



ECHOES OF KINDNESS: THE FRIENDSHIP BELL TOLLS

72ND ANNUAL ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT FOUR CONFERENCE
OAK RIDGE, TN
APRIL 16 - 19, 2026
HOSTED BY ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL
OF OAK RIDGE, TN





Dear District Four Altrusans,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, I want to thank each of you for the countless ways you serve your clubs, your communities, and one another.

Your dedication to service, leadership, and fellowship continues to make

District Four a place of purpose and heart.

A new year brings fresh opportunities to grow, connect, and be inspired—and

I am excited to invite you now to our 72nd Annual District Four Conference, to

be held on April 16-19th, 2026 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This gathering will

be a wonderful time to learn together, celebrate our accomplishments, share

ideas, and strengthen the friendships that make Altrusa so special.

Whether you are a long-time member or newly joined, the district conference

offers something for everyone—meaningful workshops, shared inspiration,

and the joy of coming together in service-focused fellowship. More details will

be shared soon, and I hope you will plan now to join us.

As we begin this new year, may we continue to sow seeds of kindness, support one another with grace, and move forward with renewed purpose.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

In Altrusa friendship and service,

Malia Wyatt

District Four Governor

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Dear Fellow Altrusans,

It is my great joy to welcome you to the 72nd Altrusa District Four Conference, hosted this year in the historic and inspiring city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Known as the “Secret City,” Oak Ridge is a place where innovation, resilience, and community spirit have shaped generations—and it is the perfect setting for us to gather in service and fellowship.

Our conference will be held April 17–18, 2026, with a warm and engaging welcome reception on April 16 at the American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE). I hope you’ll take time to explore this remarkable museum, which tells the story of Oak Ridge’s unique role in history and its ongoing contributions to science, energy, and discovery.

This year’s theme, “Echoes of Kindness: The Friendship Bell Tolls”, invites us to reflect on the lasting impact of compassion. Inspired by the beloved Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell, the theme reminds us that every act of kindness—large or small—creates ripples that strengthen our communities and deepen our bonds as Altrusans.

Our conference home, TownePlace Suites, places us just moments from the Friendship Bell itself. I encourage you to visit this beautiful symbol of peace and unity during your stay. Oak Ridge offers much to enjoy—scenic walking trails, inviting local restaurants, and a welcoming community eager to share its story with you.

Throughout the weekend, we will engage in meaningful business and leadership development as our delegates and alternates help shape the direction of District Four for the coming biennium. Your voices and your vision are essential to the continued strength of our district.

We are also honored to host an exceptional lineup of speakers whose work embodies service, leadership, and community impact:

- Chris DeVlieger, Altrusa International President and our International Representative
- Ram Uppuluri, community leader and advocate
- Rose Weaver, author, historian, and storyteller
- Cortney Piper, clean-energy leader and communications strategist

Samantha Berven
Conference Co-Chair





Award applications are due!

All award applications can be found at the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1p6fHR17EC>

[BJo0zRvIZvNmDKBhUYPXe03?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1p6fHR17EC)

**Don't miss
your club's
opportunity
to be
part of the
award
ceremonies
at
Conference!**

Outstanding Altrusan Award

Entries are due by February 14 and may be sent to:

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The Judy Atkinson Presidents Award

Entries are due by February 14, and may be sent to:

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AWARD SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 1, 2026:

BEST CLUB NEWSLETTER

Submit three (3) editions for a total of nine (9) newsletters published during the current membership year
(June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026).

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<https://app.box.com/s/q1pot2nnp5t56mxl7dqli2qoanb644yx/file/1419328434885>

BEST CLUB YEARBOOK

Submit three (3) copies of your current club yearbook to:

Laura Tolbert
3150 Fairview Rd
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Physical copies of your yearbook will not be returned – unless otherwise coordinated with the judge.

<https://app.box.com/s/q1pot2nnp5t56mxl7dqli2qoanb644yx/file/1419328434885>

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD

Clubs shall submit by March 1, 2026 – the link for their Club Social Media page, along with the name of the
Club’s Social Media Editor/Chair to:

Sidney Gilley
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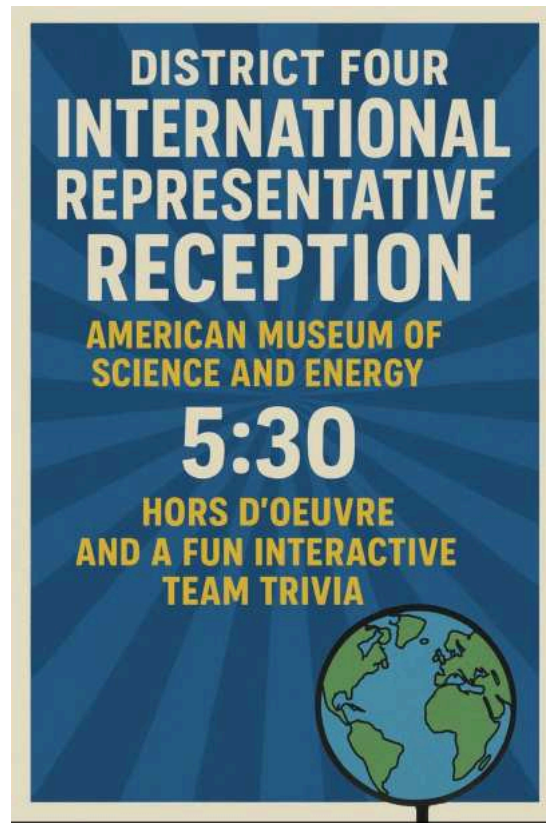
Submit any bylaw changes, resolutions or recommendations ninety (90) days prior to Conference.

Submit information to:

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Thursday, April 16, 2026

**Reception for Altrusa International President Chris Devlieger
American Museum of Science & Energy**



The American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE), originally named the American Museum of Atomic Energy, was established in 1949 in a former cafeteria building to provide educational programs focused on the Department of Energy's (DOE) past, present, and future missions. AMSE has been considered one of the top tourist attractions in the Knoxville area, and it attracts about 65,000 visitors per year. Among other activities, AMSE provides interactive curriculum-based classroom programs for school groups and STEM education programs. AMSE houses permanent and rotating exhibits, provides live demonstrations, hosts evening events, and holds spring, summer, and fall camp programs for students.

AMSE is also the starting point for bus tours of historic sites on the federal government's Oak Ridge Reservation, and it hosts the National Park Service (NPS) programs and events for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.



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Tentative Agenda

2026 District Four Conference

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

April 16 - 19, 2026

Thursday, April 16, 2026

1:00 pm-4:00 pm: District Four Pre-Conference Board Meeting

3:00-5:00 pm: Registration & Credentials

5:00 pm-5:30 pm : Expediter's Briefing

Flag & Banner Bearer's Briefing, Malia Wyatt

5:30 pm-7:00 pm: Reception for International Representative

Past Governors' Dinner

Friday, April 17, 2026

8:00 am-9:00 am: Registration, Credentials, Shopping, and Bidding

8:30 am-9:00 am: Flag & Banner Bearers line up

9:00 am-9:45 am: Day 1 Opening Session

10:00 am-10:30 am:Registration, Crededntials, Shopping, and Bidding

Brag Boards on Display, First Time Attendees Orientation

Delegates & Alternates Briefing

10:45 am-11:45 am: First Business Session

12:00 pm-1:30 pm: Literacy Luncheon

1:45 pm-2:15 pm: Incoming Presidents' Workshop, Incoming

Treasurers' Workshop, Incoming Secretaries' Workshop,

All Members' Workshop

2:30 pm-3:15 pm Workshop

3:30 pm: Free Time

6:00pm Friday Night Foundation Fun Night

Tentative Agenda

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Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:00 am-9:00 am: Registration, Credentials, Shopping, &
Bidding

9:00 am-10:00 am: Day 2 Opening Session

10:15 am-11:45 am: Second Business Session

12:00 pm-1:30 pm: Leadership Luncheon

2:00 pm-4:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

4:00 pm-6:00 pm: Free Time

6:00 pm: Governor's Banquet

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:00 am-11:00am District Four Post-Conference Board Meeting



**Brag Boards are your Club's opportunity to
show off all your amazing work this year!**

This year's theme is

“Our Club's Greatest Success Story”

Tri-fold boards are available at Dollar Tree,
Amazon, Wal-mart, etc. Fill your board with
photos and descriptions of your Club's work
and projects from the past year.

*Displays should be limited to the space within
your tri-fold board.*

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Boost for Books

In 2023, the State of Tennessee implemented the Third Grade Retention Law, requiring all 3rd graders to pass the Reading Proficiency exam before moving to 4th grade. Recognizing that strong classroom libraries were vital to help students in the early grades with foundational literacy, Altrusa International of Oak Ridge launched a new service project, called Boost for Books, in 2024. With the goal of helping all K-3rd grade teachers build their classroom libraries, we asked teachers to choose up to 25 specific books from the Recommended List approved by the school administration. This list of over 100 books per grade supported the curriculum being taught. So far, 32 of the 71 teachers in grades K-3 have submitted requests for books.

This spring will be our third year for Boost for Books. We are asking all Altrusans in District Four to help us continue with Boost for Books! To make it easy for Altrusans to participate, we have created an Amazon Book List of books requested by our teachers for Spring 2026.

While many of these titles are also available from a local Books-a-Million stores, you may also use the attached Amazon link to see books and pricing. To purchase one or more books, click on the Amazon link below, copy it and place in your browser:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AUNDGI5QGBN1?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_1&viewType=grid

It will open to our Amazon public wish list from which you can purchase books. It is being continually updated with new books as we get requests from teachers. You can:

- 1) purchase one or more books and bring it with you to the District Four Conference in April
- 2) As the Boost for Books chair you can send the book from Amazon to my shipping address which is:

Judy Gooch
18 Palisades Parkway
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

If you choose to ship your book choices, on the right column under the price, there is a small entry that says "Ship to Judy-Oak Ridge". If you click on that it will load my address.

I am a Amazon Prime member, so you will not be charged shipping. I will be collecting all the books that are shipped and bring them to the Altrusa District Conference!

Thank you!
Judy Gooch
Books for Books Chair
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Book your Room at this link

- Guest rooms = \$169.00 + Currently the State sales tax rate is 9.75%, and the hotel occupancy tax rate is 5% Oak Ridge City Tax and 4% Anderson County Tax but are subject to change based on state and local rates.
- Reservations by attendees must be received on or before March 17th.
- Breakfast complimentary for all hotel guests.

If calling the Hotel to book, attendees should let the front desk staff know that they are with Altrusa District Four Conference, and would like to book with the Altrusa Rate Code.

(865) 409-5059

The Rate Code is: ADFN

(If calling the hotel, please be sure to select "0" to be directed to Guest Services.)



Time to Turn in your Club's Delegates and Alternates for Conference!

Use the list below to determine your Club's eligibility for delegates and alternates:

- 15 members or less: 1 delegate and 1 alternate
- 15 to 30 members: 2 delegates and 2 alternates
- 31 to 45 members: 3 delegates and 3 alternates
- 46 to 60 members: 4 delegates and 4 alternates
- 61+ members: 5 delegates and 5 alternates

Remember to choose delegates and alternates who are not current members of the District Board or Past Governors to maximize your Club's voting power, because these individuals already have voting privileges.

Send the names of your Delegates and Alternates
by March 15th to:

Altrusa District Four Secretary Joy Vaughn
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Conference Service Project

The Blossom Center of Oak Ridge is a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 to provide extended care for children from low-income families ages six weeks to twelve years. Their vision is to “see that all children reach their full developmental potential so families and communities thrive. Conference attendees are asked to donate basic supplies for the program's arts and crafts center (crayons, markers, colored pencils and glue sticks).





Friday, April 17, 2026 Welcome to Oak Ridge



Hon. Mayor Warren Gooch
City of Oak Ridge

Katy Watt
Explore Oak Ridge

Literacy Luncheon, Friday, April 17th

Keynote: Rose Weaver Poet Laureate of Oak Ridge

Rose Weaver's passion for poetry began at Berea College, where her work was first published. Weaver has retired from a career at Union Carbide/Wackenhut Services and has become an active member of the Oak Ridge community. She serves on the Arts Culture and History Commission, the Scarborough Monument Committee and is writing a book on the Scarborough 85. Rose Weaver's poetry has been known to inspire others to see the world from different perspectives.



Shakitha E. Mckenzie to speak about Blossom Center

Shakitha E. Mckenzie is an Early Childhood Educator from Alabama. Ms. Mckenzie earned a bachelor's in Early Childhood Education from the University of Alabama. In the past, she taught for a preschool in Tuscaloosa, Alabama until her family relocated to the Knoxville area. Ms. Mckenzie is happy to be a part of the Blossom Center for Childhood Excellence family in Oak Ridge. After learning about the Blossom Center, she appreciated that the center has created a community within that reflects family. In doing that the program has a great relationship with a lot of organizations in the community that have helped them reach their goal of keeping a welcoming environment for the children. The center continues to incorporate cultures and values from enrolled families and organizations within the community to stay connected.



Judy Gooch, Boost for Books

Judy is an Altrusan and an Oak Ridge past president, and past president of Altrusa Oak Ridge Foundation. She was one of the original developers of the Boost for Books project and current chair of the committee. Judy is an interior designer and owner of Judy Gooch Interiors and happens to be married to the Mayor of Oak Ridge Service





Memorial, Saturday, April 18th, 9:00 am

Ram Uppuluri

Oak Ridge Friendship Bell

A. K. Bissell Park

1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN

Ram Uppuluri is a senior policy advisor and communicator with more than 30 years of experience in the U.S. government, local governments, and the nonprofit sector. He has developed innovative policy solutions, forged consensus among stakeholders, and led advocacy efforts in a variety of areas including the environment, energy, and education. He has a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University. He graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1979. Ram's parents Ram and Shigeko Uppuluri were instrumental in bringing the International Friendship bell from Japan to Oak Ridge to celebrate Oak Ridge's 50th birthday.



Leadership Luncheon,

Saturday, April 18th

Keynote: Chris DeVlieger,

Altrusa International President, 2025-27 Biennium

Chris DeVlieger has been a dedicated Altrusan since 2003 as a member of the Altrusa International Club of DeKalb County, Illinois. Over more than two decades, she has served in nearly every level of leadership within the organization. Her service includes two terms as Club President, twelve years on the District Six Board—including District Governor—and a distinguished progression through International leadership roles. She has served as International Director, Treasurer, Vice President, President-Elect, and now proudly serves as International President for the 2025–2027 biennium. Chris is also a committed supporter of the Altrusa International Foundation and is a Hofmeister Lamplighter.

Professionally, Chris brings over 36 years of human resources leadership experience, with expertise in team development, organizational change, and systems improvement. She is widely recognized for her ability to mentor, teach, and inspire others, and has presented leadership and professional development topics for schools, nonprofits, and Altrusa audiences across all levels.

For the past 14 years, Chris has served as a Volunteer Coordinator for one of the nation's largest Feed My Starving Children MobilePacks. Mark your calendar if you should be in northern Illinois the second weekend in November and call Chris. She will gladly put you to work along with over 5,000 other volunteers that weekend. In addition to Altrusa and Feed My Starving Children, Chris serves on multiple nonprofit boards and committees in her community.

Chris holds a bachelor's degree in Management & Leadership and has been an adjunct instructor on human resources. In 2007, Chris took her career to a higher level in human resources by becoming a certified Dream Manager. (Yes – Chris and her employees get paid to dream!) She is a certified Professional Life Coach, a Real Colors facilitator and a Ramsey Solutions Master Financial Coach, teaching Financial Peace University classes several times a year. Chris currently works fulltime as Vice President of Enrichment at The Suter Company in Sycamore, Illinois.

Chris and her husband, Steve, will celebrate 37 years of marriage this April. They have two adult children—Jordan and Emily (an Altrusan) and a son-in-law, Joe. Outside of her professional and volunteer commitments, Chris enjoys gardening, antiquing, reading, traveling, and spending time at her family's lake house in northern Wisconsin.

Chris looks forward to returning to District Four to reconnect and spend time with fellow Altrusans.

Awards Program, Saturday, April 18th

Cortney Piper owner, Piper Communications



In 2008, Cortney Piper founded Piper Communications at the height of the recession to provide strategic, public relations services for clients in the advanced energy and technology sectors. Her dedication and commitment to a job well done has allowed her firm to grow steadily, achieving meaningful results for local, regional, national and international clients. Never one to back down from a challenge, a client once referred to her as a “GSD’er.” In other words, she gets stuff done.

After running for a seat on Knox County Commission, Piper landed a spot as WATE-TV’s (ABC affiliate) political contributor, appearing weekly on Tennessee this Week and providing commentary on current news and events.

Piper’s energy expertise led her to launch the Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council (a 501(c)(3) organization) in 2014 and currently serves as the Executive Director, while

Piper Communications provides organization management. The organization champions advanced energy as an economic development and job creation strategy.

Governor’s Banquet, Saturday, April 18th

Entertainment: The Tru Tones

The Tru Tones are a jazz duo that performs regularly at 201 Cafe and Wine Bar in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. They are a featured act during the cafe's weekend jazz brunches and dinners.



You're Invited to the Bootleggers Ball!

Step back in time and join us for a roaring good evening at the Bootleggers Ball, a speakeasy-style celebration filled with moonshine, mischief, and vintage glamour.

Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Speakeasy (main ballroom)

Password for Entry: Kindness

Dress to Impress—Prohibition Style!

Channel your inner bootlegger, gangster, or think Bonnie and Clyde, come dressed to dazzle in your finest 1920s/30s attire. Think:

- For the dames: Wide-legged trousers with blouses, fur stoles or faux fur wraps, berets or tilted hats, pearls, gloves, and T-strap heels
- For the gents: Pinstripe suits, fedoras, suspenders, bow ties, and wingtip shoes
- For everyone: Bold accessories, dramatic makeup, and vintage flair encouraged!

Expect Moonshine & Entertainment

Sip on classic cocktails and enjoy lively entertainment that'll keep the joint jumpin' all night long. Whether you're swing dancing or sipping in style, this night promises to be the cat's pajamas.

Let the echoes of kindness and the spirit of the speakeasy guide you—see you at the Ball!



Altrusa International District Four

2026 Slate of Nominees

Foundation Trustees

I'm **Samantha Berven**, and together with my husband, Matt, we are proud parents of five children who actively engage in our community. Professionally, I work as a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant and Radiology Technician.

My journey began in the United States Air Force, which instilled in me core values that ignited my passion for community service. After relocating to Tennessee, the principle of "service before self" became a guiding force in my leadership within Altrusa.

I have been a member of the Oak Ridge Club since 2012, and over the past 14 years, I've had the privilege of serving on numerous committees and holding various positions at the Club, District, and International levels. My service includes roles as a District Chair and as a member of International committees that support Altrusa's global mission and long-term vision.

I have served twice as Club President, with both terms marked by meaningful accomplishments, including securing our Club's first grants from District Four and International and achieving the Club Lamplighter designation. I was honored to receive the 2018 Judy Atkinson Presidents Award (JAPA). I am now serving as the current President of the Altrusa Foundation of Oak Ridge, where I continue to champion service, stewardship, and community impact.

I LOVE ALTRUSA!

I discovered Altrusa while searching for my purpose and my desire to serve not just my community, but also each of you. As Altrusans, we embody the spirit of service, believing in the words of Colossians 3:23: "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." This philosophy inspires me every day as I strive to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Stephanie McIntosh has been a dedicated member of Altrusa International of Jack since 2008, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to service and leadership within her community. She currently serves as the club's Vice-President, served as secretary, and serves on numerous committees.

Stephanie works at Enterprise State Community College, where she is the Coordinator of Academic Affairs. She is passionate about supporting both faculty and students and fostering educational growth and helping students succeed no matter the career path they choose.

Stephanie is also an active member of Zion Chapel Baptist Church, where she teaches Sunday School, volunteers with Vacation Bible School, and assists with the annual drive-through live nativity.

Through her professional work, faith, and civic involvement, Stephanie exemplifies service, dedication, and a heart for uplifting others. She finds joy in serving the Jack community in any way she can.

Stephanie was born, raised, and still currently resides in the Jack community and has been married to her high school sweetheart, Scott, for 32 years and they have one daughter, Macy, who serves as a school counselor. She would consider it an honor to serve as a District Four Foundation Trustee.





Hello fellow Altrusans, my name is **Rhoda Scherer**. I live in Nashville, TN with my wonderful husband Steve and my extended family.

I have been in Altrusa since 2017. I have served as the vice president, I have worked on our newsletter in the past. Currently I work on some of our social media. I really enjoy being a part of Altrusa, they kind of feel like my church family. We're very grounded and do a lot of really fun and helpful things in our community. I enjoy the altruistic mentality as it chimes in with my own passion of being a good steward of God's blessing. I love to help others and always have had a commitment to service.

I look forward to my further years of service and commitment to this great organization.

Julie Walters has been a member of Altrusa International for three years and is honored to serve as the club secretary. She joined Altrusa to follow in her mother's footsteps and continue the legacy of service she grew up watching. Giving back to her community, supporting others, and being part of something meaningful are the reasons she loves being an Altrusan.

Julie is a proud mom to an energetic 8-year-old son who keeps life fun and busy. She enjoys traveling, making memories with her family, and staying connected to the people she loves. Faith is an important part of her life as well—she attends Fort Payne Family Worship Center, where she serves as the Toddler Time Director.



Professionally, Julie has worked with Taco Bell for 27 years and has spent the last 10 as an Area Coach. She brings the same heart for people, encouragement, and dedication to her work that she brings to her community.

Your District Needs You!

District Four is in need of individuals willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2026-28.

This important Committee will pull together a slate of nominees for our Board of Directors for the 2027-29 Biennium, Trustee positions that will be elected in 2027 and 2028, as well as the slate for the Nominating Committee that will follow them. None of our elections are possible without the work of our Nominating Committee, so please consider serving your District in this capacity. Reach out to any of the current Nominating Committee members if you would be willing to submit your name for consideration for election at the upcoming District Conference in April.

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