

# 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

## ALTRUSA IS HEATING UP!!

### Dates To Remember:

- July 10: Members with unpaid dues will be dropped from Group Tally
- July 24-25: Governor-Elect training and International Board of Directors meeting, Chicago
- August 12: International Youth Day
- September 8: World Literacy Day
- September 15: Deadline for Foundation grant applications

Dear Altrusans,

July and August are times when life can slow down a bit. It's a time for vacations; enjoying the garden you worked so hard on during the spring; savoring summer fruits, ice cream, popsicles, and perhaps the occasional frozen cocktail; and relaxing in the shade or the pool.

It's also time to consider what your club will be accomplishing in the next year, and how to get it done. We all have goals of providing exemplary service, increasing membership, and keeping our clubs on a good financial basis, but how do we get there?

As in any endeavor, planning is key. We can't just "hope" that our membership will go up or that our service project will go off without a hitch; we need to take steps to ensure that our year rolls out the way we would like. Your committees are busy planning, I'm sure, to make that happen.

Thank you to those of you who completed our survey on virtual workshops; we will be introducing dates soon for workshops on our top two topics, **Best Practices for Planning a Service Project** and **Membership Events**, as well as one on **Working with Canva** (that one has already been scheduled for July 30 at 7PM — see information on page 3). Stay tuned!

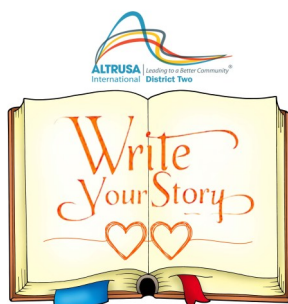
Planning is going on at the District level as well. The Conference Chairs met with our Service Program Coordinator to continue planning our District service project. Also, I know some of you are starting to work on your yearbooks; we have a task force working on updating and streamlining the awards criteria. We hope to have some clarity for you soon.

In a few days, we will be celebrating 250 years of the United States of America. Celebrate responsibly and take time to reflect on where this country has been and what it has accomplished as well as what is possible for the future. At a time like this, our patriotism shines bright!



Warmly,

*Brenda*



A Library of Altrusans  
2025 - 2027

## TEN QUICK SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

1. Collect and donate school supplies.
2. Collect unused makeup to donate to domestic violence shelters.
3. Share mental health resources with your community.
4. Educate beachgoers about sustainability.
5. Clean up your local park.
6. Offer to patch up clothes and stuffed toys.
7. Host a competitive book drive.
8. Make birthday cards for kids in homeless shelters.
9. Host activities for kids in hospitals.
10. Spruce up a run-down playground.



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| 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](#)

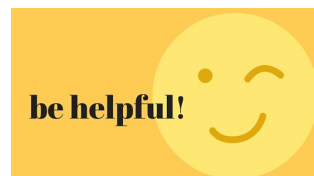
[District Two Service Newsletter](#)

[The International Altrusan](#)

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### ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

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THURSDAY,  
**JULY 30, 2026**



**7:00 PM EDT**

*Learn. Create. Make an Impact!*

No Canva account required • Beginners welcome!



### ZOOM DETAILS COMING SOON

Watch for Zoom details from District Two.



EMPOWER YOUR CREATIVITY. • ENHANCE YOUR IMPACT. • INSPIRE YOUR COMMUNITY.

## Altrusa International District Two



# 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     |

## DISTRICT TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2027

|                         |                    |                 |                                                                            |
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# CALENDAR

| JULY 2026      |                                                                                                                             |                                       |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/01/26       | Governor's Newsletter                                                                                                       | 2025-2027 Governor                    | Governor                    |                                                                                                                                    |
| 07/01/26       | Governor-Elect training fee due to International                                                                            | District                              | District Treasurer          | In even numbered years Governor-Elect training fee is due to Int'l no later than July 1 (Policy 8F)                                |
| 07/01/26       | Send IRS Form 990-N (If receipts over \$25,000, send 990-EZ or 990)                                                         | District Board US only                | District Treasurer          | Due 5 months after close of fiscal year                                                                                            |
| 07/01/26       | Begin work on club yearbook                                                                                                 | Local Club                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 07/01/26       | Select a literacy project for Make A Difference Day                                                                         | Local Club                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 07/01/26       | Start thinking about projects to submit for Mamie L. Bass Service, Letha H. Brown Literacy, & Nina Fay Calhoun Int'l awards | Local Club                            |                             | Applications are on the International Website. Check <a href="http://altrusaservice.org/">http://altrusaservice.org/</a> for ideas |
| 07/01/26       | Call for Board of Director nomination letters to Club Presidents                                                            | District Nominating Committee         |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 07/10/26       | Reinstatement fee of \$10 will be added to membership dues (\$55 membership + \$10 reinstatement fee = \$65)                | Local Club                            | Local Treasurer             | Contact International staff to reinstate members                                                                                   |
| 7/24-7/25 2026 | Governor-Elect Training and International Board of Directors meeting                                                        | Gov-Elects & Int'l Board              | International President     |                                                                                                                                    |
| Aug. 2026      |                                                                                                                             |                                       |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/01/26       | Governor's Newsletter                                                                                                       | 2025-2027 Governor                    | Governor                    |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/01/26       | Start organizing your Make a Difference Day Project                                                                         | Local Club                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/01/26       | Encourage members to become Club 52 members                                                                                 | Local Club                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/06/26       | Forms due to International Nominating Committee for those who wish to be slated for International Office                    | Past Governors/ Current Board Members | Potential slated candidates |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/12/26       | International Youth Day                                                                                                     | Local Club                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/15/26       | Start planning a membership recruitment event                                                                               | Local Club                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/15/26       | District Service Bulletin articles due                                                                                      | Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs             | DSB Editor                  |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/15/26       | Board of Director nomination forms due to Nominating Committee Chair                                                        | District Nominating Committee Chair   | Local Club                  |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/30/26       | District Service Bulletin e-mailing                                                                                         | DSB Editor                            |                             |                                                                                                                                    |
| 08/30/26       | Recommendation for nominations for District Board by Nominating Committee passed to Governor for review                     | Governor                              | District Nominating Chair   |                                                                                                                                    |



**Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.**

Heather French Henry