

Foundation Update

The District Three Foundation Board of Directors is very pleased to be recognizing Clubs throughout the District for their outstanding community service. We received many worthy submissions for the five Award Categories: Lucile Spillers Alexander ASTRA Service, Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Service, Literacy Service Award, Vocational Service Award, and the Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Award. As the Awards Category is now fully funded, awards are over \$200. The ASTRA award winner will also receive monies from the International Foundation and will be entered into international competition. I only wish that we could all be together to celebrate these successes. Information on the award submissions and the winners is attached to this update.

AND, speaking of success, your District Three Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity of the District Three Altrusa members, the \$5,000 match was achieved. We are on our way to making the Grants Category fully funded. Our goal is to maintain a \$50,000 grant fund so that future grants will be provided from interest, thereby making them self-sustaining in perpetuity. We are a little over half way toward achieving that goal and we need your help.

The District Three Annual Conference is the major fundraiser for the Foundation. This is our Foundation and provides resources and support for the work that we all do. In the past, Clubs have generously donated items to the Foundation auction, both on an individual basis and as a Club. We are asking for your support both as a Club and as an individual. Instead of purchasing items for auction or creating a basket, we would ask that you make a monetary donation. No amount is too small and every dollar is most appreciated. It is tax deductible. Clubs could donate all or a portion of the conference fees that have been budgeted for this year.

We are having an online auction. It is the *Pajama Gala and No Show Auction*. Just come as you are where you are. No need to dress up or apply makeup. Just relax and review the items for bid in the comfort of your home. Bidding is open now and closes at 10 pm on Monday April 20th. The site is <https://district3.cbo.io>.

The Foundation Board would like to recognize individuals that have moved up to the next donor category. Gayle Hackett is now a member of the Mamie L. Bass Giving Category and Karen Robinson is now a member of the Governor's Circle.

This year, we are awarding two grants: one in the amount of \$375 to North Georgia, Georgia for their project "*Orange Duffel Bag Initiative*" and a grant in the amount of \$500 to Lake City, Florida for their project "*Making a Difference with Menstrual and Hygiene Products*". Congratulations to these clubs!

There have been some changes this year. The Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Services Award has been revised. The Altrusa International Club of Atlanta Georgia has updated the application to be more consistent with Ms. Dollar's wishes and priorities. You will remember that Ms. Dollar was a member of that Club and the award was established in her honor. The newly updated application is on the website for you to view and plan your projects.

We will be losing three Board members, Mary Kane, Atlanta; Gail Hackett, Spartanburg; and Jill Adams, Lake City. We will miss these dynamic, energetic, hardworking and committed women. They have given their all to the Foundation and I so appreciate their service.

We welcome three new members: Martha Epps, Starke; Gayle Magruder, Spartanburg; and Dawn Mainville, Lake County. As you can see from their bios, the Foundation is fortunate to have them.

I thank you for your generosity and support of the Foundation. You have made my tenure as Chair a pleasure and I look forward to a bright and healthy future for the Foundation and the District Three membership. Thank you, Altrusa District Three members.

Yours in Service,

Karen Robinson, Chair

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