



# International Convention

July 28-31, 2021

*Racing to Success*



# President's Message

Welcome to our 2021 Call to Convention publication. We have included a preview of information you need to know for planning to come to Convention in beautiful Charlotte, NC, "The Queen City". Yes, previously our Convention was planned to take place in Quebec City, Canada. However, due to the global pandemic of COVID 19 that was not possible. I am convinced that our new location is as wonderful as the one in Canada and it will not disappoint!

I would feel remiss if I didn't address this past year and all the trials we have successfully navigated as an organization. The year 2020 was indeed a year that imposed many challenges on our individual members, clubs, districts and yes on the International level also. With so much pressure on our members, it can be hard to come up with just the right words to express new year wishes for friends, family, and my cherished Altrusa membership. This is especially true if this past year's challenges still linger for our organization. I'm so proud of all Altrusans accomplishments this past year in spite of all the restrictions we have been under.



The future is our story to write ... so let us make 2021 the best one yet. This year is a chance to welcome a fresh start to reinvigorate our enthusiasm and accomplish new goals for Altrusa Leading to a Better Community.

We can start with making new memories and accomplishing our goals by embracing our individual District Conferences this next Spring. As an organization we must make every effort to participate in our 2021 Convention in the last week of July. Altrusans we need this after all we have been through this past year! The COVID vaccine is out and everyone who chooses to take it will be covered by July. I feel very encouraged that this will help many, if not all, feel comfortable attending in person. The Convention will begin Wednesday July 28, and end on Saturday July 31st with the installation of our new International Board. The registration fee of \$350 will remain the same as in previous conventions.

You will see a lot more advanced promotion of the Convention as requested, starting with this call to Convention and then after the International Altrusan in May 2021 there will be special Pre-Convention Newsletters for registrants and First Timers information packs. We will have lots more information also readily available on the International website.

Enjoy the following information about our upcoming Convention. Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Yours in Altrusa service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Hardy  
International President

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# 2021 Charlotte Convention Schedule At-A-Glance

## Monday, July 26, 2021

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING\*  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM GOVERNORS' ELECT TRAINING\*  
6:30 PM – UNTIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2019-2021 GOVERNORS' ELECT AND TRAINERS DINNER\*

## Tuesday, July 27, 2021

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING\*  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM GOVERNORS' ELECT TRAINING\*  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EXPEDITORS TRAINING  
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM RECEPTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS' AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS\*  
  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

## Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM 2021-2023 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS/ VICE CHAIRS AND GOVERNORS' PRESENTATION REHEARSAL  
  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EXPEDITORS MEETING  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND LUNCHEON\*  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON\*  
10:00 AM – 2:20 PM CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT HANDS ON  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM FIRST TIMERS MEETING\*  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM 2021-2023 GOVERNORS' ELECT WORKSHOP AND LUNCHEON\*  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON\*  
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM ELECTION COMMITTEE BRIEFING  
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM BRR AND FINANCE BRIEFING  
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM FLAG CEREMONY REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION  
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM THE OPENING BANQUET

## Thursday, July 29, 2021

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM EXPEDITORS MEETING\*  
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM PAST GOVERNORS' BREAKFAST\*  
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS  
9:45 AM – 11:45 AM FIRST BUSINESS MEETING  
11:45 AM – 12:00 AM BREAK

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	AWARDS LUNCHEON
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	BREAK
2:00 PM – 3:40 PM	REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	WORKSHOPS ROUND ONE
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	FIRST BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUED
4:45 PM – 5:35 PM	CANDIDATES FORUM
5:35 PM – UNTIL	ENJOY YOUR EVENING EXPLORING CHARLOTTE
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	THE INAUGURAL HOFMEISTER LAMPLIGHTER EVENT

**Friday, July 30, 2021**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	EXPEDITORS MEETING*
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	ELECTIONS
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	WORKSHOPS ROUND TWO
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	CELEBRATION OF LIFE
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM	FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	BIENNIUM 2021-2023 PROGRAM PRESENTATION
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	OPTIONAL EVENT TRANSPORTATION (BOARD BUSES)
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	OPTIONAL EVENT

**Saturday, July 31, 2021**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	EXPEDITORS MEETING
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	WORKSHOPS ROUND THREE
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
12:45 PM – 2:45 PM	SOS LUNCHEON WITH 2023 CALL TO CONVENTION
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING*
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	NEW INTERNATIONAL BOARD RECEPTION
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	INSTALLATION BANQUET

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*
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**\* = For select members only.  
This Schedule At-A-Glance is subject to revisions.**

# Optional Event: NASCAR Experience



Experience the exhilarating world of automotive racing at Charlotte's NASCAR experience. Taking place at the NASCAR Museum.

**Cost: \$100.00**

**Free transport to and from this optional event.**

**Meal included.**



## Charm



*\*enlarged to show detail*

Remember to order a charm or two on your convention registration form. At just \$10.00 a piece you can have your own keepsake charm to commemorate your attendance to the 2021 International Convention.

# Keynote - Saturday Luncheon

## Gary Linfoot

Gary Linfoot is a retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Five, with over 23 years of military service. Following a helicopter crash on his 21st combat deployment, which left him paralyzed below the waist, he began work as a military contractor providing flight instruction to special operations aviators in a flight simulator.

In 2018, Gary formed Intrepid Concepts and Consulting, LLC. His customers include the Infinite Hero Foundation, where he manages a multi-million dollar Grant Program and provides liaison with the NHRA, Don Schumacher Racing and the Infinite Hero Funny Car. Additionally, Gary schedules limited speaking engagements describing the personal journey of a Special Operations warrior, following a life-changing catastrophic event.

Gary supports many non-profit military organizations, has served as a Consumer Reviewer on the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, and has worked with Mobius Mobility and Kamen Enterprises to reintroduce the iBOT Personal Mobility Device.

In 2019, Gary and his wife Mari co-founded the American Mobility Project, which focuses on improving the lives of disabled persons with mobility solutions. Visit the website to learn more about the American Mobility Project, show your support, and make donations: <https://www.americanmobilityproject.org/>



## American Mobility Project

WE PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, RESOURCES AND ADAPTATIONS TO ENHANCE INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

Bountiful American Foundation, INC. (d.b.a. American Mobility Project) was founded in the spring of 2019 by Mari and Gary Linfoot and Bob Hyde. The foundation's purpose is to provide mobility and adaptive equipment and resources to those living with disabilities. Gary Linfoot was injured in a helicopter crash while serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq in 2008. He has been the recipient of state of the art mobility equipment which has enhanced his independence. Gary's technical knowledge and personal use of these devices aided in continued improvements of these devices. The Linfoot family is also the very grateful recipients of a "smart home" compliments of the Gary Sinese Foundation's R.I.S.E. program. It is the goal of Mari, Gary and Bob to "do a little more" and pay it forward to a community that deserves as much independence and dignity as the resources in our bountiful America can provide.

Altrusans on the move...

## ***Look out Charlotte, NC, here we come!***

July 28 through July 31, 2021

There is a plethora of information on the website about beautiful Charlotte, N.C. Charlotte is in the southwestern part of the state and is North Carolina's largest city. It was named in honor of the wife of King George II, Charlotte of Mecklenburg. When you have a few minutes, go to [www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/charlotte-us-nc-char.htm](http://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/charlotte-us-nc-char.htm) to read about 14 Top-Rated Tourist Attractions in Charlotte NC. Anything from NASCAR Hall of Fame, Liberty Walk, Billy Graham Library, Carolinas Aviation Museum and so many more opportunities to get to know "The Queen City". Yes, great shopping, too! Remember to throw in comfortable walking shoes!

Now for various tidbits of information to assist in planning your travel to Convention and while attending the 2021 Convention in beautiful Charlotte.

The weather in July is warm and often humid with rain showers. Temperatures range from a high in the low 90s and average low of mid 60s. A good idea to include an umbrella in your luggage! Hotel temperatures can vary. Including a sweater or light jacket is always wise.

Charlotte-Douglas International (CLT) is a beautiful airport and fortunately features many major airlines, American, Delta, United, Southwest, Jet Blue, Frontier, Hawaiian, and Alaskan airline flights. Internationally, Air Canada and Lufthansa also offer service. The hotel is located approximately 17 miles from the airport. There is no hotel shuttle so you will need to use a taxi, Uber, or possibly arrange for someone to pick you up at the airport.

The Call to Convention is full of additional information about Convention and special tours not only for attendees but for those accompanying them.

You very well might consider driving to Charlotte allowing for stops along the way or upon return to see other sights. Many of us fondly remember and will always cherish the fun times traveling with fellow Altrusans. What memories of wonderful shopping opportunities along the way! Special bonding times! Great family times! There are those who plan to travel by RVs and make the event into a fun summer vacation, too.

Depending on where you are located there are numerous opportunities to travel to Charlotte via train or bus, especially those who live on the East coast. If that sounds like something you might enjoy, be sure to contact your local service.

I venture to say that all of us have been greatly challenged dealing with Covid-19 almost the entire 2020 year. Hopefully, we can celebrate together the hard-working Altrusans who figured out so many unique ways to continue to serve communities.

I am proud of Altrusans. How about you? Let us celebrate the amazing dedication and determination to continue in community service!

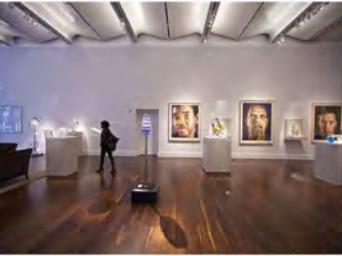
2019-2021 Convention Committee Chairs  
Lisa Boyd, Dona Garretson, Julie Ruiz

## Queen City Pub Crawl



If the Queen City is known for one thing – it's for incredible cocktails and amazing breweries! Allow the Mosaix Group team to escort your group to the best of the best in an afternoon full of fun.

## Museum + Food Crawl



## U.S. National Whitewater Center



Private meeting facilities, restaurants, 30+ water and land adventures for all skills levels, the U.S. National Whitewater Center is the ultimate playground for corporate groups. Rafting available upon reservation.



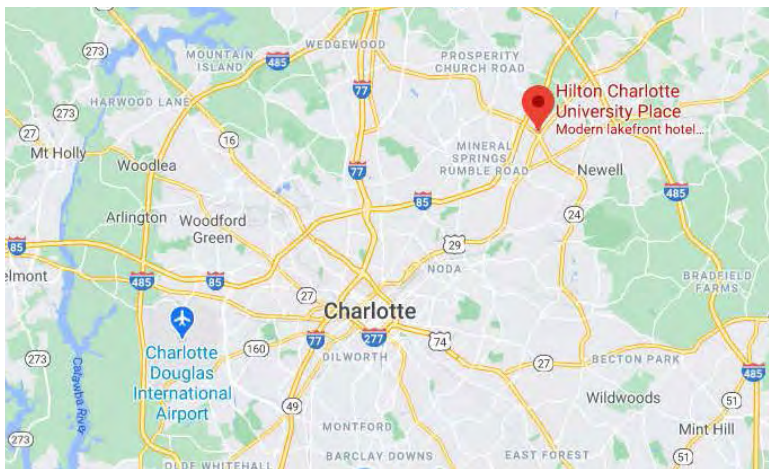
# Hilton Charlotte University Place

## About

Our lakeside hotel is off I-85, next to UNC Charlotte and the Shoppes at University Place. PNC Music Pavilion and the Charlotte Motor Speedway are 10 minutes away. Our hotel features a seasonal outdoor pool, patio seating with fire pits, a Starbucks café, and walking trails. We offer a free weekday shuttle to select destinations within five miles.

## Location

Just minutes from Shoppes at University Place and close to University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Also within close proximity of UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens and PNC Music Pavilion. Approximately 20 minutes drive away from Charlotte Douglas International Airport.



## Lake View Rooms



## Edgewater Bar and Grille

On site casual dining. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner. Seafood and steaks are a specialty. The cafe inside also serves Starbucks coffee!



## Outdoor Pool



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- 1-5 — \$1.97 ea.
- 6-10 — \$1.59 ea.
- 11-24 — \$1.42 ea.
- 25 & up — \$1.17 ea.



### Mask Holding Lanyard

- 1-5 — \$3.49 ea.
- 6-10 — \$3.17 ea.
- 11-24 — \$2.99 ea.
- 25 & up — \$2.87 ea.



### Adjustable Face Mask

- 1-5 — \$6.76 ea.
- 6-10 — \$6.24 ea.
- 11-24 — \$5.90 ea.
- 25 & up — \$5.57 ea.



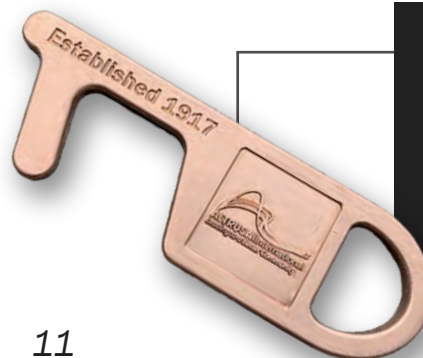
### Keep the Distance Pin

- 1-4 — \$8.75 ea.
- 5-24 — \$7.86 ea.
- 25-49 — \$6.50 ea.
- 50-99 — \$5.99 ea.
- 100 & up — \$5.57 ea.

\*Pin size is 7/8" wide

### Touchless Key Tool

- 1-5 — \$8.99 ea.
- 6-10 — \$8.49 ea.
- 11-24 — \$7.90 ea.
- 25 & up — \$7.27 ea.



## **Workshops and More...**

Workshops will be offered on Thursday and Friday with lots of choices to learn new ways to contribute to Altrusa. These workshops will be organized by President Elect Kathy Folley and her new team next biennium. Attendees should have free time to explore all the many things Charlotte has to offer. Therefore, Thursday night following a provided meal, you will be free to jump on the Charlotte Light train, (ticket to train will be provided in registration packet) enjoy some fresh air, and explore Charlotte at your leisure. During the days of our Convention, we will provide many options for spouses/friends and family members to entertain themselves while Altrusans are in our meetings and workshops. Our International Travel Advisor, Julie Ruiz will be offering pre- and post-convention tours.

## **Convention Exhibit and Sales Tables Available**

Tables will be available for those clubs who would like to display club exhibits and/or share fundraising projects at the Charlotte Convention July 28 – 31, 2021. The theme for the exhibits is “Racing to Success” and should feature club service projects. You will have room for a “science fair” display board. There is no cost for an exhibit table. However, if you would like to sell items to help your causes, there will be a \$25/table charge. The dimensions of the tables are 8ft x 30in, draping is included.

Please note - International Staff will not be able to assist in watching your items. Please make arrangements with members of your Club or District to assist in this area if needed.

Setup can begin on July 27th, and all tables must be cleared by noon on July 31st.

If you are interested please send the following information to [altrusa@altrusa.org](mailto:altrusa@altrusa.org):

- **Name**
- **Club name**
- **Is it an exhibit or sales table?**

Deadline for payments is June 30, 2021, you may submit a check or money order via mail to the International Office. We will create a list of request in the order in which they are received and will fill on a first come first serve basis. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

**Nothing with an Altrusa logo on it may be sold per our Doc Morgan contract.**



***Don't forget to also bring your  
Club Banners for the  
Parade of Banners at the  
Opening Banquet!***

# Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.

We look forward to seeing you at the Charlotte International Convention!

Don't forget to bring your items for the Foundation **Silent Auction**. Think of things personal to your Altrusa Club, and to you! We love seeing the artistic talent shared by Altrusans at Convention.



Keep in mind your items should be easily able to travel home with their lucky winner.

Through your continued support, the Foundation programs provide assistance to Altrusans leading in their efforts to better their communities. Your gifts may be designated to the Grants Program, Disaster Relief Fund, Endowment Fund, Club 21, or Where Needed Most.

This year, contributions of \$100.00 or more will receive a *custom medallion* made for the 2021 Charlotte Convention. Also, contributions of \$50.00 or more will receive a *custom face mask*.

Luci lights will be available for purchase too! Basic lights (with no USB port) are \$20 each. Luci lights with USB port are \$35 each.

Thank you for your continued support of your Altrusa Foundation and its programs.



*Luci Lights are solar-powered, lightweight, portable, inflatable, and waterproof!*

