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APRIL CONFERENCE... TIME FOR REGROWTH AND RENEWAL

As March fades, Spring *regrowth* is in full bloom, with April bringing us a plethora of holidays and observances that focus on health awareness, food, reading, and community service. This month is filled with all kinds of silly holidays, of course we begin with April Fool's Day, but did you know, we can raise a glass on National Beer Day, followed by Hug your Dog Day and my fav Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day. However, April also brings us more serious observations such as Parkinson's and Autism Awareness Days, Earth Day, Arbor Day and Volunteer Week. As Altrusans, we certainly do not fade in our volunteering and we certainly spread way beyond the time frame of a mere "Volunteer Week."

We are the Energizer Bunnies in the volunteer world, we go on and on and on in making our communities better every day of the week. Our annual Conference this month brings forth a *renewal* of our commitments to our clubs and each other. Attending brings like-minded Altrusans together to learn, laugh and play while sharing ideas and creating memorable times. I invite each of you to join us in Jacksonville, attending Conference allows us to accomplish so much in a short amount of time together.

Planning this my final District Three Conference as Governor with our leadership team has been a privilege to cherish. The biennium has truly flown by and I am grateful to have been given the honor and support to serve as your Governor. I hope you enjoy this 2021-2023 final edition of the Governor Greetings Newsletter.

Thank you all for your exemplary service to Altrusa,

Shannon



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2021-2023 BIENNIUM GOALS



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

Remember, the journey can be as important as achieving the goals in lifting others' lives and building better communities.

1. LEADERSHIP:

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

2. SERVICE:

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

3. MEMBERSHIP:

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



CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR YOU

Every club is part of a greater whole, the same way the District is part of International. That's what makes our organization strong, viable, and effective. By taking part in Conference, you become better acquainted with other Altrusans, you learn what's going on at the District and at the International levels. You will find the workshops are entertaining and filled with information on topics important to us all, you and your club benefit in many

ways by attending. Your Club Officers will receive valuable information to assist them in meeting their responsibilities. This is our annual meeting, it's where decisions are made that affect our clubs into the future. Conference also offers a chance to network, to learn from each other, and show us your club's accomplishments. Come join us for this all-inspiring event, say yes to your call to Conference. We look forward to seeing you!

KUDOS KORNER



True leaders understand that leadership is not about them, but about those they serve, by leading others to success and lifting them up.

This Kudos Korner has been dedicated to all of our leaders and CLUB PRESIDENTS who have been tireless conduits between our District Three Board and their members. Your dedicated volunteerism has not gone unnoticed. From me to you...

THANK YOU for your Service!

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**ABOVE AND BEYOND
ALTRUSA LIFTS LIVES**



Conference Service Project One

District Three is fortunate to have so many members with a big heart for serving their communities. To continue our journeys of Lifting others Lives, we have chosen to aid disadvantaged girls and young women in the greater Jacksonville area. The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center leads the Justice for Girls Reform Movement by preventing girls’ initial or deeper involvement in the justice system. They serve girls and young women who are often failed by the system: girls in foster care, survivors of human trafficking, and girls from underserved communities. Our project this year will be to pack gift bags with much needed items for the “See the Girl” Wish Lists seen below. We have two of their wishes to grant, one group of bags is “Girl Matters: It’s Elementary Graduation” and the second is putting together 100 “Personal Care Bags” that will be distributed throughout the year. Bring your heart and hands to help us fill these much-needed bags.

We will be filling 80 graduation bags for girls in the [Girl Matters®: It’s Elementary](#) program. Their graduation will be held in May, right after our conference. This is a Policy Center project model that intervenes early in girls’ lives to improve school success and stop their suspension and expulsion from school. They help girls to develop social and emotional skills needed to keep them feeling connected to school.

To accomplish our goal we would like each club to take on this mission challenge of collecting the needed items (listed below) to create these gift bags. We are creating an AMAZON WISH LIST for you to order from and auto deliver to Dee. We will gather in the Rigging Room at Conference, for this hands-on project to assemble all donated items that will be presented to the “Policy Center” representative at Conference.

The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center “See the Girl” *Helping disadvantaged girls and women*

Girl Matters: It’s Elementary List:

- Small Journals
- Pencils
- Pens
- Hair Accessories
- Positive Message Bracelets
- Water Bottles
- Small Inspirational Cards
- Small Pouches or Fanny Packs

Personal Care Bags List:

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Tampons/Pads
- Toothpaste/Mouthwash
- Shower/Bath Soap
- Wash Cloths/Towels
- Deodorant
- Combs/Brushes
- Facial Wash/Lotion

Also on our wish list, is generic art supplies such as canvases, paints, markers, etc.



Mailing address option, select Dee Dugger Gift Registry. Unclick the gift option. Please have all items delivered no later than April 17 to ensure everything arrives before our conference.



PLEASE HELP SPONSOR PROJECT BAGS

Donations needed for “Service Project Bags.” If you have funds designated in your club budget for conference but won’t be using the full allocated amount, consider making a donation to help us purchase the bags for this worthwhile service project. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. We will be purchasing 180 drawstring bags that will have our District Three Logo on them. Our Service Project materials are not covered in our Conference Budget.

Please send your check, payable to Altrusa District Three. In the memo line, indicate “Bags for See the Girl”. Send the check to our treasurer, Scott Tice, at the following address:

Altrusa District Three Treasurer
Scott Tice
7610 SW 63rd Place Road
Ocala, FL 34474

SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU... FRIDAY FUN NIGHT “ALTRUSA SUNSET” RIVER CRUISE



This year we are excited to offer, for the first time at conference, an opportunity to tour together and see the St Johns River skyline of Jacksonville by private charter St Johns Water Taxi. This is Altrusans and their guests only, early evening sunset cruise. The cruise cost is \$22 per person, but the FUN and comradery is priceless. Book your seat for the cruise online **ONLY** at: <https://bit.ly/3Wkxmtr>. Book **NOW** to receive your wristband to get onboard in your conference registration packet. Seats are plentiful as you can see, so, come aboard and join us. Meet you at the dock right behind our hotel, we set sail at 6PM and return by 7:15PM.

Conference Leadership Team

SEE YOU IN JAX



“Our greatest joy is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall.”

- Confucius

CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

Due Date is June 1, 2023

The questions in the report cover April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

In order to be eligible for the Distinguished Club Award, clubs must submit the report via survey monkey.

An email will be sent to each Club President. If you did not receive the link, you can find it on the Altrusa International web site under the Leadership Tab.

REMINDERS:

Update Your Leadership in Group Tally!

REMEMBER to please update all of your membership changes and additions in Group Tally.

Send all DSB Articles to:

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Please send in WORD Format



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APRIL 2023	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
04/01/21	Governor's Newsletter	2021-2023 Governor	Governor	
04/01/23 04/30/23	Add an Altrusan month	Local Club		Implement recruitment activities
04/01/23	Report proposed Bylaw amendments to International BRR chair 90 days before Convention	District Board	Governor	
04/01/23	New members pay full dues which covers them from April 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024	Local Club	District Treasurer	District & Int'l dues
04/01/23	Elect Delegates and Alternates to International Convention and send names to Int'l Executive Director	Local Club		
04/01/23	Incoming President appoints Committee Chairs	Local Club		
04/01/23	Consider sending donation to support the International Foundation's Endowment Fund	Local Club		
04/01/23	Finalize proposed budget for upcoming club year	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
04/01/23	Book hotel accommodations and register for the International Convention	All		
04/01/23	Register and Book Hotel for District Conference	All		
04/07/23	World Health Day	Local Club		
04/10/23	Audit Committee report Due to Governor	Finance Committee	Audit Committee	
04/11/23	Altrusa's Anniversary and Altrusa Awareness Day	All		Began April 11, 1917
04/15/23	International sends dues statements to Club Treasurers	Int'l Office	Club Treasurer	
04/26/23	Pre-Conference District Board Meeting	District Board	Governor	
04/27/23	Pre-Conference District Foundation Board Meeting	District Foundation Board	Foundation Chair	
04/27/23 04/29/23	2023 District Three Conference, Jacksonville, FL	Conference Committee	Governor	
04/30/23	Post Conference District Board Meeting	District Board	New Governor	



For all your service during this
2021-2023 Biennium

District Leadership

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District Foundation Leadership 2022-23



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**Donations to the
District Three
Foundation are
greatly
appreciated** 😊

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Governor	Shannon Schell	Citrus, Orlando-Winter Park, Ocala, North Georgia
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Director	LaShone Surrency	Tampa, Atlanta, Gaffney, Starke

Altrusa Above and Beyond



Altrusans are soldiers of an imaginary army secretly joining hands to make the world a better place.



Keep up with us on our District Facebook Page

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