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DISTRICT THREE SERVICE BULLETIN

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Governor Greetings



CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE:
A Cabaret of Learning, Service and Fun



Wow, our 69th Annual District Three Conference at Charlotte, NC was a wonderful success. We have so many members who played a big part to thank. From our First Timers and Attendees, to our Co-Chairs, Committee Chairs, including Conference Registration, Credential and Election Committees. This Team effort did not stop there, big thank you to our In-Memoriam Presenter, Workshop Presenters, Expeditors, the District Three Board Leadership Team and of course the hotel staff.

We were honored to have Germaine Vonderhaar, International Treasurer as our International Representative, she kept us informed and updated on all the news from International. I would like to also extend a special thank you to the Spartanburg, SC Club for their surprise gifts at our Opening Ceremony and our Meal Host Clubs, Raleigh, NC, Charlotte, NC, Gastonia, NC, Starke, FL, North Georgia, GA and Lake City, FL. They each exceeded our expectations.

Conference Workshops were plentiful and covered a wide variety of topics from a fun Altrusa Parliamentary Jeopardy Game to our Presidents and Treasurers Training and so much more. Friday Fun Night, was filled with laughter, great conversations over a delicious dinner, a super fun Racing Team shirt contest and an amazing Altrusa Trivia Competition where a member from each table moved forward with correct answers on the Altrusa 500 Race Course set up in the room by Membership Chair Randi Kahl.

Congratulations to all of our Award winners that were recognized for the service they do in the communities they serve. Hearing about all the Club Projects was definitely a highlight, as was our “Hands on Service Project.” We came together and packed 150 zippered large Tote Bags, with our Altrusa Logo printed on them, filled with much needed items that were distributed to the Homeless population of Charlotte by “Loaves and Fishes,” who were thrilled to receive our 755 pounds of donations, all donated by our fellow Altrusans throughout our District.

Next up is Jacksonville, FL 2023, see you there!

Thank you all for your exemplary service to Altrusa,

Shannon



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COMMENTS ON DISTRICT THREE CONFERENCE

OUR INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S PERSPECTIVE

The Altrusa International District Three Conference was held on April 28-30, 2022, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conference was educational, informative, and delightful. The meetings, workshops, and keynote speakers were very important to the success of this conference. The District Three presentation of District Awards was very impressive. Many clubs in this District applied for each of the awards. This showed the competitiveness between clubs in this district and to inform other clubs of their service projects. Many clubs applied for the International Awards as well.

Most workshops were well attended, and the attendees engaged with questions and comments in the sessions. The keynote speakers were interactive with their audience and held the attention throughout their presentation. It is my opinion that District Three will continue to meet and exceed the Mission of Altrusa International through the leaders and their members.

Submitted by:

Germaine Vonderhaar

Germaine Vonderhaar
Altrusa International Representative
For District Three Conference



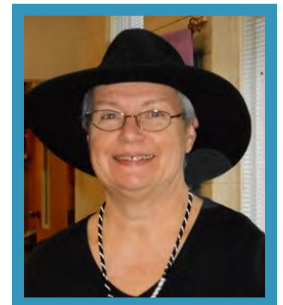


2022 Conference Report

By Conference Co-Chairs Yolander Hunter and Dolores Hall



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



When governor Shannon asked for our perspective of the 2022 Conference, we had to really look back at a 4-year blur. We can say without a doubt that it takes a village to put on a conference. It's not just the conference chairs, the district Governor, or the board. It takes everyone stepping up to share their talents and fill in the inevitable gaps and unexpected occurrences. You can have everything planned, but you must be flexible ...very flexible and able to pivot on a dime; making quick decisions that appear seamless to conference attendees. The goal is always for attendees to learn, have fun and celebrate the Altrusa experience with old and new friends. Members truly lived up to the conference theme, See It, Experience It, Live It. They saw the need to assist, shared their experience and lived true Altrusa qualities by assisting where help was needed.

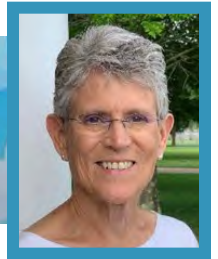
The 2022 Conference was unlike any previous conference. Planning began in 2018, with the intent of a 2020, conference. Covid 19 shut down everything three weeks prior to the 2020 event. Jump started again, we recommitted and updated materials and plans for a 2022 conference. This time Covid 19 reared its ugly head conference week. Due to the virus, we lost chairs with key responsibilities, welcome reception servers, prep people, bakers, flag bearers, and our Astra project leader. We even had to switch the group that would receive the service project items to a group that needed the donations more.

Members stepped up. Cakes were ordered and delivered for the very successful Foundation dessert dash. Volunteers assisted with the welcome reception. Alternate members carried the flags. Astra parents stepped in to run their service project. Door dash and other delivery services made quite a few trips to deliver items to the hotel. Two of our Astra volunteers were safely driven home. There was even more out of the box thinking for the service project. A pivot to find a new institution the afternoon of the project. A 3-vehicle caravan was able to deliver the 150 bags and donations of 755+ lbs. to the alternate institution that same afternoon.

In the end despite the many unexpected challenges, we safely met our conference goal of learning, having fun and celebrating the Altrusa experience. Thanks to each one of you who helped to make this a successful conference and live up to true Altrusa values. It takes a village and the Altrusa village of volunteers showed up.



First Timers Orientation Workshop



FIRST TIMERS TO CONFERENCE

By Nancy Shumaker, Director, 2021-2023

This year, five First Timers participated in Thursday afternoon's orientation session. **Lu Juan Gibson** and **Awilda Harrington** (Waynesville, NC), **Judith Towner** (Gastonia, NC), **Rosie Connolly** (Gainesville, FL), and **Kristie Smith** (St. Augustine, FL) brought their enthusiasm and curiosity along with them, which made for a lively and informative hour for both presenters and attendees.

District Three Board members introduced themselves and welcomed the First Timers to the Conference. After that, the District Directors, Dorothy Manning, LaShone Surrency and myself, Nancy Shumaker, gave a PowerPoint presentation about Altrusa history and what to expect from the Conference was given. Door prizes were awarded to two lucky recipients. Then, participants were given copies of the First Timer's Scavenger Hunt questions and encouraged to seek out the answers from others at the Conference. The completed questionnaire was due by Saturday's luncheon.

Saturday evening, at the Governor's Banquet, **Kristie Smith** (St. Augustine, FL), was declared the winner of the **First Timer's Award**. Kristie, a new member as of three weeks before the Conference, had the only perfect score on the Scavenger Hunt and will receive \$100 off her registration fee for the 2023 District Conference in Jacksonville.

Congratulations, Kristie!





Treasurers Workshop

Treasurers Workshop District Conference

by Scott Tice

A small but intimate group of Club Treasurers met during the Treasurer's Workshop at conference to talk all about the duties and responsibilities of a Club Treasurer.

We reviewed dues collection and payment, budgeting, new member reporting and spent a lot of time going over Group Tally. My goal for the workshop was to answer any questions the Club Treasurers had and facilitate discussion of topics important to each in attendance.

I hope the group of Treasurers who attended can agree we met, and even exceeded, the goals! Thank you to those who attended!



Presidents Workshop

Presidents Workshop District Conference

By Dimple Overstreet Governor-Elect

What a wonderful group. Each one was willing to help with ideas of what works in their club.

We touched on Websites, Resources and where to find them. Many items are available on the International Website under the 'Leadership' tab.' The club Presidents Handbook, which is designed as a reference library for leadership training.



An important topic to the members was Membership. There was a lot of sharing with each other about recruiting, mentoring, keeping members, and also recruiting younger members.

Communication, attitude, and commitment as a sponsor.

Barbara Ann Hughes was helpful with answering questions and also giving ideas to help think of new ways to look at a club problem.

The PowerPoint was emailed to all club Presidents so please share with the incoming President.

Each of you have a gift that is only yours. You take this gift and you will be a wonderful leader for your club. Enjoy and make it fun.



ASTRA at Conference



Charlotte ASTRA Club

by Jeraldyn Rivest, District Three ASTRA Committee Chair

We were fortunate to have 10 ASTRA members attend conference on Saturday. They brought, worked on and displayed their projects next to our Vendors. It was also a tremendous treat for Governor Shannon to Chord Evan Ramirez a founding member and current president of the ASTRA Club of Charlotte, a Community Club with students in middle school and high school. Evan is graduating from Providence High School. In addition to the graduation chord he was presented a certificate and congratulated for his expementary work as an integral part of our Altrusa Family. Everyone wished him much success in his future endeavors and cheered all of the ASTRA students for their positive impacts to their communities.

Members can contact Jeraldyn Rivest, District Three ASTRA Committee Chair for questions about starting a new ASTRA club at Jeraldyn@hotmail.com or 704-634-0606.





LRSP Approved at Conference



Altrusa International District Three, Inc. Strategic Plan - 2020-2024



Vision: Altrusa is a leader among international organizations improving communities worldwide through a network of member clubs.	Mission: To improve communities worldwide by providing service, developing leadership, fostering international understanding and encouraging fellowship through an international network of dedicated volunteers.	Brand: Leading to a Better Community Brand Anchors: Flexibility, Inclusion, Clarity	Measures: 1. Member Numbers 2. Member Satisfaction Rating 3. Service Hours and Fundraising \$ 4. Website hits 5. Social Media Connections
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Service Inspire profile enhancing Service Projects	Facilitate the sharing of service project ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support a District Service Project and Days for Girls ➤ Seek out new opportunities for addressing Literacy needs in our communities ➤ Inspire service projects/fundraisers through a data base/tool kit ➤ Encourage new more flexible & inclusive service projects
Marketing Enhance the flow of Altrusa information internally and with external parties	Enhance bi-directional flow of information within Altrusa Promote Altrusa to communities worldwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Share information through the District Service Bulletin ➤ Collect feedback via on-line surveys (Members to District) ➤ Enhance marketing plan including best practice guides/tool kits ➤ Enhance social media strategy/policy to communicate with prospects & members. ➤ Enhance District website for potential members & intuitive one for members.
Members Increase membership Numbers to 800 members by 2024	Recruit & Retain a diverse membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Embrace change and diversity ➤ Expansion of ASTRA clubs with focus on transition to Altrusa ➤ Improve resources for the effective recruiting of new members ➤ Promote activities that are attractive to potential and younger members ➤ Engage members in their Altrusa journey via service & personal interactions
Leaders Create a pipeline of strong Altrusa Leaders	Develop leadership at all levels of Altrusa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cultivate a training track for new leaders (train the trainers) ➤ Enhance tools/best practice guidelines to build new leaders ➤ Support a mentoring programme ➤ Encourage succession planning at all levels
Member Service Inform, Update and Educate members	Respond to member needs in a timely manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enhance collection and reporting of membership data through Group Tally ➤ Produce tools/resources to support District/Clubs and members ➤ Provide District Service Bulletin, District Website, District workshops, email communications and other services



Elections District and International Results



By Susy Meier, Elections Chair

The Elections process at the 69th Annual District Three Conference was a complete change from prior years – we had an electronic election platform! We used Election Runner and had 100% participation from our certified eligible voters. Your Elections Committee thanks you once again.

The following members were elected as the District Nominating Committee by unanimous consent at the first business session on Friday, April 29:

Georgia Jones, Altrusa International of Lake City, Florida
Randi Kahl, Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida
Gayle Magruder, Altrusa International of Spartanburg, South Carolina
Norma Teuton, Altrusa International of North Georgia, Georgia
Debbie Vives, Altrusa International of Statesboro, Georgia

In the election on Friday afternoon, Randi Kahl was selected to be the Chair. They will be working to create the slate of candidates for District office to be elected at the 2023 Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

Also, at the first business session on Friday, Colleen Duris, Altrusa International of Ocala, Florida, was elected by unanimous consent to be our District nominee for the International Nominating Committee. That election will be at the International Convention in July, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas.





District and International Awards



By Mantha Young

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to every club for taking the time to complete the award applications. As always, one of the high points of the Awards Breakfast is recognizing clubs for their amazing projects undertaken during the year. Read through! You just might glean an idea or two!

Membership Anniversaries—25 Years

Marjorie Baker, Gainesville, FL
Jenny Drawdy, Lake City, FL
Brandy Watson, Lake City, FL
Michelle Smith, Ocala, FL
Brandi Noegel, Starke, FL

Membership Anniversaries—50 Years

Carol Denton
Emeritus
Orlando-Winter Park, FL

Sponsor Pin Recipients:

4 - Dee Dugger, Gainesville, FL
6 - Joy Lutz, Lake City, FL
2 - Elizabeth Jozsi, Lake County, FL
2 - Jennifer Rivera, Lake County, FL
6 - Millie Schneider, Live Oak, FL
6 - Mindy Janousek, Live Oak, FL
4 - Sharon Jordan, Live Oak, FL
2 - Mary Gramling, Monticello, FL
2 - Sally Jordan, Monticello, FL
2 - Mary Kirley, North Georgia, GA
2 - Penny Penn, North Georgia, GA

6 - Kimberly Pue, Orlando-Winter Park, FL
6 - Traci Jones, Orlando-Winter Park, FL
2 - Millie Cress, Salisbury, NC
6 - Nancy Mott, Salisbury, NC
2 - Carolyn Carver, Starke, FL
2 - Gale Trotter, Starke, FL
4 - Teresa Phillips, Starke, FL
6 - Martha Ray, Statesboro, GA
2 - Nancy Waters, Statesboro, GA
4 - Joy Johnson, Waynesville, NC
2 - Lisa Ferguson, Waynesville, NC

Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award

There were eight (8) entries for this award:

3rd Place *Altrusa International of Starke, FL* (170 points)
2nd Place *Altrusa International of Lake City, FL* (173 points)
1st Place *Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL* (183 points)

Todd Jordan Yearbook Submissions

There were eight (8) entries for this award:

3rd Place *Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC* (297 points)
2nd Place *Altrusa International of Lake County, FL* (314 points)
1st Place *Altrusa of Orlando-Winter Park, FL* (323 points)



District and International Awards Cont.

Newsletter Award

There were seven (7) entries for this award:

3rd Place Altrusa International of Waynesville, NC (169 points)

2nd Place Altrusa International of Starke, FL (175 points)

1st Place Altrusa International of Lake County, FL (180 points)

Outstanding Community Service Award

There were ten (10) entries for this award:

Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC

Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL

Altrusa International of Lake County, FL

Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA

Altrusa International of Ocala, FL

Altrusa of Orlando-Winter Park, FL

Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC

Altrusa International of Starke, FL

The following is based only on the Ten Submissions:

Total volunteer hours: **7,722**

Total Funds Donated or Spent by Clubs: **\$130,971**

Club with the most community service hours: *Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC* **1,478**

Club with the most community service hours per member:

Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC **62**

Club with the highest community service dollars:

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL **\$46,572**

Club who spent the most per member:

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL **\$548**



District and International Awards Cont.

Myrtice H. Price Membership Award

3 rd Place Altrusa <i>International of Orlando-winter Park, FL</i>	(11.1%)
2 nd Place Altrusa <i>International of Monticello, FL</i>	(15%)
1 st Place Altrusa <i>International of Gaffney, SC</i>	(33%)

Greatest Net Gain Membership

3 rd Place Altrusa <i>International of Charlotte, NC</i>	1 member
Altrusa <i>International of Raleigh, NC</i>	
Altrusa <i>International of Starke, FL</i>	
2 nd Place Altrusa <i>International of Gaffney, SC</i>	2 members
Altrusa <i>International of North Georgia, GA</i>	
1 st Place Altrusa <i>International of Monticello, FL</i>	3 members
Altrusa <i>International of Orlando-winter Park, FL</i>	

Membership Incentive Credit

3 rd Place Altrusa <i>International of Charlotte, NC</i>	1 member
Altrusa <i>International of Raleigh, NC</i>	
Altrusa <i>International of Starke, FL</i>	
2 nd Place Altrusa <i>International of Gaffney, SC</i>	2 members
Altrusa <i>International of North Georgia, GA</i>	
1 st Place Altrusa <i>International of Monticello, FL</i>	3 members
Altrusa <i>International of Orlando-winter Park, FL</i>	

Governor's Outstanding Club Award

There were fourteen (14) entries for this award

3 rd Place Altrusa <i>International of Spartanburg, SC</i>	(369 points)
2 nd Place Altrusa <i>International of Lake City, FL</i>	(393 points)
1 st Place Altrusa <i>International of Starke, FL</i>	(394 points)



District and International Awards Cont.

Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

There were five (5) entries for this award

3rd Place Altrusa *International of Raleigh, NC* (267 points)

Project: "Sweeter Drams for Babies"

2nd Place Altrusa *International of Lake County, FL* (273 points)

Project: "Adventures in Reading"

1st Place Altrusa *International of Orlando-winter Park, FL* (278 points)

Project: "Changing One Million Lives, One Book At A Time"

Mamie L. Bass Service Award

There were six (6) entries for this award

3rd Place Altrusa *International of Raleigh, NC* (262 points)

Project: "The Go-To Partners for Doing Good"

2nd Place Altrusa *International of Charlotte, NC* (267 points)

Project: "{Hoe is Where the Heart Is"

1st Place Altrusa *International of Lake City, FL* (291 points)

Project: "Share a Pair"

Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

There were four (4) entries for this award

3rd Place Altrusa *International of Starke, FL* (206 points)

Project: "Operation Shoe Box Program"

2nd Place Altrusa *International of Lake City, FL* (249 points)

Project: "Honduras English as a Second Language"

1st Place Altrusa *International of Charlotte, NC* (261 points)

Project: "Every Girl. Everywhere. Period."



Spirit Award Winner



AND THE WINNER IS!!!

By LaShone Surrency, District Three Director

We all know Altrusans who epitomize the principles of our organization. They are selfless. They work hard. They give so much to their club, to their communities and to Altrusa District Three.

It is an Altrusa District Three tradition to honor one Altrusan who consistently demonstrates all the good that is in our organization whether at home or at the District Three Conference.

Each registered conference attendee received a Spirit Award nomination form as part of their registration packet. The form was also available online and nominations could be submitted through a survey monkey link or QR scan code provided during conference.

Spirit Award honorees cannot be a member of the current District Three Board and they cannot have previously won the award. A few Altrusans who stand out for their commitment and fellowship were nominated for their contributions as a member of our organization. All are worthy of recognition but one Altrusan truly stood out as deserving of the Spirit Award.

At home, this Altrusan volunteered to step into various leadership roles when fellow members could not. She has also been Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, led service projects, and graciously donates and volunteers to seek donations for homeless and other charitable projects. With passion and sincerity, she encourages and motivates others in her club to participate and be engaged.

At the conference in Charlotte, this Altrusan was highly involved with the conference service project "Loaves and Fishes", she served as co-chair conference coordinator, and captured a few memorable moments taking pictures during the conference. As one nomination stated, she rolls with it every time! She works with a sense of giving, a sense of purpose, and a willingness to make things work no matter what curve ball gets thrown her way which exemplifies her Altrusa SPIRIT!

District Three Directors Dorothy Manning, Nancy Shumaker and LaShone Surrency, who reviewed the nominations, wholeheartedly agreed. With the assistance of the 2021 Spirit Award winner Dee Dugger, of the Gainesville, FL club, Yolander Hunter from the Charlotte, NC club was named this year's honoree. Yolander received the Spirit Award trophy, a certificate and distinguished sash. At the next conference when District Three Altrusans gather, Yolander will have the privilege of helping announce the 2023 Spirit Award winner.

Congratulations to Yolander and thank you for all you do for Altrusa.





Past Governors Luncheon

By Christy Bryant Hostess

During Conference, the Past Governors Luncheon was held in the Boardroom at 12:30pm on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Past Governors present were:

Barbara Ann Hughes – 1978 – 1980

Margaret Cannon – 2003 – 2005

Linda Robison – 2007 – 2009

Colleen Duris – 2013 – 2015

Norma Teuton – 2015 – 2017

Christy Bryant – 2017 - 2019

Kitty McElhaney – 2019 - 2021

Special Guests present were:

Germaine Vonderhaar – International Representative

Shannon Schell – Current Governor

Past Governor Christy welcomed everyone to the luncheon and presented a small gift of bath products with instructions to 'make time to take care of yourself'. She provided an update on the status of Past Governors that were unable to attend and then all enjoyed a Croissant Club and a delicious slice of devil's food cake for lunch.

In advance of the conference, Governor Shannon asked for ideas and suggestions on building the "Leadership Pipeline". During the gathering, the group had a very engaging conversation. Earlier comments received via email from Past Governors were compiled by Past Governor Christy and presented to Governor Shannon.

The luncheon culminated with Past Governor Christy surprising Governor Shannon with a gift of the 'Traveling Quilt'.





Conference Service Project

2022 District Three Conference Service Project Update

By Dee Dugger, Altrusa International Gainesville, FL

Well in Whoville they say ,the grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day. We were not in Whoville, but hearts have grew in Charlotte. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we filled 150 tote bags in about 20 minutes with basic necessities such at toothbrush and paste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.



After filling all the bags, we had a loaves and fishes experience. (This is important later in this report). Everyone chipped in the organize and repackage the extras. in addition to the bags, we then had a table full of boxes of the extra supplies. We also had BOXES of diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products and underwear and many more boxes of books, puzzles, flash cards etc. We didn't include these items in the bags as not all the recipients would need those extra items.

These particular items were donated en-mass and will be available through the recipient agency. Our original recipient was not really interested in taking all the bags and other things we had to offer. After a few, or maybe more than a few, panic moments and several phone calls to various agencies in Charlotte, we found a recipient agency that was located just around the corner from the hotel.

When I spoke to the agency representative on the phone and told her we had boxes of diapers she said that's great, our community pantry is almost out. The name of this agency is Loaves and Fishes. They are primarily a food bank but were willing to take all of our supplies including the books. By the time we figured out where the items were going it was 3:45 and they closed at 4:30. Several Altrusans made multiple trips from the work area to waiting cars. We filled 2 SUVs and the trunk of Yolander's car. We made the short trek to the agency (just 2 minutes away) arriving around 4:15. By the time we had unloaded loaded the vehicles and got back to the hotel, the staff at Loaves and Fishes had sent Yolander an email indicating we had dropped off 750 POUNDS of supplies.

The table decorations for the Saturday breakfast were backpacks that included many of the essentials that were in the other bags. The final amount of all of our donations was almost 800 pounds. Thank you also to the clubs who made donations of gift cards. These were used to purchase food items for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry.





Current Members & New Members



By Scott Tice, Treasurer

Altrusa International District Three, Inc.

New Member January 16—May 15, 2022



New Member	Sponsor	Joined
Lake City, FL Lindsey Covington	Jill Adams / Jennifer Anchors	April
Live Oak, FL Elizabeth Brinson Joyce Davis Lori Evans Kylie Kafka Lisa Peters Cindy Robinson	Mindy Janousek Millie Schneider/Carol Hingson Mindy Janousek/Sharon Jordan Millie Schneider Millie Schneider	February February February February February February
Marianna, FL Sherry Toole	Jay James/Rose Cavin	March
North Georgia, GA Maggie Edmiston	Susan Winham	February
Salisbury, NC Shanna Matlock Rhonda Roseman	Millie Cress/Nancy Mott	February February
St. Augustine, FL Kristie N. Smith	Christine Plant	April
Starke, FL Jencie Hardee Stanwix-Hay Roxanne Crosby	Linda Kay Johns/Gale Trotter Gale Trotter/Linda Kay Johns	May May
Statesboro, GA Robin Bedwell Pamela Campbell Heather Huling Elizabeth Kasper Sandy Smith Barbara Trowbridge Carrie Vescio	Pam Lavender/Gwendolyn Yarbrough Marilyn Hale/Martha Ray Jodi Kennedy/Gwendolyn Yarbrough Nancy Waters/Martha Ray Pat Parsons/Eileen Rise Nancy Waters/Gwendolyn Yarbrough Gwendolyn Yarbrough/Jill Nevills	March March March March March March March

Altrusa International District Three, Inc.



Membership Report as of May 15, 2022

Club	Paid Members	Emeritus	Lifetime	Total Members
Florida				
1 Citrus County	21			21
2 Gainesville	54	6		60
3 Lake City	85	6		91
4 Lake County	20	1		21
5 Live Oak	30	1		31
6 Marianna	20	2		22
7 Monticello	22	1		23
8 Ocala	30	2		33
9 Orlando-Winter Park	28	2		29
10 St Augustine	17			17
11 Starke	46	2		48
12 Tampa Bay	11	3		13
TOTAL FL	384	25	0	409
Georgia				
1 Atlanta	6			6
2 North Georgia	29	2		31
3 Statesboro	44	3		47
TOTAL GA	79	5	0	84
North Carolina				
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	11			11
7 Waynesville	24			24
TOTAL NC	89	5	1	98
South Carolina				
1 Gaffney	8			8
2 Spartanburg	27	3		30
TOTAL SC	35	3	0	38

Affiliate Virtual Club in Formation	4
Affiliate Members	2
Emeritus No Club Affiliation	3

REPORT SUMMARY:	
Active Members	594
Emeritus Members	41
Lifetime Members	1
Affiliate Members	2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	638

CONFERENCE APPROVED BUDGET

March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

				Proposed
Revenues	Budget	Actual	Difference	2022-23
4010 Dues - Renewing Members	11,000.00	10,825.00	(175.00)	11,000.00
4015 Dues - Renewing Young Professionals	50.00	60.00	10.00	50.00
4020 Dues - New Members (Full)	380.00	660.00	280.00	400.00
4030 Dues - New Members (Half)	80.00	120.00	40.00	80.00
4035 Dues - Young Professionals	50.00	0.00	(50.00)	20.00
4040 Dues - Affiliates	40.00	275.00	235.00	20.00
4100 Late Fees Income	30.00	48.00	18.00	30.00
4110 Interest Income	0.00	3.80	3.80	0.00
4120 Dividend Income	1,000.00	4,015.00	3,015.00	1,000.00
4125 Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4200 Conference Income	0.00	14,320.85	14,320.85	0.00
4350 Gain/Loss of Asset Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4600 Transfer Unreserved Funds (General)	6,600.00	0.00	(6,600.00)	4,770.00
4700 Trans from Conf Reserved	7,700.00	7,700.00	0.00	5,000.00
4800 Trans from BH Fund Reserved	1,800.00	0.00	(1,800.00)	1,725.00 (1)
4850 Trans from KM ASTRA Fund Reserved	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u>1,050.00 (8)</u>
Total Income & Transfers	28,730.00	38,027.65	9,297.65	25,145.00
Operating Expenses				
6000 International Convention Exp.	2,500.00	1,719.07	(780.93)	0.00
6005 International Dues (from Affiliates)	0.00	230.00	230.00	0.00
6070 New Club Bldg Expense	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	300.00
6080 New Club Building Incentives Policy	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	200.00
6090 Club Revitalization	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	500.00
6100 Conference Expense	0.00	20,836.34	20,836.34	0.00
6180 Program Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 (5)
6190 Transfer to Conference Budget	7,700.00	7,700.00	0.00	5,000.00
6195 Membership Incentive Awards	250.00	50.00	(200.00)	250.00
6197 Myrtice Price Award Expense	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
6200 Board Travel Meeting Expense	8,500.00	7,213.97	(1,286.03)	6,000.00 (6)
6250 Board Travel/Non Meeting	3,000.00	751.68	(2,248.32)	6,000.00
6275 Past Governors Council Luncheon	350.00	260.76	(89.24)	300.00
6300 Governor Elect Training	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	800.00 (2)
6450 Ribbons Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
6500 Governor Expense	150.00	0.00	(150.00)	150.00
6510 Governor's Pin Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00 (3)
6515 Awards Recognition	150.00	63.15	(86.85)	300.00
6520 Postage Expense	55.00	0.00	(55.00)	60.00
6530 Printing/Copying Expense	150.00	0.00	(150.00)	100.00
6535 Print District Three History Book	650.00	638.00	(12.00)	0.00 (7)
6550 Operating Supplies	65.00	0.00	(65.00)	50.00
6560 Insurance (Crime Policy)	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00 (4)
6700 Treasurer's Cost Expense	100.00	(178.36)	(278.36)	100.00
6800 Web Site/DropBox Expense	250.00	239.76	(10.24)	250.00
6850 Club Banner	250.00	0.00	(250.00)	250.00
6900 Club 21	210.00	210.00	0.00	210.00
6950 Big Heart Fund - Expense	1,800.00	0.00	(1,800.00)	1,725.00 (1)
6975 KM ASTRA Grant Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00 (8)
7000 In Memorium	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	450.00
9000 Miscellaneous Expense	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses	28,730.00	39,834.37	11,104.37	25,145.00

CONFERENCE APPROVED BUDGET Cont.

- (1) Based on possibility of 1 member of 23 Clubs @ \$75 each per club needing assistance
- (2) Occurs every other year; \$800 for 2022-2023 budget year
- (3) Occurs every other year
- (4) Bond (Crime Policy) Insurance for Signatories every 3 years (Renew 10-22)
- (5) Current Program Coordinator does not claim mileage through 2021-23 biennium. Future Coordinators may claim mileage
- (6) Covers expenses of Board members and Conference Co-Chairs in attendance
- (7) One time District History Book expense updated thru 2021
- (8) Based on possibility of each ASTRA Club (7 total) applying for ASTRA Grant

BUDGET
APPROVED

Altrusa Above and Beyond





District Three Foundation At Conference



By Martha Epps, District Three Foundation Chair

We have seen another wonderful conference. The foundation presented grants of \$500 each to Altrusa International of Starke, Florida, and Altrusa International of Statesboro, Georgia, to help finance their projects.

Instead of having the live action, with the exception of the quilt, we had a fun dessert dash: money was collected from Altrusans at each numbered table and according to the total amount collected, table numbers were called out in rapid succession and the designated "runner" was able to choose a delicious desert. Everyone enjoyed the dash. Whereas when it came time for the quilt to be auctioned, that was hosted by Margaret Cannon. In addition, our silent auction set a new record of items and received many donations.

Because of the great generosity of our Altrusans, the Foundation collected a record breaking grand total of \$7,514. Thank you so much!





District Foundation Financials



By Dawn Mainville, District Three Treasurer

Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of February 28, 2022

ASSETS	2/28/2022	2/28/2021
Current Assets		
Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 2,711.34	\$ 716.37
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 40,316.02	\$ 40,622.96
Wells Fargo Advisors		
WFA - Cash	\$ 32,630.95	\$ 60,677.39
WFA - Securities	\$ 80,557.40	\$ 44,915.71
Total Wells Fargo Advisors	\$ 113,188.35	\$ 105,593.10
TOTAL	\$ 156,215.71	\$ 146,932.43
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 156,215.71	\$ 146,932.43
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,638.66	\$ -
TOTAL Liabilities	\$ 1,638.66	\$ -
Equity		
I Permanently Restricted		
ASTRA Fund	\$ 10,000.46	\$ 10,000.46
Cassie Dollar Fund	\$ 12,577.25	\$ 12,577.25
Literacy Fund	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,225.00
Ulrich Environmental Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Vocational Fund	\$ 10,025.00	\$ 10,025.00
TOTAL Permanently Restricted	\$ 52,852.71	\$ 52,827.71
II Temporary Restricted Funds		
Fiscal Sponsorships/Club Accounts	\$ 38,667.09	\$ 48,254.46
Special Accounts		
District Three Grant Fund	\$ 34,252.85	\$ 30,481.56
Joey Robison Scholarship Fund	\$ 6,374.50	\$ 4,199.50
TOTAL Special Accounts	\$ 40,627.35	\$ 34,681.06
TOTAL Temporary Restricted Funds	\$ 79,294.44	\$ 82,935.52
III Unrestricted Funds		
Dividends	\$ 18,896.82	\$ 17,512.00
Dividends/Interest	\$ (10,330.40)	\$ (9,488.94)
TOTAL Dividend/Interest	\$ 8,566.42	\$ 8,023.06
General Fund		
Grants Activity	\$ (18,878.64)	\$ 18,378.64
Donations	\$ 43,086.85	\$ 33,337.38
TOTAL Donations	\$ 24,208.21	\$ 14,958.74
General Fund Other	\$ (10,344.73)	\$ (11,812.60)
TOTAL General Fund	\$ 13,863.48	\$ 3,146.14
TOTAL III Unrestricted Funds	\$ 22,429.90	\$ 11,169.20
TOTAL Equity	\$ 154,577.05	\$ 146,932.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 156,215.71	\$ 146,932.43



District Foundation Financials

Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INCOME & EXPENSE as of February 28, 2022

Ordinary Income/Expense	March 2021 - Feb 2022	
Income		
Contributions		
Donations - Designated	\$	12,345.00
Donations - Undesignated	\$	5,408.36
Total Contributions	\$	17,753.36
Fundraising		
Auction	\$	4,276.25
Clubs Fundraising	\$	6,695.88
TOTAL Fundraising	\$	10,972.13
Investment Income		
Dividend-Interest	\$	1,881.11
Interest Income	\$	3.58
Realized Securities Gain	\$	3,414.54
TOTAL Investment Income	\$	5,299.23
TOTAL Income	\$	34,024.72
Gross Profit	\$	34,024.72
Expense		
Management and General		
Bank & Merchant Process Fees	\$	44.38
Dues and Fees	\$	1.25
Lodging	\$	1,434.49
Meals	\$	204.17
Operating Supplies	\$	55.00
Travel	\$	212.52
TOTAL Management and General	\$	1,951.81
Program Services		
Awards	\$	845.04
Grants	\$	500.00
Scholarships		
Joey Robison Scholarship	\$	3,000.00
Scholarships from Clubs	\$	3,500.00
TOTAL Scholarships	\$	6,500.00
Charities	\$	5,110.00
Special Events - Clubs	\$	7,673.25
TOTAL Program Services	\$	20,628.29
TOTAL Expense	\$	22,580.10
Net Ordinary Income	\$	11,444.62
Equity Transfer	\$	(11,444.62)
TOTAL Other Income	\$	(11,444.62)
Net Other Income	\$	(11,444.62)
Net Income	\$	-



Donors and Giving Categories

Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.
FOUNDATION DONORS AND GIVING CATEGORIES

We Appreciate and Thank You All for your Support !

CONTRIBUTOR \$50-\$99	SPONSOR \$100-\$249	PARTNER \$250-\$499	GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE \$500-\$999	MAME L BASS SOCIETY \$1,000	BENEFACTOR
Altrusa of Atlanta Altrusa of Citrus Cnty Altrusa of Gaffney Altrusa of Gainesville Altrusa of Ocala Carol Halliburton Cindyly Brubaker Jane Lewis Josie Frieser Laura Erstad Lisa Ferguson Louise Parris Margaret Roldan Mary Van Name Millie Griswold Roberta Klusmeier Scott Frieser Silvia Silverman Susan Newlin Theresa Young Yolander Hunter	Altrusa of Bangalore India Altrusa of Waynesville Barbara Ann Hughes Barbara Thomas Carol Decelle Carol K Noegel Catherine Thompson Dawn Mainville Donna Carroll Elaine Muther Gail Trotter Jeraldyn Rivest Dr. Judy Perkin Kathy Jackson Karen Wishart Matilda J Shell Nanci Schwartz Pat Jenke Norma Teuten Randi Kahl Sandy Furches Valerie Forster Vicki Teal	Altrusa of Caldwell Co Altrusa of Charlotte Altrusa of Charlotte Found Altrusa of Montecello Altrusa of N. Georgia Altrusa of Starke Altrusa of St Augustine Donna Johnson Eddie & Peggy Ricks Eileen Hines Madlean Rogers Mary Santana Nancy Drought Rosemary Leake Susy Meier	Altrusa of Lake County Altrusa of Winter Park Altrusa of Spartanburg Altrusa of Tampa Bay Cindy Athey Jean Sydnor Jenneane Froman Julie Keiper Karen Robinson Linda Tatum Martin Orthodontics Mary Kane Mary Kirley Michelle S. Smith Nancy Shumaker Penny A. Penn Shannon Schell	Altrusa District Three Altrusa Spartanburg Found Altrusa Starke Foundation Beverly Hardy Bonnie K. Lee Christy Bryant Colleen Duris Gail Hackett Gayle Magruder Jane Gray Jill Adams Kitty McElhane Linda Robison Mantha Young Margaret Cannon Marilyne Jones Martha Epps Robin Hall Scott Tice Tammy Hall	Gayle Magruder Linda Robison Margaret Cannon Michelle Smith Shannon Schell

*Auction Purchases are Not Included

Records may be incomplete due to unforeseen circumstances, any discrepancies please contact Dawn Mainville, District Three Foundation Treasurer

Updated as of 02/28/2022



TO THE DISTRICT FOUNDATION



Joey Robison Scholarships

Joey Robison Non-Traditional Scholarship

By Linda Robison, Altrusa of Spartanburg, SC

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to provide seven \$500 scholarships for individuals who qualified as having graduated from high school or received a GED more than six years earlier. These students who have financial difficulties have these scholarship checks sent to their schools to assist with their school costs. They are all working toward a better financial life for their family through education.

Donations from individuals and clubs may continue to be sent to the Altrusa District Three Foundation Treasurer with a notation on the bottom left of the check "Robison Scholarship." Please see the District Three Foundation website for information on how clubs can provide applications to community colleges.



If Altrusans have questions concerning the scholarships, you may contact Linda Robison at 828-894-2588, llobison@windstream.net, or llobison42@gmail.com. Annual scholarships must be vetted through Altrusa clubs for students in their area.





Foundation Award Winners



By Christy Bryant, 2021-2022 Foundation Trustee

Lucile Spillers Alexander ASTRA Award

There were two (2) entries for this award

1st Place ASTRA Club of University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (161 points)

Project: FOOD4Kids

2nd Place ASTRA Club of Epiphany School Lake City, FL (157 points)

Project: Foster Children Emergency Shelter Kits

Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Service Award

There were three (3) entries for this award

1st Place Altrusa International of Starke, FL (273 points)

Project: Supporting Rehabilitation of Our Veterans

2nd Place Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC (271 points)

Project: A Little Bit of Help to Pick Ourselves Up

3rd Place Altrusa International of Lake City, FL (270 points)

Project: GIRLS SUMMIT Be Loyal to Royal Within You

Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award

There were three (3) entries for this award

1st Place Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC (206 points)

Project: Altrusa Pathway

2nd Place Altrusa *International of Lake City, FL* (288 points)

Project: The Purple Stadium Project

3rd Place Altrusa *International of Charlotte, NC* (281 points)

Project: Living in the Sunshine



Foundation Award Winners Cont.

Vocational Services Award

There were five (5) entries for this award

- Altrusa International of Lake City, FL
- Altrusa International of Lake County, FL
- Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC
- Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC
- Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC

1st Place Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC

Project: The Eula Sherman Vocational Scholarship (283)points)

2nd Place Altrusa International of Lake County, FL

(280 points)

Project: Pay It Forward

3rd Place Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC

(275 points)

Project: Making A Difference that Matters!

Literacy Service Award

There were six (36) entries for this award

- Altrusa International of Lake City, FL
- Altrusa International of Lake County, FL
- Altrusa International of Starke, FL
- Altrusa international of Statesboro, GA
- Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC
- Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC

1st Place Altrusa International of Statesboro, GA

(285 points)

Project: Books for Back Pack Buddies and Beyond

2nd Place Altrusa International of Lake County, FL

(284 points)

Project: Adventures in Reading

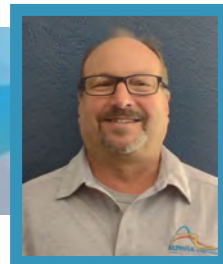
3rdPlace Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC

(278 points)

Project: Smorgasbord of Literacy



International Foundation



Fundraiser and Grants Awards



Altrusa International District Three's 2022 Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina went very well. I, as the Altrusa International Foundation Liaison, had a 50/50 raffle as a fundraiser, asking Kathryn McDonald (North Georgia, Georgia) and Susy Meier (Atlanta, Georgia) to assist me in selling the tickets. I will have to say it was a success, with contributions totaling \$600. Art Holden from the St Augustine, Florida club was the winner, and gave the money back to the International Foundation.

Thanks again, Art.

I had two different kinds of Luci lights but was only able to sell one to Nanci Schwartz of the Lake County, Florida club. Thank you again, Nanci.

With the ticket sales, Luci lights, and online donations via the website, District Three donated \$996.90 to the International Foundation. Between 2019-2021, we donated a total of \$16,217 to the Foundation, through Club 21, the Lamplighter Program, the Endowment Fund, the Grants Program, Disaster Relief, and Where Needed Most.

It's not too late to donate to Project Generosity! If you text the word District3 to 71777, you will receive back a web link so that you can donate to any of the Foundation programs, including your Club 21 renewal (individual or club). The competition for awards to clubs with the greatest total contribution or greatest contribution per capita goes through May 31. You can also go directly to <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/DISTRICT/team/DistrictThree> to donate online.



2022 Altrusa District Three in Memoriam



By Donna Marzek
Altrusa of Lake County, FL President



JANE HAYES

**Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC
Passed Away August 25, 2021**

Jane became an Altrusan in 1979 and was a member and former President of the Altrusa club of Durham, NC. She moved to Charlotte in 2013 and was a member of the Charlotte, NC club for more than 8 years. She was an Altrusan for more than 42 years. Jane had a very sweet disposition and was a member of the Fellowship Committee.



MADLEAN ROGERS

**Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC
Passed Away May 16, 2021**

Madlean was a member with more than 47 years of service. She served twice as club President and was club Treasurer for many years. She initiated the club's foundation and served as Treasurer. She served twice as District Conference Co-Chair, as District Financial Consultant, and District Committee Chair. Madlean was active in club activities until her move to Florida in 2014. She was the epitome of an Altrusan!



MAUREEN LLOYD

**Altrusa International of Lake City, FL
Passed Away August 31, 2021 at 78**

Maureen became a member in 1992 and served as President of the Lake City Club in 1999-2000. She remained an active Altrusa member until her health started to fail. She was conferred emeritus status membership in May of 2021. She also volunteered for several other civic and service organizations. She is missed by her family and her Lake City Altrusa family.



SUZANNE STEWART

**Altrusa International of Ocala, FL
Passed Away August 2, 2021 at 66**

Suzanne was a very active member of the Ocala, Florida Club for her first 20 years of club life, serving as Vice President in 1997 and again in 2006. Due to family health issues, she stepped back on her membership, but continued to financially support the club, do as much as she could and was a strong supporter in the community of promoting literacy and Altrusa. Her Altrusa spirit will be missed.



ELIZABETH FINLEY

**Altrusa of Orlando-Winter Park, FL
Passed Away April 6, 2022 at 97**

Elizabeth was a Charter Member of Altrusa of Winter Park, Florida and a successful business woman with a career centered in real estate. For many years she was an active Altrusa member serving her community. She held many positions in the club and was President from 1980-1982. She also served a term as Treasurer on the District Three Board and more recently was bestowed Emeritus status.



EVELYN SCHAFER

**Altrusa International of Salisbury, NC
Passed Away February 20, 2021 at 90**

Evelyn joined Altrusa of Salisbury in 1983. She was President for 3 years, Vice President 2 years and a Director for 5 years. She served on many Committees and Chaired them as well. She attended workshops and was a delegate at Conference and Conventions. Evelyn participated in club activities including Food Distributions, reading to children and Club Fund Raising.



MARIE GARRETT

**Altrusa International of Tampa Bay, FL
Passed Away March 30, 2022 at 96**

Marie was a charter member of Altrusa of Tampa in 1953. She loved her Altrusa sisters and being part of a small group that worked to make Tampa a better place through literacy outreach. For many decades Marie was an active member, serving in a number of positions of responsibility including District Three Governor 1962-64 and president of the Wilma B. Hogan Foundation in Tampa that she helped to set up and the club continues to fund.



ANN OVERBECK

**Altrusa International of Waynesville, NC
Passed Away January 28, 2022 at 88**

Ann joined Altrusa of Waynesville in 1983 as a "visiting" member during her trips from Chapel Hill, when she visited her father. She retired in 1982, moved to Waynesville. She participated in the fundraiser Soup and Cornbread along with service projects like our School Supply Drive and MADD. One of her greatest contributions was her welcoming and mentoring new members, she will be missed.





FRIDAY FUN NIGHT









2023 District Three Conference

2023 Conference Theme Announced

By Conference Co-Chairs Lorrie Wheeler and Nanci Schwartz

It is no wonder the location of the 70th Annual Altrusa District Three Conference is nicknamed “The River City.” With the mighty St. Johns River flowing from south to north through the heart of Jacksonville, it’s hard to miss the winding waterway.

The significance of the river lends to the theme of next year’s conference to be held April 27-29, 2023 at the Southbank Hotel Jacksonville Riverwalk, across from downtown.

Unveiled at the District Three Conference in Charlotte, “Raindrops to Rivers” is a nod to the St. Johns and all waterways that feed our communities. Altrusans are encouraged to get plan local, environmentally focused service projects throughout the year.

They can then share their successes by submitting to the District Three Foundation’s Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award.

(For award information, visit <https://districtthree.altrusa.org/district-foundation/>)

Once in Jacksonville, Altrusans can take part in our conference service project that will flow with the theme. Plus, we’re planning activities that will certainly involve enjoying the river.

Want to know more about Jacksonville? Check out this video: <https://youtu.be/-392GE3XuEc>

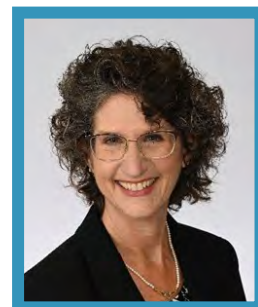
We look forward to seeing Altrusans from across District Three next April.



Raindrops to Rivers

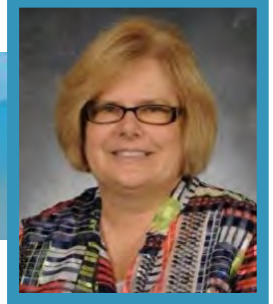
CONNECTING ALTRUSANS
THROUGH OUR ENVIRONMENT

ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE CONFERENCE
APRIL 27-29, 2023





Call For Nominations



By Randi Kahl, District Three Nominating Committee Chair

DISTRICT THREE OFFICERS 2023-2025

The District Three Nominating Committee has the responsibility of providing candidates for the District Three Board that will be voted on at the District Three Conference that will be held in Jacksonville, FL on April 27-29, 2023. We are seeking qualified candidates who have forward thinking ideas, leadership skills and a willingness to serve.

It is truly an honor to serve on the District Three Board although it does take a commitment of your time and energy. All board members must attend all board meetings and District Three Conference each year. All board members (except the District Treasurer) are asked to make club visits. Each board member must be willing to serve on various committees as assigned by the District Three Governor. Candidates for all positions except Treasurer must have served a full term as club president or be serving as club president at the time of election. The candidates for Treasurer must have served a full term as club president or club treasurer or be serving at the time of the election. A candidate for treasurer must also have general accounting knowledge or experience and ideally have working experience with Quick Books Software.

On or before July 1st, all Club Presidents, District Officers and Past Governors will receive the Call for Nominations for District Three Officers for 2023-2025. Upon receiving the Call for Nominations, please take a serious look at your membership and nominate those who are willing and eligible to serve at the District level. Once you receive the nominee's permission, complete the nomination form and send to me.

Thank you for placing your trust in this District Three Nominating Committee and we look forward to receiving your nominations.

District Three Nominating Committee

Randi Kahl, Chair

Debbie Vives

Gayle Magruder

Georgia Jones

Norma Teuton



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Gainesville, FL

By Celia Burger

“UNJUDGE SOMEONE” with the Human Library Experience

Altrusa International of Gainesville and the Alachua County Library District sponsored a Human Library event Sunday, May 15. As the song goes, “You can’t judge a book by its cover.” Yet, we all make snap judgments based on first impressions and appearances. Our biases and assumptions kick in as we encounter people at work, at school and on the street, triggering emotions and expectations that influence how we interact with each other.

With a book, we can open the cover to see what’s truly on the page, but it’s not as easy to get to the core of a stranger’s experience. The Human Library creates a safe space for attendees to go beyond another person’s “cover” and start to understand their perspective.

The Human Library will be stocked with people from diverse walks of life – Human Books. The Human Library operates exactly like a normal library – Readers “borrow” a Book for a set time to hear the Book’s story. Books not only speak but can reply to readers’ questions and can ask questions themselves.

Human Books are volunteers who have personally experienced prejudice or stereotyping related to addiction, disabilities, ethnicity, family relations, gender, health, lifestyle, mental health, occupation, religion/ideology, sexual orientation, social status or victim.

The Human Library concept started in Denmark in 2000 and spread to more than 70 countries. The organization strives to challenge prejudice and prevent conflicts by building empathy through dialogue. The Human Library implores us to “Unjudge Someone.”

We believe that sharing personal stories with each other is often the best way to encourage understanding, reduce prejudice and celebrate diversity within our communities. Through conversation and listening, we can bridge the gaps between us based on appearance or lifestyle and establish new foundations of trust and respect for one another. We hope readers left the Human Library aware that we all are much more alike than different.



Celia Burger, Altrusa of Gainesville; Joyce West,



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Monticello, FL

By Juanice Hughes, Club President

Monticello Club Projects

As we close our Club year for 2021-2022, we celebrate the six new members who have joined our Club (Jo-Ann Arnold, Kayla Gebhard-McGowan, Teri Naylor, Gretchen Thornton, Connie Mageary, and Laura Young). Our two newest members – Connie Mageary and Laura Young are featured in this article.

Throughout this year, our members have contributed food items to our Charter School's Backpack Buddies Program. In addition to food items, we have provided stuffed animals at Easter and hygiene supplies. The Backpack Buddies Program provides aide to approximately 80 children in our county weekly.



During the Easter Season, our members were able to provide fuzzy bunnies along with Easter cheer to residents at a local nursing home facility in Monticello. The staff at the nursing facility surprised our members with a brunch. It was certainly a memorable occasion for all of our members as we shared laughs and conversations with this wonderful group of people.

Our Club will hold its annual Installation Service for new Directors and Officers at the end of May. We are happy to announce that Linda Hamedani is our Incoming President. Linda will continue our mission of meeting the Goals established by our District Three Governor and helping to meet the needs within our community.

We have recently welcomed our two newest members, Connie Mageary and Laura Young:

Connie Mageary – Mark and Connie Mageary are both retired Navy with a combined 55 years of Naval service. They moved to Monticello in September of 2021. They are a blended family with five children who resident in various states. Their hobbies are DIY projects, gardening, sports, and getting actively involved in the community.

Laura Young- Laura has lived in Monticello for 30 years with her husband Rick. They have one child, Camille, who is in graduate school. Laura recently retired from 25 years as a classroom teacher and has resumed a second career in journalism as a reporter for the Monticello News. She loves to take nature walks, cook, and spend time with her two dogs.

The Club will hold its annual planning meeting in July. Future DSB articles will update you on our activities and events. We wish each of you a safe, healthy, and productive Summer with your family and friends.

Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International North Georgia, GA

By Mary Kirley, Club President

Changing Lives One Pad at a Time

When Angelica Dixonson, native of Paraguay, visited Alpharetta United Methodist Church earlier this year she met Kathy Warner, North Georgia's Days for Girls team leader, and magic happened! Angelica knew the menstrual education and DFG's kits were a must-have for the women she ministered to in Paraguay. Kathy felt confident that her ever-growing DFG's team would be able to complete enough kits in time to be sent to Paraguay with Angelica. To personally distribute kits to take back to Paraguay,

Angelica completed the mandatory DFG's class; and Kathy's team got busy cutting, sewing, and completing over thirty-five bags. The pictures tell the story.... the first installment of DFG bags was received with open arms by twenty women and adolescents. These women were pleased to finally have a free and sanitary way to managing their monthly needs.

Kathy Warner, North Georgia's DFG's team leader, is gratified by the many sewers and donors who have stepped forward to help grow the group's outreach. She recently collected over \$500 in member donations to help provide supplies to the women of Ukraine. Organizations and churches in Georgia frequently contact her wanting to help. When a new member becomes an Altrusan, Kathy is quick to ask, "do you sew?" She currently has 10 Altrusans and five community members collaborating with her to manage the global demand for DFG's supplies.



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Orlando-Winter Park, FL

By Traci Jones, Club President

Annual Angel Tree Project

Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida held its May 4th General Membership Meeting at the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) in Orlando. We have enjoyed a very close relationship with the CAC throughout its 23 years of operation. The Children's Advocacy Center is a program of the Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families, which is a part of the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. The Center was opened in 1999 in response to a community task force that identified the need for a more child-friendly, coordinated approach to providing assessment, advocacy and therapy services to abused and neglected children. Rather than submitting traumatized children and families to the rigors of locating the appropriate agencies or services on their own, the Center concentrates efforts to investigate/ diagnose and make appropriate recommendations in one centralized location.



The child-friendly welcoming atmosphere is apparent when you step inside the CAC's lobby. Vibrant colors and whimsical art welcome clients in the lobby and continue throughout the halls and interior rooms of the facility, including a Lego room, a teen hang-out, and an under-the-sea motif all designed to promote comfort and a safe haven for therapy. Our tour of the CAC also included a stop at the interview room that our Altrusa club sponsored at the inception of the Center that is noted with a wall plaque. The room features audio/video recording equipment, as well as a two-way mirror into an adjoining playroom for siblings. As a part of our continuing commitment to the CAC, our club provides annual funding to the Center in addition to a supply of

tote bags every year that our members hand decorate. The bags provide children who have been ordered removed from their homes with a tote to store possessions and offer a small degree of comfort during a difficult time. Our host for the evening, Ann Pimentel, is shown here with a sample of some of the totes.

Ann has worked at the CAC for over 8 years. She is a Specialist providing training and presentations to community educators, medical professionals, social workers, youth service organizations, first responders, and law enforcement. Her presentations include Human Trafficking, Sexual Abuse prevention and grooming, and topics related to Child Abuse and Neglect. Her overview of the CAC services and commentary on our tour was insightful and very much appreciated.

Author: Cheryl Malloy



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International St. Augustine, FL

By Mimi Cooper, Altrusa International St. Augustine, FL

Happy 60th Altrusa International of St. Augustine

Altrusa, St. Augustine Celebrates 60 Years of Service to the Community

As Altrusan Chris Haney said in her toast to our 60 years of service, “In my 85 years of life I have been called many things; but the thing I am most proud of is being called an Altrusan!”

On May 14th, Altrusa St. Augustine held a luncheon celebrating its 60 years of service to the community. Our club was organized in 1959 as an extension of the Jacksonville club; and, was chartered in 1962. Roxanne Horvath, City of St. Augustine Commissioner and former Altrusan, presented the club with a Proclamation from the city in honor of our years of service.

Our Co-President, Louise Bowman, was recognized for her 44 years as a member of our club. Louise reminisced about many things that happened during those years; but of particular note she said was the mentorship she received from the members as a 27 year old new member. Chris Plant, our club archivist, told many stories about our club through the years. She mentioned the historic Llambias House which the club managed for many years; the creation of St. Francis Park from a sandlot in downtown St. Augustine; the flying of the American flags on the Bridge of Lions; and the 4,000 fruit cakes sold as a fundraiser.



Chris Haney, Center, Offering Her Toast



Vicki Sellner and Louise Bowman



Chris Plant



We were honored to have Dimple Overstreet, District Three Governor-Elect; and, Beverly Hardy, Immediate Past President of Altrusa International join us in our celebration. Both Dimple and Beverly complimented our club on our commitment to our community and how much they enjoy coming to visit us.

Dimple Overstreet and Beverly Hardy



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Starke, FL

By Hilma Hicks

The Starke FL Altrusa Club's financial donations make it possible for Bradford County Public Library to provide summer and holiday reading programs to our elementary school students.

Our club recently presented another check to them, which they used to purchase 473 Pre-K through second grade students (reading level) books to check out from the library. We are blessed to have such a creative, devoted library staff that loves to work with children.



AG in the Classroom

For the past three years our Starke FL Altrusa Club has volunteered our time to read a book written and published by the non-profit "Florida Agriculture in the Classroom" and the FL Dept. of Ag.

The books are written about the many different aspects of the agriculture industries in Florida, from Animals to Pine Trees and many, many more.

This year we read a book titled "The Cattle Tale" to 1300 elementary students in 75 classrooms. We left the book with the teacher, worksheets for the students and coloring books for the Kindergarten Students. The materials are free to Florida Elementary Schools.

If your Florida club is interested in finding out more information about the Florida Agriculture in the Classroom Program, contact them at www.agclassroom.org



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Statesboro, GA

By Pam Lavender

Spreading joy and smiles, the Statesboro Altrusa Club joined forces with local floral shop Frazier's Flowers and Gifts to deliver a whopping two hundred twenty-three Mother's Day floral arrangements! Twenty-six club members worked alongside six non-member supporters to organize, set up and deliver the arrangements over a two-day period. The club partners with Frazier's on both Valentine's Day and Mother's Day to raise money to support community service projects. Frazier's owner Shannon Lowe says, "My staff and I make the arrangements and the Altrusa Elves make the deliveries!" The endeavor is the major fundraiser for the club as well as a major source of fun!



Photo left to right, Event organizers, Pat Parsons, Karen Lavender, Jodi Middleton, Nancy Waters

Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Waynesville, NC

Manna Food Bank Altrusa of Waynesville has joined Manna Food Bank in an effort to provide food to the food insecure families of our county.

Manna brings food into Haywood County twice a month. The location of the deliveries changes, hence it is being described as the Manna Pop Up Market. Most of the sites are churches throughout the county where there is a large parking lot.

Altrusa is volunteering the first Wednesday of the month. Two large trucks bring a great variety of fresh produce, some frozen vegetables, fresh meats, packaged food like pasta, fresh bread, whole cakes, boxes of cookies, chips. As volunteers we help unload the big trucks, sort the foods, stacking boxes on pallets, and then load vehicles with the items. We create a line of food so that the cars pull forward to be loaded. Many of the customers return each time. Some drivers are collecting for their families only, some are picking up for several families. Those of us who are loading the vehicles are told how many families we are providing for, so that we know how many boxes of each item to put in each vehicle. In some cases the family may accept a 50 pound bag of cabbage or they can say I only want several heads. Earlier in the season we had whole boxes of fresh tomatoes, green peppers, bags of onions. Many people told us they were canning the produce and, in the process, teaching their grandchildren how to can vegetables. Everyone is appreciative and says thank you. This has become a very rewarding project for our club sending food home to about 170 families each time. By Linda Arnold



A Soldier's Hand

In early August, Altrusa of Waynesville, Inc., was contacted by the CEO of A Soldier's Hand, Trish Shallenberger, to participate in her project. Many service members, far away from home, do not receive any mail. The mission of the project is to ensure that everyone in the armed forces, deployed away from their families, receives at least one piece of mail around the holidays. Her goal was to provide 50,000 handwritten cards to service members. Each chapter was asked to provide 100 letters.

Altrusa of Waynesville, Inc., coordinated by member Joy Johnson, Service Committee Co-Chair, adopted this project for Make a Difference Day. One meeting day was designated for note writing. Because of Joy's commitment to the project and her recruitment of our club and others, 622 pieces of mail were delivered to A Soldier's Hand!

Ms. Shallenberger wrote to our club, "Wow oh wow! You guys hit it out of the park. Thank you for all the time, effort, thoughtfulness, and expense that went into touching 622 lives....." By Lu Juan Gibson



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