

2023

#### DISTRICT THREE SERVICE BULLETIN

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#### **IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**



What an honor it has been to be your Governor, and it has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve each of you in this capacity. I am grateful as well as thankful for the many people who saw enough in me to encourage my journey to move up into District leadership positions. I need to say "Thank You" to the 2021-2023 Board, Committee Chairs and members for all the help and support I've received. Our Past Governors and the many members who have volunteered without hesitation when asked, we held each other up and made it to our finishing line.

We accomplished much for the District and actually had some fun along the way. Our District Board members have been tremendous stewards for our District. I had the pleasure of traveling across District Three, it was inspiring to see the positive impact we have in communities throughout our four beautiful states. Spending quality time with Altrusa members in their hometowns was truly an honored treasure for me. I have witnessed your dedication and countless hours of Altrusa work. Thank you just does not seem enough, for all your hard work, your support and hospitality!

This edition of the District Service Bulletin highlights the many events at conference, awards received and individuals who were recognized. Our 70th Annual District Three Conference held at the Marriott Southbank Riverwalk in the sunny city of Jacksonville, FL was the cake topper for me and a great way to closeout this biennium. With our theme of "Raindrops to Rivers" Connecting Altrusans through our Environment, the conference, under the leadership of Co-Chairs, Nanci Schwartz of the Lake County, FL club and Lorrie Wheeler of the Lake City, FL club, the District Three Board, District Committee Chairs and the many volunteers, was a resounding and fun filled success! Our International Representative was our very own Beverly Hardy, Past International President. Thank you to everyone who played a part in any way in our conference activities and to our members who attended conference.

A special thank you to the Spartanburg, SC Club for our unexpected gifts at the Opening Ceremony. We are also grateful for our host clubs, Lake City, FL for the Welcome Reception, St Augustine, FL club for the Opening Breakfast, Lake County, FL club for the Foundation Luncheon, the Monticello, FL club for the Awards Ceremony and the Starke, FL club for the Governors Banquet. You all did an outstanding job!

Our first ever "Sunset River Cruise" was amazing, with all the comradery of 72 members, our entertaining tour guide, beautiful scenery and of course those magnificent dolphins that followed us for a while, made the evening extra special. The workshops from your feedback received, were fun, informative and hopefully everyone learned a little something new to share with those who were unable to attend. Our Service Projects were a huge success combining fun and volunteerism for a great cause, The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, "See the Girl" was beyond thrilled to accept our 180 bags and donations for the at-risk girls in Jacksonville. And who could forget the room full of PLARN. Who knew old plastic bags could create so much fun and design challenges.

The biennium has flown by with a boatload of planning, designing, updating documents, studying, meetings, phone calls, emails, texts and I have loved every minute of it! I wish the best to Governor Dimple and her Leadership Team. I'm excited to see what we can make happen in 2023-2025!

For me this has been a once in a lifetime biennium. To my Altrusa brothers and sisters, thank you for your friendships, your support and your trust. These past two years will live in my heart forever.

Thank you all for your exemplary service to Altrusa,



#### **INCOMING GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**



## "Serving Up Service"

When I began this journey, little did I know I would be following Leadership Teams that have given so much of their time and talents in serving to make a better life for others. By attending Conferences and Conventions, I had a wonderful opportunity to see who and what we do in our Clubs and Communities as we are serving to make a difference in a person's life. The bonding of friendship with an Altrusan as they are making a difference has encouraged me and others.

The passing of the gravel brings new leadership teams to our Clubs and District. New leadership brings new ideas. Members and mentors working and encouraging each other are what Altrusans do.

The honor of serving with each of you is a gift. Welcome and thank you to all the Clubs, District

Leadership, and volunteers. Each member will be making a difference as we are "SERVING UP SERVICE".

Altrusa Love,

**Dimple** 

## **Club Annual Report**

By Dimple Overstreet, Governor 2023-25

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I encourage each Club to submit your Club Annual Report. The collected data will provide District and International Boards with valuable information about club activities that will help us better serve our clubs. Clubs can also use the report to get ideas for how they can become stronger.

The Survey Monkey can be found on the International website under the Leadership tab. Clubs will need to score at least 65% and have charter status to receive the honor of being a 2023 Distinguished Club. Reports are **due June 1**st,2023. The report contains 24 questions. Survey Monkey will auto calculate your points and upon completion will give you your results immediately. Again, I encourage each Club to submit your report.



## **2023 Call to Convention**

San Antonio is a city rich in heritage, rich in culture, and rich in food. The city was founded as a Spanish mission in 1718 and became the first chartered civil settlement in what is now present-day Texas. Since then it has become one of the top ten fastest growing cities in the United States. And what a great backdrop for all of us as we gather together for our International Convention. Please know how excited your International Board and our Host District, District Nine, are to welcome "All Y'all" to the Lone Star State and the city of San Antonio. We have lined up for you informative workshops, inspirational and motivational speakers, a fun-filled Opening Banquet, and an inspiring Installation to round off our time together. But you will also have some free time so you can explore the famous San Antonio Riverwalk, located just steps from our hotel. On top of all this a special event is planned for Friday night in the hotel with proceeds benefitting our International Foundation. You will want to be here for that... I promise.



## **Conference Attendee Remarks**

By: Roberta Getzan, Lake City, FL

#### Adventures of an Altrusan at the 70th District Three Conference

My participation at the 70th Altrusa District Three Conference started Thursday April 27 at 11 a.m. I served as the Conference Credentials Chair, along with Rosemary Leake (Registrations Chair) and Randi Kahl from the Registrations Committee. My job was to sit at the registrations table to verify the identity of the Delegates, Alternates, District Board Officers, and past District Governors. I can literally say that I met EVERYONE at the conference. After closing the registration for



the day, I met with Colleen Duris, the Board Parliamentarian, to go over the voting rules, credentials reports and motions I had to prepare for the following day.

Throughout the day Thursday I saw Altrusans arriving, coming and going and bustling with boxes, parcels, and roll-along wagons full of goodies. Lorrie Wheeler and Nanci Schwartz served as Conference Co-Chairs who busied themselves all day long coordinating, guiding, and getting things prepared to welcome all our Altrusa brothers and sisters. The welcome reception was hosted by our Lake City club. After the reception we headed to the conference opening ceremony. It was great to see friends I met at past conferences and to make the acquaintances of new Altrusa friends.

I got started early on Friday morning at the registration and credentials table to check in conference goers. We enjoyed breakfast and then we held our first business meeting. My job was to present the credentials report and make a motion to the board to accept eligible voters. We had a great turnout with a total of 94 registered conference participants. The motion made by the district board treasurer was adopted, by a unanimous vote, to raise the district dues by five dollars. Our district dues starting this quarter will be \$25.00. We also met the nominees for several positions to the District Foundation.

After the business meeting, we enjoyed lunch and the presentation of the Foundation awards. This luncheon was a great event where we got to see the competitive and generous nature of the Altrusans at the conference. The foundation organized a "dessert dash" fundraiser. Each table had the opportunity to bid for first dibs to select the dessert of their choice. Once all the bids were in, the tables were called one at the time with the table that bid the most first and then each table in order of their bid within 10 seconds of each other. The bidders dashed to the dessert table to make their selections with their tables cheering them on. The dessert dash fundraiser raised upwards of \$6,000 for the foundation and an anonymous donor matched the money raised.



## **Conference Attendee Remarks Cont.**

After lunch I attended two workshops and then it was time to get ready for the sunset river cruise. We had great weather, and the cruise guide was very entertaining. The highlight of the cruise was seeing the dolphins that were swimming along with our boat.

We started Saturday morning with breakfast and the presentation of the District Awards. It was great to hear about all the projects presented by all the clubs. After the second business meeting we had a break until dinner. Several of us went out to lunch, others shopping, and a few went to a market that had several food trucks. We met again Saturday evening for the Governor's Banquet. The banquet gave us an opportunity to dress up, dine, and to say thank you to outgoing Governor Shannon Schell for a wonderful biennium. It is also an exciting event because the incoming board of directors is also installed. Newly installed Governor, Dimple Overstreet, revealed the theme of her biennium: serving up service!

Rebecca Golden, of the Lake City, FL Club received the First Timers Award for answering Altrusa trivia correctly and conducting a 'scavenger hunt' of members from each state in the district to add a total of 100 years of service. Lorrie Wheeler received the Spirit Award for her work at the club and district conference over the past year. Well-deserved Lorrie!

Next year we will meet again in April of 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia. If you have never attended the district conference, I encourage you to attend. I left Jacksonville having witnessed many acts of thoughtfulness and kindness as well as having my sense of service reenergized. I hope to see you in Atlanta.







## District Three Conference 2024

By: Mary Kirley and Dee Dugger, Conference Co-Chairs

#### **Call to 2024 Conference**

Before we move on to next year, we would like to thank Lorrie Wheeler and Nanci Schwartz for all their time, talent, blood, energy and maybe a few choice words for co-chairing this year's conference. From the opening reception to the great variety of vendors to our keynote speaker to the river cruise. It was all great.

#### Now moving forward

If you were not able to attend conference, there was a short 'Call to Conference' video which revealed the theme and invited everyone to Atlanta next year, but we all know we respond better to a personal invitation SO

You, yes you,

You're invited to conference!!!!! The theme is Simply Stellar- Altrusans Shine through Service



Throughout the next year, we will be sending messages to club presidents with requests to provide some information or to pass along a message to club members relating to the theme.

Mary Kirley and I are co-chairs for the conference, but we can't do it by ourselves. Many hands make light work. We are looking for clubs or individuals to help by being meal hosts (providing table decorations), being an expediter, service project coordinator, etc. This year we had 15 vendors and hope to have the same number, if not more, next year. If you live in the Atlanta area, keep an eye out for potential vendors when you go to craft fairs, holiday bazaars, etc. through the summer and fall. Once you identify a potential vendor, get their business information, and send that to Mary and I and we will follow up.

Hope to see you in Atlanta next year.

Mary Kirley and Dee Dugger, conference co-chairs

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# District & International Award Winners



By: Mantha Young, Governor-Elect

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to every club for taking the time to complete the award applications. We had 14 clubs submit 57 entries. YAY! This is the time when YOUR Club receives recognition for its volunteer work in YOUR Community. Altrusa is, first and foremost, a community-based, grassroots organization where we are seeking to solve the problems in our own backyards. Congratulations on the joy each club has provided in your community!

#### **MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES - 25 YEARS**

Vivian Ellis, Lake City, FL
Janet Gandara, St Augustine, FL
Mary Frances Gramling, Monticello, FL
Gigi Register, Lake City, FL
Dorothy Spradley, Lake City, FL
Barbara Hunter Thomas, Lake City, FL
Sheryl A. Walker, Lake City, FL

#### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES - 50 YEARS - None

#### **SPONSOR PIN RECIPIENTS:**

Josie Frieser, Charlotte, NC Anita Valdez, Lake County, FL Traci Jones, Orlando-WP, F Jeraldyn Rivest, Charlotte, NC Carol Hingson, Live Oak, FL, Donna Kelly, Raleigh, NC Sally Long, Citrus County, FL Mindy Janousek, Live Oak, FL Susan Owens, Spartanburg, SC Sharon Perry, Citrus County, FL Millie Schneider, Live Oak, FL Joy Yehl, Spartanburg, SC Jill Adams, Lake City, FL Jill Miller, Marianna, FL Christine Plant, St Augustine, FL Jennifer Anchors, Lake City, FL Georgeann Adkison, Marianna, FL Linda Johns, Starke, FL Durelle Bailey, Lake City, FL Mary Gramling, Monticello, FL Dimple Overstreet, Starke, FL

Roberta Getzan, Lake City, FL Juanice Hughes, Monticello, FL Sylvia Reddish, Starke, FL Rebecca Golden, Lake City, FL Mary Kirley, North Georgia, GA Gale Trotter, Starke, FL Debra Griffin, Lake City, F Janet McCarthy, N. Georgia, GA Marilyn Hale, Statesboro, GA Gigi Register, Lake City, FL Colleen Duris, Ocala, FL Martha Ray, Statesboro, GA Lori G. Simpson, Lake City, FL Mary Cay Landt, Ocala, FL Nancy Waters, Statesboro, GA Shellie Young, Lake City, FL Sharon Blake, Orlando-WP, FL Gwen Yarbrough Statesboro, GA Mantha Young, Lake City, FL Marilyn Goddard, Orlando-WP, FL Mary Millar, Waynesville, NC



# District & International Award Winners Cont.



By: Mantha Young, Governor-Elect

## ERNESTINE MILNER PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

There were eight (8) entries for this award:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Altrusa *International of Lake City, FL* (177 points)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Altrusa *International of North Georgia, GA* (179 points)

1st Place Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL (194points)

#### **NEWSLETTER AWARD**

There were eight (8) entries for this award:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC (186 points)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Altrusa International of Starke, FL (212 points)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Altrusa International of Lake County, FL (217 points)

#### **OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

There were ten (10) entries for this award and all met the criteria:

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 Monticello, FL
Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA
Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, FL
Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC
Altrusa International of St. Augustine, FL
Altrusa International of Starke, FL

The following is based only on the ten submissions:

Total volunteer hours: 10,336

Total Funds Donated or Spent by Clubs: \$88,828

Club with the most community service hours: Altrusa

International of Lake City, FL 2,022

Club with the most community service hours per member: Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park 57

Club with the highest community service dollars:

Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA \$24,609

Club who spent the most per member:

Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA \$879

#### TODD JORDAN YEARBOOK SUBMISSIONS

There were ten (10) entries for this award and all met the criteria:

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 Live Oak, FL

Altrusa International of Ocala, FL

Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, FL

Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC

Altrusa International of Starke, FL

#### **MYRTICE H. PRICE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

3rd Place Altrusa of Raleigh, NC	(18.8%)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Altrusa of Marianna, FL	(23.8%)
1st Place Altrusa International of Salisbury, NC	(37.5%)

#### **GREATEST NET GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tied) Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC 3 Members Altrusa International of Salisbury, NC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Altrusa International of Live Oak, FL 4 Members

1st Place (Tied) Altrusa International of Marianna, FL5 Members Altrusa of Statesboro, GA

## MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE CREDIT AWARD: Each Club Received \$25

Altrusa International of Salisbury, NC
Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC
Altrusa International of Live Oak, FL 3-5 Members
Altrusa International of Statesboro, GA
Altrusa International of Marianna, FL



# District & International Award Winners Cont.



By: Mantha Young, Governor-Elect

Altrusa International Awards: First place winners will be sent to international competition. The winners will be announced during the next International Convention July 19–July 22, 2023 in San Antonio, TX.

#### **LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD**

There were nine (9) entries for this award

3rd Place Altrusa International of Ocala, FL (292 points)

Project: "Grants for Classrooms"

2nd Place Altrusa International of Lake City, FL (296 points)

Project: "Lending Libraries of Lake City"

1st Place Altrusa of St. Augustine, FL (300 points)

Project: "Free Books for St. Johns County Youth"

## DR. NINA FAY CALHOUN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AWARD

There were five (5) entries for this award

3rd Place Altrusa International of Starke, FL (188 points)
Project: "International Christmas Child Shoebox"

2nd Place Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC (246 points)
Project: "Assisting Refugees in North Carolina"

1st Place (Tied) Altrusa International of North Georgia, Ga
Project: "Changing Lives 1 Pad at a Time"

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL (248 points)
Project: "Cultivating Hope in Honduras"

#### MAMIE L. BASS SERVICE AWARD

There were eight (8) entries for this award

3rd Place Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL (278 points)

Project: "Don't Judge a Book by its Cover"

2nd Place Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, FL

(288 points)

Project: "Gift that Keeps on Giving"

1st Place Altrusa International of Lake City, FL (294 points)
Project: "Full Tummies, Full Attention"

#### **GOVERNOR'S BIENNIUM GOALS RECOGNITION**

There were three (3) clubs that met the goals:

Altrusa International of Monticello, FL Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, FL Altrusa International of Raleigh, NC

#### **GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC (342 points) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Altrusa International of Lake County, FL (348 points) 1<sup>st</sup> Place Altrusa International of Lake City, FL (398 points)





## **Spirit Award Winner**



By LaShone Surrency, District Three Director 2021-2023

## **2023 Altrusa Spirit Award Winner Announced at Conference**

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 has volunteered to step into various leadership roles. While serving as President during the coronavirus shutdown, she instituted Zoom meetings and



continued the caterer contract to feed essential workers in place of missed meeting meals. She serves as Executive Assistant to the Board, and bookkeeper. As Executive Assistant, she finished digital member pages and updated bookkeeping to Quickbooks online. Recently, she added digital payment options as a user-friendly service to members. She has also been Chair of the Service Committee, led service projects, and graciously donates and volunteers to seek donations for various service projects 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 Jacksonville, this Altrusan served as co-chair conference coordinator. She served to help coordinate the vendor market and was instrumental when a few out-of-town vendors were unable to attend. This Altrusan stepped in, sold products for them and saved the day. As one nomination stated, she is very enthusiastic and considerate of others all the time! She works with a sense of giving, and a willingness to make things work no matter what curve ball gets thrown her way, which exemplifies her Altrusa SPIRIT!

District Three Directors Nancy Shumaker and LaShone Surrency, who reviewed the nominations, wholeheartedly agreed. With the assistance of the 2022 Spirit Award winner Yolander Hunter, of the Charlotte, NC club, Lorrie Wheeler from the Gainesville, FL club was named this year's honoree.

Lorrie received the Spirit Award trophy, a certificate and distinguished sash. At the next conference when District Three Altrusans gather, Lorrie will have the privilege of helping announce the 2024 Spirit Award winner.

Congratulations to Lorrie Wheeler and thank you for all you do for Altrusa.



## **Presidents Workshop Recap**

By: Mary Kirley, President, Altrusa North Georgia

## 2023 DISTRICT THREE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

This year's President's Workshop, entitled "Dive into Duty", playing off this year's Conference theme "From Raindrops to Rivers," was attended by fourteen Altrusans representing ten clubs. One club sent two members to take notes along with their incoming president who was a Conference First Timer.

Those in attendance included experienced officers as well as brand new leaders of their club. They were offered an information-packed PowerPoint presentation which touched on a variety of important topics including "What makes a great leader," SMART goal setting, meeting agendas and challenges, and the importance of filing their club's Annual Report. Attendees were encouraged to become familiar with the International website, <a href="www.altrusa.org">www.altrusa.org</a>, where they will find The President's Handbook and numerous resources and toolkits under the "Leadership tab."

The workshop concluded with some startling facts about the growing threat posed by cyber fraud (e.g., cybercrime damages in 2022 were about \$6 trillion worldwide), and a reminder to be ever alert to the attempt by others to exact information and funds from them. Examples of ways we can protect ourselves against cyber fraud were shared by attendees who have already experienced this threat.

Participants left the workshop with inspiration and confidence to bring to their presidency and are ready to lead their club efficiently and effectively, and to embrace joy in the service to others.





By Scott Tice, Past District Treasurer and District Director

#### 2023 DISTRICT THREE CONFERENCE TREASURE'S WORKSHOP

Nine current and/or incoming Club Treasurers attended the Treasurer's Workshop at conference to talk about the duties and responsibilities of being a Club Treasurer. We reviewed dues collection and remittance, budgeting, new member reporting and spent a lot of time going over Group Tally. The PowerPoint presentation used during the workshop has been uploaded onto the District Three website and was emailed out to those who attended the workshop. 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!





## 70 Memories from Conference Summary

By Lorrie Wheeler and Nancy Schwartz, Conference Co-Chairs

When looking back at the 70th Annual Altrusa District Three Conference in Jacksonville, we're pretty sure we could list at least 70 good memories that we shared. But that would take a bit of time and we expect each attendee has his or her own wonderful memories to add.

Instead, we'll mention just a handful that really stood out:

- The poolside Welcome Reception hosted by the Lake City club where everyone mingled in a relaxing environment and enjoyed amazing food prepared by club members.
- The always moving and energizing Opening Ceremony, where we got to see familiar faces from Altrusa clubs across District Three. This tradition was made

extra special when everyone was introduced to one of the largest classes of First-Timers!

- Our fantastic guest speakers Visit Jacksonville CEO Michael Corrigan and St. Johns Riverkeeper Executive Director Jimmy Orth who not only shared wonderful insight into Jacksonville but truly made the Altrusans feel welcome in their city.
- This year's wonderfully creative centerpieces did not disappoint! The meal host clubs—St. Augustine, Lake County, Monticello and Starke—did a great job of brightening the room, each in a different way.
- Seeing the bustle of Altrusans browsing at the Vendor Market was very exciting. We've received some nice feedback from many of the small businesses who asked when we would be coming back!
- It really made our hearts overflow when we walked into the Service Project rooms. Altrusans apparently love to work with their hands. Once they finished stuffing bags for "See the Girl," they got busy making PLARN...almost the entire afternoon!
- The Friday Fun Night Happy Hour Cruise, hosted by the St. Johns River Taxi. What happens on the boat stays on the boat! Enough said!
- And capping off the conference with the Governor's banquet where we observe the transition of District Three Leadership at the turn of each biennium and celebrate those volunteers amongst us who are so dedicated to Altrusa.

We could go on and on. We whole-heartedly agree that being conference co-chairs was a wonderful and fulfilling experience. In fact, we wouldn't say we worked hard. Instead, we "worked fun."

We couldn't have done it without the amazing support we received from the District Three Board, District Three Committee Chairs, Program Coordinator Tammy Hall and, of course, our respective clubs: Lake City and Lake County.

If you joined us in Jacksonville this year, we hope you had a great time and plan toattend next year's conference in Atlanta. If you didn't attend conference, then make sure you don't miss out on making memories next year!



# **Welcome Altrusans**















# Opening Breakfast



























# First Business Meeting





# Happy Hour Sunset River Cruise

















# 70th Annual





# **Banquet**













## **Current and New Members**



By Scott Tice, Treasurer 2021-2023

## **Altrusa International District Three, Inc.**

New Member January 16, 2022— May 15, 2023



New Member	Sponsor	Joined
Marianna, FL		
Amanda Eagle	Georgeann Adkinson / Cassie Willis	January
Monticello, FL		
Sylvia Perez	Terri Longshore	February
North Georgia, GA		
Carrie Elizabeth Binns	Becky Holmes	March
Julie Ford	Becky Hitch	April
Ann Healy	Karen Lavender	March
Elizabeth Hughey	Becky Hitch	April
Missy Lehigh	Julie Ford / Becky Hitch	April
Carol H. Ruffo	Becky Holmes	March
Erin Heard Sistar	Sherri Spiller	April
Kathie Stasko	Mary Kirley / Susan Winham	May
Ocala, FL		
Cindy Van Heyde	Colleen Duris / Angie Dansby	January
Orlando-Winter Park, FL		
Michelle Cuomo	Roberta Klusmeier	January
Raleigh, NC		
Kelly Stewart	Donna Kelly	January
Natalie Stewart	Donna Kelly	January
Spartanburg, SC		
Carole Khoury	Jean Sydnor	February
St. Augustine, FL		
Patria A. Wallace	Virginia White	April
Starke, FL	W. Nich I D. L. Charles C. C.	A!!
Tanya Remirez	Kim Nichols Roberts / Amanda Seyfang	April
Julee Tinsler	Brenda Thornton	April



## **Membership Rosters**



District Three Membership Rosters					w/E
		Updated:	05/12/23		
Atlanta, GA		6		6	6
Caldwell Co, NC		2	1 - Emeritus	1	2
Charlotte, NC		28	3 - Emeritus	25	28
Citrus Co, FL		19		19	19
Gaffney, SC		9		9	9
Gainesville, FL		55	6-Emeritus	49	55
Gastonia, NC		11	1-Emeritus	10	11
Lake City, FL		89	8-Emeritus, 7 Young Professionals	81	89
Lake Co, FL		21	1 - Emeritus	20	21
Live Oak, FL		29	1 - Emeritus	28	29
Marianna, FL		26	1 - Emeritus	25	26
Monticello, FL		25	1 - Emeritus	24	25
N Georgia, GA		36	2- Emeritus	34	36
Ocala, FL		34	3 - Emeritus	31	34
Orlando-WP, FL		31	1 - Emeritus	30	31
Raleigh, NC		19	1 - Lifetime, 1 - Emeritus, 2 YP	17	19
St Augustine, FL		16		16	16
Salisbury, NC		11		11	11
Spartanburg, SC		31	5 - Emeritus	26	31
Starke, FL		48	2 - Emeritus	46	48
Statesboro, GA		48	3 - Emeritus	45	48
Tampa Bay, FL		12	2 - Emeritus	10	12
Waynesville, NC		18		18	18
Affiliates Virtual Clu	ub	4		4	4
Affiliates		2		2	2
Emeritus No Club	_	1	_1-Emeritus	0	1
	Total:	631	includes (43) Emeritus, (1) Lifetime, 2022-2023 Paid Members	587	631

Deleted Member
New Member
Changes (address)
Under Charter

7 Clubs Under 15 Members

## Altrusa International District Three, Inc. Approved Budget



March 1, 2023 February 29, 2024

	Revenues	Budget	Actual	Difference	Proposed 2023-24	
4010	Dues - Renewing Members	11,000.00	10,600.00	(400.00)	13,750.00	
4015	Dues - Renewing Young Professionals	50.00	50.00	0.00	62.50	
4020	Dues - New Members (Full)	400.00	900.00	500.00	500.00	
4030	Dues - New Members (Half)	80.00	180.00	100.00	100.00	
4035	Dues - Young Professionals	20.00	40.00	20.00	25.00	
4040	Dues - Affiliates	20.00	50.00	30.00	25.00	
4100	Late Fees Income	30.00	68.00	38.00	30.00	
4110	Interest Income	0.00	54.23	54.23	0.00	
4120	Dividend Income	1,000.00	2,356.46	1,356.46	1,000.00	
4125	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4200	Conference Income	0.00	15,689.72	15,689.72	0.00	
4350	Gain/Loss of Asset Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4600	Transfer Unreserved Funds (General)	4,770.00	0.00	(4,770.00)	4,412.50	
4700	Trans from Conf Reserved	5,000.00	3,521.70	(1,478.30)	3,000.00	
4800	Trans from BH Fund Reserved	1,725.00	75.00	(1,650.00)	1,840.00	(1)
4850	Trans from KM ASTRA Fund Reserved	1,050.00	0.00	(1,050.00)	<u>1,200.00</u>	(5)
	Total Income & Transfers	25,145.00	33,585.11	8,440.11	25,945.00	
	Operating Expenses					
6000	International Convention Exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	
6005	International Dues (from Affiliates)	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	500.00	
6100	Conference Expense	0.00	23,560.22	23,560.22	0.00	
6180	Program Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	
6190	Transfer to Conference Budget	5,000.00	3,521.70	(1,478.30)	3,000.00	
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	6,000.00	6,286.43	286.43	7,000.00	
6250	Board Travel/Non Meeting	6,000.00	2,904.80	(3,095.20)	5,000.00	
6275	Past Governors Council Luncheon	300.00	301.48	1.48	400.00	
6300	Governor Elect Training	800.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	(2)
6450	Ribbons Expense	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	
6500	Governor Expense	150.00	0.00	(150.00)	150.00	
6510	Governor's Pin Expense	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	0.00	(3)
6515	Awards Recognition	300.00	243.37	(56.63)	300.00	
6520	Postage Expense	60.00	0.00	(60.00)	70.00	
6530	Printing/Copying Expense	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	
6550	Operating Supplies	50.00	0.00	(50.00)	50.00	

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6560	Insurance (Crime Policy)	500.00	419.00	(81.00)	0.00	(4)
6700	Treasurer's Cost Expense	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	
6800	Web Site/DropBox Expense	250.00	239.76	(10.24)	125.00	
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	1,725.00	75.00	(1,650.00)	1,840.00	(1)
6975	KM ASTRA Grant Expense	1,050.00	0.00	(1,050.00)	1,200.00	(5)
7000	In Memorium	450.00	0.00	(450.00)	450.00	
9000	Miscellaneous Expense	100.00	180.83	80.83	<u>250.00</u>	
	Total Expenses	25,145.00	38,892.59	13,747.59	25,945.00	
	Net Income Over Expenses	0.00	\$ (5,307.48)	(5,307.48)		

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on possibility of 1 member of 23 Clubs @ 80 each per club needing assistance



District Three Dues \$5 increase was approved, \$25 beginning June 1, 2023

<sup>(2)</sup> Occurs every other year; \$800 for 2022-2023 budget year

<sup>(3)</sup> Occurs every other year

<sup>(4)</sup> Bond (Crime Policy) Insurance for Signatories every 3 years (Renew 10-25)

<sup>(5)</sup> Based on possibility of each ASTRA Club (8 total) applying for ASTRA Grant



## **Joey Robison Scholarship**

By: Linda Robison, Founder of Joey Robison Scholarship

## **Joey Robison Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of former governor Linda Robison's son who passed away in 2009. Clubs who provide applications (found at District Three website) to local schools of higher learning receive completed applications and choose one to submit to Linda Robison. The student must have graduated or received a GED at least six years prior to applying for this scholarship. At conference checks made payable to the school in the amount of \$500 are presented to the clubs to forward to the colleges, universities or tech schools and a certificate for the student showing the award.

Donations in any amount are made payable to Altrusa District Three Foundation showing Joey Robison Scholarship on the memo line and sent to the Foundation treasurer. All monies contributed go to the scholarships and will continue as long as donations are received.

The following are the scholarships awarded at conference in Jacksonville:

1. Student: Antonia F Moss

School: University of NC at Charlotte

Club: Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC

Pursuing a degree in Communication Studies. Graduated from high school in 2005. Single mother with two children. Once she is established in her field, she plans to establish a non-profit mentorship organization for young ladies who aspire to pursue careers in public relations or hospitality.

2. Student: Jackie Lee Ann Clark

School: Santa Fe College

Club: Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL

Pursuing an AS degree in Business Administration Management. Graduated from high school in 1991. Works as an Admin Asst for Florida Dept of Agriculture. This degree would allow opportunities for promotion within the Dept. She is a single mother with one child.

3. Student: Roberto Deleon Soto

School: Florida Gateway College

Club: Altrusa International of Lake City, FL

Pursuing a degree in Theatrical Arts and desires to teach in this field. Graduated from high school in 2012. Works as a gas station clerk. Was previously in the Navy. Single father with two children.

4. Student: Colleen Walker Sondergaard

School: Lanier Technical College

Club: Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA

Pursuing a degree in Dental Hygiene. Wants to become a registered dental hygienist working in a pediatric dental office and continuing her education so she can also teach dental hygiene. Graduated from high school in 2008. Single mother with three children.

5. Student: Rachel Elizabeth Baier

School: Santa Fe College

Club: Altrusa International of Starke, FL

Pursuing a degree in Optometry after prerequisites for optometry school are acquired at Santa Fe. This is a career change and she has worked in an optical office for the past five years. Graduated from high school in 2011. After optometry school she plans to return to Bradford County.



## Conference Service Project Report



By: Dee Dugger, Service Program Development Chair

## **CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT REPORT 2023**



This year we had two service projects. One project that would benefit a local agency that provided programs to at-risk girls and women. The second project kept with our environmental theme by using plastic bags to make items such as mats for the homeless or hats, like the expediters wore.

#### Project "See the Girl"

Have you ever imagined what Santa's workshop looks like before the start of the busy season? All the parts carefully lined up, waiting for assembly.

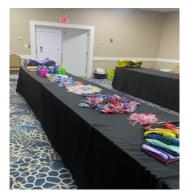
Then it's time to get to work. The elves show up and suddenly the room is filled with hustle and bustle,

Well, if you had walked by or stepped in the Rigging room, you would know what Santa's workshop looks like. Altrusans came by and were eager to be put to work. In 20 short minutes, we had filled 80 purple bags for the Girls Matter: It's Elementary graduation program for See the Girl. We also filled 100 lemon yellow bags "To-Go' bags. These bags contain personal items such as toothbrushes, lotion, soap, etc. and are given to girls and women in need.

In addition to all the bags, we had 4 boxes of art supplies which included table decorations from lunch Friday. And 5 large boxes of extra items for the 'to-go" bags.

Your generosity will be much appreciated by our project recipient. For more information on this program, go to seethegirl.org











## Past Governors Luncheon

By: Colleen Duris, Past Governor

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, Past Governors of Altrusa District Three came together in the Admiralty room of the Southbank Hotel Jacksonville Riverwalk for the annual Past Governors Luncheon during the District Three Conference. This year we were recognizing the outstanding job of outgoing Governor Shannon Schell and welcoming incoming Governor Dimple Overstreet. We are grateful to Past Governor, Robin Hall, Lake City, FL (2009-2011) for her creation of the Past Governors Action Council and our annual luncheon. Each year we have this time to provide insight, advice, reconnect, reminisce and share in each other's company.



Although all our past governors were not able to attend, the following participated: Barbara Ann Hughes, Raleigh, NC (1978-1980); Donna Johnson, Gainesville, FL (1999-2001); Sandy Furches, Lake City, FL (2001-2003); Margaret Cannon, Caldwell County, NC (2003-2005); Linda Robison, Spartanburg, SC (2007-2009); Beverly Hardy, Starke, FL (2011-2013); Colleen Duris, Ocala, FL (2013-2015); Christy Bryant, Charlotte, NC (2017-2019); Kitty McElhaney, Lake City, FL (2019-2021), Governor, Shannon Schell, Lake County, FL (2021-2023) and incoming Governor, Dimple Overstreet, Starke, FL (2023-2025).





## **First Timers Workshop**



By Nancy Shumaker, Director, 2021-2023, Vice Governor 2023-2025

### FIRST TIMERS TO CONFERENCE



The 2023 Jacksonville, Florida, District Three First Timers Orientation Session welcomed 24 participants, some of them new Altrusa members and others experienced members attending their first district conference. This represented almost a quarter of the 106 Altrusans registered for the conference. Director LaShone Surrency began the session by encouraging everyone to introduce themselves and to share their

reasons for joining Altrusa. She then presented an informative summary of the history of Altrusa. International Representative and Past International President, Beverly Hardy, and several 2021-2023 District Board members dropped in for a visit and gave a warm welcome to all those attending.

After Director Surrency completed the Altrusa history presentation, Director Nancy Shumaker passed out a questionnaire and explained the Scavenger Hunt. In addition to answering the questions, participants were to have a member from each of the four states composing District Three sign the form, indicating their years of membership. The individual who answered all the questions correctly and whose membership total was closest to 100 years was eligible for a \$100 certificate towards the 2024 District Conference registration. Of 14 entrants, the top three came within one point of each other, with totals of 97, 98, and 99 years. Rebecca Golden from Altrusa International of Lake City, FL, was the winner.

Congratulations, Rebecca, and we hope to see you in Atlanta next year!



Rebecca Golden takes the 2023 First Timer Award