



District Two Service Newsletter March 2022

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Altrusa District Two covers Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and New York.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR DISTRICT??

Martinsville/Henry County, VA



The Martinsville Henry County Altrusa International was very busy during the winter quarter. At Thanksgiving, we designed cards to put on individualized baskets filled with personal care items and treats for two residential home's residents with special needs. We partnered with Grace Network, a local Crisis center, during an annual holiday pops concert to collect non-perishable items for their food bank. Once again, we partnered with the Salvation Army by ringing the bell for the red kettle campaign. The Martinsville-Henry County Department of Social Services asked for assistance with foster children's Christmas presents, so we were able to bless two girls in foster care with very special Santa surprises. In January, we partnered with an area laundromat to put a reading area in the facility by filling bookcase shelves with books and having a child's table with chairs available for reading. Children and parents are encouraged to take a book home to read.

Richmond, VA



Altrusa Club of Richmond, VA with family & friends
Cindy Jennings, Chris Rich & Cecilia Rich - members.

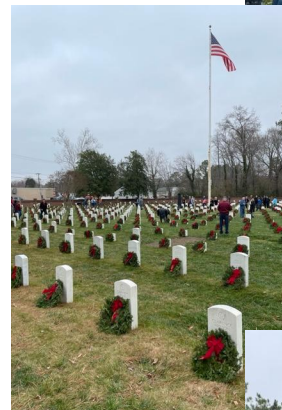
Altrusa Club of Richmond, VA with
ASTRA Club of Atlee HS,
Mechanicsville, VA

Wreaths Across America Event
Saturday, 12-18-2021

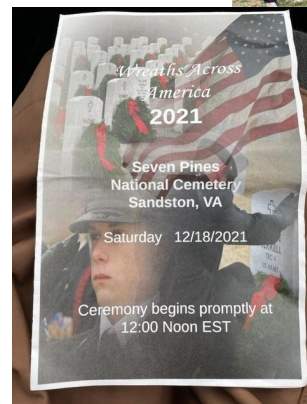
The Altrusa Club of Richmond, VA and the ASTRA Club of Atlee HS, Mechanicsville, VA attended the Wreaths Across America event at the Seven Pines National Cemetery, Sandston, VA on Saturday, December 18, 2021. The Altrusa Club Members in attendance were Cindy Jennings, Chris Rich and Cecilia Rich with Cindy Jennings family and two of Chris & Cecilia Rich's friends. The ASTRA Club of Atlee HS had the advisor, Diane Francis, along with her family & many of the club members in attendance. This is a very memorable event and such a great way to honor all the men & women that have served our country to keep us safe from harm's way. Thank you to all in attendance and to the many Altrusa members that sold wreaths as a fundraiser for our club.



Surprise Guest



Astra Club



Montgomery County, MD

With Valentine's Day in mind, Altrusa International of Montgomery County MD, Inc. called its February project "For the Love of Reading" Members labeled and sorted 308 new books for the first and second grades classes of JoAnn Leleck Elementary School, a Title 1 school, in Silver Spring, MD. The books, including fiction and non-fiction ones were delivered to the school for a book distribution on Valentine's Day. In addition to the members, we had six community service volunteers help package the books and put together materials for a special Valentine craft project that included directions on how to assemble all the parts. The craft project promotes reading to perform a task.





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