

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

TIME FOR A NEW CHAPTER

Dates To Remember:

- January 3: DSB articles due
- January 24: International Day of Education
- January 26: International Day of Clean Energy
- January 31: DSB Call to Conference
- February 28: Award submissions due

Hello Altrusans,

Happy New Year! 2026 is here, with all of the promise and potential of a new beginning; there are so many blank pages before us. I have been trying to recover from the holiday haze (too many Christmas cookies!) and gearing up for the second half of our fiscal year, especially... DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE! Melinda Angstadt and the Committee Chairs are busy preparing a Call to Conference to be published at the end of the month. Be on the lookout for it! We are so fortunate to have the International President coming as our International representative again this year, so we'll be able to enjoy Chris DeVlieger's company, wit, and enthusiasm.



In the meantime, you can prepare by looking at possible submissions for International and District awards. The criteria are on the District Two webpage at <https://districttwo.altrusa.org/news-events/> – just scroll to the bottom of the page. I really encourage each club to submit; it's a great learning tool, and can help your club become a Distinguished Club.

This month I will be meeting with club Presidents and District Committee Chairs, so if you want something to be brought up, contact them or me. Our Under Charter Strength ad hoc committee will also be meeting, so stay tuned for developments there.

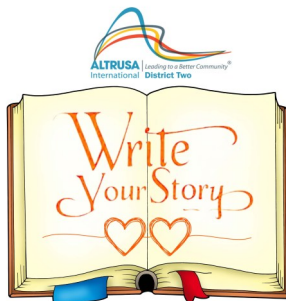
Please remember that new International membership dues are now half-price; Altrusa International has some exciting membership drives coming soon. April will be Add An Altrusan month as always, but we'll have our own Altrusapalooza activities as well. Remember, President Chris's goal is to have each of us bring in a new member!

Things are coming together quickly for our new club-in-process in Carroll County, MD. Please reach out if you know someone who lives near there who would be a great member.

There is much to do, and we have a bright horizon ahead; please stay warm, stay well, and keep on leading to better communities!

Warmly,

Brenda



A Library of Altrusans
2025 - 2027

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](#)

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PAGES ARE BLANK. WE ARE
GOING TO PUT WORDS ON THEM
OURSELVES. THE BOOK IS CALLED
OPPORTUNITY AND ITS FIRST
CHAPTER IS NEW YEAR'S DAY.

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

@POSITIVELYPRESENT

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Altrusa International District Two



CLUB VISITS

CLUB	BOARD MEMBER	CLUB	BOARD MEMBER
Capital City, VA	Shari Gomez	Prince George's Co., MD	Patalia Tate
Centre County, PA	Shari Gomez	Reading-Berks, PA	Roxanne Barzona
Fauquier County, VA	Brenda Ruby	Richmond, VA	Sherral Nelson
Martinsville/Henry Co., VA	Sherral Nelson	Rochester, NY	Brenda Ruby
McKeesport, PA	Linda Dorr	South Central, PA	Roxanne Barzona
Montgomery County, MD	Ann Tyndall	Tidewater, VA	Ann Tyndall
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CALENDAR

JAN. 2026				
01/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
01/01/26	First week in January, ASTRA scholarship applications available	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Member	Due March 15 to Int'l ASTRA Chair
01/01/26	Elect Club Nominating Committee	Local Club		
01/01/26	Club Presidents prepare for District Award entries	Local Club		Review criteria before submission
01/01/26	BRR requests due from Clubs to District BRR Chair	Local Club	BRR Chair	Required 90 days before District Conference
01/01/26	Invite ASTRA participation at District Conference	Governor	District ASTRA Chair	
01/05/26	District Service Bulletin articles due	District Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
01/24/26	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors	International President	
01/31/26	Consider making a contribution to the Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund	Local Club		
01/31/26	District Service Bulletin & Governor's Call to Conference e-mailing	DSB Editor		E-mail DSB to Int'l Office for distribution
FEB. 2026				
02/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
02/01/26	Request for Conference Delegate/Alternate names sent to Club President	Local Club	District Treasurer	
02/01/26	Conference fee invoice sent to Club Treasurer	Local Club	District Treasurer	Make sure letter tells number of members, number of Delegates, total fee, and that fee must be paid even if no Delegates are sent
02/01/26	Club Nominating Committee presents slate of candidates to membership	Local Club		
02/01/26	ASTRA Service Award	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 1
02/15/26	Conference Delegate fees due to District Treasurer	District Treasurer	Local Club	Due February 28 - only if applicable in your District
02/15/26	Elect Delegates and Alternates for District Conference	Local Club	District Treasurer	Number of Conference Delegates and Alternates determined by number of active members recorded as of 1/31; 1 per 15 or portion thereof
02/15/26	Notify, by e-mail if possible, Club Treasurer and Club President of any unpaid Conference fees	District Treasurer	District Treasurer	Copy to Governor
02/20/26	World Day of Social Justice	Local Club		

