

### Governor Greetings



### RACING TO SUCCESS At Convention

Our 57th International Convention was held in Charlotte, NC. Although this year's gathering was to be in Quebec Canada, our venue change to the "Queen City" did not disappoint, but unfortunately due to lingering effects of COVID-19, attendance was restricted by the hotel to 250 attendees and caught some of us off guard. OK, so here we go being flexible again and making the best of our situation! Note to self... make your reservations and registrations for future Conventions and Conferences EARLY, because you just never know what the future has in store.

As always, catching up with longtime friends through the forum Convention provides, was a fun, inspiring and exciting time attending workshops, sharing experiences and accomplishments and to become engaged and learn from each other. If you were unable to attend, many of the materials from workshops and presentations provided at the Convention will be located on the Altrusa International website under the "Events" tab.

District Three is always "Racing to Success" and was well represented with 53 members who registered for the event, albeit our numbers could have been even greater had the hotel not limited us. Those in attendance got to say goodbye to our own Beverly Hardy as well as witness and celebrate a terrific Texan Kathy Folley of District 9, become our new International President, and the installation of her new Board of Directors. **"UNITED WE CAN"** is the new theme of our 2021-2023 Biennium linking our common goal of service to others. The International Service Project "Days for Girls" will continue and as past biennium's have brought us much change and growth, our new biennium brings with it a promise of fresh opportunities to lift others' lives.

Our past has taught us much, our present is hopeful and our future is in our own hands. So, let's continue our journey of growing Altrusa to new heights and *Lifting Lives* along the way.

Thank you all for your exemplary service to Altrusa,

*Shannon*



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# 2021-2023 Biennium Goals

Together we can reach new heights! Every Club should strive to attain these three important Biennium Goals.

Remember, the journey can be as important as achieving the goals in lifting others' lives and building better communities. So, plan, implement, achieve and enjoy your own club's journey this Biennium.

Our Mission is to "Provide Community Service, Develop Leadership within our members, Foster International Understanding and Encourage our Fellowship". So, let our mission provide direction for our journey. Setting our course and GOALS will help ensure that Altrusa continues to make a difference in the lives of our members and the lives of those in our communities.

## 1. LEADERSHIP:

Set the roadmap for your goals. Submit a Club Strategic Plan to the District Governor.

## 2. SERVICE:

Shine a spotlight on your Club's activity or project. Submit at least two (2) articles to the DSB for publication.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP:

Help grow Altrusa to new heights with a net gain of four (4) or more new members during the biennium.



## Get Acquainted Board Meeting



By Lori Davis, District Three Secretary



District's new biennium.

The next Mid-Year Board Meeting is scheduled for October 15-16, 2021 at the Sonesta in Charlotte, North Carolina.

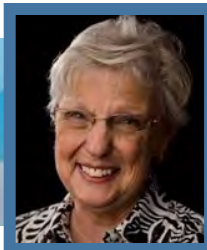
The newly elected Altrusa District Three Board had their Get Acquainted Board Meeting June 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> in sunny Florida. The meeting was held at the beautiful Brownwood Hotel & Spa in The Villages. First, Governor Shannon Schell held a brief meeting, then all gathered for a wonderful dinner at the hotel's Wolfgang Puck Kitchen. The next morning the meeting reconvened in the Brahman Boardroom where the board participated in a fun Team bonding and building exercise, then proceeded with the business at hand for our



*Board Members from left to right: LaShone Surrency, Nancy Shumaker, Mantha Young, Dimple Overstreet, Shannon Schell, Lori Davis, Colleen Duris, Scott Tice, Dorothy Manning*



# Club Annual Report



**By Dimple Overstreet, Governor-Elect**

The past year has been one that each club working together showed that "Team work makes the Dream work". The reports are electronically submitted via Survey Monkey. International emails all the club presidents containing the link to the form. All of the Distinguished Clubs can be found on the International website under the Leadership tab.

Clubs will need to score 65% and have charter status to become a 2021 Distinguished Club. Congratulations to the clubs that scored 65% to attain the Distinguished Club Award.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all the Clubs who completed and submitted their Club Annual Report.

## 2021 Distinguished Club Awards

In alphabetical order the clubs are:

Charlotte, NC  
Lake City, FL  
Lake County, FL  
Monticello, FL  
North Georgia, GA  
Ocala, FL  
Orlando-Winter Park, FL  
Starke, FL  
Statesboro, GA



# Altrusa District Three Foundation



**By Martha Epps, District Three Foundation Chair**

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. As we can now get out and enjoy activities with family and friends.

It was great to be able to have an in-person conference this year. Our fellow Altrusans are greatly appreciated for their donations of the wonderful items for the auction, generous bidding and monetary donations. Our total this year was \$5,033.25. Thank you!

There were eight different clubs that completed their projects and entered them into the competition for the awards. We admire their hard work in the year of lockdowns. Hopefully everyone is working on projects this year, as we like to see the different projects that the clubs are involved with and the people they are able to help.

Don't forget we have a Grant Fund that helps clubs with financing their projects. If you need help, please write up your project and enter the grant competition.

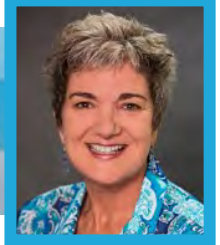
We would also like to welcome our new members and returning members to the Board, Julie Kieper was reelected as Trustee, Laura Gunter was elected to her first term and Dawn Manville was elected Treasurer. We want to welcome Christy Bryant who is filling a one-year term. Also, we welcome Dimple Overstreet as our new liaison to the District Board.

We are trying to build our Grant Fund to \$50,000 and your tax-deductible donations will greatly assist us in reaching that goal.





# Parliamentarian Pointer



By Colleen Duris, Parliamentarian

## WHO THE HECK IS ROBERT AND WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT HIS RULES?

Henry Martyn Robert, was a Brigadier General in the Army, Chief of Engineers, active during his lifetime in church, civic and educational organizations. While stationed in San Francisco, Henry began his work developing standard rules of procedure for deliberative assemblies. He and his wife were very involved in several organization seeking to improve social conditions. They found that with the melting pot of people now part of San Francisco, in the late 1800's, they needed a uniform set of procedures for civic minded people to use in the several organizations they belonged to, since everyone had their own set of rules depending on where they were from. He used the rules and customs for carrying on business from English Parliament, along with Thomas Jefferson's *Manual of Parliamentary Practice* and *Cushings Manual* to develop the first "Robert's Rules of Order" in 1876. Although, he entitled the document "*Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*", the publisher changed the name. They found that Parliamentary Law that was adapted from English Parliament to form the rules for our legislative bodies needed revisions for use by voluntary societies. Henry Robert created the very first version and many of the subsequent revisions. Robert's Rules is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> Newly Revised Edition. Each edition has been used to interpret the rules further and answer newly arising questions. The work has been carried on by Henry's son, daughter-in-law and grandson over the years. Henry had the foresight to establish a "trust" which has carried on the work of developing the rules over the changing times and will continue to do so for years to come.



So why do we care about the rules? Well, it helps us to operate our organization in a fair and meaningful way. Each member has the right to share ideas, discuss matters, voice opinions in an orderly fashion. All actions to be taken by a Board, Club, District or Organization come before the body via a **main motion** which is then debated with each person having an opportunity to speak, **for a set amount of time and limited number of times**, in order to avoid the discussion being dominated by any one person or going on for hours. If the proposal needs "tweaking" then it can always be **amended** or **referred to a committee** or **postponed to a time certain**, so further investigation or more information can be obtained. If something is adopted by the group that they then wish to change, it can always be **rescinded** or they can **amend something previously adopted**, under the proper circumstances. If one is tired of the discussion or believes it has lasted long enough, they can **call the question** in an effort to end debate. Finally, once all the work is done or if we simply need a break, one can call for **recess** or **adjournment**. Robert's Rules are adaptable and each entity can adjust how they operate via specific **"rules of order"** for each organization.

Within the "rules" lies numerous avenues to accomplish the will of the membership while allowing all to participate in the process.



# Awards Criteria for 2022



By Mantha Young, Governor Elect

## It's Not Too Early...District Awards

Have you started thinking about District Awards for the next Conference? January 31st is the deadline! Together we can reach new heights! I am encouraging every club to strive to attain submitting an award. Remember: Altrusa Lifts Lives! Showcase your good deeds – we all want to congratulate all the clubs for their dedication and achievements in their community. So, plan, implement, achieve and enjoy your own club's journey this Biennium.

Name of Award	Description	Level of Award	Due Date	Please note	Send to name/address	Judging Committee
Mamie L. Bass Service Award	Encourage interest in developing hands - on projects that benefit the community	District Three and International	1/31/22	District winner is submitted to International for competition in the biennium Convention year.	Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	3 prominent members of the general public
Letha H. Brown Literacy Award	Encourage interest in developing hands - on projects that benefit the community	District Three and International	1/31/22	District winner is submitted to International for competition in the biennium Convention year.	Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	3 prominent members of the general public
Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award	Encourage good program planning	District Three	1/31/22		Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	3 prominent members of the general public
Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award	Encourage and stimulate International relations	District Three and International	1/31/22	District winner is submitted to International for competition in the biennium Convention year.	Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	3 prominent members of the general public
Outstanding Community Service Award	Demonstrate member commitment to service projects as a Club priority	District Three	1/31/22		Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	Submissions that meet criteria are recognized
Newsletter Award	Encourage publication of timely and informative club newsletters	District Three	1/31/22	Send 3 consecutive issues from previous calendar year	Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	3 prominent members of the general public
Todd Jordan Yearbook Award	Encourage publication of an annual club yearbook	District Three	1/31/22	Send electronic copy of current Club Yearbook in PDF format to Awards Chair	Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	Submissions are recognized

Name of Award	Description	Level of Award	Due Date	Please note	Send to name/address	Judging Committee
Governor's Outstanding Club	Special recognition by the Governor	District Three	2/28/22		Governor Shannon Schell 3171 Willow Brook Ln The Villages, FL 32162 <a href="mailto:altrusashannon@aol.com">altrusashannon@aol.com</a>	Governor Shannon
Extension Award	Award for chartering new club	District Three	No application required	Determined from District records	Awards Chair/ Vice Governor Mantha Young P.O. Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 <a href="mailto:manthayoung@gmail.com">manthayoung@gmail.com</a>	Computed per criteria indicated on application
Myrtice H. Price Membership Award	Encourage Clubs to make membership a high priority	District Three	No application required	Computation obtained from District Treasurer's records as of 1/31/2022	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 8590 SW 66 Terrace Ocala, FL 34476 <a href="mailto:districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com">districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com</a>	Based on computation from Treasurer
New Member Incentive Award	Credit award to be used toward Conference registration fee	District Three	No application required	Computation obtained from District Treasurer's records as of 1/31/2022	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 8590 SW 66 Terrace Ocala, FL 34476 <a href="mailto:districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com">districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com</a>	Based on computation from Treasurer
Membership- Greatest Net Gain	Based on membership gains between 2/1 and 1/31 of the previous year	District Three	No application required	Determined from Treasurer's records as of 1/31/2022	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 8590 SW 66 Terrace Ocala, FL 34476 <a href="mailto:districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com">districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com</a>	Based on computation from Treasurer

# Altrusa Above and Beyond



## The Mamie L. Bass Service Award

The Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award was established by the International Board of Directors in July 1963, as a memorial to the first National President of Altrusa. The name was changed to the Mamie L. Bass Service Award by the International Board of Directors in July 1975.

### OBJECTIVES

- ♦ To stimulate interest in developing action programs in the community that fall within the scope of Altrusa's program of service.
- ♦ To encourage members of local Clubs to participate actively in service projects designed to meet specific local needs.

## The Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

The Letha H. Brown Literacy Award was established by the International Board of Directors in July 1993, to honor Past International President Letha H. Brown, who, in 1977, introduced literacy as a major emphasis of the organization.

### OBJECTIVES

- ♦ To stimulate interest in developing active literacy projects to serve their community.
- ♦ To create an awareness of Altrusa and its commitment to literacy.
- ♦ To encourage members of local Clubs to participate actively in literacy projects designed to meet specific community needs.
- ♦ To recognize outstanding Club achievement in service to the community.

## Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award was adopted in 2003 as a memorial to the only International President who served two terms and who focused on the International aspect of our organization.

### OBJECTIVES

- ♦ To encourage and to stimulate international relations
- ♦ To create an awareness of other cultures and people of the world
- ♦ To recognize outstanding club achievement in international relations

### DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

1. Service projects nominated for the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award are judged each year at District Conferences. First-place winners from each District are entered in the competition at the International level. Established judging criteria are used by Districts and by International.
2. One (1) service project from Clubs-At-Large is included in the competition by International. The International Membership Committee organizes the selection process for projects for Clubs-At-Large.

## Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award

**PURPOSE :** This award is based on the concept that good program planning is the key to a successful club. Ideally, programming should provide Altrusans with opportunities for fellowship, service, personal and professional growth in addition to influencing member participation and attendance.

## Outstanding Community Service Award

### PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

- ♦ To stimulate each club to make community service a priority focus of their club by demonstrating at least a minimum percentage of membership participation, finances and volunteer time in their community service activities.
- ♦ To recognize each club that achieves these goals on an annual basis.

### CRITERIA

1. At least 75% of the total membership must have volunteered a minimum average of three (3) hours each during the course of the year on the club's community service or fund-raising events.
2. The club, as a whole, must have provided at least 300 hours of volunteer time during the course of the year in providing direct service through projects in their community or in raising funds to underwrite the cost of the community service projects.
3. The club must have given at least \$1,000 during the course of the year to underwrite the costs of the

## Newsletter Award

**PURPOSE :** To promote effective communication within and beyond the club. Club newsletters are intended to be timely, concise and reader-friendly ways of communicating with current and potential members of Altrusa International, Inc. Electronic distribution makes that cost effective, timely, and possible for all. Note\* All club newsletter editors would do well to use the judging criteria as a planning guide from the beginning of the club year.

**CRITERIA:** Four areas - Content (60 points), Format (13 points), Readability (10 points) and Distribution (18 points) for a total of 101 points per judge or 303 overall.

## Todd Jordan Yearbook Award

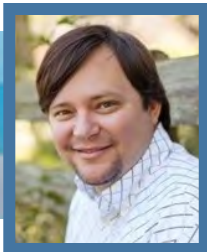
**PURPOSE:** A yearbook serves as a reference tool in which members can find pertinent information. This award is presented to clubs who publish a yearbook and submitted a completed award submission form by January 31, 2022. The District Three Board encourages each club to produce a yearbook as a much-needed communication tool. The club yearbook should contain local, district and international information.

**CRITERIA:** Six areas - Format/Usability (10 points), Club Information (60 points), District Information (12 points), International Information (13 points), Altrusa Information (8 points) and Distribution (10 points) for a total of 113 points per judge or 339 overall.





# Current Membership & New Members



By Scott Tice, Treasurer

## Altrusa International District Three, Inc.

**New Members May 16—August 15, 2021**



New Member	Sponsor	Joined
<b>GAFFNEY, SC</b>		
Mae Frances Sarratt	Anita Chambers/Dorothy Manning	June
Rosa Webber	Anita Chambers/Dorothy Manning	June
<b>GAINESVILLE, FL</b>		
Rosie Connolly	Dee Dugger	June
<b>OCALA, FL</b>		
Becky Long	Colleen Duris/Beverly Hardy	June
<b>ORLANDO/WINTER-PARK, FL</b>		
Kimberly Carpenter	Traci Jones/Yvette Pue	June
Angela Templeton	Traci Jones/Yvette Pue	June
<b>RALEIGH, NC</b>		
Allyn Vogel	Rana VanName	June
<b>STARKE, FL</b>		
Amber Hartley	Carolyn Carver/Gale Trotter	June
Candace Osteen	Gale Trotter/Teresa Phillips	June

# Altrusa International District Three, Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of August 15, 2021



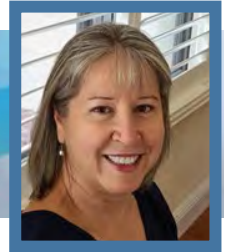
Club	Paid Members	Emeritus	Lifetime	Total Members
<b>Florida</b>				
1 Citrus County	21			21
2 Gainesville	51	5		56
3 Lake City	78	3		81
4 Lake County	20	1		21
5 Live Oak	24	1		25
6 Marianna	19	2		21
7 Monticello	18	1		19
8 Ocala	32	2		34
9 Orlando-Winter Park	26	2		28
10 St Augustine	16			16
11 Starke	43	2		45
12 Tampa Bay	11	3		14
TOTAL FL	359	22	0	381
<b>Georgia</b>				
1 Atlanta	6			6
2 North Georgia	25	3		28
3 Statesboro	34	4		38
TOTAL GA	65	7	0	72
<b>North Carolina</b>				
1 Caldwell County	1	1		2
2 Charlotte	24	4		28
3 Durham	6			6
4 Gastonia	11			11
5 Raleigh	15		1	16
6 Salisbury	8	1		9
7 Waynesville	19			19
TOTAL NC	84	6	1	91
<b>South Carolina</b>				
1 Gaffney	8			8
2 Spartanburg	26	2		28
TOTAL SC	34	2	0	36

	Paid	Emeritus	Total
Affiliate Virtual Club in Formation	2		2
Affiliate Members	2		2
Emeritus No Club Affiliation		3	3

REPORT SUMMARY:	
Active Members	544
Emeritus Members	40
Lifetime Members	1
Affiliate Members	2
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>587</b>



# Club Revitalization Grants



By Dinah Henderson, Club Revitalization

## IDEAS and TOOLS to RECRUIT and GROW

Club revitalization is actually relevant to ALL clubs. Having a warm and welcoming attitude will create the right environment for members to thrive.

1. Make recruiting new members the TOP priority of your club.

a. Ask your members for recruitment ideas and learn to focus on the solutions to any issues that come up in your club.

b. Membership keeps us strong. Strive to strengthen the Membership Committee with people and ideas that focus on actively recruiting new members. Remember: ACTION on those ideas is what really matters!

2. Retention of current members is just as important as recruiting new ones. Members who are happy and satisfied with the work and relationships of the club usually stay members and invite others to join.

a. Get a reading of how members feel about the club- give an annual SURVEY so you can all determine how to improve.

3. Develop a recruiting strategy with specific GOALS. Create a recruiting folder to give to potential new members. Include a brochure about your club with information on who they can call or email, your website and projects your club is involved with.

a. Be creative in what to put in your folder. Develop a display or “Thermometer” graph showing progress toward your goal.

4. Organize INTERESTING meetings! One of the top reasons members leave is ineffective club meetings. We need interesting and productive meetings.

a. Consider sending an email with a detailed agenda with the treasurers report and reports from the committees and spend half your meeting on business and the rest of the meeting on socialing or a fun activity.

5. ADVERTISE! Members will not join if they don't know about you. You can put out flyers and posters in the library or community bulletins or coffee shops.

a. Members can send out emails to all their contacts for an upcoming event. Social media is a great way to get the message out about who you are and what you are doing.

Partnering with other clubs or organizations on projects is also good. Join the Chamber of Commerce or a Speakers Bureau. Get an article published in the newspaper about what you are doing in the community. Host an event at your local library or hospital. Invite your family, friends and coworkers to a meeting. Wear your Altrusa Pin!



# International Bylaw Changes



By Sara Freeborn, BRR Committee Chair

## 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: BYLAW CHANGES

There were 34 proposed changes to bylaws at International Convention this year and all of them passed. While that sounds like a lot to review and understand, as **Donna Johnson, International BRR Chair, Gainesville, FL** pointed out, several were repeated for the International, District and Club levels. So, in that respect, there were only 1/3 as many actual bylaw change concepts to review.

Most changes were in response to circumstances caused by the pandemic. Agenda **Item 21.01 (International Bylaw, Article V, Section 4)**, removed the sentence “All votes shall be cast in person” and kept the sentence “No votes by proxy shall be allowed.” The change eliminated redundancy and supported subsequent bylaw changes involving electronic voting.

**Item 21.02 (International Bylaw, Article VI, Section 3)** referred to the scheduling of International Conventions, allowing for the exception of a national or international condition of emergency which makes the holding of a Convention “impossible.” “Impossible” was changed to “impractical” to provide a more realistic and reasonable standard to prove. The stipulation was added that upon approval from the Board of Directors, a Convention may be held in person, through electronic means or both.

In **Item 21.04 (International Bylaw, Article VIII, Section 1)** language was added to state that voting may be held by electronic means during meetings of the Board of Directors.

“A member of the Board of Directors can participate in any meeting by or through the use of any means of communication by which all members participating can simultaneously hear each other during the meeting.”

At the club level, **Item 21.22 (Club Bylaw, Article XIII, Section 1)** incorporated procedures for election of officers in the event that normal elections could not be held. Elections may be held by electronic balloting, as proscribed by the Board of Directors. Under this process, votes may be cast for persons other than the nominees listed on the ballot by writing in the name of the person and the office.

Also of interest to Clubs is **Item 21.33 (Article XIV, Section 1)**. The existing article states that Standing Committees shall be:

- Service
- Membership Development
- Communications
- Finance

The added language states that “Other committees may from time to time be created by approval of the membership.”

As mentioned, versions of the pandemic-related revisions were made for International, District and Club bylaws. All revisions were effective immediately. Detailed information on all bylaw changes will be on the International website soon under the Governance Tab.



# International Foundation & Grants



By Martin Houston, International Foundation Liaison

At the 2021 Altrusa International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, Karen Robinson (District Three, Tampa Bay, FL), Jane Hart (District Eight, Greater Kansas City, MO) and Phyllis Corman (District Two, Centre County, PA) were elected as Directors to the Altrusa International Foundation Board. Leslie Johnson of District Eleven will serve as the new International Foundation Chair. Past Governor of District Three, Linda Robison, will serve as Immediate Past Chair. Congratulations, Karen!

For the Spring Back Into Things fundraiser, the Foundation raised \$102,161.69 dollars, and appreciates the support of the membership and clubs. The Fundraiser was a challenge to the clubs and service grants were given to several clubs with the largest gifts and largest gifts per capita.



Altrusa Clubs may submit applications for International Foundation Project Grants. The clubs may request between \$250.00 and \$4,000.00. Eligibility requirements include involving Altrusa club members in hands on participation and other possible criteria such as is literacy based and improves participants' literacy skills, benefits abused and battered women, or benefits the aged, along with many other possibilities. The complete list is available with the criteria and other guidelines for the application at the International Foundation website, <https://foundation.altrusa.org/grants-awards/>. Follow up information is required if the grant is given, and that form is also available through the website. In the Fall of 2020, the Grants Program awarded (48) Altrusa Clubs a total of \$148,182 in funding for the development of their community service projects. The next application due date is **September 15, 2021**, followed by the second cycle date of **March 15, 2022**.

## 2021 International Foundation Inc., Grants Program Winners from District Three

### **Statesboro Georgia Grant Awarded \$2,000.00 Books for Backpack Buddies**

In efforts to help students learning we have increased our reach to Kindergarten classes in our Three Title I schools. The Read to Me project we began last year now has been expanded we have continued giving all pre-k students a book a month as well as our Books for Backpacks Buddies program. This last month we gave out 1,049 books and over the course of eleven years of our projects we have given out 66,488 books so far.

### **Raleigh North Carolina Grant Awarded \$2,000.00 Sweeter Dreams for Babies**

Sweeter Dreams for Babies provides a bedtime reading package to low-income families receiving cribs from The Green Chair. The target population is babies and their parents. The objective is to encourage reading together at a young age. We were approached by a school social worker as a partner for the crib project. We coordinated purchasing and filling a reusable bag to include two board books, burp cloth, teether, soft blankie and bilingual card promoting reading to babies. Regular bedtime reading encourages literacy and a lifelong love of reading.





# Days for Girls Update



Jackie Long Service Program Developer

Eight months into 2021, many are still facing some of the same challenges we saw in 2020. Even while dealing with those challenges, clubs across District Three are still committed to gathering supplies and assembling Days For Girls kits as well as sending financial support. Clubs continue to see excellent participation rates in both active and financial contributions. Many of our District Three members who attended the Altrusa International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, were able to purchase kits at the Days For Girls table that was set up and available throughout the Convention.

In addition to contributions to the world wide needs of Days For Girls, some of our clubs have witnessed the lack of resources on a local level within our own communities. This includes partnering with local shelters, sheriffs' departments, and additional organizations that provide assistance to other at risk groups and individuals. Kits and financial donations have been made to schools, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and family resource centers. District clubs have also welcomed Days For Girls speakers to give exciting and informative talks about the mission and history of the organization both locally and globally.

Clubs and individuals can also support Days For Girls through their website <https://days-for-girls-international.myshopify.com/>. Resources there include kits and educational materials, as well as merchandise to purchase to support the organization.



Thank you to all of our District clubs and members who have kept this program going successfully.





# International SOS Service Project at Convention

By Josie Freiser SOS Service Project Chair ConventionDeveloper

The results of the conventions SOS Service Project was amazing. This project was coordinated with Samantha Martin, Area Manager, Region 4 of Operation Homefront of the Carolina's.

Originally we were committed to 100 filled back packs for Elementary School children of military families in the Charlotte area. With the efforts of the Charlotte club and the Astra club members arranging and collecting school supplies from an Amazon Wish List that just exploded in deliveries to the club president Josie Freiser.

By the time of the convention the supplies stuffed 168 back packs for elementary students and 168 back packs for High School students total of 17 plus items in each back pack.

The afternoon pick up by two veterans and the local Operation Homefront volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Roberson.

The back packs will be distributed to the following:

Naval Hospital Beaufort, SC

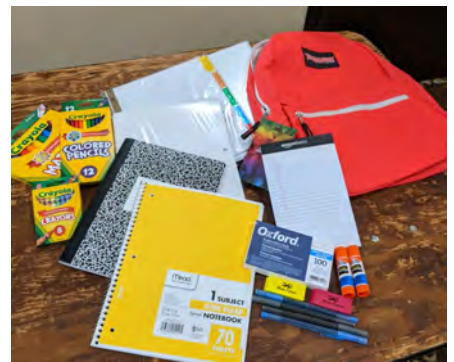
Marine Corps Air Support Beaufort, SC

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# Altrusa International Convention 2021

## Charlotte, NC July 28 - 31 2021

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Pre Convention Gathering

Governor's Training

Reception Guests

Expeditors

First Timers Group

Ladies in waiting

International Support Our Soldiers Project Back Pack Brigade

Presentation of Flags









# Charlotte Convention News

By Shannon Schell, Governor



We were “Racing to Success” in Charlotte, NC at the 57th International Convention, held July 28-31, 2021. Attendance included 262 registered attendees, representing 112 clubs and 13 districts. Many were missed because of the hotel restriction, but it was wonderful to see so many of our fellow Altrusans. The flag ceremony was conducted at the opening banquet, with flags presented from nine countries, as well as flags representing the United Nations, ASTRA, Altrusa International

Foundation, Inc., and Altrusa International, Inc.

The business sessions included 34 International, District, and Club Bylaw changes that were discussed, amended, voted on, and approved. These changes will be updated in the Altrusa International Official Bylaws and posted on the International website. Some workshop topics included Conflict Resolution, Parliamentary Procedure, Altrusa’s History at the United Nations, Foundation Grants and Fundraising, ASTRA, Altrusa Membership, Planning Your Club’s Future, and Laugh Your Club Strong.

With the help of the Charlotte ASTRA club, the convention hands-on service project involved filling backpacks with school supplies that were donated by Altrusa clubs around the world. The service committee was committed to 100 backpacks with school supplies. But we actually provided 336 backpacks filled with supplies and distributed to the children of our military men and women.

Way to go Altrusans!

Our new theme for the 2021-2023 biennium is “**United We Can**” which will focus on literacy. President Kathy Folley asked each club to develop or continue a literacy project in our communities. Her goal is to leave an imprint in the community, so that when someone hears Altrusa, they will identify us with literacy focused.

So, by all means it is never too early to start making plans to attend the 58th Altrusa International Convention at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio Riverwalk, in San Antonio Texas on July 19-21, 2023.

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*Back row: Parliamentarian Colleen Duris, Legal Advisor Pat Woodward, Director Lisa Boyd, Foundation Chair Leslie Johnson, Director Kitty McElhaney and Director Sue Whitaker Front row: Treasurer Germaine Vonderhaar, Vice President Chris DeVlieger, President-Elect Linda K. Smith, President Kathy Folley and Immediate Past President Beverly Hardy*

## International Presidents Letter

What a wonderful time we had in Charlotte at the 57<sup>th</sup> International Convention. Excitement filled the air the entire time we were there. We had great speakers, hands on projects, informative workshops, and a beautiful and inspirational installation. It was a great start to a brand-new biennium and such a thrilling time.

Sadly, because of hotel restrictions the number able to attend was down from prior years but I know the ones in attendance made the most of their experience and were happy to be there. If you were one of the ones there, I hope you picked up on the excitement in the air and brought some home to share with your Club. Remember excitement is contagious so let's keep it going and pass it on.

I am more than proud of our new Board of Directors and our new Program Team and they are willing and eager to help us reach our goals as we move forward. Please remember they are a great resource to you so if you have questions or concerns, please reach out.

**United We Can** ... accomplish great things and I anticipate that happening for us. But it is important that we be clear in our vision and clear in our goals. We must remain informed, engaged and inspired to make our Clubs and our Districts successful.

The last couple of years has been trying for us all and we have faced many challenges due to the pandemic but that didn't stop us because Altrusans are not afraid of a challenge – we just look for ways around it and keep moving. And that's exactly what you did but today is a new day and I see a very bright future ahead for us as we do the good work of Altrusa.

*... and so, the journey begins!*

**Kathy Folley**

International President  
Altrusa International, Inc.



# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Orlando-Winter Park, Florida, Inc.

By Traci Jones, Club President Altrusa International Orlando-Winter Park, FL

Over the past four years, Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park has volunteered for a number of activities in support of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Central Florida. UCP operates eight special schools focused on developmentally challenged children in Central Florida. On May 19, 2021, Sharon Blake, Roberta Klusmeier, and Cheryl Malloy attended UCP's Pre-K graduation exercises and toured the Bailes campus that is in close proximity to the University of Central Florida. UCP's early childhood educational programs serve children with and without disabilities from birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Instruction is individualized for each child and daily routines encourage play, exploration, socialization and hands-on learning. Individualized lesson plans are designed to develop fundamental language and reading skills enhancing gross and fine motor movement, creative abilities, and sensory experiences.



Cheryl Malloy, Committee Coordinator, Traci Jones, President, present "Birthday in a Box" packages to UCP representatives Nancy Mireles and Brandon Pettit.

The school corridors include viewing windows into each classroom. The rooms, as well as the corridors themselves, are alive with engaging activities to stimulate learning. Toward the conclusion of the school tour, we visited the teacher's lounge where a new food pantry had recently been installed. A grant is helping to stock the pantry with necessary items for food insecure families identified by case managers. After further discussion, an idea evolved to supplement the pantry with birthday party supplies for families who might not otherwise be able to afford them. As a part of defining this project, a sample "Birthday In A Box" was assembled.



The final concept consists of:

- a 13×9 foil cake pan,
- a cake mix,
- a can of frosting,
- a package of candles,
- a birthday banner,
- party hats,
- cake plates,
- and party favors.



Most of the supplies were purchased from Dollar Tree Stores at a total cost of ~\$10.00 per box. To provide a little more structural integrity, a cardboard sleeve was designed to slide over the pan and keep the lid in place.

We assembled 32 boxes (4 for each campus) for use in the first school semester.



Yvette Pue, President-Elect, presents "Birthday in a Box" packages to UCP representative Brandon Pettit.

In January, at the conclusion of the school semester, we will evaluate the project and determine whether our efforts were a success. The boxes were presented to Representatives from UCP at our club's August General Membership Meeting and at the UCP facility.



# Club Service Projects and News

## Altrusa International Raleigh, NC

By Jane Gray, Club President

### ALTRUSA OF RALEIGH KEEPS PACKING THOSE GROCERIES!

The Raleigh Club has been volunteering for so long at Urban Ministries that the Volunteer Office keeps a nametag box with "Altrusa Club" on it instead of just letters, such as "A-E"! Operations at the Food Pantry have had to change significantly during the pandemic, but they continue to provide food to those in need. Urban Ministries knows they can count on us and we love helping. Since the clients can no longer come inside to shop for their groceries, Raleigh Altrusans sort and pack large boxes of donated nonperishable food. Fresh produce, milk, etc. is added the next morning and delivered outside by the two Food Pantry staff members. This procedure keeps all of our members safer as all our members and the UM staff are vaccinated. One thing we've learned is to never be surprised at what items some people donate!

*(This photo shows five of our members packing boxes after sorting – L to R - Barbara Ann Hughes, Phyllis Thomas, Dolores Hall, Jane Gray and Rana Van Name.)*



## Altrusa International Gaffney, SC

By Dorothy Manning, Club President



The Altrusa Club of Gaffney, S. C. was very pleased for the installation of two new members to their club during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. These members joined since the District Three Convention.

Linda Robison, Past Chair, International Foundation Inc., and member of the Spartanburg, S. C. club performed the installation. Pictured with Linda are the new members, Rosa Webber, and Mae Frances Sarratt along with their sponsor, Anita Chambers.

The meeting was held at the home of past president and member, Hermenia Gardner. Hermenia provided the club with a white elephant Christmas party in the summer. It was unique, and the club enjoyed the food and opening odd Christmas gifts.

*Linda Robison, Rosa Webber, Mae Frances Sarratt and Anita Chambers*

# Club Service Projects and News

## Altrusa International Lake City, FL

By Roberta Olguin Getzan, Club President

On July 29, 2021 Altrusans participated in the RSGA Red Carpet Event. Sixteen Altrusans assisted the faculty and staff of Richardson Sixth Grade Academy in welcoming approximately 120 students to their sixth-grade center. Students learned about safe and proper social media use, they learned about the science, technology and math (STEM) classes, and played hungry hippos. Students then enjoyed a lunch provided by Altrusa of Lake City.



*Altrusans Jennifer Anchors, Donna McCray, Emily Clark, Gigi Register (immediate past president), Laura Thompson, Cheryl Morgan, Holly Frazier, Patty Roper, Dorothy Spradley, Roberta Getzan (President), Sandy Thompson, Karen Green, and Barbara Doonan).*



*Altrusans Gigi Register (left) and Barbara Doonan (right) serving lunch to students at the Richardson Sixth Grade Academy.*

On July 31, 2021 Altrusans joined forces with the two local Rotary Chapters to take on a big project. Our local high school's football stadium was in need of some TLC. The two Rotary Clubs, the Altrusa Club and about 50 students from the Columbia County High School painted the stadium. Not a small feat, but it was accomplished in a matter of about three hours on a Saturday morning. This was an impactful project that included the help of two local businesses, Sherwin Williams and Home Depot, who donated paint and paint supplies for this project. Mr. Trey Hosford, Principal of the high school was pleased with the final product: a freshly painted stadium ready to welcome back the students after their summer break.



*Roberta Getzan (Lake City Club President), Karen Green, and Durelle Bailey (Lake City Club President Elect)*





# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Statesboro, GA

By Nancy Waters, Club President

## Martha Tootle Cain Scholarship

In the early 1990's, Dr. Martha Cain, professor of chemistry at Georgia Southern University and charter member of Altrusa of Statesboro, recognized the need for financial support many young women have when seeking further education. She proposed and provided the seed money to establish a scholarship to assist female students applying for entrance to institutions of higher learning in our county. Successful applicants should demonstrate maturity, a desire to succeed in the workplace, and have financial need. Upon Dr. Cain's death, the scholarship was named The Martha Tootle Cain Scholarship.



Criteria for the Scholarship were established. The scholarship award was \$500 per academic term and could be applied towards tuition, books, and/or required fees. Recipients were required to be full-time students at one of the following: Ogeechee Technical College, East Georgia College or Georgia Southern University and must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

The application process begins in the spring of each year when high school and college counselors are sent information explaining the purpose and selection criteria. Completed applications are returned to Altrusa for review by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Interviews are then scheduled with the Committee for those applicants who meet the stated criteria, and the selected application is presented to the entire membership for approval. Each applicant is sent a letter from the Scholarship Committee thanking them for their interest. The selected scholarship recipient is invited to a club meeting to meet the Altrusa members and to give her an opportunity to thank them for their support.

The first Scholarship was presented to a young woman who had been unable to continue her education at Ogeechee Technical College due to financial difficulties. She was provided the Scholarship for more than a year and in addition was mentored throughout her studies by Dr. Cain. In the years since the inception of the Scholarship, women have completed courses of study in education, nursing, child care, sonography and welding.

In 2021, the Altrusa Club of Statesboro voted to increase the scholarship award (per semester) from \$500 to \$1000. With the increasing cost of education, our hopes are that this will make a difference in the life of a student wanting to continue their education. We believe Martha Cain's vision of providing a means for women to achieve their goals for education and success in the workplace is being met by this scholarship.



# Club Service Projects and News

## Altrusa International Monticello, FL

By Juanice Hughes Club President

We are happy to report that our membership is currently healthy and active. To “catch up” on everyone’s summer activities and to begin finalizing our plans for the 2021-2022 service year, we held a Planning Luncheon and Meeting in mid-July, which was attended by most of our members.

While we continue to deal with the challenges of COVID, we are fortunate to have our community, government programs, and school systems operating on an in-person basis.

This will allow us to provide a broader range of community activities in our upcoming service year.

While we study the possibility of several new service projects, we also continue to analyze service programs and fundraisers that have been successfully implemented in past years to see if we need to alter them in a manner to make them even more effective. The awarding of scholarships to worthy students will continue to be a high priority for our service year. Our members embrace Governor Schell’s request that our membership strive to attain goals in the areas of Leadership, Service, and Membership. By utilizing these Biennium Goals and our club’s Strategic Plan for 2022-2027, we know we can “Lift Lives” in our community.

We wish our sister club members good health, safety, and a successful service year. As you travel through our beautiful section of North Florida, we hope you will notify us so that perhaps you can attend one of our meetings.



## Orlando-Winter Park and Lake County Clubs Wine-Down Together

By Nanci Schwartz, Lake County Club

What’s better than spending a day at a local winery with your Altrusa club? Spending it with another Altrusa club.

The Orlando-Winter Park and Lake County clubs enjoyed “Weekend at the Winery” on a beautiful Saturday in July. Members met at Lakeridge Winery in Clermont, Fla. where they enjoyed delicious food, wine, winery tours and, of course, spending time with Altrusans.



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