



# SUMMER 2022

## DISTRICT THREE SERVICE BULLETIN

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### Governor Greetings



## A SUMMER BREEZE HOW FAST IT FLOWS BY



Summertime is a favorite time of year, after cold winters, everyone looks forward to a warm summer when they can enjoy the first rays of the sun falling on their faces. The days are long, the grills get fired up, friends come to chill and the beach calls our names.

Many small facets and fun facts add to the magic of summer. Did you know...

- The Frisbie Pie Company opened in the 1871, but in the 1940's, college students began throwing the empty pie tins around and by 1957 the Frisbee for summer sport was created.
- The Eiffel Tower gets taller in the heat of the summer. Due to the iron expanding, the tower grows about 6 inches every summer.
- The first women's bathing suit was created in the 1800's and came with a pair of bloomers.
- The first National Spelling Bee was held on June 17th, 1825.

Hopefully these fun facts find all of you having a good relaxing summer as we begin to approach its final fading Breezes. But we all know that as Altrusans this time of the year means new club boards settling in, committees beginning to plan service projects and embracing new volunteers and ideas. We continue our growth and leadership building into the future, which always begins NOW! As I have stated before, succession planning is extremely important at every level of Altrusa. So, I would like to THANK all members who submitted their nominations to the District Three Nominating Committee. Those nominees who are elected at the 2023 District Three Conference in Jacksonville will fill Board positions for the 2023-2025 Biennium. We are so fortunate to have so much leadership talent in our District and wonderful members willing to share their talents.

I wish each of you a wonderful Labor Day Weekend which officially brings our Summer to a close. Now moving toward Fall, we can get our Make-a-Difference Day projects on, happy planning to all.

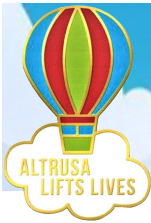
Thank you all for your exemplary service to Altrusa,

*Shannon*

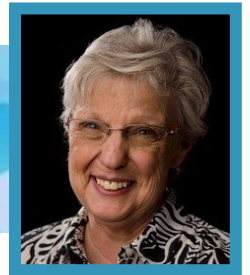


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# District Annual Club Report



## Summary of Findings

By Dimple Overstreet, Governor Elect

A big “Thank You” to all the Clubs who completed and submitted their Club Annual Report. Lake City, FL, Starke, FL, Orlando-Winter Park, FL, Lake County, FL, Gainesville, FL, North Georgia, Ga, Statesboro, Ga, Monticello, FL, Spartanburg, SC. Marianna, FL, Gastonia, NC, Live Oak, FL, Durham, NC. Total funds reported from the (13) clubs, \$114,224.00. District Three Altrusans are actively “Lifting Lives.”

The report has several Categories: Service, Membership, Financial, Leadership, and Communications. There were only 24 questions to answer. Clubs need to score at least 65% and have charter status to receive the honor of being 2022 Distinguished Club.

We are also very pleased to announce and congratulate in alphabetical order, the 9 clubs that scored above 65% to attain the Distinguished Club Award.

1. Gainesville, FL.
2. Lake City, FL.
3. Lake County, FL.
4. Monticello, FL.
5. North Georgia, Ga.
6. Orlando-Winter Park, FL.
7. Spartanburg, FL.
8. Starke, FL.
9. Statesboro, Ga.



Congratulations to the clubs that scored 65% to attain the Distinguished Club Award.

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL**  
**70<sup>th</sup> Annual District Three Conference**  
**April 27-29, 2023**

*Welcome to Jacksonville*



**Southbank Hotel Jacksonville Riverwalk**

**1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207**

**Phone: (904) 396-5100**

Check out Jax video: <https://youtu.be/-392GE3XuEc>



*Conference Co-Chairs Lorrie Wheeler  
and Nanci Schwartz*





# Awards Criteria for 2023



## 2023 District Three Awards

By Mantha Young, Vice Governor

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	1/31/23	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	1/31/23	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	1/31/23		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	1/31/23	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	1/31/23		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	1/31/23	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 Year-book Award	Encourage publication of an annual club yearbook	District Three	1/31/23	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



# Awards Criteria for 2023



## 2023 District Three Awards Cont.

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	2/28/23	Send to Governor	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 1/31/2023	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 7610 SW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Place Rd Ocala, FL 34474 <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 1/31/2023	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 7610 SW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Place Rd Ocala, FL 34474 <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 records as of 1/31/2023	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 7610 SW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Place Rd Ocala, FL 34474 <a href="mailto:districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com">districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com</a>	Based on computation from Treasurer





# Current Members & New Members



By Scott Tice, Treasurer

## Altrusa International District Three, Inc.

**New Member May 15, 2022–August 15, 2022**



New Member	Sponsor	Joined
<b>Charlotte, NC</b>		
Julie Bateman	Jeraldyn Rivest	June
Andrea Kroger	Josie Frieser	June
Michael Solosky	Jeraldyn Rivest	June
<b>Citrus County, FL</b>		
Beverly Joyer	Sherry Perry/Sally Long	June
Angela McCourt	Beverly Joyer/Sharon Perry	June
Brittany E. Stewart		June
<b>Gaffney, SC</b>		
Patricia M. Clemons		June
<b>Gainesville, FL</b>		
Harriet Buxbaum		June
<b>Lake City, FL</b>		
Melissa Hartley	Lori Simpson/Roberta Getzan	June
Sommer Howell	Emily Clark/Rebecca Golden	July
Renee Manning	Mantha Young/Debra Griffin	May
Pamela Peterson	Roberta Getzan/Jennifer Anchors	July
Kimberly Stratton	Mantha Young/Shellie Young	July
<b>Lake County, FL</b>		
Carol Lukeman	Anita Valdez	June
<b>Marianna, FL</b>		
Leslie Austin	Georgeann Adkison/Jill Miller	August
Melanie Cardwell	Georgeann Adkison	June
Kathy Donofro	Kathy Milton	August
Jaime Wendt	Georgeann Adkison/Jill Miller	August
Cassie Willis	Georgeann Adkison/Jill Miller	August



# Current Members & New Members Cont.

By Scott Tice, Treasurer

## Altrusa International District Three, Inc.

New Member May 15, 2022—August 15, 2022



New Member	Sponsor	Joined
<b>Monticello, FL</b> Connie Mageary Laura Young Michael Solosky	Joyce McCarthy Laura Young	May May
<b>North Georgia, GA</b> Adria Koester Janet Olesen	Janet McCarthy Janet McCarthy	May May
<b>Ocala, FL</b> Cathy Ackerman Wendy Williams	Mary Cay Landt/Maclyn Walker Roseann Fricks/Branda Ford	June June
<b>Orlando-Winter Park, FL</b> Linda Birkbeck Tia Connor	Sharon Blake/Randi Kahl Lyn Goddard/Traci Jones	June June
<b>Spartanburg, SC</b> Linda Freeman Diane Redden Jo Sosebee	Joy Yehl Donna Holcombe-Burdette Susan Owens	June June June
<b>St. Augustine, FL</b> Mary Christine "Chris" Mars		June
<b>Starke, FL</b> Roxeanne Crosby Jencie Hardee Stanwiz-Hay Lucy Muntford Elizabeth Nazworth Trish Tucker	Gale Trotter/Linda Kay Johns Linda Kay Johns/Gale Trotter Sylvia Reddish/Sylvia Tatum Dimple Overstreet/Sylvia Reddish Sylvia Reddish/Dimple Overtstreet	May May June August August

# Altrusa International District Three, Inc.



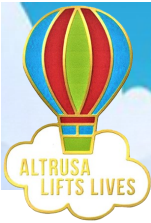
## Membership Report as of August 15, 2022

Club	Paid Members	Emeritus	Lifetime	Total Members
<b>Florida</b>				
1 Citrus County	19			19
2 Gainesville	44	5		49
3 Lake City	81	8		89
4 Lake County	20	1		21
5 Live Oak	26	1		27
6 Marianna	24	1		25
7 Monticello	21	1		22
8 Ocala	31	3		34
9 Orlando-Winter Park	29	1		30
10 St Augustine	15			15
11 Starke	44	2		46
12 Tampa Bay	10	2		12
TOTAL FL	364	25	0	389
<b>Georgia</b>				
1 Atlanta	5			5
2 North Georgia	27	2		29
3 Statesboro	41	3		44
TOTAL GA	73	5	0	78
<b>North Carolina</b>				
1 Caldwell County	1	1		2
2 Charlotte	25	3		28
3 Gastonia	11			11
4 Raleigh	14		1	15
5 Salisbury	11			11
6 Waynesville	21			21
TOTAL NC	83	4	1	88
<b>South Carolina</b>				
1 Gaffney	9			9
2 Spartanburg	27	4		31
TOTAL SC	36	4	0	40

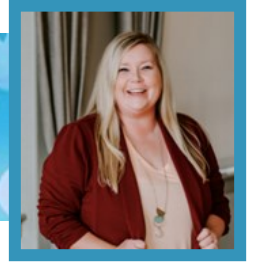
Affiliate Virtual Club in Formation	3
Affiliate Members	2
Emeritus No Club Affiliation	3

REPORT SUMMARY:	
Active Members	559
Emeritus Members	41
Lifetime Members	1
Affiliate Members	2
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>603</b>





# District Three Virtual Club



## FRIENDSHIP BEYOND BORDERS

by Emily Pazel District Three Virtual Club President

Are you ready to "Zoom" into the future with District Three Virtual Club? Recently, the Virtual Club has been busy getting to know its new members and making history by electing its first, inaugural club officers. The Virtual Club has also been forming a program plan for the new conference year, creating committees, and planning our next few service projects, which we are greatly excited about.

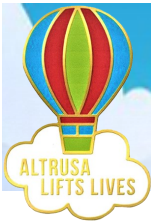
Although many of our club members are not located in the same area, we can still help our communities by volunteering and giving back through service projects we do together. As an example of this, in the past, our club has been able to work together to collect funds and bring donations items, such as books, clothing, and baby items to a local women's shelter in Lake City, Florida. We hope to continue doing service projects, such as helping collect books for our local schools and raising funds for certain projects that hold the same values and ideals that Altrusa aims to serve.

Being part of the Virtual Club is a great experience that comes with many benefits. All you need is the internet, a phone or computer, and yourself: check, check, and check! Are you contemplating joining the Virtual Club? Here are some reasons that might make you want "Zoom" with us:

- You can join virtually from anywhere around the country; this also means, if you move to an area that doesn't have a local club, you can always join virtually
- There are more opportunities and flexibility in getting program speakers that aren't location specific
- Club members have more flexibility on when and how often to meet
- Being virtual means reduced paper and printing expense, as most communications and documentation are provided electronically
- You can also be a "Non-Primary Member", which means you can be part of a local club or multiple clubs at the same time

There are also no meal fees or meeting room expenses that may be passed on to club members, which means the virtual club offers an affordable option

At the end of the day, it's still all about giving back to the community, growing and fostering relationships professionally, as well as making friendships beyond borders. In fact, we have members who live in California, Florida, Maryland, North Carolina, and Tennessee! If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the District Three Virtual Club, please contact Emily Pazel at [emilypazel@gmail.com](mailto:emilypazel@gmail.com).



# Parliamentarian Pointer



## PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER

by Colleen Duris, Parliamentarian

This time of year, with a new club year just beginning and new officers learning the “ropes”, it is a good time for a parliamentary refresher....some helpful hints for the presiding officer.

1. Prior to your first meeting, do a review of club bylaws, policies, any other governing documents and the last meeting minutes.
2. At the meeting, ensure a quorum is present prior to calling the meeting to order. Under standard Altrusa Club Bylaws, the quorum for a regular meeting is 1/3 of the voting members.
3. If you wish, you can call the meeting to order with one rap of the gavel.
4. Have a printed agenda available for yourself and the membership.
5. Standard Agenda format, for a business meeting, is as follows:
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Altrusa Grace
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
  - d. Approval of Minutes – no motion necessary, may be done by unanimous consent
  - e. Financial Report - no motion to “accept or adopt”, “report is filed for audit or review”
  - f. Communications/Correspondence
  - g. Report of Board Action and Recommendations
  - h. Report of Standing Committees
  - i. Report of Special Committees, if applicable
  - j. Unfinished business – this item should not be listed on the agenda unless there actually IS business that was unfinished at last meeting and needs to come before the group
  - k. New Business
  - l. Benediction
  - m. Adjournment

An agenda for a meeting with a program typically would have less “business” and the program at a designated time on the agenda.

6. If possible, try to get the members to put their motions in writing (it makes the job easier on the presiding officer, the secretary and ensures everyone knows what is being discussed)
7. Try to avoid allowing members to discuss matters and then simply say “so moved”, that is not a motion and lacks clarity as to what is being “moved”.



## Parliamentarian Pointer Cont.

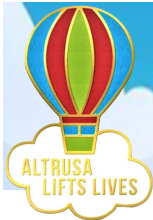
### 8. When taking a vote, here is the proper procedure:

- a. A member makes a motion - The words, “I move that” or “I move to” are used to begin the motion, written or verbal.
- b. Another member seconds the motion - without being recognized a member says, “I second the motion” or “I second it” or “Second”. A member does not have to be in favor of the motion to second it. A motion made by direction of a board or committee of more than one does not need a second.
- c. The chair states the motion -The chair usually says, “It is moved and seconded...[repeating the motion]”. This step places the motion before the assembly.
- d. Members debate the motion
- e. The chair puts the motion to a vote – “All those in favor say *aye*, all opposed say *no*”. Always ask for the negative vote. DO NOT ask for “like sign” – no is not a sign. Asking for abstentions is not necessary, those who don’t wish to vote, simply do not vote.
- f. The chair announces the result of the vote—Announcing the result of the vote involves four steps:
  - 1) Which side “has it”.
  - 2) Declaration that it was adopted or lost
  - 3) A statement indicating the effect of the vote or ordering its execution
  - 4) Where applicable, announcement of the next item of business or request for additional new business

For example, the chair says “The ayes have it, the motion is adopted, and we will supply books to all elementary schools in our county. The next item of business is...”

Just a few items to help keep your meetings running smoothly and efficiently.





# ASTRA Grants Available



## GRANT NEWS



by Jeraldyn Rivest, District Three ASTRA Committee Chair

### Altrusa International Foundation Grants

[www.foundation.altrusa.org](http://www.foundation.altrusa.org)

- ★ ASTRA Clubs are eligible for Altrusa International Foundation Grants to fund their community service projects requesting up to \$4000 for up to one service grant per cycle per year. There are two funding cycles each fiscal year:

Cycle 1: Applications due September 15

Cycle 2: Applications due March 15

- ★ ASTRA Clubs chartered September 1, 2019 or later may receive a one-time grant up to \$2,000 to begin service in their communities. The grant recipient is obligated to use the grant award for the intended purpose and must file a report within one year after the grant is awarded.

Applications must be received within one year of the charter date.

### District Three Grant

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

- ★ The “KM ASTRA Grant Fund” was created in 2021 in honor of Governor Kitty McElhaney to provide District Three ASTRA Clubs a source of funding for service projects. All District Three ASTRA Clubs are eligible to complete an application requesting up to \$150 annually beginning June 1st, 2021 and any year thereafter until all funds are depleted.

For more information about these ASTRA grants, please contact Jeraldyn Rivest, District Three ASTRA Committee Chair [Jeraldyn@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeraldyn@hotmail.com) or cell



# Club Revitalization



## NEED TO GROW, LET DINAH KNOW

By Dinah Henderson, Club Revitalization Chair

The deadline is fast approaching for District Three Altrusa International Revitalization Grants. This grant is available for clubs that are currently under charter strength, which is less than 15 members. All under charter Club Presidents were sent a grant application with instructions for submission by the due date of September 1, 2022. The grant application lists ways in which you can apply the funds, but you need to really look at your community when developing your plans. Things to consider are community social issues, diversity, age of prospective members, and your possible partnerships. Altrusa's mission of improving our communities through service should be reflected in not only the community projects you do, but in the members of your club as well. Be bold and explore new ideas to help with recruiting new members. Please feel free to reach out to me as you work on your grant application.







# International Foundation



## Grants Information and Cycles

by Martin Houston, International Foundation Liaison



For the Project Generosity fundraiser, the Foundation raised over \$124,000 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. Clubs from Texas and California won the challenges.

The International Foundation has a new Executive Director, Kantrice R. Rose, PhD. She became the Altrusa International Foundation's Executive Director on July 25, 2022. Dr. Rose brings to the role more than two decades of experience in development, external relations, strategic management, marketing and communications, and nonprofit

management. I look forward to working with her.

All 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 2020-2021 biennium, the Grants Program awarded (7) District Three Altrusa Clubs a total of \$18,400 in funding for the development of their community service projects. The next application due date is **September 15, 2022**, followed by the second cycle date of **March 15, 2023**.

Your club president received the guidelines and application via email; if you need a copy and the website is having issues, please email me at [martinhouston@gmail.com](mailto:martinbhouston@gmail.com) for the forms.







# Service Projects Update



## SERVICE PROJECTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

By Dee Dugger, District Three Service Project Development Chair

As we continue to get out in our community, let's take a look at service projects and how our community needs might have changed.

First let's start with our International and District Service projects. At the International level, we have two service projects. At the 2017 convention, members voted to support Days for Girls (DFG) as our International Project. This project has been renewed at each convention since then. There are many different ways to support DFG. Go to <https://www.daysforgirls.org> to find a center or click on the WAYS TO GIVE tab.

Our second international project was selected by our current president, Kathy Foley. We coupled her love of reading with her love of Altrusa and the Literacy Challenge was born. Our ultimate goal is to enhance the lives of others ONE BOOK AT A TIME! The challenge is for Altrusans to distribute one million books and/or devote one million service hours to our communities during the 2021-2023 biennium. We are halfway through the biennium so you still have time to participate.

Within our own district, we have the Support our Servicemembers (SOS) project. This project was presented to all clubs in District Three by Governor Beverly Hardy during the biennium of 2011 – 2013 to support service members, past and present, and their families.

Each club has their favorite project(s), maybe that they have been doing for years. One thing we need to realize is that the needs of our communities might be different than they were before COVID. Check with your agencies to determine their needs now or seek out new projects. The main thing I hear from my club members is how much they missed the opportunities to be in the community and the fellowship that goes with working on projects.

If you have an idea for a project for your club, talk to your club project director or your club president. New ideas are always welcome.

The Altrusa International and our District Three web pages are both excellent resources for information about service projects. On the Altrusa International web page, you will need to sign in using the new universal sign on/ password and then click on SERVICE tab for more information.

As a reminder, we have been charged, by the 2023 conference co-chairs, to do an environmental service project also. I encourage each club to send a short DSB article to let us know what you are doing in your community.

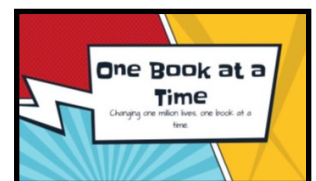
Helpful web sites

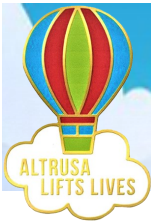
Altrusa International [Altrusa.org](https://www.altrusa.org)

District Three <https://districtthree.altrusa.org>

Days for Girls <https://www.daysforgirls.org>

Please contact me at [ladydragonfly54@gmail.com](mailto:ladydragonfly54@gmail.com)  
if I can be of further assistance.





## 50 YEAR MEMBER

### Carol Denton, Orlando-Winter Park FL

By Yvette Pue, Club President Orlando-Winter Park, FL

A highlight of our June General Meeting was the presentation of a certificate to Carol Denton recognizing her 50 years of service as an Altrusan. It was fitting that Governor Shannon led the award ceremony since Carol's contributions include all levels of the Altrusa organization starting at the local level with the Winter Park club (that later became the Orlando-Winter Park club), as well as District Three and International.

Carol joined the Winter Park club in March of 1972 and through the years has been actively involved in leadership positions. She has served as a Committee Chair for every committee at the club level including the inception of our annual spring fundraising luncheon that is fundamental to our continued financial support to the local community.

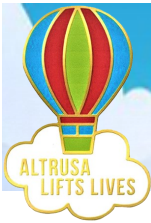
She served as club President from 1978-1980 and 1982-1983 building the club through recruitment of numerous new members.



At the District Three level she served as a chair for a number of District Three Committees, as well as both a Conference delegate (1991, 1996, 2006) and Chair for the District Three Conference Committee twice (1982, 2005). She also served as a delegate to the International Convention (2001) and Chair for the Orlando-Winter Park Host Committee for the 2006 International Convention held at the Disney Contemporary Hotel.

Carol has also been an active member of the community serving on the Board of the Fairwinds Federal Credit Union; an elder of her church; the historian of the Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education (I/ITSEC) Conference; and a member of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Carol is an inspiration to all who have had the pleasure to work with her. Her selfless service and numerous accomplishments have made a significant contribution to the growth and endurance of Altrusa. She continues to be a treasured member of the Orlando-Winter Park club receiving Emeritus status in 2018.



# District Foundation News



## HOW TO APPLY FOR A DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION GRANT

By Penny Penn, District Three BRR Chair and Foundation Secretary

Club members attending this year's District Conference in Charlotte contributed to the District Three Foundation when they gave money to get their sweet treat of choice at the Dessert Dash during the Foundation luncheon or when they placed the winning bid on one of many auction items offered in the Foundation's silent auction that took place over the weekend. The money raised is returned to clubs in the form of grants to assist with local service projects.



Grants are awarded annually in amounts up to \$500. Like the lottery, though, you cannot win if you do not play. Clubs must apply for the grants. The process is (fairly) simple and (hopefully) painless after reading this.

Everything you need to know is found at <https://districtthree.altrusa.org/district-foundation/>. Click on District Foundation and scroll to Grants Programs. Instructions and the forms necessary to complete the application and final report are available there.

A club must submit the Grant Project Application, along with a summary of the project and a proposed budget. The summary should include a description of the project, its benefit to the community and club, the timeline for completion, how the funds will be used and the method used to measure its success once complete. Documents may be submitted electronically to me at [ppenn04@yahoo.com](mailto:ppenn04@yahoo.com).

Applications are due on January 31, 2023, the same deadline for award submissions. The grants will be presented at District Conference (April 27-29, 2023) during the Foundation luncheon and meeting. Recipients must submit the final report no later than March 31, 2024. It should detail the use of the funds. Any grant funds not spent are to be returned to the Foundation by this date, also.

If anyone has any questions or needs assistance with the application process, please contact me. I encourage clubs to apply and look forward to reading about the many worthwhile projects all are undertaking to serve their communities.





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# Club Service Projects and News

## Altrusa International of Waynesville, NC

By Celia Burger

Kudos to our members for their continuing work on receiving donations from both businesses and individuals in support of our Scholarship program! For various reasons, Waynesville Altrusa Club is no longer able to hold the annual Soup & Cornbread Fundraiser, the main source of funds for awarding scholarships to graduating high school students.

Our successful fundraising over the past 30 years has allowed us to establish an endowment fund to award an annual \$4,000 Memorial Scholarship each year in perpetuity in memory of all past Altrusans. Because of our members' continued dedication to our focus on education, **we were able this year to award a total of \$17,250 in scholarships:** \$2,000 in new scholarships in addition to the \$4,000 Memorial Scholarship and also \$11,250 in Renewal Scholarships to past years' recipients.

To Whom it may Concern,  
I cannot truly express how honored I am to receive your scholarship. With this extra help I will be able to explore further educational opportunities that otherwise would not be available to me. Thank you for your confidence in my education and abilities and desire to learn.  
Thank you again!  
Sincerely,  
Sarah Rogers

Dear Altrusa Club of Waynesville Scholarship members,  
Thank you for recognizing my hardwork in high school and rewarding me with a Scholarship to further my education. I'm looking forward to studying Sustainable Development at Appalachian State University. Thank you again for your contribution. It truly means a great deal to me and my family.  
Sincerely,  
Sydney Kapselis

Waynesville Altrusa Club,  
Thank you for supporting and assisting me throughout my college years with the Scholarship you awarded me with. I am proud to now be an alumni of Appalachian State University, and I couldn't be able to have that honor if it weren't for your generous help. Sincerely, Sydney Kapselis

Dear Scholarship Committee,  
I just want to say Thank-you again for your continued support of my education for the upcoming school year. I know that the demand and need for scholarships continues to grow every year and am humbled and honored that you all made the decision to continue to support me. Pursuing my engineering degree is not an easy task but it is with the help of your support that enables me to continue to do so.  
Thank you again,  
Sarah Rogers



# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of St. Augustine FL

By Mimi Cooper

## READ WITH ME WEEKENDS

Nothing is greater than to see the smiles on the children's faces when they get a new book; and, then, ask shyly, but politely, "May I take two?"

It all began in 2021 with the little library we established in front of members Brian and Louise Bowman's home in the historic Lincolnville section of St Augustine.



Our Little Library

Upon registering our library with The Little Free Library organization, we became aware of several resources of free books for nonprofit organizations. And what better place to share those books was the Head Start Program in the St. Johns County Schools.

With the first group of books we received from Lisa Libraries, we shared the books with the Head Start Children during their Monday Funday program which took place every Monday evening during the school year. When the school year ended, we extended our literacy services to assist the St. Johns County Summer VPK program by providing books for their **Read with Me Weekends** program. The **Read with Me Weekends** program allows families the opportunity to build their own home book libraries at no cost to them and encourages family engagement by bringing the love of reading into the home environment. With the help of the Lisa Libraries, Altrusa members were able

to distribute 444 books within an 8-week program period. By providing just one book a week to students, Altrusa was able to support cognitive and language development by encouraging a lifelong love of reading amongst St. Johns County's earliest learners.



Altrusa Members Share Books During Monday Funday



# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Lake County, FL

By Shannon Schell, Altrusa of Lake County Newsletter Editor

## Reading Incentive End of Year Rewards For Fruitland Park Elementary



### Grand Prize Winners choose their Bicycles

Altrusa of Lake County FL partnered with the Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce to help sponsor Lake County Elementary students to help inspire reading. We chose to sponsor a second-grade class at Fruitland Park Elementary School. We really enjoyed delivering pizza to their classroom. Every nine weeks the class progress was tracked and prizes and pizza parties were held as rewards for reading a certain number of books. In addition, every time they reached the threshold of a prize they were entered into a drawing for a big prize at the end of the year. Those drawings rewarded a very happy group with their very own bicycles! We were very pleased to be a part of this fun project helping these students' literacy journey grow along the way.



### Lake County Club President Donna Marzek helps with the festivities

# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL

By Roberta Getzan,

## Meet Lake City's Emeritus and Esteemed Members.

Altrusa International of Lake City is delighted to introduce its newest emeritus members. Emeritus membership may be conferred to members who can no longer actively participate in club projects and activities due to health and other individual restrictions. To receive this distinction, members must be in good standing with their local, district and international club, must be members of the club for at least ten years, and provide significant service to our club. Our club president made application for these members to Shannon Schell, District Three Governor, who approved their emeritus membership status.

Faye Bowling Warren is a Charter Member of the Lake City Club. She served as the first president of our club. Also, a Charter Member, Jeanette Kennedy served as the first treasurer of our club. Jeanette and Faye have been active members of our club for forty years, participating in service projects, attending socials, and acting as the historians of our club. They are always ready to share an anecdote or advise with all their Altrusa sisters.



Cheryl Morgan joined Altrusa in 1988 and served as club president during the 1997-1988 term. She has participated over the years in countless service projects and initiatives. Cheryl is a member who likes to work behind the scenes and let other be in the spotlight, but her contributions to the club are evident to all membership.

Wanda Toner joined Altrusa in 2000 and remained very active during the last twenty years. She initiated and managed a literacy program with Happy House, a local daycare facility. Her love of reading and gardening blossomed into the Happy House Dream Garden that encouraged children to learn about agriculture and to put test their newly learned skills by growing fruits and vegetables at the day care garden. For her work Wanda was elected Altrusan of the Year in 2014.

Vivian Ellis became an Altrusan in 1998 and has been active in the club for several years. Vivian served in many committees and served faithfully in countless service projects. She served as the ASTRA Club Advisor to the Ft. White club. The focus of Vivian's service has been to the children in our local school system.

Barbara Thomas joined Altrusa in 1998 and remained very active in our club until COVID 19 restrictions prevented her from attending large gatherings. Barbara's smiling face welcomed members at the front desk as they arrived at the club meetings. Barbara was happy to do the work and let other's take credit for the service projects. However, her constant presence at meetings and service projects did not go unnoticed by her peers who elected Altrusan of the Year in 2019.



# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Starke, FL

By Cheryl Canova

## Let the Book Buying Begin!

Altrusa International of Starke, Inc. received a \$500 grant from the District Three Foundation in May, along with a \$4,000 grant from the Altrusa International Foundation in June for our literacy project.. With the additional support of our club and members of \$1,000, we will be able to put books in each classroom of our three public elementary schools. These books will stay in the classroom where they are assigned, so if a new teacher comes in, they will already have a nice classroom library.



Literacy scores have drastically declined in the last two years due to the pandemic, and the recovery progress has been very slow. With the purchase of more books, and putting them in the individual classrooms, the students not only have more time to read in class, but they can also check these books out to take home and read.

The first school to jump at the chance to go shopping was Starke Elementary. (shown in the photos with Altrusa members Amanda Seyfang, Cheryl Canova and Dimple Overstreet) There is a great book store near our area, that has lightly used books, that is perfect for this project. The books are discounted and the schools get an additional ten percent off. The cost of books average out to around \$2 each, so we are able to provide A LOT more books!!



Altrusa members use an Altrusa stamp to mark the books as they are purchased that lets the teachers, children and their families know that these books were a gift from Altrusa.

After some of these pictures made the front page of our local newspaper, (and were printed in color), the other two elementary schools quickly scheduled their field trips to get started with their purchases.. The goal is to have all the books purchased and in the schools by September.

Our Starke club is very grateful and appreciative of the support we have received from our District Three and International Foundations!! By working together, we are truly making a difference!!



# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International Waynesville, NC

By Lu Juan Gibson

## Happy Birthday America!

Happy Birthday, America! On July 4th, hundreds of patriotic peddlers took to the streets of downtown Waynesville, NC. The annual Kiwanis Childrens' Fourth of July Parade was a huge success! Under a hot July sun, members of Altrusa of Waynesville assisted the local Kiwanis Club by helping children decorate their "rides"—and themselves! Strollers, wagons, bikes, and scooters were all part of the parade. The Kiwanis planned, organized, and provided the red, white, and blue materials to embellish the "rides" with streamers, tassels, flags, sunglasses. Then, the children took to the streets to show their patriotism. It was a true, down-home celebration of our nation's freedom.





# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC

## Raleigh Altrusans Are “Good Eggs”

The second week of the month is always busy for members of the Raleigh, NC club. On Tuesday, August 9th, we held our monthly meeting. Governor Shannon visited and helped us pack 50 Sweeter Dreams tote bags. They included a small fleece blanket, a teething toy, a burp cloth, two board books for toddlers (one in English and one in Spanish), and a note (also in English and Spanish) encouraging mothers to read to their children. The tote bags will go to families with babies who receive cribs from The Green Chair Project <https://thegreenchair.org/>. Many hands make light work, so we got it done in record time.



Governor Shannon (*right*) helps us assemble our Sweeter Dreams tote bags. Other members pictured are Rana Van Name, Kay Wyche, Jane Schwartz, Dolores Hall, Jane Gray, and Jo Ann Williford (partially obscured)



10 members, 3 visitors/prospective members, and Governor Shannon with the filled tote bags. From left to right: Natalie Stewart, Dolores Hall, Kelly Stewart, Rana Van Name, Emily Johnson, Shannon Schell, Lida (Liddy) Coffman, Donna Kelly, Phyllis Thomas, Jo Ann Williford, Jane Schwartz, Kay Wyche, Barbara Ann Hughes, and Jane Gray

Then on Thursday, August 11th, we worked at the food pantry at Urban Ministries of Wake County <https://urbanmin.org/>. We help pack food there twice a month, on the second Thursday and the fourth Tuesday. On this occasion we packed boxes donated by Lowe's Home Improvement. Each one was filled with several items, which included peanut butter, rice, pasta, canned potatoes, salmon, canned tomato sauce, and macaroni and cheese. Meat and fresh produce would be added later.

We were so efficient at packing the boxes of food that we then proceeded to fill donated cartons with a dozen eggs. Many of us had collected empty cartons of all sizes from friends and family, so we had an ample supply on hand.



While our club boasts only 16 members, we usually average 9 or 10 of us (roughly 60%) at each of our hands-on projects, either at our monthly meeting or at the Urban Ministries facility. We are small but mighty when we work together, and we feel that we make a huge impact on our local community.

From left to right: Phyllis Thomas, Dolores Hall, Jane Gray, Jo Ann Williford, and Rana Van Name (partially obscured) are carefully packing eggs.

# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC Inc.

By Josie Frieser

## A Small Part of Something Big

While the country was still mourning for the families of Robb Elementary School and the surrounding community of Uvalde, Tx, one group of moms had hope that they could do something. All consultants for Usborne Books and More, including one who lived in Uvalde, decided they would collect books for the children. Just a little something to bring a little bit of hope and brighten their day. With a plan to have something for each of the children when they returned to the school to pick up their belongings, the mothers turned to their social media sites, past customers and those who they thought would be able to help.

The Altrusa Club of Charlotte, NC was fortunate enough to have worked with one of the moms/consultants, Vanessa Klee-Vincent, in the past. Then Club President, Josie Frieser, a friend of Vanessa, saw her May 28<sup>th</sup> post on Facebook and knew immediately that this was an effort the club would be eager to support. This effort went beyond the clubs' usual focus on literacy in the community, it touched their hearts. As the idea began to take shape, this group of moms had decided that they would get tote bags for each child and put whatever they could collect into those bags. Vanessa personally had a goal to sponsor 25 children at a cost of \$30 per child (\$750).



The Charlotte Club and its members stepped up and in a big way. Within a matter of hours, the club voted to donate \$450 to provide bags for 15 children. Individual club members stepped up to donate another \$510 to provide bags for an additional 17 children. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, less than 24-hours from her original post, Vanessa received a donation of \$960 from Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC Inc. and its members. Not only had she surpassed her own goal, but our club had also done the same. Over the next 24-hours more donations came in from Charlotte Altrusans and community members close to Altrusa. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, an additional \$270 was sent to Vanessa to provide bags for another 9 children for a total donation of \$1,230 to support 41 children.

On Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, community volunteers gathered to distribute what had now been named "Activity Totes for Texas, Benefitting the students of Robb Elementary". With an overwhelming outpouring of donations, these moms had far exceeded their own goals. Their hard work, their outreach to their own networks and their desire to give back to this aching community resulted in them providing the following total impact:

- 1,200 tote bags filled with books, puzzles, games, art supplies, bubbles, and a cuddle bear were distributed to Robb Elementary students and their siblings.
- 20,000 books and puzzles were given to Uvalde teachers and students at a free book fair.
- \$36,000 cash was donated to the Robb School Memorial Fund.

What was a big contribution for the Altrusa Club of Charlotte was just a small part of something much bigger. And this

stands as a reminder that even when what we have to give of our own time, our own resources, our own selves, seems too small to bother, our smallest contributions add up to big things when we all work together.





# Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Statesboro, GA.

By Pamela Lavender, Club newsletter Editor

## Project Soup Kitchen of Statesboro



The Statesboro Altrusa Club has recently added a new Hands-On Service Project. The Soup Kitchen at Statesboro First United Methodist offers an opportunity for member to assist in preparing and serving meals for those in need in our community on Saturday mornings between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Pictured is Project Chairman Martha Ray



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