

Governor's Message



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Altrusa International District Two
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia,
Virginia, and West Virginia

SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE

Dates To Remember:

- May 15: International Day of Families
- June 1: Club Activity Reports due
- June 1: District dues may be paid in Group Tally
- June 6: World Environment Day
- June 23: UN Public Service Day
- June 30: District Two DSB published

Hello Altrusans,

Wow! What a Conference!

It was wonderful to see so many of you there. We partied down, 1970s style. We mourned our members who passed, approved a budget and voted to leave the Second Vice-Governor position vacant next year, which should save the District money. We enjoyed two wonderful workshops by two dynamic women—Linda Dorr and Gillian Allen. We played Bunco! We voted in our Nominating Committee: Cindy Jennings of Richmond, Chair; Ellen Barta of Tidewater, VA; and Dr. Vicky Stanley of Prince George's County, MD.



We made Hearts of Hope to be given to cancer patients. We celebrated each other with our awards and heard from International President Chris DeVlieger about the latest from International. And the amazing judge who spoke to us has me wanting to go back down to York for their diversion court graduation ceremony!

For those who attended, I hope you will take my parting words to heart and share, share, share what you learned at Conference. Use the ideas that sparked your interest to grow a new service project, a new membership drive (or even just inviting that one person to join you), or a new fundraiser. Challenge yourself to step into a leadership role and mentor others.

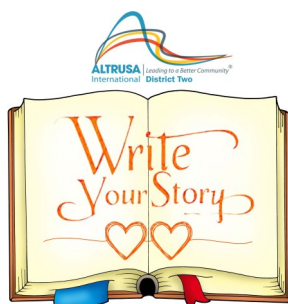
The new sponsor pins are out, and they look even better in person! If you haven't sponsored a new member yet, please do — you will get a pin after 1 sponsorship. After 5 sponsorships, you are eligible for the gold pin! Increasing membership is critical to Altrusa's survival, so remember: Be a Friend, Bring a Friend! The International challenge may have ended, but the sentiment still rings true. (International will be announcing the 10 winning clubs of the challenge who will each receive \$100 to use.)

With May comes a winding down of our fiscal year. Installations are blooming (don't forget to update officers in Group Tally!), and planning for the year ahead isn't far behind. If you take a look at the calendar on the last page, it's chock-full of things to do on both the Club and District level (not everything may apply).

Of particular importance is the preparation of the Club Annual Report, due June 1. This online report to International keeps them informed on club activities, and it can also qualify your club for the Distinguished Club Award. I am sure that more of you would qualify, and I would be happy to assist any President in filling out their report.

Treasurers are collecting annual dues. Please remember that,

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when paying online with Group Tally, you can pay International dues right away but please wait until June 1 to pay your District dues. All dues should be paid by June 15. If anyone has any questions about paying dues in Group Tally, please reach out to our treasurer, Anneke Fleming.

Preparations are also underway for our Fall Area Workshops. All three will be held on October 24th, with a common service theme of homelessness. Stay tuned for more information.

Stay tuned also for more virtual workshops. We want to provide the information you need; keep an eye out for a survey asking what YOU would like to see as a virtual workshop.

There are SO many wonderful events, challenges, and new ideas on the horizon. I have been revitalized by Conference and am ready to tackle the second year of my biennium. I want to make our corner of the world a better place and I know you do, too. So “May we go forth with high ideals, To greet our fellow man, Be true to all Altrusa aims, Until we meet again.”

Warmly,

Brenda



October 24, 2026	Fall Area Workshops—locations TBD
November 7, 2026	Mid-Year Board Meeting—Washington, PA and virtual
April 22-25, 2027	71st Annual District Two Conference—Washington, PA (McKeesport)
July 21-24, 2027	International Convention—Columbus, OH
April 2028	72nd Annual District Two Conference—hosted by Capital City
July 2029	International Convention—Richmond, VA

HELPFUL WEBSITES & EMAILS

[District Two Website—News & Events Page](#)

[District Two Facebook Page](#)

[Altrusa Service Facebook Page](#)

[Group Tally](#)

[The Altrusa Store \(Doc Morgan\)](#)

[Altrusa International Foundation](#)

[District Two Service Newsletter](#)

[The International Altrusan](#)

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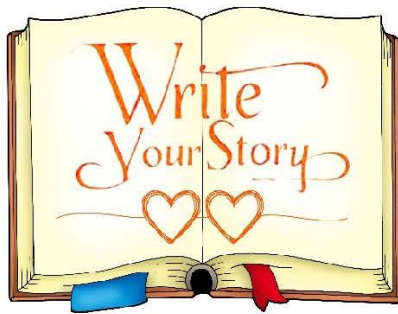
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DISTRICT TWO BIENNIUM GOALS 2025-2027

Service:

1. Assess the needs of your community and communities abroad, and analyze completed projects
2. Promote participation in global service projects
3. Increase awards submissions and use criteria as guidelines
4. Use partnerships to get more bang for our buck

Communications:

1. Use and share the marketing tools available
2. Encourage communication between clubs – EVERY club in our District should feel like an integral part of the District, and every club should have access to the tools they need to succeed
3. District help for marketing (mentoring and/or monetary)

Leadership:

1. Club chairs should be part of the corresponding District Committee
2. Mentoring is crucial – seasoned members should be mentoring new members
3. Work on succession planning
4. Encourage members to take on leadership challenges and ask for help if needed

Membership:

1. Add at least one club during the biennium (traditional or virtual)
2. Increase District net membership by 10%
3. Get under-charter strength clubs to charter strength – at least 2 over the biennium

International Service Projects (Days for Girls, Support Our Soldiers)

1. Increase awareness of these projects .
2. Urge all clubs to develop projects supporting these initiatives
3. Share these projects both in our District and internationally



DISTRICT TWO **CLUB 52** **CHARTER MEMBERS**

(July 25, 2025-March 8, 2026)

Altrusa International of Centre County, PA
Altrusa International of Montgomery County, MD
Altrusa International of Prince George's County, MD
Altrusa International of Reading-Berks, PA
Altrusa International of South Central PA

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NEW AND RENEWED



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CLUB VISITS 2026-2027

CLUB	BOARD MEMBER	CLUB	BOARD MEMBER
Capital City, VA	Patalia Tate	Prince George's Co., MD	Ann Tyndall
Centre County, PA	Linda Dorr	Reading-Berks, PA	Shari Gomez
Fauquier County, VA	Sherral Nelson	Richmond, VA	Brenda Ruby
Martinsville/Henry Co., VA	Brenda Ruby	Rochester, NY	Sherral Nelson
McKeesport, PA	Shari Gomez	South Central PA	Patalia Tate
Montgomery County, MD	Roxanne Barzona	Tidewater, VA	Roxanne Barzona
New York, NY	Linda Dorr	Washington, D.C.	Ann Tyndall

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CALENDAR

MAY 2026				
05/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	Governor	Governor	
05/2026	Request information from District Governors of those eligible to be slated for International Office (list of Past Governors will be provided to the District Governors)	International Office	Staff	
05/01/26	Begin work on Governor's Annual Report (via Survey Monkey)	Governor	Governor	Due June 1
05/01/26	Begin work on Club Annual Report.	Local Club	2025-2026 Club President	Due June 1
05/01/26	Begin work on ASTRA Club Annual Report	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due June 1
05/01/26	Appoint Audit Committee to audit books for past year	Local Club		
05/01/26	Send out bills for local, District and International dues	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
05/01/26	Incoming President plans meeting of old and new Board of Directors	Local Club		Consider a half-day retreat with old and new Board and Committee Chairs
05/01/26	Finalize plans for annual meeting and installation of new officers	Local Club		
05/01/26	Plan to have Conference Delegates and Alternates present a District Conference report	Local Club		
05/01/26	Mamie L. Bass Service, Letha H. Brown Literacy, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International, and ASTRA Service award winners to International	District Awards Coordinator		Due to Int'l by June 1
05/01/26	Update names of new Committee Chairs and Officers in Group Tally	Local Club		Make updates via Group Tally
05/15/26	International Day of Families	Local Club		
05/15/26	Finalize proposed budget for upcoming club year	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
05/15/26	Annual reports of outgoing Club Officers and Committee Chairs due	Local Club		
05/15/26	Report proposed Bylaw amendments coming from Conference to International BRR Chair within 15 days of Conference.	Governor	District BRR Committee Chair	Due 15 days after close of District Conference
05/24/26	Reminder letter/e-mail to Clubs to submit Club Annual Reports to International	District Board	Governor	Due June 1
05/31/26	Install new officers	Local Club		
05/31/26	All new Officers and Committee Chairs names should be updated in Group Tally	Local Club		Make updates via Group Tally
05/31/26	ASTRA Alumni Info Sheet to be completed by all ASTRA members ages 18 and older	Local Club	District ASTRA Advisors	Due May 31
05/31/26	Club fiscal year ends	Local Club	Local Treasurer	May vary for some clubs
05/31/26	ASTRA Club fiscal year ends	Local Club	ASTRA Club	May 31
JUNE 2026				
06/01/26	District Service Bulletin articles due	Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
06/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
06/01/26	Governor's Annual Report Due (sent out by the International Office staff)	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	Due June 1
06/01/26	Club Annual Report due (sent out by the International Office staff)	Local Club	2025-2026 Club Presidents	Due June 1
06/01/26	ASTRA Club Annual Report due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due June 1
06/01/26	Club fiscal year begins	Local Club	Club Treasurer	May vary for some clubs
06/01/26	ASTRA Club fiscal year begins	Local Club	ASTRA Club	
06/01/26	Schedule all club and board meetings for the coming club year	Local Club	2025-2026 Club President	
06/01/26	Present annual budget to Club for approval	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
06/01/26	Sign new bank signature cards (President & Treasurer) so checks can be signed & distributed	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
06/01/26	Deadline to submit District and International dues	Local Club	Club Treasurer	Pass due after June 15