



Election Results District Three Board

By Carol Thomas, Elections Committee Member

2023-2025 ELECTED DISTRICT THREE BOARD

Elections for the 2023-2025 District Three Board Members were held at the 70th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL. As a result, all candidates were elected with no nominations from the floor and elected unanimously during the first business session. Members eligible to vote for District Three Board members included delegates from the clubs, elected members of the District Board of Directors, and Past Governors who were certified by the Credentials Committee at conference.

Our election process has been an electronic process with election runner to cast votes on tablets rather than a written ballot. With all members elected during the business meeting the election was finalized without having to hold the election electronically.

The following are the elected board members:

Governor-Elect - MANTHA YOUNG

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL

Vice Governor - NANCY SHUMAKER

Altrusa International of Statesboro, Georgia

Treasurer - SCOTT FRIESER

Altrusa International of Charlotte, NC

Director - ANITA ASHWORTH

Altrusa International of Monticello, FL

Director – ROBERTA KLUSMEIER

Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, FL

Director – SCOTT TICE

Altrusa International of Ocala, FL





International Foundation News



By Martin Houston, International Foundation Liaison

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

We recently had our Altrusa International District Three's 70 th annual conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Many thanks to Nanci Schwartz and Lorrie Wheeler for an excellent conference.

The International Foundation recognized several District Three Altrusans:

- Shannon Schell, Immediate Past Governor, Lake County, FL – Level 1 Lamplighter certificate
- Colleen Duris, Ocala FL – Level 26 Hofmeister Lamplighter certificate, Teal 6 for 60 Ribbon
- Constance Larson, Ocala, FL – Level 14 Lamplighter certificate, Teal 6 for 60 Ribbon
- Linda Robison, Spartanburg, SC – White 6 for 60 Ribbon
- Karen Robinson, Tampa, FL – Light Blue 6 for 60 Ribbon
- Tammy Hall, Lake City, FL – Light Blue 60 for 60 Ribbon
- Shannon Schell, Lake County, FL – Gold 6 for 60 Ribbon

Congratulations to all.

Gifts for the 6 for 60 programs still can be made until May 31, 2023. You can text 6for6025 to 71777 or go to <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/DISTRICT/team/DistrictThree> to donate online.

We also held the 50/50 Raffle in which we raised \$706. Yvette Pue, President of the Orlando-Winter Park, FL club, won and chose to give her share back to the International

Foundation. Thank you, Yvette!

All in all, the conference went very well, and congratulations to Dimple Overstreet as our new Governor.

Martin Houston

District Three International Foundation Liaison

Altrusa International of Atlanta, GA Inc.





District Foundation News



By Martha Epps, Foundation Chair

What a great conference! I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time.

There were twenty-two entries for the project awards. The following are the first and second winners of each award:

Congratulations to the winners and their hard work.

The Charlotte, North Carolina Club was awarded a \$500 grant to help fund their project "Empowering Minds" which is providing access to books in Charlotte Mecklenburg.

Astra Award

- 1st – Gainesville, Florida - Grow Hub
- 2nd – Lake City, Florida - Epiphany School Club

Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitation Services Award

- 1st – Raleigh, North Carolina – Helping VIPs
- 2nd – Charlotte, North Carolina – Changed Choices

Literacy Award

- 1st – Statesboro, Georgia – The Ruth MacKinnon Literacy Project
- 2nd – Lake County, Florida – Reading Rockstars

Vocational Services Award

- 1st – Spartanburg, South Carolina – Eula Sherman Vocational Scholarship
- 2nd – Lake County, Florida – Jump Starting Futures

Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award

- 1st – Charlotte, North Carolina – A Million Little Leaves
- 2nd – Lake County, Florida – Bag Cycling

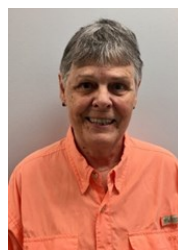
The Dessert Dash was held again this year as everyone seems to enjoy it. A big thank you to Dimple Overstreet and the ladies at the Lake City, Florida club for their donations of the desserts. It was definitely a fun event and the donations from our fellow Altrusans was \$6,307. This will certainly help toward our goal for the Grant Fund.

The following Altrusans were elected to the Foundation Board:

Again, thank you, Fellow Altrusans.



Yolander Hunter,
Trustee



Vicki Sellner,
Trustee

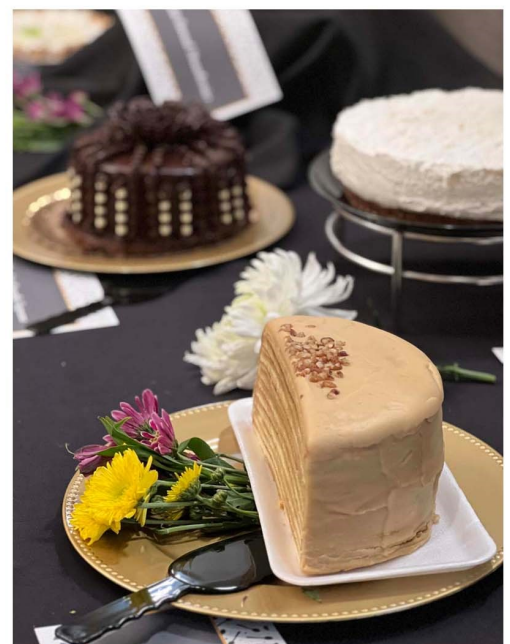


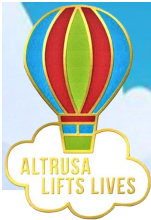
Dawn Mainville,
Treasurer.

Foundation Luncheon



Live Auction & Dessert Dash!





District Foundation Financials

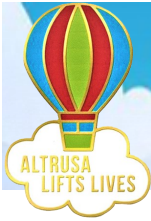
ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION, INC

Stmnt of Financial Position

Accrual Basis

As of February 28, 2023

	Feb 28, 23	Feb 28, 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1000 · Wells Fargo Checking_7481	4,918.51	2,711.34
1020 · Wells Fargo Savings_3703	63,009.15	40,316.02
1100 · Wells Fargo Advisors		
1102 · WFA_Cash_4005	33,391.59	32,630.95
1104 · WFA_Securities & Mutual Funds	82,023.22	80,557.40
Total 1100 · Wells Fargo Advisors	115,414.81	113,188.35
Total Checking/Savings	183,342.47	156,215.71
Total Current Assets	183,342.47	156,215.71
TOTAL ASSETS	183,342.47	156,215.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Reimbursement Payable	0.00	1,638.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	1,638.66
Total Current Liabilities	0.00	1,638.66
Total Liabilities	0.00	1,638.66
Equity		
3200 · I-PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED		
3202 · ASTRA FUND	10,000.46	10,000.46
3204 · CASSIE DOLLAR FUND	12,577.25	12,577.25
3206 · LITERACY FUND	10,250.00	10,250.00
3210 · ULRICH ENVIRONMENTAL FUND	10,000.00	10,000.00
3212 · VOCATIONAL FUND	10,025.00	10,025.00
Total 3200 · I-PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	52,852.71	52,852.71
3400 · II-TEMP. RESTRICTED FUNDS		
3420 · FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS	59,208.74	38,667.09
3460 · SPECIAL ACCOUNTS		
3462 · DISTRICT THREE GRANT FUND	39,249.45	34,252.85
3464 · JOEY ROBISON SCHOLORSHIP FUND	4,424.50	6,374.50
Total 3460 · SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	43,673.95	40,627.35
Total 3400 · II-TEMP. RESTRICTED FUNDS	102,882.69	79,294.44



District Foundation Financials Cont.

ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION, INC

Stmnt of Financial Position

Accrual Basis

As of February 28, 2023

	Feb 28, 23	Feb 28, 22
3600 · III-UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
3620 · DIVIDEND/INTEREST - Wells Fargo		
3622 · DIVIDENDS-WF Advisors	21,051.38	18,896.82
3620 · DIVIDEND/INTEREST - Wells Fargo - ...	(12,026.57)	(10,330.40)
Total 3620 · DIVIDEND/INTEREST - Wells Fargo	9,024.81	8,566.42
3640 · GENERAL FUND		
3642 · DONATIONS		
3642.2 · Grants Activity	(19,878.64)	(18,878.64)
3642 · DONATIONS - Other	49,179.37	43,086.85
Total 3642 · DONATIONS	29,300.73	24,208.21
3640 · GENERAL FUND - Other	(10,718.47)	(10,344.73)
Total 3640 · GENERAL FUND	18,582.26	13,863.48
Total 3600 · III-UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	27,607.07	22,429.90
Total Equity	183,342.47	154,577.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	183,342.47	156,215.71



District Foundation Financials Cont.

ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION, INC

Stmnt of Financial Income & Expense

Accrual Basis

March 2022 through February 2023

	Mar '22 - Feb 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · CONTRIBUTIONS	
4040 · Donations-Designated	4,300.00
4060 · Donations-Undesignated	1,051.17
Total 4000 · CONTRIBUTIONS	5,351.17
4200 · FUND RAISING	
4202 · AUCTION	3,528.00
4204 · CLUBS FUNDRAISING	34,459.40
4206 · ALTRUSA PIN	80.00
4208 · DESSERT DASH	3,735.00
Total 4200 · FUND RAISING	41,802.40
4800 · INVESTMENT INCOME	
4802 · Dividend, Interest	1,697.57
4804 · INTEREST INCOME	24.83
4806 · REALIZED SECURITIES GAIN	528.89
Total 4800 · INVESTMENT INCOME	2,251.29
Total Income	49,404.86
Gross Profit	49,404.86
Expense	
6000 · MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
6020 · BANK & MERCH PROC FEES	99.32
6060 · DUES AND FEES	122.50
6120 · MEALS	206.97
Total 6000 · MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	428.79
6400 · PROGRAM SERVICES	
6420 · AWARDS	1,792.90
6440 · GRANTS	1,000.00
6460 · SCHOLARSHIPS	
6462 · Joey Robison Scholarship	3,500.00
6464 · Scholarships from Clubs	5,000.00
Total 6460 · SCHOLARSHIPS	8,500.00
6500 · CHARITIES	4,900.00
6540 · CLUB 21	210.00
6620 · SPECIAL EVENTS - Clubs	3,807.75
Total 6400 · PROGRAM SERVICES	20,210.65



District Foundation Financials Cont.

ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION, INC

Stmt of Financial Income & Expense

Accrual Basis

March 2022 through February 2023

	Mar '22 - Feb 23
Total Expense	20,639.44
Net Ordinary Income	28,765.42
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7000 · EQUITY TRANSFER	(28,765.42)
Total Other Income	(28,765.42)
Net Other Income	(28,765.42)
Net Income	0.00

Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.

FOUNDATION DONORS AND GIVING CATEGORIES

We Appreciate and Thank You All for your Support !

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

*Auction Purchases are Not Included

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

Updated as of 02/28/2023



ASTRA News and Up-Date



By: Jeraldyn Rivest, ASTRA Committee Chair, 2021-2023

GROWING IN SERVICE



In July 1965, Altrusa International, Inc. appointed a special Youth Group Committee to identify and develop a suggested structure and name for youth groups sponsored by Altrusa Clubs. ASTRA Clubs can be started at Middle Schools, High Schools, Home Schools, Vocational School/Occupational Center Colleges/Universities, or other Community organizations.

ASTRA has grown to over 80 clubs across the United States, Puerto Rico and New Zealand. District Three proudly has 6 ASTRA clubs sponsored by Charlotte, NC, Gainesville, FL, Lake City, FL and Ocala, FL. Most recently, ASTRA Club of Cabarrus County Home School Association chartered in March sponsored by the Altrusa Club in Charlotte, NC.

Starting an ASTRA Club is easy... just get a group of students together and then decide on a project to do that will improve their community. Well, maybe it's a little more involved, but not much more. The most important part is involving the students. ASTRA members are provided opportunities to learn leadership skills, personal development, career planning and preparation, as well as citizenship development.

ASTRA Club Types include:

- Middle/High School
- Home School
- Vocational School/Occupational Center College/University
- Other Community organization

Contact your District Three ASTRA Committee Chair for more information.



** ASTRA Club of Cabarrus County Home School Association chartered on March 17, 2023 is comprised of middle school and high school students.*



Conference In-Memoriam

By: Nancy Shumaker, Memoriam Ceremony



SHARON SMITH
Altrusa International of Gastonia, NC

Altrusa Member since 1984
Passed Away January 23, 2023 at 85

Sharon had served as president of the Gastonia, North Carolina Club in 1989 and again in 1995. She served in every office of our Altrusa Club and was presently serving as secretary and our quarterly newsletter editor before she unexpectedly passed. She always kept our club on task with our projects and any Altrusa information. She had attended numerous Conferences in the past as well as International Convention with one being in Dublin, Ireland. Sharon was very involved in other organizations in our community as well. There wasn't much that Sharon has not contributed to. We miss her dearly!



CAROL TROW
Altrusa International of Ocala, FL

Altrusa Member since 1977
Passed Away March 25, 2023 at 78

Carol was a charter member of the Ocala club and served as president and all the roles leading up to that position, she was treasurer for the club and foundation (numerous times), provided auditing services to the club and was an original incorporator of the club's foundation. She fully participated in the club at all levels for the entire time of her membership. She used her scrapbooking talents to memorialize our club's activities and history. She was a true Altrusan, always giving of her time and talents in many ways.

Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL

By Dee Dugger, Club President

Gainesville FL Club Trivia Bingo

Altrusa Club of Gainesville had A Ticket to Ride when they presented a new fundraiser, Music Trivia Bingo on March 3. The tickets included 3 rounds of music themed bingo cards with prizes for winners, savory and sweet snacks and wine, chances at lottery tickets, a gift card tree worth nearly \$700, raffle drawings, and a huge array of silent auction baskets and gifts.

Members and guests rocked, toe tapped and sang along to music from the 60s and 70s (Golden Oldies?) and an occasional BINGO! Bingo winners were treated to \$50 gift card.

As always, many Altrusans stepped up to provide refreshments, solicit gift cards and items for gift baskets. A hard-working bunch set up then took down, packed cars and tied up loose ends before going home to rest and reflect.

Proceeds from the events benefit Altrusa House and other Altrusa community projects. Parting words from guests as they were leaving "Please do this next year", "I didn't think I would have this much fun", "everything was great".



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Lake City, FL

By Durelle Bailey, Club President

Weekend Bags/Suitcases for Children in Foster Care

Our Club participated in the collection of 140 weekend bags and suitcases to provide to children in foster care. Thirty-five children a month go into the foster care system. These are children who have been removed from their home and possibly removed from their parents.

Children have minimal things of comfort often packed in a plastic bag. These bags will allow these children to have a dignified way to take their personal items.

We are so very thankful to have an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child – in some small way helping to boost their self-esteem and know they have self-worth and that the transition they are going through is not a result of something they have done.



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Monticello FL

By Linda Hamedani, Club President

Getting to Know our Local Members

It has been our goal to get to know our members better and to know how they work in the community. We have been surprised at what our members accomplish nationwide as well as locally. We have a completely blind member with retinitis pigmentosa join our club. She is the CEO of a national organization for the blind. She wanted to be on the ways and means committee fundraising has been her job with the organization for several years. Pat Cichon, who has been a member of Altrusa for years, dropped out of Altrusa for a few years for illness in the family but recently returned as a reinstated member. She is presently the President of the National Community Water Organization in Washington, DC. She gave us a report on the water issues in the world, our nation, Florida and the local water situation. The picture she painted for the water problem was not a pretty picture. One third of the world does not have clean usable water, Florida was in the bottom ten for worst water, but revealed the Florida aquifer is better than other areas surrounding us. She has been a warrior in the area for providing usable water for Jefferson County, Florida by writing grants to build water systems in the county. She plans to keep the position as President for one more year and then she can be more active in Altrusa. Both of these members are outstanding assets to our club. We are fortunate to have them as a part of the community.



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA

By Kathy Warner, DFG Chair

Altrusa of North Georgia Days for Girls Program

The Cumming Georgia Days for Girls chapter supported by Altrusa of North Georgia has been very busy so far this year.

Our group donated almost \$800 to send 25 boxes of sanitary pads and 60 pairs of underwear to Turkey and Syria.

We also sent 20 completed DFG bags to Paraguay through a missionary sponsored by Alpharetta UMC in February.

Then in April we sent another 40 completed bags to Paraguay.

Another highlight has been that a member of Altrusa presented DFG to her community group, and they volunteered to iron and cut all of our material for us. Working together we now have gone from 2 Altrusa members to over 20 Altrusa and community members working to improve the lives of girls and women around the world.

Kathy Warner

DFG chair



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of North Georgia, GA Cont.

By Mary Kirley, Club President

Altrusa of North Georgia is Silver Program of the Year

In March Altrusa of North Georgia was honored as the Forsyth County Schools' SILVER Program of the Year for our partnership with Otwell Middle School. For the past several years we have provided food, clothing, and a variety of personal and household items for families and students attending this Title One school as part of our Otwell Family Resource Program. This program has been in place since 2020 when we received startup funds through an Altrusa International Foundation Grant. Altrusa works closely with the school social worker to determine the needs of the students and their families throughout the school year.

Altrusans have also painted a classroom to be used for this program and provided snacks for monthly teachers' coffees.

The school's media specialist and an Altrusan designed an out-of-school experience for students who visited a local preschool, read, and gifted 30 books to the little ones they met there.

Included are pictures of Nancy Simms, our Service Project Chair with Forsyth County School Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Bearden; Altrusans painting the classroom and students reading to preschoolers.



Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Ocala, FL

By Maclyn Walker, Club President

Altrusa of Ocala Celebrates 45th Anniversary

The Ocala Chapter celebrated 45 years as a chartered Altrusa International club on March 4th, 2023 during the 7th Annual Trivia Night fundraiser. Over 100 people joined the festivities for an evening of fun, great food, and friendly competition. Charter members who remained in the club since its inception, Frances Ferguson, Carol Trow, and Juanita Cunningham, were recognized for their leadership and commitment to Altrusa and a better community. Members were saddened by Carol's passing a few weeks following the event.

Deeply concerned by the high rates of illiteracy in Marion County, Florida, a diverse group of professional women gathered in 1977 to create a new service club, Altrusa International of Ocala. Close to a year later, the new club received its Charter on February 10th, 1978. Hundreds of projects that made a difference in our community have been completed over the years. A sample of our current projects includes grants for teachers and classrooms to improve literacy and education outcomes for student; the Juanita Cunningham bookshelf located at Tools4Teachers that is stocked with books for public school instructors; the Nancy Jones Eyeglasses for Children program that purchases glasses for low-income children; a shoe drive for students at the College Park Partnership school for children who can't afford new shoes; and many more. The club also sponsors two Astra Clubs at local high schools, has established several Little Free Libraries, and installed Born Learning Trails.

Funding for projects is generated by Altrusa of Ocala's signature event, Trivia Night. Teams compete for bragging rights and to win baskets of books for their favorite elementary or middle school. Adding to the fun (and profitability), club members donate silent auction items and themed baskets that are awarded through drawings. Plans are already in place for the 8th annual Trivia Night in 2024.



Ocala Chapter Charter member Frances Ferguson at the 45th Anniversary Celebration.

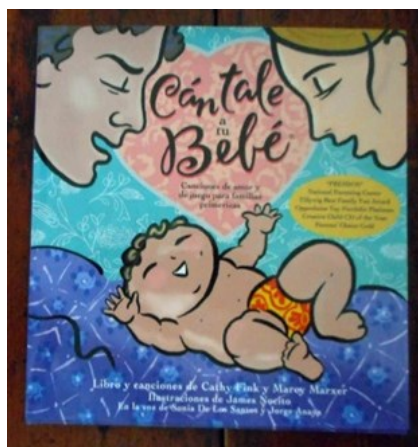
Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Raleigh NC

By Jane Gray and Dolores Hall, Co-Presidents

Our Year in Review, 2022–2023

Altrusa International of Raleigh, N.C. had a stellar year. We were extremely fortunate to have both Governor Shannon and Director Nancy Shumaker visit our club in August and September, respectively. They helped us with two of our hands-on projects. As an expansion of one of those, Sweeter Dreams, we applied for and received a \$2,500 grant from the Altrusa International Foundation. This project provides baby items and board books to new mothers in support of literacy, beginning at an early age. (See page 25 of the Summer 2022 DSB for more information about the club visits and the project.)



Book Cover



Club member John (aka "Grumpy") Clauser holding a copy of the book

Speaking of literacy, in support of the One Million Books Service Challenge, we were fortunate to obtain a large supply of books from the N.C. Office of Archives and History. On September 15, 2022, three club members picked up 224 books. *Cántale a tu Bebé* (Sing to your Baby), written in both English and Spanish, encourages mothers to communicate with their babies through singing or reading the song lyrics, so they were a perfect fit for our Sweeter Dreams project.



Jane Gray and Jane Schwartz The newly filled shelves organizing the books

A new literacy project this year was to collect books for a library at Family Promise of Wake County, an agency that works to house homeless families. On March 15, club members Jane Gray and Jane Schwartz worked diligently to organize the children's books and place them on shelves.



Our primary community service project, through Urban Ministries of Wake County, is to volunteer twice a month at the food pantry, provide quarterly meals at the shelter for homeless women (Helen Wright Center), and cover the Open Door Clinic reception desk. We received a certificate of appreciation in August acknowledging our Legacy Status.

Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Raleigh NC Cont.

By Jane Gray and Dolores Hall (Co-Presidents),

Our Year in Review, 2022–2023 Cont.

In membership news, we were excited to learn that Henri Dawkins was granted emeritus status in December. She recently turned 99 years young! She has been a dedicated member since 1996. Another milestone for our club is that we increased our membership by 19%, with a net gain of three new members.



Henri hard at work culling records



*Lida Coffman, Kelly Stewart, and Natalie Stewart
Raleigh's newest members*

At our May meeting, Donna Kelly, immediate past president, installed the new officers using an installation ceremony about the importance of Words. Two of our newest members (Lida and Natalie) agreed to serve as vice president and director, respectively.



*Jane Gray & Dolores Hall, Co-Presidents Natalie Stewart ,Director
Lida Coffman, Vice President and Jane Schwartz, Secretary*

Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of St. Augustine, FL

By Mimi Cooper, Club Secretary

Altrusans and Head Start Families Celebrate Earth Day and Literacy

What a fun morning Altrusans had on April 22nd celebrating Earth Day and Literacy with the St Johns County Head Start Families and Staff at Breakfast in the Park.



Altrusans read the book 'Little Marigold' by Victoria Reynolds to the children. In this story, Marigold becomes sad and lonely after she compares herself to the other flowers in the garden. Then a visit from Mother Nature changes everything. Little Marigold finds her gifts and her happiness too. We had a nice conversation with the children about how important everyone is.

Altrusans Virg White and Chris Plant

Read 'Little Marigold' to the Children

The children planted marigold seeds in biodegradable, corn plastic cups filled with soil. The children took their planted seeds home with them. We explained to the children that the corn plastic was very different from other plastics – the corn plastic cup decomposes in 100 days.

Catalina Planting Her Marigold Seeds



It was indeed a fantastic celebration of Earth Day and Literacy with wonderful Head Start Families and Staff; and, especially the Altrusans who joined in the celeb

The children also received personalized Earth Day coloring books and crayons. The pages in the coloring books had reminders for the children about the importance of protecting our environment – turning off the lights when leaving a room; using your own water bottle instead of bottled water.

Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of St. Augustine, FL Cont.

At the end of the morning we raffled off a basket with family board games, tag! swag, and a family membership to the tag! Children's Museum opening in the summer of 2024. The value of the basket was \$300.00. The basket had been part of the Silent Auction at our recent Fashion Show. The winner of the basket donated to the Head Start Program.



The Hutson Family Who Won the Basket, Altrusans, and Head Start Staff

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Club Service Projects and News

Altrusa International of Statesboro, GA

By Pamela Lavendar



It has been a busy semester for The Altrusa Club of Statesboro, Georgia! The month of March found members participating in Read Across America. Club volunteers read the Dr. Seuss Book, *Horse Museum*, to select K-4 classes and presented each child with a copy of the book. Pictured is Altrusan Martha Ray with students from Langston Chapel Elementary School.

It was a time of celebration as members gathered for an April birthday luncheon recognizing 40 years of service for the Statesboro Altrusa Club. During the celebration, the following service organizations received monetary donations from the club: Our Girls Rock Too!, Amazing Grace, Habitat for Humanity, Open Hearts Community Mission, Statesboro Soup Kitchen, Homebound Services and Esther's Place. Throughout this semester, members have supported hands on projects collecting personal care and clothing items for the following organizations: Hearts and Hands Clinic, Prevent Child Abuse, The Delores Barr Policy Center "See the Girl" project and a socks and underwear drive for Fostering Bulloch. Shown are Service Committee Members Martha Ray, Charlotte Edwards and Carol Case with items collected for Prevent Child Abuse Georgia.



It was all hands on deck during April as the Statesboro Altrusa Club partnered with Pittman Park Church to co-host our first rummage sale. The week-long event involving item intake, organization and day of sale culminated in proceeds totaling \$9,500, half of which will support literacy projects.

Shown are Club Co-President Gwen Yarbrough and Rummage Sale Chairman Karen Lavender.

The club also supports events hosted by our area Literacy Council. One such event was a Literacy Luau complete with festive luau decorations!

Altrusa volunteers hosted a booth and gave out copies of the book, *Limo, The Blue Turtle* to children at the event. Participants also created paper turtle crafts to take home as a souvenirs of this fun event!



Shown are members Carol Ruffo, Eileen Rice, Sandy Smith, Carrie Binns and Becky Holmes.



Members also supported Artsfest 2023 on the campus of Georgia Southern University. Altrusa volunteers provided a variety of craft activities in which attendees could participate while waiting their turn to board The Book Bus where they could each select a book to take home. Shown are members Debbie Vives and Carrie Vescio.