

# ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



## GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*Buzzing with the Governor*  
Mantha Young



See you soon!

### 73<sup>rd</sup> District Three Conference

April 24-25, 2026  
Spartanburg, SC

Hampton Inn & Suites Spartanburg-I-26-Westgate Mall  
801 Spartan Boulevard, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 29301



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## Buzzin' with the Governor – April Edition



### *Altrusa District Three*

Spring is in the air, and that means one thing... it's almost time to gather, connect, and SPARKLE together at our 73rd District Three Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina, April 24–25!

This year marks an exciting change as we embrace our first two-day conference format. With a full and thoughtfully planned schedule, I encourage each of you to download the “Schedule at a Glance” so you don't miss a single moment of fellowship, learning, and fun.

We are coming together not just for business—but for connection, celebration, and the joy of being Altrusans. Here's a little preview of what's in store:



#### **Conference Highlights:**

- First Timers Kick-Off at 3:30 PM
- HIVE Time Meet & Mingle at 3:45 PM – reconnect, laugh, and catch up with friends
- First Business Session begins at 5:00 PM
- District Awards & Dinner to follow



#### **Saturday Sparkle:**

- Voting begins at 8:00 AM (yes, electronically!)
- District Awards Breakfast at 8:30 AM
- A full day of engaging sessions, fellowship, and FUN
- And we'll wrap it all up with the Governor's After-Party & Dance  
*So don't forget your party shoes!*



My heart is full just thinking about being together again. There is something truly special about this time—sharing laughter, celebrating accomplishments, and strengthening the bonds that make our District so extraordinary.

As we gather, let us remember what it means to be BEE Essential—to serve with purpose, lead with heart, and uplift one another in all we do.


I cannot wait to see each of you in Spartanburg. Until then... keep shining, keep serving, and always find a reason to SPARKLE.

With gratitude and excitement,



Mantha 

 **Nominating Committee Nominees** 



We are pleased to present the nominees for the **2026–2027 Altrusa District Three Nominating Committee**:





Mary Kirley  
Altrusa Club of  
North Georgia GA





Dimple Overstreet  
Altrusa Club of  
Starke, FL




Dawn Mainville  
Altrusa Club of  
Lake City, FL



Jeraldyn Rivest  
Altrusa Club of  
Charlotte, NC



Linda Robison  
Altrusa Club of  
Spartanburg, SC



The Nominating Committee plays a vital role in shaping the future of our District by helping ensure strong, capable leadership for the years ahead.

We are truly grateful for each of these individuals and their willingness to serve. Their commitment to this important process reflects the very heart of Altrusa—leadership, service, and dedication to something greater than ourselves.

Thank you for stepping forward to help keep District Three strong and thriving.

# 73<sup>rd</sup> District Three Conference Information

## Schedule Update Reminder

Be sure to download the **updated Schedule at a Glance** for our upcoming District Conference! A few exciting updates have been made, and you won't want to miss a moment.

You can find it on our Conference page here:

<https://districtthree.altrusa.org/news-events/district-three-conference/>

Take a quick look, plan your time, and get ready to **sparkle with us in Spartanburg!** ✨

## ✨ Governor's After-Party & Dance ✨

Let's sparkle together, Altrusans!

After a full day of learning, sharing, and truly **BEEing Essential**, it will be time to unwind, laugh, and enjoy a fun-filled evening on the dance floor following the Governor's Banquet on Saturday.

Gather your friends, invite a First-Timer, and come celebrate the joy of being together. We are especially grateful to **The Glass & Canopy** and Mike and Jill Adams for their generous sponsorship of this special evening.

We look forward to celebrating with you—because everything is better when we're together... and shining just a little brighter.




## Turning Pages into Purpose


We are honored to welcome **Nicke Haney**, Founder of *Brown Girls Read*, as our Governor's Banquet speaker at the District Three Conference.

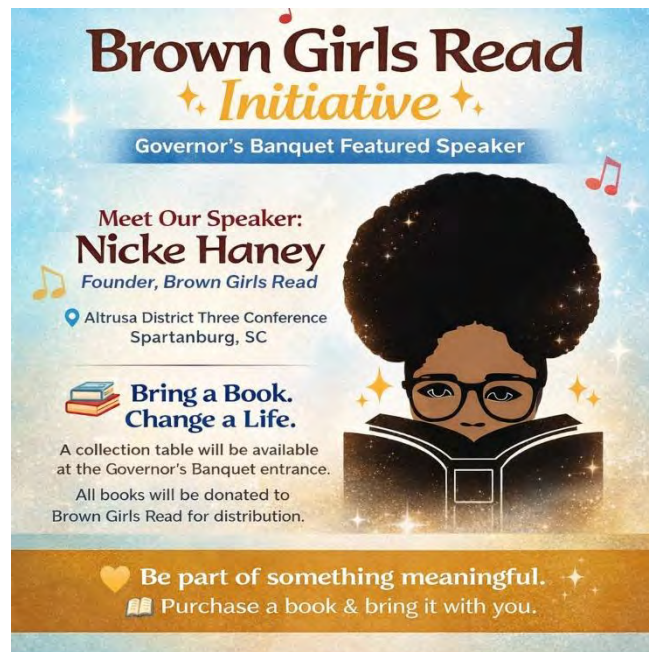
As part of this special evening, we invite you to join us in a meaningful act of service—**purchase a book from the reading list and bring it with you to the banquet**. Together, we will place books into the hands of young readers and help open doors to imagination, confidence, and opportunity.

### **Suggested Titles Include:**

- *Out of My Mind Trilogy*
- *Stella by Starlight*
- *The Year We Learned to Fly*
- *Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins*
- *All the Blues in the Sky*
- *Hattie Mae Begins Again*
- *The Skin I'm In*
- *The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street*

 One book may seem small—but in the hands of a child, it can change everything.

Let's come together, serve with heart, and continue **BEEing Essential** in all we do. 




**Brown Girls Read**  
*Initiative*



Governor's Banquet Featured Speaker

Meet Our Speaker:  
**Nicke Haney**  
Founder, *Brown Girls Read*

Altrusa District Three Conference  
Spartanburg, SC

 **Bring a Book.  
Change a Life.**

A collection table will be available  
at the Governor's Banquet entrance.  
All books will be donated to  
Brown Girls Read for distribution.

 **Be part of something meaningful.**  
 Purchase a book & bring it with you.

# Altrusa Morning Hike – Spartanburg Conference Outing!



 *Bee Energized for Conference!*

IT'S TIME TO **Hike!**

**CROFT**  
State Park

Friday at 9 AM     Meet in Lobby     2 Mile Hike

Hike Leader: Leo Dugger    Just Show Up and Have FUN!

Altrusans (Coming in early?), join us **Friday, April 24th** for a refreshing morning hike at Croft State Park (450 Croft State Park Dr, Spartanburg, SC)! This scenic 2-mile nature trail winds through the woods, along a small creek, and loops back to the parking lot. Expect some roots, uneven footing, and a few bigger steps — but nothing too steep.



Meet in the hotel lobby at 9 AM for the 20-minute drive (about 5 miles).



Parking is limited, so please carpool. Follow GPS to the park, pay the entry fee at the kiosk, and wait for the group — we'll head to the trailhead together.




Bring sunscreen, hat, bug spray & water. Wear shoes you don't mind getting dirty!



Entry: \$3 adults | \$1.50 SC seniors (cash preferred).



Restrooms at park HQ & some picnic areas (none on trail).

Let's start our conference day with fresh air and fellowship! 

Click for more info: <https://southcarolinaparks.com/croft>



## Conference Book Club – Spartanburg 2026



Calling all Altrusans who love a good read—with a touch of humor and heart!

We invite you to read *Sick Puppy* by Carl Hiaasen ahead of Conference and join us for a lively **Book Club Breakout Session on Saturday** in Spartanburg.

This witty and engaging novel weaves together environmental themes, memorable characters, and laugh-out-loud moments—perfect for meaningful conversation and connection.



Come ready to share your thoughts



Bring your perspective



Leave inspired (and maybe still smiling)

Let's read together, grow together, and spark thoughtful dialogue—District Three style.



Who's ready to turn the page with us?

**Join Us!**

**Conference Book Club Discussion**  
— 2026 Spartanburg Altrusa Conference —

**READ & DIVE INTO "SICK PUPPY" BY Carl Hiaasen!**

Get ready for a lively discussion at one of our **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** on Saturday at the Conference!

**Carl Hiaasen**  
**SICK PUPPY**

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"FROM START TO FINISH, SICK PUPPY IS A HOWL."  
— Barbara Hoffman, *New York Post*

Hilarious, thought-provoking, and full of bite! Let's share our insights, laughs, and ideas!

#AltrusansInHarmony #DistrictThreeReads #SparkleInSpartanburg

# 2025 – 2027 BIENNIUM GOALS

## **Leadership:**

Post at least once per month to your club's social media platforms to showcase local leadership and raise awareness of Altrusa in your community.

## **Service:**

Submit a minimum of **two articles per year** to the *District Service Bulletin (DSB)* - for a total of four during the biennium.



## **Membership:**

Grow your club by **a minimum of two new members** each year over the previous year's total.

My 2025–2027 goals focus on building stronger club connections, expanding community impact, and empowering leadership at every level. Through collaboration, innovation, and service, we'll support each other like a hive—united and essential. Let's nurture growth, embrace fresh ideas, and celebrate the unique strengths each Altrusan brings to our District. Together, we *buzz with purpose!*



# REMINDERS AND NEWS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Share</b></p> <p>Do you have a concern, caring thought, request, congrats, or suggestion?</p> <p>Send To: Mantha Young  <a href="mailto:AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com">AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEBSITE LINKS</b></p> <p>Altrusa International District Three, Inc.  <a href="http://districtthreealtrusa.org">districtthreealtrusa.org</a></p> <p>Altrusa International, Inc.  <a href="http://altrusa.org">altrusa.org</a></p> <p>Altrusa International District Three Facebook  <a href="https://facebook.com/AltrusaD3">facebook.com/AltrusaD3</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Update Group Tally</b></p> <p>REMEMBER to please update all of your membership changes and additions in Group Tally.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mail District Dues To:</b></p> <p>Pay District Dues via Group Tally instead of sending them to Treasurer Scott Tice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DSB Articles</b> (District Service Bulletin)</p> <p>Send To: Sandy Thompson  <a href="mailto:sandy@organizemehappy.com">sandy@organizemehappy.com</a></p> <p>Please send in WORD format</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Newsletter/Editor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rachel Rhoden Dimple Overstreet</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pay International Dues:</b></p> <p>Preferably on Group Tally          Altrusa International, Inc.          1400 E. Touhy Avenue          Suite 410          Des Plaines, IL 60018</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Bee Essential Tip of the Month</b></p> <p><b>Bee Essential. Bee Involved. Bee Inspired</b></p> </div>  </div> <p>Just like bees thrive by working together, your club can <b>multiply its impact through collaboration</b>. Partner with another local organization this season - whether it's a school, food bank, or veterans' group. By joining forces, you'll not only share the workload but also expand the buzz about Altrusa in your community!</p>		



<b>APRIL 2026</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
04/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
04/01/26 - 04/30/26	Add an Altrusan month	Local Club		Implement recruitment activities
04/01/26	New members pay full dues which covers them from April 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026	Local Treasurer	District Treasurer	District & Int'l dues
04/01/26	Incoming President appoints Committee Chairs	Local Club		
04/01/26	Consider sending donation to support the International Foundation's Endowment Fund	Local Club		
04/01/26	Finalize proposed budget for upcoming club year	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
04/07/26	World Health Day	Local Club		
04/10/26	Audit Committee report due to Governor	Finance Chair	Audit Committee	
04/11/26	Altrusa's Anniversary and Altrusa Awareness Day	All		Began April 11, 1917
04/15/26	International sends dues statements to Club Treasurers	Int'l Office	Club Treasurer	
04/2026	Pre-Conference Board meeting	Dist Board	Governor	
04/2026	Pre-Conference Foundation Board Meeting	District Foundation Board	Foundation Chair	
04/2026	Conference Opening Session & Flag Ceremony	Conference Committee	Governor	
04/2026	Opening Breakfast, First Business Meeting, Foundation Luncheon, Workshops, Elections and Fun Night	Conference Committee	Governor	
04/2026	List of qualified voters certified by Credentials Chair to Elections Chair two hours prior to the start of polling	Credentials Chair	District Secretary	
04/2026	Elections for Foundation Board and Nominating Committee	Elections Committee		Even years only
04/2026	Awards Breakfast, Second Business Session, Service Projects, Workshops, Governors Reception and Banquet	Conference Committee	Governor	
04/2026	Post Conference Board Meeting	Dist Board	Governor	
04/2026	Post Conference Foundation Board Meeting	District Foundation Board	Foundation Chair	
<b>MAY 2026</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
05/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 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)	2025-2027 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, and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International award winners to International	District Awards Coordinator		Due to Int'l by June 1
05/01/26	ASTRA Service award winners to International	District	ASTRA 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	District Service Bulletin articles due	Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
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	District Service Bulletin e-mailing	DSB Editor		
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



# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

## DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Governor</b>	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com
<b>Governor-Elect</b>	Nancy Shumaker	Statesboro, GA	nancyshumaker.altrusa@gmail.com
<b>Vice Governor</b>	Scott Frieser	Charlotte, NC	Scottfrieser.altrusa@gmail.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Scott Tice	Ocala, FL	scottaltrusa@gmail.com
<b>Director</b>	Dee Dugger	Gainesville, FL	Ladydragonfly54@gmail.com
<b>Director</b>	Randi Kahl	Orlando, FL	Randi_altrusa@yahoo.com
<b>Director</b>	Rosemary Leake	Spartanburg, SC	Rosemary1976@msn.com
<b>Secretary</b>	Nanci Schwartz	Lake County	napschwartz@gmail.com
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Penny Penn	North GA	ppenn04@yahoo.com

## DISTRICT THREE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>ASTRA</b>	Jeraldyn Rivest	Charlotte, NC	jeraldyn@hotmail.com
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<b>Communications</b>	Sarah Long	Starke, FL	sarahlaip@gmail.com
<b>District Service Bulletin</b>	Sandy Thompson	Lake City, FL	sandy@organizemehappy.com
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Scott Tice	Ocala, FL	scottaltrusa@gmail.com
<b>International Foundation Liaison</b>	Martin Houston	Atlanta, GA/YES	martinhouston@gmail.com
<b>Leadership</b>	Yvette Pue	Orlando, FL	ypue@att.net
<b>Membership</b>	Amanda Seyfang	Starke, FL	aseyfang@gmail.com
<b>New Club Building</b>	LaShone Surrency	Lake City, FL	lsurrency@elcgateway.org
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

<b>Governor</b>	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	Spartanburg, Ocala, Citrus County, Salisbury & All Clubs in Two Years
<b>Governor-Elect</b>	Nancy Shumaker	Statesboro, GA	Atlanta, Gastonia, N. Georgia, Orlando-Winter Park
<b>Vice Governor</b>	Scott Frieser	Charlotte, NC	Lake County, St. Augustine, Gainesville, Monticello
<b>Treasurer</b>	Scott Tice	Ocala, FL	n/a
<b>Director</b>	Dee Dugger	Gainesville, FL	Statesboro, Starke, Lake City
<b>Director</b>	Randi Kahl	Orlando, FL	Live Oak, Marianna, District Three Virtual
<b>Director</b>	Rosemary Leake	Spartanburg, SC	Charlotte, Raleigh, Waynesville

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

## FOUNDATION BOARD 2025-2026

<b>Chair</b>	Joanne Brown	Monticello, FL	<a href="mailto:joannebrowndvm@gmail.com">joannebrowndvm@gmail.com</a>
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Yolander Hunter	Charlotte, NC	<a href="mailto:yhunteraltrusa@gmail.com">yhunteraltrusa@gmail.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Shannon Schell	The Villages, FL	<a href="mailto:sezippy@aol.com">sezippy@aol.com</a>
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<b>Trustee</b>	Christine Brewer	Lake City, FL	<a href="mailto:christinegbrewer@icloud.com">christinegbrewer@icloud.com</a>
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## CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

2026			2027		
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