Hello, All fellow Altrusans. It is rapidly approaching the time for our annual District Twelve Conference. This year, as we celebrate the 100th Birthday of our organization, we will be meeting at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Washington on May 19-21st. The Heathman is a lovely facility and is very convenient to I-205. Our theme is “Celebrating 100 Years. A Proud Past ..... A Bright Future”. This conference will give us a chance to remember and celebrate the past and also look forward to the many ways we can have an impact on the future. Plan to join us at the pre-conference event “Dancing through the Decades”. Dress in a costume for Friday night fun night and dress up (if you wish) for our formal installation banquet.. This conference will also have our election of new officers for the biennium and the installation of our new Governor, Bettina Schempf from Corvallis. We are also going to “mix” up the schedule a bit from past years as we find new ways to be flexible. So plan to come and enjoy our activities, meet and make new friends, and have a chance to visit with those in other clubs that you have met in prior years.

Don’t forget to bring a couple of new books for our conference service project. We are looking for books for ages 6-18 and also easy reading Adult books. There will be great speakers and workshops that will appeal to all interests. Check this publication for more information and registration forms for the conference and the preconference event.

Our Clark County club has been working very hard since last conference to put together a fun and exciting celebration for our enjoyment. Plan to come and have a part in this great event.

Hope to see you all there!!

Anne DeFrancisco, Governor District Twelve
Adefran@netscape.net

DSB EDITOR SARA BURT   altrusaprez@yahoo.com
Bettina Schempf is looking forward to the next Biennium. Her goal is to support our clubs in the region to retain and gain a diverse membership so that we can continue to be a driving force in making our local communities a better place through service. Bettina is a member of the Altrusa Club of Corvallis. She grew up in Germany and has spent the last 23 years living and working in New Zealand and the United States. When she is not working or doing service she can often be found cycling with her husband Jeff or playing with their Golden Retriever dog, Cadence.

Rhonda Hauter has 20 years of involvement with Altrusa both at the Club and District Twelve level. This has included Club, Foundation and District Leadership. She is passionate about the significant role Altrusa plays in both the local and district communities and will work tirelessly to help raise the profile of Altrusa so that it will continue to be seen leading to a better community. In her professional life Rhonda is a Retirement Income Planner. She has worked in the financial services industry her entire working life. Rhonda is a member of the Gig Harbor Club.

Sarah Johnson is a member of Altrusa International of Albany and your Second Vice-Governor. She has been a member of Altrusa since 2005 and helping her mom with Altrusa projects since she was 11 years old. She has served as a club president and secretary and on numerous committees. She has been District Leadership Chair, District Brand Ambassador, Conference Co-Chair and Conference Facilities Chair. She is a Child & Youth Program Coordinator with Oregon National Guard. She develops programs and events to help youth and families stay strong throughout the deployment cycle. Some evenings, she is an Independent Wine Consultant. In her free time she enjoys relaxing with her dog Max, her family and friends. She looks forward to continued service on the Board.

Cindy Donaldson joined Altrusa in 2005 and is currently a dual member of Longview-Kelso & Cowlitz County. She has served as President, President-elect and Ways & Means Chair.

She has spent 34 years in her dream job as a Children and Young Adult Librarian at the Kelso Public Library. Eight years ago she also became Library Director. In that role she had the opportunity of moving 44,000 books and 58 years of accumulation from the old library to a beautiful space in our local mall. A lot of work resulted in much more space.

She has always lived in the Longview-Kelso area. Her hobbies are reading, quilting, & spending time at her place on the Washington coast. She has a great passion for literacy and animals of all shapes and sizes. Her children are furry and have four legs, Sadie, Gracie, and Peanut.

Kathy Dietrich is a native and life-long resident of Clark County, Washington. She resides in Brush Prairie on property homesteaded by her pioneer great-grandparents. Kathy enjoys spending time walking, hiking, gardening, listening to music (mostly jazz), cooking and reading. An Altrusan since 1976, she is an active member, immediate past president and current club treasurer of Altrusa International of Clark County. Kathy has a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Washington and is a registered architect in Washington and Oregon. She is currently a principal architect with A2 Architects, LLC in Vancouver, Washington.
Marvin Nauman, a Professional Photographer by trade has numerous awards and accommodations for his work including over 70,000+ photographs published worldwide, Hurricane Katrina lead Photographer for FEMA shooting over 19,000 images from disasters to Presidents & Kings, Yosemite National Park photographer, Special guest Photographer on “Batman” & “MacArthur” Movie’s, consultant for Boeing, consultant & inventor for Ries Tripod. Owner; High Sierra Productions, special projects, Transfers, Photography workshops & tours.

Marv will be taking candid pictures during conference, will have a CD available of his conference pictures, and will be available to take group photos before dinner on Saturday. Watch for flyers with more information at conference.

**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT**

**THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m.**

**What:** Dancing Through the Decades

**When:** Thursday, 7:00 PM

**Where:** Conference Location

Entertainment by Arthur Murray Dance Studio. Professional dancers will be performing a variety of dance styles. After a plated dinner, you are encouraged to kick-up your heels and dance to a variety of music from the past 100 years. Amp-up your spirit by wearing a costume from your favorite decade. $40

**A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM YOUR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS A PROUD PAST...A BRIGHT FUTURE**

We would love to have each Club provide 5-8 pictures from their past and present projects or gatherings. We are looking for snapshots of all sizes, color or black & white - every Club has a picture box or album that contains wonderful memories of Members from the early days. How about the original Charter Members? If possible, please indicate the year the picture was taken. Please be sure to include a recent Club photo. These pictures are for a special display during Conference and will be enjoyed by everyone. **Deadline is April 30.** If there are any questions, call Marie McEnry, 360-921-2755.

Please send them digitally to altrusaclarkcounty@gmail.com.
Or snail-mail to: Altrusa International of Clark County
P. O. Box 53
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

If prints are mailed please let us know the address to return them to.
We are looking forward to a fun Conference celebrating Altrusa and District Twelve.

**FRIDAY FUN NIGHT**

Do you wish you were born in a different decade? Now’s the time to dress in costume and win a prize. **Individual Prize:** Best authentic costume for a decade wins $25. **Best Club Prize:** Most creative wins $50 for their clubs’ service project. After dinner, hang around and play rousing games of Altrusa Bingo and win cash prizes.
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ilona Kerby, Past International President
Altrusa International of Longview - Kelso, Washington
District Twelve

Immediate Past President Ilona has been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Longview Kelso since 1987 and she served as Altrusa International President 2013-2015. In addition, she served as Governor of District Twelve in 2003-2005 and has held various District offices and served as the chair of District and local club committees. Ilona served as President of her Altrusa Club in 1993-1994; and has chaired all committees, many fundraising efforts and chaired a Celebration of Literacy week-long event for ten years for which she was awarded the Altrusa International Foundations’ Community Leadership Award in 2007. Ilona is currently serving her club as International Relations Chair.

Ilona is currently the Executive Director of Lower Columbia CAP (Community Action Program) and manages the $8 million agency providing a wide array of self help and safety net programs in a two county area. In her role as Executive Director, Ilona serves on the following boards; Cowlitz Housing First! Coalition; Cowlitz Economic Development Council; Pathways 2020, Chair; Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, WIN 2-1-1, Healthy Living Collaborative, Vice Chair; Washington State Community Action Board; President of the Region X Community Action Partnership Board and the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council Board.

She has been a member of the American Association of University Women and a Past President of the Cowlitz League of Women Voters as well as a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years. Ilona and her husband, Jan, a retired electrician, have a blended family with four married daughters, three granddaughters, 21, 15 and 8 years old. She loves to travel, scrapbook, and garden, spend time with her family and collect Rose-ville and Weller pottery. Literacy is Ilona’s passion.

Plan to attend the reception in her honor prior to dinner Saturday night. There will be an official toast to the 100th Birthday of Altrusa.

Rumor has it …..

That there may be a “cocktail/mocktail” competition in conjunction with the 100th Birthday Bash in Nashville. We have not received any official word, but as soon as we do, we will pass the information on to you.

Club Presidents - watch your email for further updates. We may offer our own competition at Conference to narrow down the entries to pick a winner to send on to International Competition. Start thinking of recipes if you are interested and stay tuned for more info . . . . . .
Welcome Breakfast: Keynote Speaker

Rick Smithrud – Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation Director

TOPIC: Why Invest in Literacy

For 36 years he has been soliciting support for organizations and institutions that promote learning and transform lives.

Service Awards Luncheon

Elsie Menashe – Executive Director Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington

TOPIC: Bookwork Buddies and other educational programs that promote academic achievement

Since 2003 she has been a Board Member and soon became Executive Director. Under her leadership, they have grown from one club site to 6 and serve more than 3000 youth annually.

Literacy Awards Breakfast

Natalie Harrington – Local Author (N. R. Rose)

TOPIC: How bullying inspired her to change her angst into strengths

Natalie began writing Griffen’s Calling when she was 16. At the end of her senior year, she received a publishing contract. She has always been interested in sports and is the Women’s Lacrosse coach at George Fox.

Membership & International Awards Luncheon

Marika Sitz - Former Astra Member

A former member of the Pendleton Astra Club, Marika graduated from high school in 2011 and Stanford in 2016.

Centennial Update

We have arrived! It is now 2017 and only a few more months and it will be time to celebrate our 100th Birthday. We would love to share in our next Altrusa Chronicle some of the activities that clubs are planning for April 11th as we celebrate Founders Day. Please send a brief summary of your planned activities to centennial@altrusa.org.

The Centennial Committee is also busy planning for our 100th Birthday party which is being held at Convention in Nashville in July. Hope you are planning to come and join in with the fun and festivities as we dance the night away. Have you planned what you are going to wear for our “Dancing through the Decades” party?

Unfortunately we have had a poor response from clubs regarding demand for the Centennial Merchandise. This will mean several planned items will not be produced. Any members/clubs who placed an order either with International or Linda Peterson will receive their merchandise at our District Conference. A big thank you to those clubs who took the time to complete our merchandise survey. There will be no merchandise for sale at Conference and limited merchandise for sale at the Convention.

We hope everyone is working away on their service hours. To date we have 2332 members registered for the challenge. You still have until 31 May to get your hours completed. We will have a very short time line for collecting the names of those that successfully completed the challenge and we cannot extend any deadlines.

Remember if you have any questions regarding our centennial celebrations please email centennial@altrusa.org.
There are many ways to celebrate 100 years of Altrusa. Consider celebrating in 2017 by submitting an application for a District Twelve award and/or an Altrusa International Foundation grant in recognition of and to help fund your club’s service projects. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities to earn funds and acclaim for your club’s wonderful contributions to your community.

ALTRUSA SERVICE PROJECT AWARD & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Application forms and detailed judging criteria can be found on the International website: Alrusa.org / Member Login / Index / “Awards” and “Grants (Foundation)”.

° Altrusa International Foundation Project Grants

If your club did not apply for and receive a grant in the fall cycle, then you may apply for a project grant from the Foundation during the spring grant cycle. Community service projects are eligible that involve “hands-on” club membership participation. The maximum grant amount is $2,000. Application deadline: March 15, 2017.

Eligible service projects include literacy related projects or projects that directly benefit abused and battered women, the aged, the homeless, the disabled, underprivileged children, those requiring medical attention and others in the community who are disadvantaged. Submit grant applications to Altrusa International, as indicated on the application form.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL CHALLENGES

During this centennial year there are 3 challenges that your club can participate in. The challenges officially started on June 1, 2016 and will end on May 31, 2017. Consider joining in, if your club is not yet enrolled, by phone: 360-892-0222 or email: prairiekathy@gmail.com

100 For 100 Centennial Challenge –MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

The District Challenge: Recruit 100 new Altrusa members.

No registration needed, just recruit and initiate new members for your club from now until May 31. Best ever way to celebrate – sharing the fun with others!

So far we have 37 new members so we have work ahead of us still. Who would you like to share the “Gift” of Altrusa with? There are people we come into contact with every day that we don’t even think to ask. The next time you go to the grocery store, bank or credit union, hairdresser, gym, children’s or grandchildren’s school or sporting events, work, other meetings, social gatherings or anyplace you engage in conversation with people, consider giving the “gift” that you have enjoyed. This is your chance to pick the people you will work side by side with in your communities.

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100 For 100 Centennial Service Project – PERSONAL SERVICE HOURS

**Individual Member Challenge:** Donate 100 hours of personal service to your community between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017.

Altrusa projects, fundraisers and other community service that you perform while wearing your Altrusa logo or pin will all count toward meeting this challenge. Members track service hours individually.  
**Deadline to submit hours:** May 31, 2017

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100 For 100 Centennial Service Project – DONATE BOOKS

**Club Challenge:** Donate 100 books to your local community. Number of books donated by participating clubs reported so far this club year are below.  
**Deadline to submit number of books:** May 31, 2017

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MAMIE L. BASS SERVICE AWARD

Every club in our District may apply for this award each year for one Service Project that meets eligibility requirements. The award is presented annually at our District Twelve Conference. Cash prizes are given to the top three winners. The award and judging criteria are available on the Altrusa.org website. Log-in to the site as a member, click on the Publications Tab and select Forms.

Eligible service projects must be conducted during the twelve month period ending prior to the entry submission date and completed on or before March 31, 2017. On-going projects may be submitted for judging of the activities conducted prior to the entry due date. Submit your award to:

   Kathy Dietrich, District Service Chair   mail to:prairiekathy@gmail.com
   OR
   PO Box 841   Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017

LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD

I hope you are working on your entry for the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award. We had 7 submissions last year and it would be great if we could boost that number to at least 10. I hope you will consider sharing the wonderful things your club has done to promote literacy in your community by submitting your request for consideration for the award.

You may submit online to Janet Brougher (jzbrougher@earthlink.net) or by mail to Janet Brougher: 10713 E. 30th Ave., Spokane Valley WA 99206. Deadline: postmarked by March 25 in order to be received by Janet on March 31, 2017.

I learned a few things from doing this process last year and so I am sending a few suggestions for you to consider.

1. Organize the narrative according to the questions asked in the Guidelines and answer each of the questions in the outline.
2. Be sure that your project is based on service that was done during the 2016-2017 year.
3. Review the evaluation criteria and score sheet and be sure your narrative provides the information the judges need to make informed decisions.

Last year’s judges were so impressed with the submissions and happy to know more about the work that Altrusan’s are doing. I encourage you to enter your club’s work and help all of us celebrate Altrusa at work in our communities.

If you have questions, the best way to be in touch with me is by email (jzbrougher@earthlink.net). If you need to talk to me, the best phone number is 509-979-6818.

I’m looking forward to receiving your entries and to seeing you at conference.
There has been some question whether to continue saving pop tabs for San Juancito, Honduras. This is a project that started 3 years ago and many of you have had great success in turning them in at our conferences. It has been problematic finding ways to get the tabs to Honduras, though over 100 pounds have been delivered. I believe I have found a solution for the existing stockpile of over 100 pounds. If you have continued to save the tabs, I will be happy to accept them at conference this year, which will conclude this project. Thanks for your support of this project and the help it has provided for the women’s art co-op in San Juancito.

Ann Fialka
GWLADYS BREWSTER OUTSTANDING ALTRUSAN AWARD
Did you know that this award was named after Gwladys Brewster, Past Governor (1973-1975), Altrusa International of Nanaimo? Each District club is made up of members who serve their communities through Altrusa. However, each club may only submit one name. Your nominee should be that hard-working individual who is committed to club projects and club leadership. It may be your “go to person” for advice or the person your members all look up to. This person adds extra measures of energy and enthusiasm, keeping your club moving forward. Gwladys Brewster was one of these treasured persons.

The recipient of this award will receive an International Foundation Lamplighter Pin, which is acquired by a $500 contribution the District makes annually to the International Foundation. These contributions are made possible by the proceeds from the District Conference Raffle each year. Since this is a District Award, the application is not on the International website. It will be sent to Club Presidents the first of February.

CONTACT INFO: Chris Connerly, Immediate Past Governor   P.O. Box 6052 Kennewick, WA 99336
chris@connerlyonline.com 509-520-0629  DEADLINE : MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 3/31

A CHALLENGE FROM YOUR HOST CLUB

The Altrusa International Club of Clark County challenges each District Twelve conference attendees to bring at least two new books to the conference for our 2017 Service Project. Clark County has a new Boys & Girls Club and we will be donating children and young adult books. Please bring at least two book covering the ages 6 to 18 years. These books will be given to the Boys & Girls Club during the conference. You’ll get to see the smiles they bring.

EMBRACING MEMORIES” TRIBUTE

In Conference tradition, we will honor the lives of Altrusans who passed away over the last year, celebrating their lives and accomplishments. A photo and short biography are needed for each deceased member ahead of time. The biography should include some Altrusa information as well as personal information … what was their favorite food, did they love to travel, etc. Please send information to Linda Peterson by May 1, 2017 at lindap2501@me.com or 177-107th Ave NE, #1203, Bellevue, WA 98004

FIRST TIMERS ORIENTATION  NEW TIME  FORMAT  FRIDAY  9:15 A.M.

Are you attending District Conference for the first time? Great, because First Timers receive a $50 DISCOUNT off the Conference Registration fee this year! Be sure to check the “Special First Timer Rate” on the Registration form. There will be an Orientation session where you’ll learn about Conference events and meet other First Timers. The Orientation will be right after breakfast. Helen Küpeli (Altrusa Int’l. of Corvallis) is your host. Your name will also be entered in a drawing to WIN A FULL REGISTRATION TO THE 2018 CONFERENCE in Eugene, Oregon”
Presidents' and Club Leader Workshop - We will go over the core responsibilities of the club president and discuss ways to make your year as club president enjoyable and rewarding. We will also cover your responsibilities to the District and Altrusa International. We will explore the tools and manuals that are available to help you during the year with different questions. We will also cover leadership opportunities in all areas of your club’s work – as a board member, as a committee chair and as part of a team or committee. In addition to a brief overview of leadership styles and concepts we will have time to discuss specific leadership challenges that you would like some different perspectives and support with. Bring your questions.

Treasurer’s Workshop – Come explore the challenges and complexities of the role of Altrusa Club Treasurer with District Twelve Treasurer MaryAlice Ridgway. We will examine the forms used by International, deadlines for your club, policies and procedures, and anything else you want to cover. Your club has entrusted you with this important job, and you can do it with confidence and a sense of accomplishment. Bring your questions and we’ll get them answered.

Working with Your Library to Raise Funds for Literacy
Judy Musa, Business Development Officer, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation

Learn creative ways to partner with your local library to raise funds for their early learning programs. Get a sneak peek at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Early Learning Program – the largest in the USA.

Shelter Box Project - If you went to Eric Reise’s Shelterbox workshop last year you know what a great, interactive and thought provoking workshop it was. He’s back with more challenges to the way we view the delivery of relief to areas of devastation around the world. Whether you are a first timer or attended last year, come join Eric for an hour that will have you thinking, talking and wanting to share with others about this great International Relief organization. He will have an entire Shelterbox set up for you to tour.

Parliamentary Procedure - Helen Kupeli, our District Parliamentarian will be back again with her very popular Workshop. She will show you how to keep meetings on track and how to be sure the rules are followed. There’s much more that she will offer you and it’s a Workshop that always receives rave reviews. Don’t miss your opportunity to learn some very important information.

Capturing Your Life Stories - Connie Shipley, Personal Historian www.CapturingYourLifeStories.com

I enjoy helping families save their legacy and favorite stories that have been passed down to the current generations. Through my Personal History service, we “Preserve the Past For Endless Generations To Come.” During the workshop, we’ll brain storm the stories you’d like to capture, whether related to family, non-profit organization, or business. I’ll provide pointers on how to get started and how to keep motivated until your story is written and ready to be shared with others.
Dance & Stretch - Shaynel Stiles, NW Organic Nutrition & Fitness

Movement to music followed by yoga stretch. No fee to attend. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel (floor will be carpet).

Roundtable - Possible Topics Grants, Income, Membership and more

Celebrate You - Improve Your Life with Diet, Fitness, and a Positive Attitude

Shaynel Stiles, NW Organic Nutrition & Fitness will present an informative workshop on changes you can make to your health through eating healthy foods, getting motion into your daily schedule and motivation tools to stay on track.

REMINDERS

AWARD DEADLINES: MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 31

HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 26TH

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 30TH

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 30TH

NO CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 30TH

CLUB PHOTOS TO MARIE McENRY BY APRIL 30

SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS MUST BE INDICATED ON YOUR REGISTRATION. NO ON-SITE REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED

EMBRACING MEMORIES INFO TO LINDA PETERSON BY MAY 1ST

BOOK CHALLENGE

NO MERCHANDISE MAY BE SOLD ANYWHERE EXCEPT IN THE RAFFLE ROOM
Toll-free number for the Heathman Lodge to reserve your room:  888-475-3100

Guest rooms are held under “District Twelve Altrusa International”

Guest Room Rate is $119.00 plus taxes per night

Guests may also book through the following link:

https://res.cohores.net/gc/pez.aspx?hotel=39403&GROUP=1404DISTRI

Attendees will pull up this link, enter the dates of their stay and hit “check availability” to book through the website.

Our Contact: Katy Shumaker
The Heathman Lodge  Direct: 360-816-0509

DEADLINE : APRIL 26TH

Vancouver, Washington  Runner Up in Sunset Magazines “Best Main Streets Contest”


Wherever you go, Vancouver's main thoroughfare is festooned in bright, creative murals—including 18 of its storm drains. But that good ‘ole historic feeling’s still alive, thanks to red-brick buildings, like the Clark County Historical Museum, that nod to Vancouver’s fur-trading and military-barrack days. Its biggest draws for locals and visitors alike? A climbing gym, 7 coffee shops, local food trucks and restaurants, and that sweet hometown feel they can’t shake off.

SHOPPING ANYONE ??

Vancouver Mall is a shopping mall owned by Centennial Real Estate, and is located in Vancouver, Washington, USA. It is anchored by JCPenney, Macy's, and Sears with adjacent restaurants.

145 Retail Shops Located between SR500 / 84th Avenue / Thurston Way

Address: 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr, Vancouver, WA 98662

If you are arriving early or staying a few days after, this is a very nice mall.
CONFERENCE - DISTRICT/FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Each District Twelve conference, Altrusa clubs put together the best of best items that represent their club, community, as well as treasures found nowhere else! You are invited to give of your bounty, be it from your club, individual Altrusans, or community donors. Altrusa International of Olympia and an additional club will assist with Raffle sales and Raffle room staffing.

Be creative and thematic if that fits your area. Think about our 100 Year Celebration – “Celebrating 100 Years a Proud Past...A Bright Future!” What about great authors, jewelry, spa products, art work, gardening, clothing, or travel excursions, etc. Think outside the box and be prepared to purchase tickets galore to put inside the raffle boxes!

Remember, this is all for great causes, not to mention lots of fun. Revenue is equally divided between District Twelve and International Foundation unless the donor specifies at raffle check-in that they wish all revenue from their item to benefit the International Foundation. Tickets will cost $1.00 each. Watch for Altrusa members waving colored raffle tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn and numbers posted Saturday afternoon at Conference. The raffle will close at 2:00 p.m. In addition, there will be a live auction to look forward to at the close of the Saturday night banquet. Selected items will be on the bidding block for some fun and lively bidding.

Revenue is divided equally between District Twelve and the Altrusa International Foundation, unless the donor specifies at check-in that revenue from their item benefits the International Foundation only. As in the past, larger items will be set aside for Saturday evening’s live auction, which definitely won’t be silent!

CLUB DISPLAYS  As usual, there will be space for each club to bring a display. This area is a great place to visit – you’ll discover new ideas for raising funds, increasing membership, and serving your community. Sorry, no raffles are allowed. Display space is limited to 3 feet per club.

NEW in 2017  If clubs are selling items, they may request space in the Raffle Room but you must provide your club representative to sell your wares and take responsibility for transactions. This will be the ONLY place you will be allowed to sell anything. There will be no selling during any meetings or meal functions or wandering the hallways. Hawking your treasures will be in the Raffle Room ONLY!! This will be a secure location that is locked except during Raffle hours.

WHAT TO WEAR  We all know that the weather is very unpredictable and this year has been anything but normal. The historical averages for May 17-21 in Vancouver are lows around 46 and highs about 67. Since all our meetings and meals are within the same building, Bring comfortable BUSINESS-CASUAL clothing for the Business Sessions, Workshops, and Pre-Conference Event. Meeting room temperatures can vary, so dressing in layers is wise – bring a SWEATER OR LIGHT JACKET. No matter the function, COMFY SHOES are a must, particularly if you’re walking during your free time. The Saturday Evening Banquet is dress-up night, so bring on the GLAM & GLITZ if you like. Don’t forget your costumes for Thursday and Friday nights if you choose to participate. It’s strictly up to you. You are welcome in costume or not.
MARCH 31  DISTRICT AWARD SUBMISSIONS
☐ Mamie L. Bass Service Award
☐ Letha H. Brown Literacy Award
☐ Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award
☐ Gwladys Brewster Outstanding Altrusan Award

APRIL 1  ☐ ASTRA SERVICE AWARD. Submit to Altrusa International, Inc., One North LaSalle Street, Suite 1955, Chicago, IL 60602

APRIL 26  ☐ HOTEL RESERVATIONS - Call 888-475-3100 and ask for the room block held under “District Twelve Altrusa International”

APRIL 15  ☐ DELEGATE/ALTERNATE NAMES For every 20 paying members (or portion thereof), a Club is allowed 1 Delegate for voting and 1 Alternate as a backup. The District Secretary will send forms and instructions to Club Presidents by April 1.

APRIL 30  ☐ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION $270 (US) for full 3-day registration if paying by US check, bank draft, or money order. Includes 7 meals plus participation in all events (except Thursday night’s Pre-Conference Event). If this is your first Conference, indicate this for a $50 discount. Extra fees apply if paying by credit card or after April 30. Single-day registrations & meals for guests are also available.  NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 30.

SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS due to medical conditions, diabetic, gluten free, or vegetarian needs must be noted on the Registration Form. A token identifying your special need will be included in your registration packet. Place this token in front of your place setting for the serving staff. NO ONSITE REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED.

APRIL 30  ☐ PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT REGISTRATION “Dancing through the Decades” $40

MAY 1  ☐ EMBRACING MEMORIES SUBMISSION The lives of Altrusans who have passed away over the last year will be honored. Submit names to Linda Peterson at lindap2501@me.com or 177 – 107th Avenue NE, #1203, Bellevue, WA 98004

REMEMBER: NO STORE AT CONFERENCE