



Altrusa International

District Four Service Bulletin

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

Greetings District Four Altrusans,

Happy Fall Y'all! I hope you're enjoying pumpkins, sweaters, bonfires, beautiful leaves, and pumpkin spice everything! Winter will be here soon and bring chilly temperatures, gray skies, and very special festivities. During the holidays, we will gather with friends and family to exchange gifts, devour fabulous meals, and enjoy the fellowship. As we begin preparations for this season, take time to reflect on our many blessings, and please continue to participate in your service projects. Many of our community friends aren't as fortunate and would really appreciate a helping hand during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Things to do in 22:

As we enter the new year, please include the following:

Make plans to attend the District Four Conference in Greenwood, MS. The conference committee is working diligently to ensure the conference is informative and fun.

Make sure that your clubs are recognized for their dedication and hard work by submitting entries for awards by the deadline dates.

Make a donation of \$100 to the District Four Foundation and become a VIP. The foundation relies on our donations to fund the grants needed for service projects.



Fall workshops were recently conducted in Chattanooga and Enterprise. Several members attended and were enthusiastic to learn and share ideas with their fellow Altrusans. For those unable to attend, links to the workshop presentations are available on the District Four Facebook page. If you choose to view the presentations, please consider making a donation to the district. You will also notice a new QR code on our Facebook page. Please use your smart phone camera to see where it will take you. You will be impressed with all the information you will find about Altrusa. A big **Shout Out** to District Four Communications Committee for setting this up and moving the district forward into the digital age.

A Governors Disaster Relief Fund request was submitted to the International Foundation to aid relief efforts in Thibodaux, Louisiana, after Hurricane Ida. A grant in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded to Bayou Beouf Elementary School to purchase school supplies that were lost to flooding. The grant approval was announced at a meeting of parents and community volunteers who were discussing ways to help the school. The attendees were so impressed with Altrusa's generosity that they wanted to know more about our great organization. Word grew within the community, and Gillian Allen has been extremely busy recruiting and completing applications. I am excited to announce that Altrusa International of Thibodaux, Louisiana, now has 17 members, and anticipates having their charter by year end.

Let's continue with our biennium theme of "Volunteer State of Mind" by volunteering to chair a service project or fundraiser for your club, volunteering to serve as an officer in your club, and continuing to recruit new members to make your club and the district stronger.

On behalf of the District Four Board of Directors, I want to wish each of you a wonderfully blessed holiday season. Thank you for your dedication to Altrusa. Your acts of benevolence in your communities are greatly appreciated.

In Altrusa Service,
Susie Quillen

A message from our new International President Kathy Folley



Welcome all Altrusans as we begin our journey into a brand new biennium. To say I am excited is an understatement. I am excited to be given the opportunity to work alongside our new leadership team as we set out to accomplish our goals and vision for the biennium. I am also excited to be given the opportunity to work with our International Foundation and our amazing Staff. I am eager, thrilled and extremely honored to be serving as your International President.

During the last biennium we encountered several challenges due to the pandemic shutdown, but we weren't stopped not in the least. We saw the challenges, we addressed them, and we moved forward as only Altrusans can do! And just as we saw great things happen during the last biennium, we are anticipating more greatness in the coming two years. BECAUSE WE ARE ALTRUSANS!

Because we are Altrusans, when we see a need we come together and we address it. That's why the biennium theme I have chosen is "United we can ..."

By uniting together ...

... we can identify and foster future leaders

... we can enhance our focus on literacy and serve our communities

... we can grow our membership by sharing the gift of Altrusa

... we can connect with our membership through various kinds of communication whether in person or through electronic means

... we can work with our youth to bridge the gap between Altrusa and ASTRA

... we can grow through our association with the United Nations

... we can highlight our strength through proper parliamentary procedures, legal issues and knowledge of our Bylaws and Policies

By uniting together and working as one, we can accomplish greatness! Alone we can do little but together there is no end to what we can achieve!

But we cannot accomplish greatness unless our goals are clear. We must be clear in our vision, our goals, and our plans. We must be informed, engaged, and inspired at all times to make our Clubs, our Districts and our Association successful. Sometimes this may involve change .. bold change! If so we will address it, access it and move forward as we have done for the last 104 years. Because we are Altrusans!

..... and so the journey begins!

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District Four

Mid Year

Board Report

The mid-year board meeting was held in Greenwood, MS, on September 18, 2021, with all board members in attendance. District Four business was conducted and included the typical agenda items – financial and membership reports, International update, foundation report, and club visits.

We also finalized the plans for the Fall Workshops and discussed board member responsibilities. The board is committed to working diligently on revitalization of clubs under charter strength. We are still reviewing the bonding of board members and have contacted multiple agencies to obtain the most economical policy.

New business included adding a new Social Media Award, which you will see more about in this DSB; as well as developing an Internet Access Policy.

The 2022 Conference Chairs, Robyn Thornton and Pat Gulledge, President and Vice President respectively of the Greenwood, MS club, joined the board and presented the conference plans. The conference facilities were toured. The proposed conference budget was reviewed and updated.

~Susie Quillen



2022 District Four Conference

Greenwood, Mississippi

April 21-24, 2022



Greenwood, MS – There’s North, South, East, and West ... & then there’s the Delta. We all know what “delta” means as a geographic term; but in Greek it means “difference, and there is definitely something awesomely different about the Delta and the people who live here.

Greenwood, once the cotton capital of the world, is now home to many wonderfully talented people – some actors, artists, potters, and singers just to name a few. With so many cultural events to offer here, don’t be surprised to find John Grisham signing at Turn Row books or Morgan Freeman attending one of the many plays performed at Greenwood Little Theatre. Our town has hosted and /or sponsored such activities such as: 300 Oaks Road Race; Alzheimer’s’ Walk; Bikes, Blues & Bayous Cycling Event; Hot Air Balloon Festival; Witches’ Run, and River to Rails BBQ Fest. We are steeped in history as evidenced by the Tallahatchie Flats, the Blues Trail Perhaps you might be fortunate to catch one of our bi-annual Chorale performances or find yourself strolling through the Museum of the Mississippi Delta or touring the many different homes where The Help was filmed. Greenwood has really become a weekend destination for people worldwide.

The 2022 Conference will be held at Episcopal Church of the Nativity, 401 Howard Street, Greenwood, MS. The dates for the conference are April 21-24, 2022.

Friday night’s festivities will be a fun event and include entertainment. This will be held at the Museum of the Mississippi Delta, 1608 Highway 82W, Greenwood, MS. We will be able to take a tour of the Mississippi Delta’s rich history, dine on our locally farmed fried catfish, and fellowship with wonderful entertainment.

Most of the conference will be held at the Episcopal Church that continues the rich history of Greenwood. The church was established in 1881, and the facilities have been well maintained to preserve the beautiful craftsmanship.

We look forward to sharing Greenwood with all our fellow Altrusans, and we hope you will find Greenwood as special as we do.



68th Annual District Award Submissions

The deadlines for the 68th Annual Awards submissions are drawing near.
Below are the contacts and addresses for award submissions.

February 14, 2022 due date:

(Please submit 3 hard copies and/or a digital copy for each of the following awards)

Mamie L Bass Service Award

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Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International International Relations Award

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March 1, 2022 due date:

(Please submit 3 hard copies and/or a digital copy for each of the following)

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The Social Media Award will be presented for the first time at the District Four Conference in Greenwood, Mississippi

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD – Judging Criteria and Score Sheet

(At this time, the “Social Media Award” is limited to Public Altrusa Facebook Pages. Pages will be judged for content for one calendar year – March 1, 2021 thru February 28, 2022)

Altrusa International of _____
 Social Media Page Link: _____
 Social Media Editor/Chair (Name & Email): _____

Total Points = 100 Points

Initial View– 30 Points

	Points	Earned
• Public Club Page (instead of Private Club Page and/or Club Group)	6	_____
• Cover Image	6	_____
• Profile Picture	6	_____
• Meeting Information	6	_____
• Average Number of Posts (1-5 Posts=2 points, 5-10 Posts=4 points, 11+ posts = 6 points)	6	_____

About Section– 35 Points

	Points	Earned
• Club Description (with Mission Statement)	8	_____
• Contact Information (Phone/Email)	6	_____
• Current Club Officers/Board (Names)	5	_____
• Details of Club Projects/Events	8	_____
• Category (Community and/or Non-Profit Organization)	4	_____
• Links to other Social Media (if applicable)	2	_____
• Website URL (if applicable)	2	_____



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Miscellaneous - 25 Points	Points	Earned
• Pictures - Do posted pictures have descriptions?	10	___
• Is Facebook page verified - Click on settings at top of your page. From General, click Page Verification. Click Verify this Page.	5	___
• Engagement (Likes, Comments, Shares, etc.)	5	___
• Apps - If installed, are they actively being used? Examples include: Videos, Events, Notes, etc.	5	___
Reviews - 10 Points	Points	Earned
• Reviews turned on	3	___
• Average score	3	___
• Club responses to reviews	4	___
Total Social Media Points	100	___

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Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.

Grant Recipients~ October 2021

Altrusa of Jack, Alabama

Altrusa Community Libraries \$1500

Altrusa of Enterprise, Alabama

Stuff the Bus 2.0 \$4000

~Meet the District Four Foundation Trustee Nominees~

~Sue Ellen Gibson~

Sue Ellen Gibson is an active member of the Boaz, Alabama Altrusa Club. She has served in a variety of roles including Club President and Vice President as well as the Service Committee, Gala Committee, and Membership Committee. She has also served District Four as the Archive Committee Chair and Service Chair,

Sue Ellen feels very strongly about Altrusa, the principles Altrusa stands for, and helping others in her community. She has made many friends in Altrusa and enjoys her work to the fullest.

She is a wife of 45 years. She is the proud mother of 2 sons and grandmother to 2 grandsons. Prior to retiring, Sue Ellen taught for 42 years in from kindergarten through elementary school. She continues to teach reading to young learners by volunteering with third graders two times per week.



~Sharon Sessions~

Sharon Sessions became a member of Altrusa International of Enterprise in 1995. She has served as Club President, committee chair for the Service and Membership Committees several times, and chaired numerous subcommittees. I am active in my local club projects and enjoy giving back to our community. At the District level, Sharon has served as Membership Chair and Director.

Sharon was married to her husband Johnny for fifty years. She has three daughters, twelve grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Prior to her retirement, Sharon worked at the Enterprise Career Center as a Career-Link Facilitator. Sharon worked with all learners-youth to adult- monitoring their progress from eligibility to college registration, to classroom training, to graduation, and on to employment.



~Marsha Padgett~

Marsha Padgett became a member of the Tupelo, Mississippi Altrusa Club in 2002. After the Tupelo Club disbanded in 2019, Marsha became a member of the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Altrusa Club.

Marsha has been married for 44 years to her high school sweetheart, Steve, and they now live in Pearl, Mississippi. They have 2 children: a very handsome dedicated son and wonderful talented daughter. She also has 3 beautiful granddaughters.

Prior to her retirement, Marsha worked in the floral industry for many years.



~Meet the District Four Nominating Committee Nominees~

~Suzanne Allred~

Suzanne Allred has been a member of Altrusa since 1996. She has served in a variety of positions with Altrusa of Boaz and later at the District Level. She became a Director and most recently served as District Four Governor. Other positions held during this time were Astra Chair, Nominating Committee, New Club Building Committee, and Membership Chair.

She has been married for 55 years and has one son and one daughter. She has 3 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, and 7 great grandchildren ages 5 years to 20 months. Suzanne is very active with her church, family and friends, and loves every minute of her work.



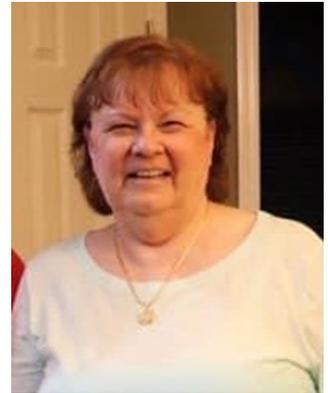
~Peggy Grubbs~

Peggy Grubbs is a member of Altrusa International of Anniston, Alabama. She has served in most club leadership roles including serving as president twice. At the District level, she has served as Membership Development Chair, Leadership Development Chair and Nominating Committee Chair. She was also a recipient of the 2019 District Four Outstanding Altrusan of the Year award. Her regular attendance at meetings, participation in club projects, acceptance of committee assignments and support of her fellow club officers and committees are evidence of her commitment to Altrusa.



~Nadine Cloute~

Nadine has been a member of the Nashville Altrusa Club since 2006. Nadine has served four 2-year terms as Club President (8 years total) and is currently "acting" treasurer. She chairs several committees including the Fundraising Committee so she is in charge of ordering the nuts for her club's fall fundraiser, the plants for the spring fundraiser and all items for the Seniors Living at Home service project which the Nashville Club has supported for many years. The Nashville Altrusa Club is down to five members so Nadine can be found serving in a variety of roles and wearing many hats. In addition to her duties at the local level, Nadine recently served as the Communications Chair for District Four.





DISTRICT FOUR FOUNDATION NEWS



2022 FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we will be accepting grant applications in 2022 from Altrusa Clubs within District Four.

What you need to know:

- Grants are for a group service project in your local community service area.
- Clubs applying for the grant must complete the application and include a project budget.
- Applicants may apply for up to a \$1,000 grant.
- Judges will only review appropriately submitted applications. If you have questions about the application process, please email dffoundationchair@gmail.com.
- Grant applications must be posted/emailed by February 14, 2022
- every active club in District Four is eligible to apply ;
- Grant awards will be announced at the Altrusa District Four Conference in Mississippi in 2022.



SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are on Facebook, please look for the District Four Foundation page and **LIKE and SHARE** it with you friend, family and other Altrusa members! when posting about District Four Foundation events and stories, please use our hashtag:

#D4Foundationgiving



GROWTH

The District Four Foundation Board is excited to work with you in the coming year. We have had some planning meetings, and we are looking forward to offering you more opportunities to receive grants, give, and communicate the good things Altrusa does for the world! A few things to look forward to:

- Electronic giving
- Creative and fun Fundraising
- VIP Benefits

Thanks for your generosity and support!

#D4Foundationgiving

What better way to spend the weekend than with Altrusa Sisters. Choosing Chattanooga was a good choice; sharing and being involved was even better. We had 19 Altrusans present from Tennessee and Alabama, and Louisiana. We discussed the importance of membership recruitment and retention to the clubs and the district. What does your club do to recruit new members? Do you offer special information to be used by your members to promote Altrusa when they meet someone who may be interested? Do you provide updated material at events? You can mail a warm call letter to businesses in town asking about potential new members. Check your local newspaper and send a congratulatory letter to people in your community. Be sure to invite them to a meeting or ask them to assist with an upcoming project.

Another segment at Workshop was 12 Ways to Keep an Altrusan, which addressed questions and concerns faced in our clubs. The ideas included, keeping members informed, keeping in touch, mentoring and helping them grow, make members feel important and useful. Complement and congratulate them for an accomplishment, put a column in your club newsletter highlighting them as a new member. Encourage members to get involved on the club level by participating in service and fundraising projects, and on the district level by attending conferences and workshops. They will meet and make new friends, and the involvement will encourage membership in Altrusa for many years to come.

Service Chair, Sue Gibson, discussed literacy projects for District Four. Will you be the key to unlock literacy in your community? Our International President, Kathy Folley, has made literacy the focus of her biennium with the service project "One Book at a Time". Each club has been challenged to donate 500 books and 500 hours of community service over the biennium. Our International goal is to distribute one million books or service to our communities within this biennium.

District Four Fall Workshop

~Chattanooga, Tennessee~



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Linda Johns, District Four Days for Girls Liaison, presented information about this International project. “Days for Girls” is one of the most important projects we can do for girls and women in 3rd world countries. This one effort you do as an Altrusan gives them so much and is so useful in their lives. Days for Girls provides reusable feminine hygiene kits, allowing girls to go to school and women to continue caring for their families, without fear of being exiled from their homes. They can be forced to remain in a dirty shed or just sitting on a piece of cardboard out in the open, risking sickness, diseases, and abuse during the days of their menstrual cycle. Days for Girls also offers an educational program for both the male and female populations of these countries, to remove misinformation about the female reproductive system.

So, if you have a seamstress ask her to dust off her sewing machine and put it to use. If you don’t sew, you can always make monetary donations or purchase the proper materials used in making the kits and offer it to clubs that do.

Gillian Allen, District Four Communications Chair, asked the final question is ...“Are You Smarter Than Your Smartphone? There are many of us that can truly say NO! How do I silence my phone? What is an app and what do I do with that? My battery is dying and I need power fast... what can I do? Tag someone??? How do you do that? Read QR codes, shop online, get directions, or “Oh no! My car broke down !!! Now what??? I am sure there are many more questions people have and maybe (like me) have to ask for help! So pick up your phone and call someone who does know! You may not be as smart as your smartphone, but you can learn to make it do more for you.

So to wrap it up... we missed you at workshop, and you missed out on a good time with your fellow Altrusans. If you were unable to attend, but would like to present the workshop for your club, contact Governor Susie Quillen to purchase workbooks for everyone.

We hope to see you in Greenwood, MS, on April 21-25, 2021 for the district conference. The hotel is great, and the venue for the conference is beautiful. The Greenwood members are working hard to make sure you enjoy the conference.

~Suzanne Allred

**Saturday mornings are better
with shopping and friends!**

This past Saturday, October 23rd, eleven Altrusans from Alabama and Louisiana met to learn something new, and do a little shopping, at the Enterprise Farmers Market for the second of two workshops being held in District Four. Ann Gilbreth, District Four Director from Fort Payne, AL, helped us work on our MEMBERSHIP. Sharon Session, from Enterprise, AL, updated us on Days for Girls, with the help of Nicole O'Brien, District Four DSB Editor, who has personal experience with this organization through her local church. We explored a twelve-step (or month) strategy on retaining our members. We learned about International President Kathy Folley's "One Book at a Time" program. Both of which were presented by myself. We learned that we can be "Smarter than our Smart Phones" from Gillian Allen, District Four Communication Chair from Thibeaux, Louisiana. But mostly, we were able to be with fellow Altrusans. A big thank you to all those who attended, not only the Enterprise workshop, but Chattanooga's also.

If you missed the workshops and would like to view them, they can be found on Gillian's YouTube Channel for your viewing.

We look forward to seeing each of you in Greenwood, MS this April.

~Pam Grantham

**District Four Fall Workshop
Enterprise , Alabama**



District Four Governor Elect Jennifer Gatlin was recognized for her recent Summa Cum Laude graduation from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Hello to all Altrusa Members!

My name is Malia Wyatt from Clarksville, Tennessee, and I am serving as your 1st Vice Governor over the next biennium. It is an exciting time to be an Altrusan and I look forward to serving in this position during my term. I had the pleasure of attending the fall workshop that was presented in Chattanooga TN on Saturday October 16, 2021 and what a wonderful workshop it was! Each of the speakers gave wonderful presentations and it was a special treat to hear Gillian Allen who came all the way from Thibodaux Louisiana to speak on her topic of how best to connect using social media. I am thankful to have been able to attend, traveling from Clarksville with my fellow Altrusans Jackie Adams, and Audra Rozar. I am also thankful for the beautiful community of fellow Altrusans who made the effort to attend as well. It is at these events we really get a chance to connect with each other and the energy in the room always lights me on fire to come home with all I've learned to share with my other club members. It is an opportunity to be in the presence of great energy, which inspires me to continue doing everything in my power to support and uphold our Altrusa traditions.

Serving with "A Volunteer State of Mind"
I want to wish each of you a very safe and warm holiday season!

Malia E. Wyatt
1st Vice Governor
Altrusa District Four



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Thoughts, Ideas and Information About...

Membership and New Club Building

As your Chairperson for Membership and New Club Building, I would like to encourage you to invite a guest to every meeting. People say they don't know that many people! You come into contact with potential members every day, whether it's your beautician, the cashier at the grocery store, a clerk in a department store, your child's teacher, the bank teller, or a random person in the checkout line. Wear your Altrusa shirts or jackets anytime. Don't save them for service projects. If someone asks "What is Altrusa? or "I've never heard of them", your door just opened to tell them.

Does your club do business cards or postcards with meeting information printed on them? How about a brochure to carry in your purse or car? These are just a few ideas, there are many more on the Altrusa website. You can log into Altrusa.org as follows: username: Altrusan password: MamieLethaNina1917 You will find answers to most all questions. Just choose a folder and read all about it. If you need assistance, please contact me.

Has your club ever considered building a new club? Maybe a member is moving to a new town and they don't have an Altrusa Club there. Your club can help to build one! Maybe there is a nearby town that would be a great place to start a new club. Visit the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, or local newspaper to request a list of businesses who may be interested in assisting you. They may offer names of employees who have are interested in volunteering. They may want to sponsor employees who would represent their business while participating in community service projects. It only takes 15 people to charter a new club. Altrusa International offers seed money to the Club in Formation for each five affiliate members who have paid their District and International dues. This assists with expenses during the formation period.

So, think about that! Charter a new club, help other men and women see what a reward it can be to organize that new club and learn the joy and satisfaction of helping others in their communities! So call me, Altrusans, I can help!

OH, BY THE WAY.... Have you heard? We will have a new club in District Four soon. Altrusa International of Thibodaux, La., will be chartering soon! We are so excited to have them. One of their many service projects will be providing school supplies for teachers and students at Bayou Boeuf Elementary School. These classroom materials were destroyed by flood waters after Hurricane Ida caused a levee to breach.

We wish them much success with this new club. I am sure we will be hearing a lot from the members in Thibodaux. La. Many thanks to Gillian Allen, a new resident and a member from Texas who wanted to keep Altrusa strong and active in her new hometown.

FYI... it is customary when a new club is chartered in your District to send them cards or congratulatory letters. Monetary gifts are appreciated and will help the club finance their service projects, until they can conduct a fundraiser on their own. You may also choose to attend the Charter Ceremony and welcome them in person.

~Suzanne Allred

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Welcome!

Welcome!

Welcome!

We are honored to welcome these new members to Altrusa International District Four. We are excited you have become Altrusans and share our enthusiasm for literacy. Your desire to serve in your communities will change countless lives.

Boaz:

Jean Head

Enterprise:

Sidney Gilley
Beverly Hudson
Jenny Holley

Greater Gadsden:

Nancy Bolton

Jack:

Beverly Boutwell
Kinley Kelley
Jessica Lambert

Oak Ridge:

Christine Michaels
Molly Jawdy

Thibodaux (club in formation):

Tiffany Percie
Samantha Odroyne
Grant Odroyne
Nola Matherne
Betsy Matinez
Delores Halbach
Blair Dufresne
Kandy Cortez
Chrissy Chauvin
P Nicolle Borne
John Clifford Allen
Jackie Spahr

~ASTRA~

ASTRA is one of Altrusa's greatest assets. Through ability, service, training, responsibility, and achievement, ASTRA girls promote not only their own mission, but also contribute greatly to their sponsoring Altrusa clubs. By partnering with their Altrusa clubs, ASTRA clubs can achieve even more in their communities. If your Altrusa club doesn't sponsor an ASTRA club already, I encourage you to consider organizing and eventually chartering a club during this biennium. As ASTRA members become adults, they can also become valuable Altrusa members. If you already sponsor an ASTRA club, utilize this valuable resource to help promote your literacy and service projects. In fact, allow your ASTRA girls to help with International President Kathy Folley's initiative to collect 500 books per club and/or 500 service hours over the next two years. "Grow in Service" with ASTRA!

~Britley Parker, District Four ASTRA Chair



~New Emeritus Member~

Congratulations to our new Emeritus Member, Dorothy Senn! The Board of Directors has recently approved the request for Emeritus Membership for District Four.

Dorothy Senn, Oak Ridge, TN, club has been an active member of Altrusa for 43 years. She has been a member since 1977, and has served as President of her club, Programs Committee Chair, and Altrusa Information Chair. She has served on the International Relations Committee, Scholarship Committee, Vocational Services Committee, Literacy Committee, Telephone Courtesy Committee, and Membership Committee. Dorothy has assisted with the club's auction fundraiser and served as the Corresponding Secretary. She chaired the Publicity Committee when Oak Ridge hosted the District Four Conference in 1991. Unfortunately, Dorothy has been experiencing ongoing health issues, which have made it difficult to attend meetings.

~Susie Quillen

2021 Update
Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations (BRR)

by Beth Hickman, District BRR Chair

As you know, a number of changes to the Altrusa International, District and Club Bylaws were up for a vote at the 2021 Altrusa International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. The proposed Bylaw amendments, as listed in the 2021 International Altrusan, were all approved at the 2021 Convention, with only one slight modification to the language of one proposed amendment made during the Convention business meeting. A number of these amendments addressed the need to provide electronic means for attendance, elections and Board business at International Conventions, District Conferences and Club meetings, as well as business items at Board meetings at all three levels, when a state of emergency makes holding in-person meetings impractical. The rest of the amendments were designed to clean up and make terms consistent throughout the documents.

The changes approved at the International Convention encompassed the following:

~Language was added to allow for electronic means for International Convention and International Board meeting attendance and elections (Article VI, Sections 3 and 6); for District Conferences and Board meeting attendance (Article VI, Sections 1, 7) and Club & Club Board meeting attendance (Article VII, Sections 1, 4, 5, X, Section 1).

~Adds language that International Board and the Executive Committee may take action by written ballot (Article VIII, Sections 1 & 4; IX, Section 4); with similar language for District Boards (Article VIII, Sections 1, 2, 4; XI, Section 2(a), (b), (c)) and Club Boards (Article X, Section 4). Change to language regarding term of office for International officers when holding an in-person Convention is impractical (Article XI, Sections 2(b), 6(b)(ii) and (c)); with similar language for District officers (Article XI, Section 1(c)) and Club Elections (Article XIII, Section 1(a) & (c)). Adds section regarding a quorum for Club Board meetings (Article X, Section 3).

~Removes BRR Committee as an exception to the committees appointed by District Governor because it is now considered a special committee and is appointed by the Governor (Article XII, Section 2 (b)).

~Brings language in Dues and Fees in line with current procedures (Article XV, Sections 2(a) and (b)).

~Change to language relating to Club Board of Directors meetings to remove restriction to a specific day of the month, allowing the Board to determine the best time to schedule its monthly meetings. (Article X, Section 1).

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~Change to language to provide that Club officers and directors are to serve the term for which they are elected to bring in line with prior amendments that provided Clubs can choose either one or two -year terms. (Article XIII, Section 1(a)).

~Adds the option for Clubs to create their own Standing committees (Article XIV, Section 1(b)). The updated bylaws have been posted on the International website. All Clubs should download and update their Bylaws accordingly. Simply add your Club name (Article I, Section 1), meeting dates (Article VII, Section 1), and composition and tenure of your Board of Directors (Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2) into the template.

If a change is being made to your meeting dates that is different than cited in your current Bylaws, or any other change to the model form is needed, please follow the provisions of Article XIX and, once approved by your club, send them to Beth Hickman (beth4altrusa@gmail.com), District Four BRR Chair for review by the District BRR committee per Article XIX.

District Officers, District Committee Chairs, Past Governors, Clubs, and individual members are invited to submit proposals for changes or additions to the Bylaws, Resolutions or Recommendations to the District BRR Committee Chair no later than January 1, 2022.

All proposals should include:

- *A history with background and rationale;
- *An implementation date;
- *A list of all articles, bylaws, or policies affected by the proposed article, bylaw, resolution or recommendation;
- *Fiscal impact, if any;
- *The suggested motion.

All proposals submitted will appear in the District Four Call to Conference. The BRR Committee shall conduct a briefing on all proposals prior to the first business session at which the proposals will be considered at the District Four Conference. All District Four members will have the opportunity to review these proposals and discuss at the club level. Conference delegates will be responsible for representing their clubs during the deliberation and voting on these proposals. All proposals that are approved during the District Four Conference will be submitted to Altrusa International for consideration at the International Convention in 2023.

If you or any members of your club would like to submit one or more proposals to be considered by the voting delegation at the District Four Conference, email them to me no later than January 1, 2022. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at beth4altrusa@gmail.com.

~Beth Hickman

~Club News~

~Jack, Alabama

Over the last couple of weeks, Altrusa of Jack has been hard at work. First, in September our club made new member initiation a family affair. Altrusa of Jack welcomed two new members Jessica Lambert, sponsored by her sister-in-law Laura Jordan, and Kinley Kelly, sponsored by her mother Britley Parker (in picture, left to right: Laura Jordan, Jessica Lambert, Kinley Kelly, and Britley Parker). Next on Saturday, October 2nd, Altrusa of Jack hosted their 18th Annual Jack Day Community Festival. The Jack Day Community Festival includes craft and food vendors, the Miss Sunflower Pageant, Reading Makes Cents, the Cow Patty Drop, a Classic Car Show, and more. This year our car show, showcased 80 cars, which is our largest show to date. Finally, our club members participated in Make a Difference Day this year by donating 60 books to the local Jack in the Box Daycare, which were delivered on Friday, October 22nd. Now, you know (what's going on in) Jack!!



~Club News~

~Enterprise, Alabama

Altrusa of Enterprise has been hard at work on a variety of projects in our community. In September we hosted our annual Taste of Coffee County. The event showcased local restaurants and our guests were able to sample food from every participating restaurant. We participated in the card drive for *A Soldier's Hands* and with the support of club members, our community, Girl Scout troops, and the students of club members we were able to send 372 cards which will be included in care packages to deployed service members. To support our local hospital staff and show our appreciation for their ongoing dedication, we have been sending treats and handwritten notes of encouragement each week.

We are looking forward to our next projects. We recently hosted a representative from Dolly Parton's Imagination Station who is working tirelessly to bring that program to our county. We are assembling care packages for local seniors in our community to bring cheer during the Holiday season.

We are so thankful for the grant we received from the Altrusa International Foundation for our *Stuff the Bus 2.0* project. Once again we will put supplies in every classroom in Enterprise.



ALTRUSA ELEVATOR SPEECH

How many of us have talked to someone about Altrusa, and are asked to explain the who and what about either or club or Altrusa as an organization?

Below are two elevator speeches from Altrusa.org to help with your explanation.

WHO IS ALTRUSA?

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We are civic-minded people who strive to create better communities worldwide.

WHAT DOES ALTRUSA DO?

Giving over 1 million volunteer hours annually, throughout 11 countries, our focus is Literacy along with specific projects unique to individual communities.

Source:
altrusa.org
Marketing Toolkit

Tools You Can Use

Altrusa Websites

International <https://www.altrusa.org/>

District Four <https://districtfour.altrusa.org/>

User name: Altrusan

Password: MamieLethaNina1917

Find Altrusa on Social Media:

International Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AltrusaInternationalFoundationInc>

District Four Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Districtfouraltrusa>

District Four Foundation Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/748771888475068>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AltrusaInternational>

Flickr (see the Idea showcase)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/altrusainternational>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/altrusa-international>

~Club News~

~Kingsport, Tennessee

The Kingsport Club participated in our first craft show, which utilize the talents of our crafty members. We had a great time and were able to raise some awareness of Altrusa and some money for our projects!



~Club News~

~Boaz, Alabama

In honor of Make A Difference Day, Altrusa of Boaz visited the House of Hope. This facility provides shelter for 18 women who have endured alcohol, drug, or physical abuse situations. After residing at House of Hope for 9 months, residents are guaranteed employment the next day at a local plant. Residents

receive assistance with transportation to work, course work, and support designed to help them reenter the work force and become independent. Altrusa of Boaz was pleased to provide lunch and an afternoon of fellowship with the residents.



Altrusa International of Gadsden, Inc.

On October 13, 2021, at the age of 52, we lost a very valuable member, Becky Snead, due to COVID. She had just been elected in June to be a Director of our club and was so excited to be selected for that position.

Becky had a dry wit, was very creative and loved being in the club. She was a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and our friend. She was on a ventilator and her heart and lungs were just too tired to go on.

She left behind her husband Chad of twenty five years in September, a daughter Kate, a junior at Auburn University, Kaela, a ninth grader at Westbrook Christian School, and a chosen twenty year old daughter, working in South Carolina. Becky was their biggest fan.

She is also survived by her mother and her two sisters. We will miss her but we know that she is present with the Lord

Becky Potter, President



Distinguished Clubs 2020-2021

Congratulations to the following clubs for being named Distinguished Clubs following the completion of the End of the Year report in June.

- *Anniston, Alabama
- *Boaz, Alabama
- *Clarksville, Tennessee
- * Oak Ridge, Tennessee

ALTRUSA SAMPLE of a 50 second PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL REACHES OUT TO NEW MEMBERS

Are you someone who knows the joy that comes with volunteerism? Do you want to serve your community more actively and make new friends? Altrusa International offers the perfect place to give and grow. Altrusa is an international non-profit organization dedicated to making our local communities better through developing leadership, fostering partnership, and delivering service. Last year Altrusa gave over a million volunteer hours in service to our local communities. Altrusa is actively looking for community minded. People like you to help do even more. From global organization efforts around literacy, the environment and AIDS, to local causes like (cause) and (cause), Altrusa International offers dozens of inspiring, rewarding ways to get involved. Altrusa. What a great investment of your time, energy and passion. Call (phone number) or check the website (web address) to learn more.

Source:
altrusa.org
Marketing Toolkit

Important Dates

International Day of Tolerance

~November 16

International Day of Elimination
of Violence

~ November 25

Thanksgiving Day

~ November 25

Hanukkah

~November 29-December 6

International Day of Persons
with Disabilities

~December 3

Human Rights Day

~December 10

Christmas Eve

~December 24

Christmas Day

~December 25

New Year's Day

~ January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

~January 17

District Four Awards Due

~February 14

District Four Awards Part 2 Due

~March 1

District Four Conference

~April 21-24

THE WORLD'S MOST TRANSLATED BOOKS

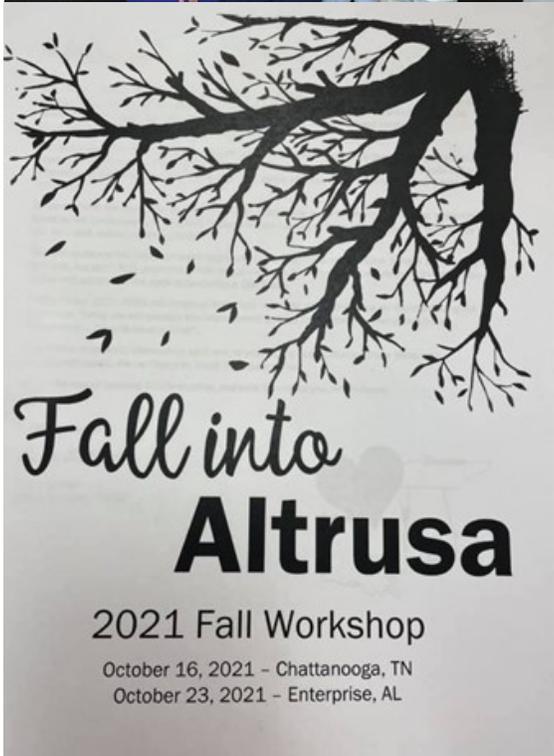
~Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

Below is a list of some of the most translated books in the world.

- The Little Prince ~ 253 translations
- Pinocchio~ 240 translations
- Pilgrim's Progress~ 200 translations
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland~ 174 translations
- Andersen's Fairy Tales ~ 159 translations
- Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea~ 148 translations
- The Adventures of Asterix~ 114 translations
- The Adventures of Tintin~ 112 translations
- The Alchemist~ 80 translations
- Pippi Longstocking ~ 70 translations
- Harry Potter ~ 67 translations
- The Diary of a Young Girl ~ 67 translations
- Nineteen Eighty-four ~ 65 translations
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn ~ 65 translations
- My Name is Red ~ 60 translations
- Sherlock Holmes ~ 60 translations
- Sophie's World ~ 60 translations
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar ~ 58 translations
- Things Fall Apart ~ 50 translations
- The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency ~ 45 translations

Find a complete list of the

50 Most Translated Books at ebookfriendly.com



The Newberry Award

First given in 1922, the John Newberry Medal, usually referred to as the Newberry, is given annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in English in the United States in the preceding year.

~Recent Winners~

2021 *When You Trap a Tiger*
by Tae Keller

2020 *New Kid*
by Jerry Craft

2019 *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*
by Meg Medina

2018 *Hello, Universe*
by Erin Entrada Kelly

2017 *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*
by Kelly Bamhill

2016 *Last Stop on Market Street*
by Matt De la Pena

2015 *The Crossover*
by Kwame Alexander

2014 *Flora and Ulysses*
by Kate DiCamillo

2013 *The One, and Only Ivan*
by Katherine Applegate

2012 *Dead End in Norvelt*
by Jack Gantos

Source: Association for Library Service to Children

The Caldecott Award

First awarded in 1938, the Randolph Caldecott Medal, usually referred to as the Caldecott, is awarded annually to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children in the preceding year by the Association for Library Service to Children.

~Recent Winners~

2021 *We Are Water Protectors*
Illustrated by Michaela Goade

2020 *The Undefeated*
Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

2019 *Hello Lighthouse*
Illustrated by Sophie Blackall

2018 *Wolf in the Snow*
Illustrated by Matthew Cordell

2017 *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*
Illustrated by Javaka Steptoe

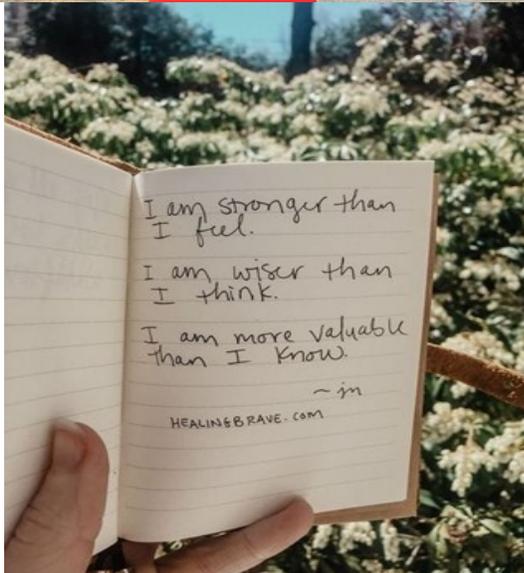
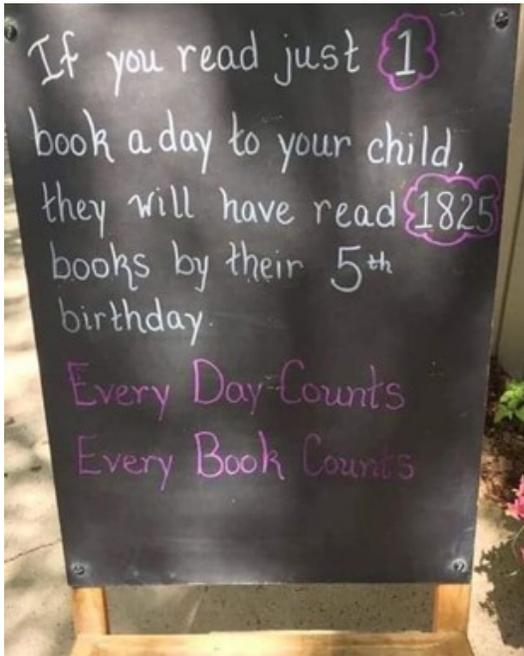
2016 *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*
Illustrated Lindsay Mattick

2015 *The Adventures of Beekle, the Unimaginary Friend*
Illustrated by Dan Santat

2014 *Locomotive*
Illustrated by Brian Floca

Source: Association for Library Service to Children





COMING SOON...

The next District Service Bulletin (DSB) will be coming to you in February 2022. The deadline for submitting information for the next edition is January 15, 2022.

Articles should be sent to Nicole O'Brien at dfdsbeditor@gmail.com. Please designate "DSB Article from (your club name)" in the subject line. If pictures are attached, please identify clearly the people in each photo.

Coming up:

The February 2022 issue will be the Call to Conference. We will include:

- ~Governor's Message
- ~New Members
- ~Nominating Committee-Trustee Candidates
- ~Important Dates
- ~News You Can Use

