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

THANKS, ALTRUSANS!

Dear Altrusans,



I hope everyone has had a fun Halloween, recovered from the time change, and is getting ready to vote or has voted. As we move into November, with the holidays approaching we are reminded of what is truly important in our lives. As I read Altrusa newsletters, emails, social media posts and publications, I realize we are blessed to have so many warm-hearted souls with a united purpose of serving our communities, both locally and abroad.

There's a lot going on this month (I feel like I say that every month!).

The District Board is meeting this Saturday for the Mid-Year Board Meeting, where we will hear from the 2927 Conference Chairs regarding the upcoming event. Stay tuned for more information; it promises to be a great Conference.

On Thursday, November 19th at 7PM we will have a virtual workshop on Best Practices for Service Projects, including collaboration, evaluation, planning, and challenges. We'll also talk about international projects and different types of literacy projects. International Service Development Vice-Chair Lorraine Brewer was kind enough to share several resources for this informative workshop.

The deadline for the Literacy Challenge is fast approaching. Enter the number of books your club donated/gave away since September 1, by November 30. (Ideally you have been entering your book donations every month). I'd love to see EVERY club in District Two meet the literacy challenge. Only 2 or 3 people in your club? Record donations of 2 or 3 books and you're in!

Those clubs that applied for International Foundation grants should be hearing later this month if they received the funds. If your club hasn't applied for a grant lately, think about what an impact you can make with Foundation funds giving you support.

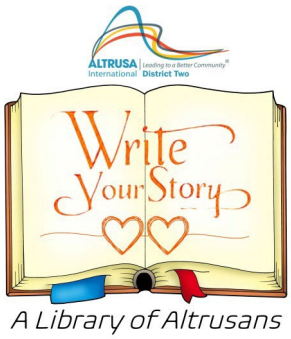
Looking back for a moment, THANK YOU to every club that submitted a Yearbook. It makes me proud to see the many thoughtful, creative, information-filled submissions that came through, and I enjoy reading every single one of them.

Thanks also to the clubs who hosted, and members who attended our Area meetings on October 24. It sounds like there was some great moments of

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Dates To Remember:

- November 7: Mid-Year Board Meeting
- November 16: International Day of Tolerance
- November 19: Virtual Workshop: Best Practices for Planning a Service Event – And More!
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- December 1: International & District dues are half price for new members
- December 10: Human Rights Day



A Library of Altrusans

2025 - 2027

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sharing as well as effective service projects assisting the homeless in our communities. Kudos to all!

On page 5 you'll see an invitation to Centre County's 75th anniversary celebration. Does your club have an event that you want the District to know about? Let me know and I can add it to my Message.

I hope everyone has had a chance to read the latest Altrusa Compass that was sent out. Some great articles as well as information about the upcoming International Convention in Columbus, OH this July. Start saving now for what promises to be an insightful, informative, and fun event. Come enjoy the Convention and see what it means to be part of an international community. I guarantee you will make new friendships that last between Conventions.



Warmly,

Brenda



November 7, 2026	Mid-Year Board Meeting—Washington, PA and virtual
November 19, 2026	Virtual Workshop: Service Projects 7PM
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

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP



BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

- COLLABORATION
- EVALUATION
- WHYS AND HOWS
- CHALLENGES
- INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS
- LITERACY PROJECTS
- AND MORE!

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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
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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE COUNTY
75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Toftrees Silver Maple Ballroom
RSVP to Amy Miller at amyrmiller1@gmail.com with payment ($40.00 per person)
Or you can use the below QR Code to register
All RSVPs should be received
NO LATER THAN Sunday, November 8, 2026.

CALENDAR

Nov. 2026				
11/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
11/01/26	Service Newsletter submissions due	Local Club	Service Chair	
11/07/26	Mid-Year District Board meeting	District Board of Directors		
11/10/26	Nominations by Districts for Int'l Foundation Board and Int'l Nominating Committee due	Governor		
11/15/26	2027 - 2029 Altrusa Int'l nominations for Nominating Committee & Foundation Board	International		
11/25/26	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	Local Club		
Dec. 2026				
12/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
12/01/26	International & District dues are half price for new members from Dec 1 – March 31	Local Club	District Treasurer	
12/10/26	Human Rights Day	Local Club		

