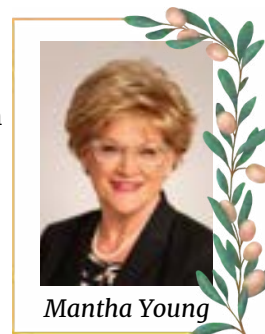


Governor's Message

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We had an unforgettable time in beautiful Quebec City, Canada, with 35 District Three Altrusans proudly representing our District in full force. District Three continues to be well represented and a leader on the International Board and Committee Chairs. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and to those who serve in leadership positions — your dedication continues to inspire.



Mantha Young

The 2025 International Convention Workshops are now available on the Altrusa International website under Events. I encourage each of you to go online, explore, and learn something new. When we continue to grow our knowledge, we strengthen our service and extend our impact.

It was a joy to witness Chris DeVlieger installed as International President with her inspiring theme, Love. Literacy. Legacy. We also celebrated Kitty McElhaney, of the Lake City, FL club, installed as International President Elect. In addition, Shannon Schell, of the Lake County Club, was installed as a Trustee on the Altrusa International Foundation Board. What an exciting time for District Three leadership as our members continue to make their mark on the international stage.

The International Service Project, Days for Girls, will continue, bringing dignity and opportunity to young women around the world. As one quote reminds us: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — Pablo Picasso.

Looking ahead, planning will soon begin for our 2026 District Three Conference in Spartanburg, SC, on April 24 - 25. This will be a special gathering as we try out a two-day format — so please mark your calendars now.

Let's continue to "Buzz in Service" and keep the energy alive as we embrace opportunities to grow, lead, and serve together — and enjoy this information-packed DSB filled with inspiration and updates.

Mantha

Mantha A. Young
Governor
Altrusa District Three



Distinguished Club Awards for 2024-2025

By Nancy Shumaker, Governor-Elect

"Patriotism, Efficiency and Service. We work to improve conditions in our community, the nation, and the world."

These guiding principles of the Altrusa Motto provide both a framework and a beacon for all of us as we conduct the service projects we deem most appropriate for our communities and the times in which we live. Whether it is ongoing support for the disadvantaged or an immediate response to a devastating natural disaster, Altrusans are there, day by day and year after year. We don't serve others because we expect applause or public recognition. We do it because it's the right thing to do. Nevertheless, it is an honor when we are applauded for our efforts and that is the purpose of the Distinguished Club Award.



Altrusa International has established a set of guidelines for determining which clubs have made exemplary contributions in a variety of areas including community service, leadership development, scholarships, and positive impact upon the disadvantaged. Clubs must complete an extensive application that demonstrates their annual contributions to the improvement of their communities as well as their involvement in the governance and leadership of Altrusa itself at the club, district, and international level. Selection for this honor is a testament to the club's members, their hard work and their dedication.

Please join me in celebrating the recognition of the following eleven District Three clubs as Distinguished Clubs for 2024-2025:

- Charlotte, NC
- Gainesville, FL
- Lake City, FL
- Lake County, FL
- North Georgia, GA
- Ocala, FL
- Orlando-Winter Park, FL
- Spartanburg, SC
- St. Augustine, FL
- Starke, FL
- Statesboro, GA
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Next time you head out the door to take part in a service project for your local club, think about how different the lives of those you touch would be if Altrusa were not there and remember that you, as an Altrusan, are an essential part of this wonderful organization and the positive impact that it makes every day. We are all winners, those serving and those served, for we all benefit from the shared joy of service to others.





2026 District Three Awards Criteria

By Scott Frieser, Vice Governor



Name of Award	Description	Level of Award	Due Date	Please note	Send to name/address	Judging Committee
Mamie L. Bass Service Award	Encourage interest in developing hands-on projects that benefit the community	District Three & International	1/31/2026	District winner is submitted to International for competition in the biennium Convention year.	Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	3 Prominent members of the general public
Letha H. Brown Literacy Award	Encourage interest in developing hands-on projects that benefit the community	District Three & International	1/31/2026	District winner is submitted to International for competition in the biennium Convention year.	Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	3 Prominent members of the general public
Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award	Encourage good program planning	District Three	1/31/2026		Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	3 Prominent members of the general public
Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award	Encourage and stimulate International relations	District Three & International	1/31/2026	District winner is submitted to International for competition in the biennium Convention year.	Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	3 Prominent members of the general public
Outstanding Community Service Award	Demonstrate member commitment to service projects as a Club priority	District Three	1/31/2026		Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	Submissions that meet criteria are recognized
Newsletter Award	Encourage publication of timely and informative club newsletters	District Three	1/31/2026	Send 3 consecutive issues from previous calendar year	Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	3 Prominent members of the general public
Todd Jordan Yearbook Award	Encourage publication of annual club yearbook	District Three	1/31/2026	Send electronic copy of current Club Yearbook in PDF format to Awards Chair.	Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	Submissions are recognized



2026 District Three Awards Criteria Continued

By Scott Frieser, Vice Governor



Scott Frieser

Name of Award	Description	Level of Award	Due Date	Please note	Send to name/address	Judging Committee
Governor's Outstanding Club	Special recognition by the Governor	District Three	2/28/2026	Send to Governor	Governor Mantha Young PO Box 292 Lake City, FL 32056 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	Governor Mantha
Extension Award	Award for chartering new club	District Three	No Application Required	Determined by District records	Awards Chair / Vice Governor Scott Frieser 13212 Providence Green Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277 vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com	Governor Mantha
Myrtice H. Price Membership Award	Encourage clubs to make membership a high priority	District Three	No Application Required	Computation obtained from District Treasurer's records as of 1/31/2026	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 7610 SW 63rd Place Rd. Ocala, FL 34474 districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com	Based on computation from Treasurer
New Member Incentive Award	Cash awards based on new members gained during the previous year	District Three	No Application Required	Computation obtained from District Treasurer's records as of 1/31/2026	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 7610 SW 63rd Place Rd. Ocala, FL 34474 districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com	Based on computation from Treasurer
Membership - Greatest Net Gain	Based on membership gains between 2/1 - 1/31 of the previous year	District Three	No Application Required	Computation obtained from District Treasurer's records as of 1/31/2026	Send membership changes to District Three Treasurer Scott Tice 7610 SW 63rd Place Rd. Ocala, FL 34474 districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com	Based on computation from Treasurer

Please note the following change was approved by the board earlier this year!

The monetary award from the Myrtice H. Price award comes from the \$10,000 endowment within District Three. The interest is calculated as of January 31st of each year.

First, Second, and Third place winners will receive checks for 50%, 30%, and 20%, respectively, of the interest earned annually from the Myrtice H. Price Investment Fund.

In the event of a two-way tie for First Place, the First And Second place awards will be combined and split evenly amongst the winners. If there are three or more winners, the First, Second, and Third places will be combined and split evenly amongst the winners. If there is a tie for Second place, the Second and Third place awards are combined and split evenly amongst the winners. If there is a tie for Third place, the Third place award will be split evenly amongst the winners.

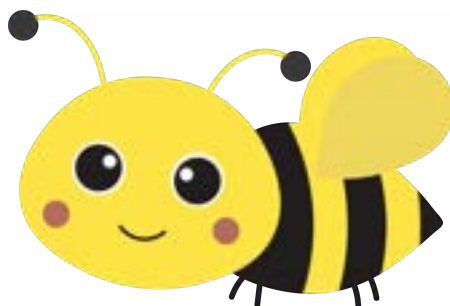
Altrusa International District Three, Inc.

Membership Report

By Scott Tice
District Three Treasurer



Count of Member Type	Column Labels						
Row Labels	Active	Affiliate	Dual Member	Emeritus	Life	Young Adult	Grand Total
Atlanta, GA	5		1				6
Charlotte, NC	20			1		2	23
Citrus County, FL	16						16
District Three Virtual Club	12		10			1	23
Gainesville, FL	46			7			53
Gastonia, NC	10			1			11
Lake City, FL	75			6		7	88
Lake County, FL	26						26
Live Oak, FL	28			1			29
Marianna, FL	23						23
Monticello, FL	22			2			24
North Georgia, GA	37			5		1	43
Ocala, FL	29			3			32
Orlando-Winter Park, FL	35			1			36
Raleigh, NC	14				1	1	16
Salisbury, NC	9			1			10
Spartanburg, SC	29			3		1	33
St. Augustine, FL	13						13
Starke, FL	38			2	1		41
Statesboro, GA	35			5			40
Waynesville, NC	15						15
Affiliate		1		3			4
Grand Total	537	1	11	41	2	13	605



District Three New Members

By Scott Tice
District Three Treasurer



Altrusa District Three, Inc.
New Members - May 15, 2025 - August 15, 2025

New Member	Sponsor	Joined
<u>Citrus County, FL</u>		
Angel Vincent	Susan Gill	6/16/2025
<u>Gainesville, FL</u>		
Trisha Wood	Ginny Pearcy Wafa Berbari	6/1/2025
<u>Lake City, FL</u>		
Jada Baker	Debra Griffin	7/17/2025
Lindsey Strickland	Mantha Young	7/17/2025
Amanda Ulbrich	Shellie Young	7/17/2025
	Carole Strickland	7/17/2025
	Debra Griffin	7/17/2025
<u>Marianna, FL</u>		
Becky Hart	Edna Riley	8/5/2025
Lyndsey Lassiter	Edna Riley	8/7/2025
<u>Ocala, FL</u>		
Amanda White	Scott Tice	6/19/2025
<u>Orlando-Winter Park, FL</u>		
Veronica Harvey-Henry	Linda L. Bond	6/4/2025
Mundae Klaus	Elizabeth Sushinsky	7/12/2025
	Charlotte Simpson	
<u>Spartanburg, SC</u>		
Madison Johnson	Cynthia Johnson	6/3/2025
	Diane Howard	
Robbie Satterfield	Carole Khoury	6/11/2025
<u>St. Augustine, FL</u>		
Cheryl Jeffries	Linda Herrera	6/19/2025
<u>Statesboro, GA</u>		
Shannon Rushing	Jill Nevil	6/2/2025
	Pam Lavender	



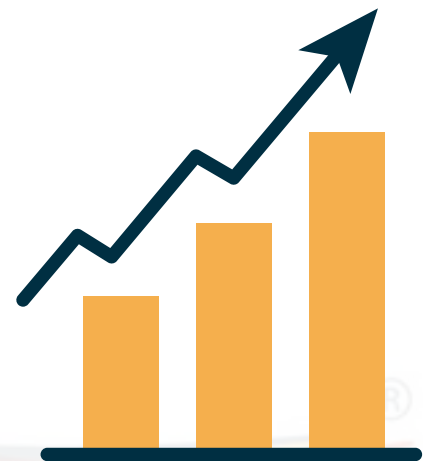
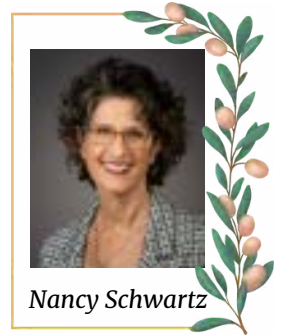
From Icebreakers to Expansion: Altrusa District Three Board Charts a Course for Success

By Nancy Schwartz
District Three Secretary

The Altrusa District Three Board held its "Get Acquainted" meeting June 20-21, in Valdosta, Georgia. Following an icebreaker, members reviewed the 2025 conference survey and planned to incorporate feedback into the next conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Governor Young emphasized succession planning and club building as key priorities. As a first step, the board enthusiastically approved the formation of a new club in Central Polk County, Florida. Governor Young also shared resources to help clubs improve their social media and recruitment efforts. These resources will be shared during club visits, by committee chairs and during planned Zoom meetings held for club presidents throughout the biennium.

The meeting concluded with a tour of the Rainwater Conference Center as a potential venue for the 2028 conference.

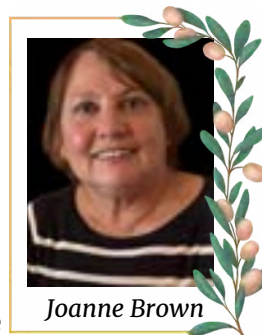


Welcome New District Three Trustees

By Joanne Brown
Foundation Chair



**Our intrepid traveler
Christine Brewer**



Joanne Brown

A Louisiana native turned Florida enthusiast, I'm Christine Brewer—proud Service Chair at the Lake City, FL club and dedicated member for eight incredible years. I spent 20+ years on the accounting and guest relation sides of the hospitality industry. 2004 moving into a new field as a financial auditor for ING/Voya Financial as a third party pension administrator for fortune 500 companies - calculating and initiating pension payment to retirees.

Retiring in 2018 and pursuing my passion for photography and travel. I have been fortunate to have visited 46 or the 50 states and 62 countries. I also strive to empower women through my work on the Board of Mi Esperanza a non-profit in Honduras, where we educate women with job skills and education that will help them break the cycle of generational poverty. Through the Lake City club we were able to fund instructional materials to Mi Esperanza for an English as Second Language Class which is currently in its third year.



Shannon Schell



I was invited to join Altrusa in 1999 and spent the first few years getting my "Altrusa Legs". Almost immediately I was on the Board and joining different committees to learn the ropes. I found being Treasurer for 6 years very fulfilling, then on to Vice President, followed by two terms, as President of Altrusa of Lake County, FL. I have been a two term District Three Finance Chair, completed 6 years, as the District Three Foundation Treasurer. Next, I served as District Treasurer. These positions have given me much insight into a wide range of the financial needs and duties of Altrusa at multiple levels. I then served on the International Membership Committee assigned to lead Group Tally in 2019-2021, and on the 2023-2025 International Leadership Committee. It was truly my biggest honor to be Governor of District Three, it was both humbling and enlightening, as well as highly rewarding. Being an Altrusan is a wonderful way of life, and I have found my "Tribe" within our ranks. I am very pleased to be back serving as our District Foundation Treasurer for a few more years as well as being newly elected to the International Foundation as their Vice Chair!

Personally, family is super important to me. I am blessed with a son and a daughter who have given me 4 beautiful grandchildren between the ages of 5 and 15 keeping life fun and full of surprises. I am retired in The Villages, cruising in my golf cart with "Toby" my little 4-legged fur-baby and spending more time with my totally adorable grand kiddos.



Connie Larson



**Annie, Kashii
& Maria**

I have been a member of Altrusa (Ocala Club) since 2004 and have served in many different positions including President and Treasurer. I am currently the Treasurer for the Ocala Club's Foundation and chair of our Long Range Planning Committee.

I am currently the CFO of American Panel Corporation in Ocala and have been in the accounting field for over 40 years, but my background, and my Bachelor's Degree, is in music. I decided I wanted to enjoy music not as a career, and I am now a cantor and choir member in my church choir. I enjoy reading, walking and traveling.

My husband, Chris, and I have two children. Katie, our oldest, recently got her PhD in Aerospace Engineering and was married in June. Our son, Erik, is a 4th year medical student. We live with a small menagerie. Our dogs are Kashii, a 4 year old Akita and Maria, a 9 year old (we think) rescue Husky. We have two birds—Seymour, our 37 year old Yellow Nape Amazon, and Caril, a Green Cheek Conure. And our daughter's Greek Tortoise also lives with us. Our grand dog, Annie, an Australian Shepherd, also visits frequently.

International Convention Breakout Session

By Randi Kahl
District Three Director

One word to describe my experience at the 2025 Altrusa International Convention in Quebec City, Canada – "WOW"!!! The most challenging part of the Convention was deciding which workshop to attend. Fortunately for me, the Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park Club had five members attending, so we were able to cover each session's workshops. One of the sessions I picked was "Be part of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): How YOUR Altrusa Club can spread LOVE and LITERACY and be part of a worldwide LEGACY!". The presenter was Kathy Schrein, who serves as the Altrusa International Representative to the United Nations and is a member of the Altrusa Dayton, OH Club. I went to college at the University of Dayton in Ohio and have a keen interest in the history that Altrusa has with the United Nations. So, this was great pleasure!



Randi Kahl

Ms. Schrein presented and outlined the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development effort, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015. It provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which represent an urgent call for action by all countries (developed and developing) in a global partnership. The UN recognizes that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand in hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth all while tackling climate change and working to preserve the oceans and forests.



While examining each of the 17 SDGs, panel members provided examples of various Altrusa Clubs' projects that aligned with one or more of the 17 SDGs. It is highlighted that plans are being considered to integrate the 17 SDGs into the International Service Awards.



International Grants

By Martin Houston
International Foundation Liaison

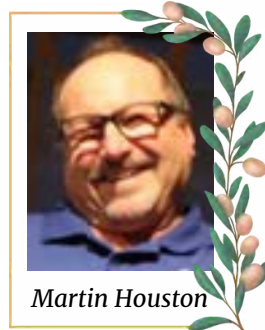
I hope everyone has had a good summer and is doing well.

The 59th annual International Convention was held in Quebec City, Canada. I was unable to attend, but what I have heard from other District Three members, it went well.

Altrusa International has decided to change Club 21 to Club 52 in order to focus on new healthcare concerns for children with healthcare issues, illness, and disabilities. Once a member contributes \$52 in a fiscal year, they will receive a Club 52 pin. A Club or District can contribute \$252 to be recognized as a Club/District Club 52. Contributions can be made through the International Foundation web site at <https://foundation.altrusa.org>.

At Convention, Altrusans gave \$10,000 to Club 52. To me, this is a very worthwhile program. Please consider becoming a Club 52 member. More information will be available soon on the website.

Don't forget the second Grant application deadline is approaching – September 15. More information can be found at: <https://foundation.altrusa.org/grants-programs-and-awards/>, including Frequently Asked Questions and how to apply. If your club didn't apply for a grant in the first cycle this year, here's your opportunity.



Martin Houston

International Convention in Quebec City Canada

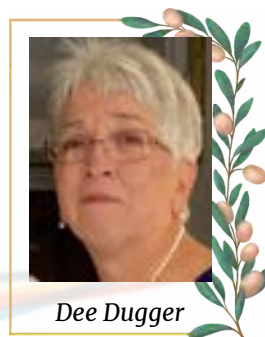
By Dee Dugger
District Three Director

I have just returned from our International Convention that was held in Quebec City, Quebec. This was supposed to be the site for the 2021 convention, but due to Covid and restrictions in place at that time, it was postponed to this year. My husband and I took a side trip to Acadia National Park before the convention and enjoyed playing tourist in Old Quebec.

At the convention, I served as an expeditor. Expeditors help the convention run smoothly. Serving as door monitors, passing out information at meetings, serving as a timekeeper for workshops, and other duties as needed. Being an expeditor is a great way to meet new friends and be part of the action. We had seventeen (17) expeditors, which meant each one of us only had to sign up for 2 or 3 shifts.

I encourage you to sign up as an expeditor (or other roles) at the conference. It is a great way to expand your Altrusa involvement from the club to the district level.

District Three had 35 members at the convention. This is slightly more than five (5) percent of our district's 607 members. Way to go, District Three!!!! In 2027, the International Convention will be held July 21– 24 in COLUMBUS, OHIO. Hope to see you there.



Dee Dugger



Parade of Banners



Dee with Tartan

2026 Conference Invitation



Get ready to sparkle!

We are looking forward to seeing you in BEE-utiful Sparkle City, Spartanburg, SC for the 73rd District Three Conference!

BEE-hold the charm of our city and connect with and learn from fellow Altrusans.

Let's create some BUZZ!

Talk up the District Conference at your next meeting!



April 24-25, 2026
Spartanburg, SC



Club Service Projects & News

Altrusans Join the 1st Latin Festival in Forsyth County

By Julie Ford

Altrusa International of North Georgia

A cloudy day did not dampen the spirit of members of Altrusa International of North Georgia, Inc. as they joined the 1st Latin Festival celebration in Forsyth County, GA. The event focused on literacy and culture, with a variety of performances presented at the Cumming City Center. Hundreds of kids were treated to fun games and, most importantly, had the opportunity to pick up books, pencils and other supplies needed to start off a new school year. In collaboration with United Way of Forsyth County and Forsyth Te Ayuda, Altrusans engaged with an excited group of kids – from pre-K to High School – and their parents. Alongside other non-profit organizations in the area, Altrusans reaffirmed their commitment to literacy efforts. A great time was had by all, with a little dancing to boot. www.AltrusaNorthGeorgia.com



North Georgia will be holding their signature fundraising event – Fashion Show and Luncheon. Tickets are currently on sale [here](#). The event takes place on Thursday, October 16th from 11:30–2:00 at The Metropolitan Club.



Club Service Projects & News

Homeless Coalition Birthday Program

By Mimi Cooper

Altrusa International of St Augustine, Florida

Summer was very busy for us here in St Augustine. We continued our birthday programs at the Homeless Coalition and Port in the Storm. With these programs we recognize, each month, the children at the Homeless Coalition and the homeless young adults at Port in the Storm who have birthdays.

We also worked with the school system's Early Learning Service Department and provided books for children participating in the PreK Read with Me Weekend program which encourages the children to share their books with their families.



Zachary Segui Delivers the July Birthday Gifts to the Homeless Coalition



“Back to school Supplies for Teachers”

By Dee Dugger

Altrusa International of Gainesville, Florida

We held a back-to-school drive at our August 14th. Instead of providing items for students, which many other organizations do, we collected items for teachers. These are the items that the teachers would normally buy out-of-pocket: dry-erase markers and charts, tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, etc. We contacted the principal of our partner school, he checked with the teachers and then he sent us a wish list. We notified members of this list via our monthly newsletter and agenda for the meeting. This was a simple project completed in one meeting.



Altrusa of Statesboro Promotes Summer Service Opportunities

By Pam Lavender
Altrusa International of Statesboro, Georgia

The Ruth MacKinnon Literacy Project has made significant strides this summer by straightening, cleaning, organizing, and labeling books in our dedicated book room. Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, our club proudly distributed an impressive total of 13,153 books to children in Bulloch County. This includes 3,780 books provided to Pre-K students across 20 public school Pre-K classes and 5,110 books delivered to 29 kindergarten classrooms, ensuring that every student received a book. Furthermore, students who received food backpacks were gifted a book each month, accumulating to 3,248 books aimed at fostering the development of home libraries. Our outreach extended to local daycares, the Hearts and Hands Clinic, and the Outreach Center, where we provided 540, 225, and 250 books respectively. Since the inception of the Altrusa Club of Statesboro's literacy project in 2010, we have donated an astounding total of 124,581 books to children. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all club members whose hard work in labeling, packing, and delivering has helped put books into the hands of children.

Continuing summer hands-on service, members of Statesboro Altrusa came together to make a difference in the community by volunteering at the Soup Kitchen organized by Statesboro United Methodist Church. The team, which included Carrie Binns, her friend Jenni Kight, Carol Ruffo, Debbie Vives, Ann Healy, Sandy Smith, Pam Lavender, and Karen Lavender, worked tirelessly to prepare over 200 sandwiches for bag lunches. They also served a delicious hot meal that included shrimp, cheese grits, mixed vegetables, and cookies, ensuring that those in need received not only nourishment but also a sense of care and support from their community.



Club Service Projects & News

Days for Girls in North Georgia

By Becky Hitch

Altrusa International of North Georgia

North Georgia supports Days for Girls in a Big Way Gathering twice a month for 2 1/2 hours of 'work' (more like fun), members of the Altrusa Club and of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit create the components of Days for Girls kits. Currently, we have an order for 50 kits to be sent to Nicaragua plus kits for local distribution at shelters and food pantries. Our work is rewarding for all who participate. Each session finds 10-15 Altrusans cutting, ironing, sorting, folding, sewing and inserting snaps in order to complete each kit component. It's a labor of love and we are proud to create a product that supports young women worldwide.



Red Carpet

By Sandy Thompson

Altrusa International of Lake City, Florida

Friday August 1st 2025, Altrusa International of Lake City Florida welcomed new 6th graders from all area schools to the Richardson Sixth Grade Academy for our annual Red Carpet event. 180 students attended with 12 Altrusans and the RSGA cheerleaders and staff to help students feel comfortable merging together with a Tour of the School, Glue class and Spirit class. The event began with welcoming students down a 50 ft red carpet, proceeding through the school color balloon arch with music playing and Altrusans cheering! This new class of 2032 were welcomed with open arms and warm hearts!



Club Service Projects & News

Operation Home Front: Back-To-School-Brigade

By Randi Kahl

Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida

The signaling of the end of summer! The Club has started the tasks for the annual Back-To-School Brigade program, coordinated by Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront is a national nonprofit organization that promotes strong, stable, and secure military families through a mix of programs.

This year's Back-To-School Brigade started as usual with an email notice from Operation Homefront, asking if the Club wanted to continue collecting from their assigned Dollar Tree stores, which Roberta Klusmeier, Dawn Jones, Cheryl Malloy, and Traci Jones graciously agreed to. They picked up from assigned local Dollar Tree stores each week during the campaign. School supplies are donated by customers at checkout through \$1.00 donations. Our collective efforts netted us over 3,000 items. The Club sorted items collected from their stores and boxed them for transport to a central location where school backpacks were assembled.

On August 7th, several Club members: Sharon Blake, Trina Cothrin, Amy Freeman, Alison Hale, Sue Stead, Traci Jones, Tami Lingelbach, Mundeia Klaus, Roberta Klusmeier, Charlotte Simpson, Carol Thomas, and Cheryl Malloy sorted items and assembled 120 backpacks for Operation Homefront.

In addition, the Club divided up the remainder of the school supplies among the various charities and organizations we support. This included:

- 1000 Seminole County - Tools-4- Schools Program
- 600 Volusia County Public Schools
- 300 Polk County
- 325 Fundamentals for Kids
- 254 Monarch Elementary School
- 120 Children's Advocacy Center
- 231 QUEST
- 268 UCP



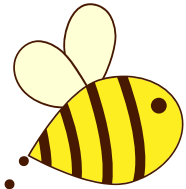
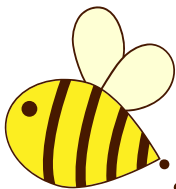
Club Service Projects & News

Operation Home Front: Back-To-School-Brigade Continued

By Randi Kahl
Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida

On August 9th, several members from the Club (Trina Cothrin, Bernice Harvey-Henry, Randi Kahl, Roberta Klusmeier, Yvette Pue, Connie Reuter, and Cheryl Malloy) met at the Florida Army National Guard facility to distribute backpacks to local military families. In addition to the backpacks, our Club donated children's activity books. The event was a lot of fun for the kids, featuring a variety of games and craft activities to keep them busy. And parents were happy to touch base with vendors from Disney, Red Cross, VFW, Navy Federal Credit Union, and Military One Source. Hilton Grand Vacations (HGV), which co-sponsored the event, showed up in force with about 30 volunteers to hand out pre-packed sacks of school supplies and assist with the games and prizes. HGV also provided vacation getaway packages to two lucky families.

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A Legacy Honored

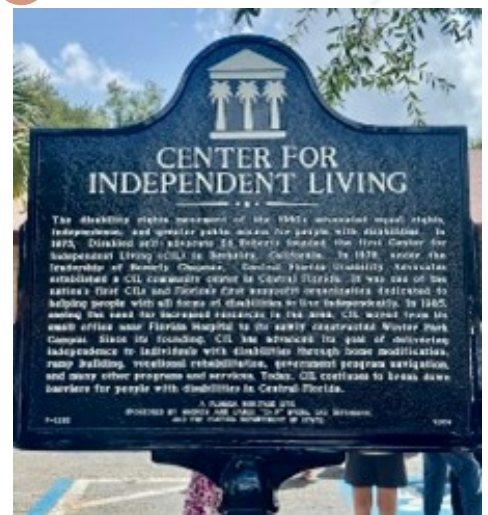
By Randi Kahl

Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park, Florida

Dawn Jones and Alison Hale represented Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park Club at the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Bill being signed by President Bush and the 50th anniversary of the Center for Independent Living (CIL). A video from the day the bill was signed was presented. It was a very touching historical moment that paved the way for all disabled persons. There were multiple speakers, including a mother whose two sons went to CIL as children, who shared about how CIL and the ADA bill have done so much for their family.

The celebration was then taken outside to witness the unveiling of a marker presented to the founder of CIL, Beverly Chapman, by the Florida Department of State as a Florida Heritage Site. It was an exciting day for CIL, and the Club was honored to be invited to share in the festivities.

The Orlando-Winter Park Club has a long history with CIL, starting with a quest asking to help them with the Annual Christmas Party for the deaf children. The Club pulled together a craft idea for the kids in making Christmas Ornaments. The tradition has grown to providing Christmas stockings with toys, and crafting Christmas Ornaments.



Club Service Projects & News

Bright Shiny Faces

By Christine Brewer
Altrusa International of Lake City, Florida



Program Description:

Children who do not have the proper hygiene statistically perform poorly on coursework, leading to poor grades. The more days a student can attend, and participate in class the better they will do. Poor hygiene leads to a lack of confidence, which ultimately leads to missing school days, or missing out on opportunities to learn. Poor hygiene may give a child a bad reputation in school for not being clean. This in return can become harmful to their self-esteem and overall mental health.

1

Key Topic

It is estimated that the number of homeless or immediately displaced students in Columbia County, Florida has reached 8% of our student population and is still on the rise.

2

Key Topic

We want to ensure that all students achieve to the maximum potential of their abilities and to help prepare students to be successful in their careers, technical training or higher education and in the workplace.

3

Key Topic

Poor hygiene leads to a lack of confidence, which ultimately leads to missing school days, or missing out on opportunities to learn.

Information:

Altrusa would provide her office with a bin full of hygiene and cleaning supplies for each of the 16 public schools in our county the week prior to the start of the school year and one for her office to fill in the gaps if needed. She would then ensure that those bins would be shipped to each of the schools and provided to the guidance counselors for them to distribute to students in need. At the end of each semester or at the start of a long break we would communicate via email with the guidance counselors for any items they are in need of replenishment and our committee would then provide those items needed to them by the start of the new semester or prior to break.



Bins Include:

- Deodorant (male and female)
- Dental items (toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss bagged for individual distribution)
- Shampoo and Conditioner, Hair Brushes and Combs
- Feminine hygiene items (pads and panty liners bagged for individual distribution)
- Soap
- Washcloths
- Trash bags
- Zip Loc Bags (gallon, quart and sandwich)
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Tissue

Altrusa District Three Expands Myrtice H. Price Award Recognition

Altrusa International District Three is proud to announce a permanent enhancement to the Myrtice H. Price Award. Beginning this biennium and continuing forward, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented—celebrating even more clubs for their outstanding contributions.

Named in honor of Past Governor Myrtice H. Price, this prestigious award is the highest recognition a club can receive in District Three. It honors excellence in leadership, service, and impact.

Membership has always been a key focus of this award. In addition to traditional criteria, special recognition will be given to the three clubs showing the greatest **percentage net increase in membership from February 1 to January 31** of the following year.

By expanding the award and emphasizing growth, we aim to uplift the strength and sustainability of our clubs, inspire innovative outreach, and carry forward the legacy of Myrtice H. Price.



Installation of International President Christine DeVlieger

By Kitty McElhaney
International President-Elect

At the 59th Altrusa International Convention, members gathered to witness a momentous occasion—Chris DeVleigler installed as the 2025–2027 Altrusa International President.

True to her spirit of creativity and service, President Chris invited each banquet attendee to bring a French-language children's book to support a new service project with the Altrusa Quebec City Club. The response was nothing short of inspiring—**436 books** were collected! Each one was specially labeled to show it was a heartfelt gift from Altrusans attending the convention, leaving a lasting mark on young readers in Quebec.

Her chosen theme for the biennium, “**Love – Literacy – Legacy**,” perfectly reflects both her passion and her vision: to build connections through compassion, strengthen communities through literacy, and create a legacy of service for generations to come.



Shannon Schell Inducted as Trustee of the Altrusa International Foundation Board

By Lori Davis
President Altrusa International of Lake County, Florida



At the 59th Annual International Convention held in Québec City, Québec, Canada, Shannon Schell was officially inducted as a Trustee of the Altrusa International Foundation Board for the 2025–2027 biennium.

A dedicated member of Altrusa International of Lake County, Florida, Shannon has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the mission of Altrusa. Over the years, she has held numerous leadership roles within her club, including President and Treasurer.

Shannon's impact extends beyond her local club. She has served in a variety of leadership positions within District Three, most notably as Governor during the 2021–2023 biennium. Her continued service reflects her passion for community service and leadership within Altrusa.



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