

Governor Kitty's Monthly Newsletter



May 2020

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Patience

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The saying – “**patience is a virtue**” comes from the poem called “Piers Plowman”, created in 1360 – 1387. The original author of the quote is William Langland.

When an individual demonstrates the capacity to accept or tolerate difficult circumstances without responding with annoyance or anger, especially when faced with longer-term difficulties, that person is Identified as one with **patience**.

Nationwide citizens are experiencing a pandemic, which has impacted the health, safety, economic stability and normalcy of our lives. Throughout this period, Altrusans exhibit **patience** as they explore new ways of providing service within their community, connecting with others and ensuring the safety of themselves and their families.

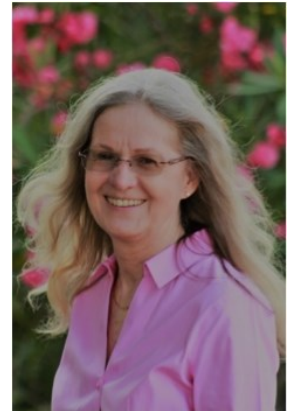
The Special Meeting held in lieu of the Conference Business Meeting was well attended and the **patience** of all is greatly appreciated. The Awards Presentation was infused with positivity and happiness for achievements of all clubs across the District.

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.

Patience provides the lens through which we can face any adversity we encounter.

In Altrusa Service,

Kitty



Membership

In these times of adversity, reach out to members. A note, card, or call can make a difference. During the month of May, Clubs will be installing the Board for the upcoming year. Consider including as many members as possible in the event. Follow it with a recommitment by all members. Check the **Altrusa Compass**, published on 4/29/2020 with respect to options for annual dues submission.



community

Service

Service comes in many forms. It may be assisting a neighbor who doesn't have a nearby relative. Service could be assisting with homeschooling, due to the closure of the physical school facilities. It may be donating to those individuals who are protecting our health and safety. Treating the customer behind you in the drive through of a restaurant. Is a form of service. Or, may simply be supporting the businesses that are open, even if it is out of your norm.

Communications

In the face of social distancing, Altrusans are communicating with one another across clubs and districts. Many have used electronic meetings with their Boards and Clubs. District Three made use of it to provide some "normalcy" to what would have been the District Conference. The Special meeting was well attended. The meeting was followed by the Awards Presentation, where enthusiasm was shared by all in support of the award recipients!

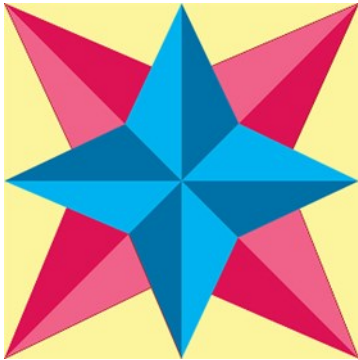


Leadership

The Annual Club Report was published by Altrusa International on April 10, 2020. Please print a copy for review prior to entering the responses on line. It is a good activity for the Board to assess its accomplishments over the last year and for the incoming Board to set some goals. There is now an opportunity for a club to earn points if a member serves on a Committee either at International or District.

LEADERS

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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*Patience
is the
ability to
count
down
before
you blast
off!*



Website links:

Altrusa International District Three, Inc. :

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

MAY 2020				
05/01/20	Governor's Newsletter	Governor 2019-2021	Governor	
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	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		
05/31/19	All new Officers and Committee Chairs names should be updated in Group Tally	Local Club		Make updates via Group Tally

JUNE 2020				
06/01/20	Governor's Newsletter	Governor 2019-2021	Governor	
06/01/20	Submit Governor Annual Report	Governor 2019-2021	Governor	Due June 1
06/01/20	Submit Club Annual Report.	Local Club	Club President 2018-2019 and 2019-2020	Due June 15
06/01/20	Schedule all club and Board meetings for the upcoming year	Local Club	Club President	
06/01/20	Present annual budget to club for approval	Local Club	Local Treas	
06/01/20	Club Fiscal Year Begins	Local Club		
06/01/20	Sign new bank signature cards (President & Treasurer)	Local Club	Local Treasurer	
06/01/20	Submit International and District Dues	Local Club	Local Treasurer	
06/15/20	Treasurer notifies members of late dues	Local Club	Dist. Sec.	Make updates via Group Tally
06/15/20	Governor Annual Report	Nominating Committee Chair	Governor	Due June 15

Successful Leaders

Leaders who are successful have been shown to exhibit six specific actions:

- They promote a vision. Sharing a clear idea of where and why the group is headed.
- They make others feel important. They emphasize and contributions of others.
- They follow the Golden Rule. Treat others as you want to be treated.
- They admit mistakes. All people make mistakes, it is a growth opportunity.
- They criticize others only in private. Public criticism embarrasses and alienates everyone.
- They stay close to the action. Visibility, interaction and observations provide insight.



Mother's Day was created in 1908 by a lady named Anna Jarvis from Grafton, West Virginia, in honor of her late mother. It was designated as the second Sunday in May by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914. Carnations are the most gifted flower at Mother's Day with pink carnations having the most significance. Carnations signify purity, faith, love, beauty and charity.

2019-2021 Biennium Leadership

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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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