revisions to the April calendar. Take note of the BH Fund described on page 3, as this may be a time when it may be helpful to a dedicated Altrusan.

It is through **perseverance** that we become stronger.

In Altrusa Service,
Kitty

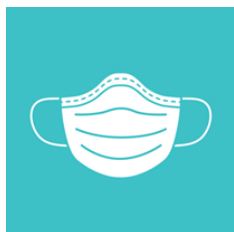


Membership

This may not be the best time to embrace a membership drive...however it is a great time to reach out to your fellow Altrusans to check on them. Do they need anything, whether it be an item from the store or a friendly voice to chat with. Add an Altrusan Month is April 1-April 30, if a member joins now their dues will be paid through May 31, 2021!



Service



Considering a new Service Project? Face masks that are washable and reusable would be of use to various organizations including the VA.

Joann Fabric has a link that shares information on making these items at <https://www.joann.com/make-to-give-response/>

Communications

In an effort to stay in touch with all your club members, please consider using FreeConferenceCall.com to host a virtual meeting. Instructions can be located at:

<https://login.altrusa.org/files/2018/06/Virtual-Clubs-How-To-FreeConferenceCall.pdf>



Encourage your members to practice 'social distancing'. Learn a new skill, such as using your computer for video-attending your club meeting. It might just be the wave of the future to keep ALL engaged. If you haven't heard from a club member in a while, reach out (by phone) to make sure they are included and recognized. Sometimes all it takes is a comforting voice on the phone to make a huge difference in one's attitude. Isolation

Leadership



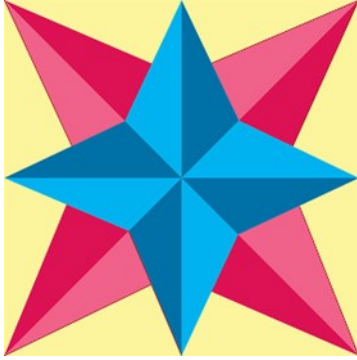
Information on Club Annual Reports will be forthcoming. There will be revisions to the report in light of the current event we are experiencing. Be on the lookout for the report and submit in accordance with the



Our members are valued Altrusans!



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

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

BH Fund (Big Heart)

The **BH Fund (Big Heart)** was created in 2013 in honor of Governor Beverly Hardy so that funds would be available to be used by the District to assist members for payment of their International and District dues.

The criteria and process for requests from the BH Fund are as follows:

- once a year offer, one person per club and no individual will be allowed to receive the support more than one time;
- member must have been in the club for at least 5 years and **actively** involved in the activities of the club;
- the club will determine the financial need of the member;
- It must be determined that the member is facing some form of hardship which prevents them from being able to pay their yearly dues, but with this assistance, will allow them to maintain one more year of membership and hopefully continue afterwards;
- the club must agree to handle the individual's club dues in whatever manner it determines.

The District will provide the funds to the Club to pay the International dues and handle the District dues directly for that individual. No late fees will be paid by the District. If the District receives more requests than we have funds to cover the dues, we will do a random drawing or other objective method for distribution of funds. All applications for assistance must be received by the Governor by May 15th of each year. Final determinations will be made by the Governor and District Treasurer. More information and the application can be found on the District Three website at:

<https://districtthree.altrusa.org/about/forms/>



Have an Idea or suggestion??

Send to:

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*The sun
will rise
and we
will try
again
tomorrow.*



Website links:

Altrusa International District Three, Inc. :

[http://
districtthree.altrusa.org/](http://districtthree.altrusa.org/)

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| 03/01/20 | Governor's Newsletter | Governor 2019-2021 | Governor | |
| 04/01/20 - 04/30/20 | Add an Altrusan month | Local Club | | Implement recruitment activities |
| 04/01/20 | New members pay full dues which covers them through 4/1/2020-5/31/2021 | Local Treasurer | District Treasurer | District & International dues |
| 04/01/20 | Incoming President appoints committee chairs | Local Club | | |
| 04/01/20 | Consider sending donation to support the International Foundation's Endowment Fund | Local Club | | |
| 04/07/20 | World Health Day | Local Club | | |
| 04/10/20 | Audit Committee Report Due to Governor | Audit Committee | | |
| 04/11/20 | Altrusa's Anniversary and Altrusa Awareness Day | All | | Beginning April 11, 1917 |
| 04/15/20 | International sends dues statements to club treasurers | Local Club | Local Treasurer | |
| 04/20 | Elections for Foundation Board and Nominating Committee | Conference Comm. | | |
| 04/20 | Announcement of District and Foundation Award recipients | | | |

Global health awareness day is observed on April 7 each year. It stresses the importance of investing in health information that withstands hazards, saves lives, and makes hospitals safe in emergencies. This day is under the specifications of the WHO since 1948..

Actions/projects-

- Have a speaker on special World Health Day topics (online?video?)
- Volunteer as able (health safety) at an area clinic serving Medicare/ Medicaid or self-pay clients.
- Watch WHO videos on current health topics.
- Learn more about this special day at who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2020/en/



Easter is about love, hope, and happiness. May you have plenty of each.



| MAY 2020 | | | | |
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| 05/01/20 | Governor's Newsletter | Governors 2019-2021 | | |
| 05/01/20 | Begin work on Governor Annual Report | Governor 2019-2021 | Governor | Due June 1 |
| 05/01/20 | Begin work on Club Annual Report. | Local Club | Club President 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 | Due June 15 |
| 05/01/20 | Appoint Audit Committee to audit books for past year | Local Club | | |
| 05/01/20 | Send out bills for local, district and international dues | Local Club | Local Treas | |
| 05/01/20 | Incoming President plans meeting of old and new Board of Directors | Local Club | | Consider a half-day retreat with old and new Board and Committee Chairs |
| 05/01/20 | Finalize plans for annual meeting and installation of new officers | Local Club | | |
| 05/01/20 | Plan to have conference delegates and alternates present a District Conference Report | Local Club | | |
| 05/01/20 | <u>Update names of new Committee Chairs and Officers in Group Tally</u> | Local Club | Dist. Sec. | Make updates via Group Tally |
| 05/01/20 | Letha H. Brown, Mamie L. Bass, Nina Fay Calhoun, and ASTRA Service Awards to International | Vice Governor | | Due June 1 |
| 05/15/20 | International Day of Families | Local Club | | |
| 05/15/20 | District Service Bulletin Articles Due | Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs | DSB Editor | |
| 05/15/20 | Finalize proposed budget for upcoming club year | Local Club | | |
| 05/15/20 | Annual reports of outgoing Club Officers and Committee Chairs due | Local Club | | |
| 05/15/20 | Report proposed bylaw amendments coming from conference to International BRR chair within 15 days of conference. | Governor | BRR Committee Chair | |
| 05/24/20 | Reminder letter/e-mail to clubs to submit Club Annual Reports to International | District Board | Governor | Due June 1 |
| 05/31/20 | Club fiscal year ends | Local Club | Local Treas | |
| 05/31/20 | District Service Bulletin emailed | DSB Editor | | |
| 05/31/20 | All new Officers and Committee Chairs names should be updated in Group Tally | Local Club | | Make updates via Group Tally |
| 05/31/20 | Install new officers | Local Club | | |
| 05/24/19 | Reminder letter/e-mail to clubs to submit Club Annual Reports to International | District Bd. | Governor | Due June 1 |
| 05/31/19 | District Service Bulletin E-Mailing | DSB | | Email DSB to International Office for Distribution |
| 05/31/19 | Club fiscal year ends | Local Club | Local Treasurer | May vary for some clubs |
| 05/31/19 | Install new officers | Local Club | | |
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2019-2021 Biennium Leadership

District Three Board of Directors

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| Director | Karen Wishart | Gainesville, FL | karenataltrusa@gmail.com |
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| Parliamentarian | Jane Gray | Raleigh, NC | judgejanie49@gmail.com |

District Three Board of Directors Club Assignments

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| 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 |

District Three Committee Chairs

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