

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

April: Add An Altrusan!

Dates To Remember:

- April: Add an Altrusan Month
- April 6: Presidents' Council
- April 7: World Health Day
- April 11: Presidents/VPs Virtual Workshop, 12 noon
- April 11: Altrusa's Anniversary
- April 23-26: 70th District Two Conference, York PA
- May 15: International Day of Families

Hello Altrusans,

It's here! The busiest month of the year! I want to be sure that everyone is aware that on **Saturday, April 11** we will be celebrating Altrusa's 109 years by holding the **Presidents/Vice-Presidents Workshop** on Zoom at noon. Our dynamic duo of SS and MM (Silvia Silverman and Maureen McGough) will discuss not only the responsibilities of club Presidents, but of leadership in general; while the workshop targets Presidents and VPs, all are welcome.



Naturally I can't help talking about our upcoming **District Two Conference**. Your chosen delegates will be voting on the business of the District, including whether or not our District Board should eliminate the Second Vice-Governor position. Beyond the business meeting, we'll share and have fun at our Back to the '70s celebration on Thursday night, and Friday night showcasing the Town Hall and Friday Fun Night. A reminder about the Town Hall – we ask clubs to talk for 5 minutes about one of their service projects or fundraisers, so your club might want to think about who's going to talk, and about what. Add to the mix some great speakers and workshop presenters as well as a "heart"-warming service project, and you'll have a Conference to remember. Who knows, we may even have a surprise guest...

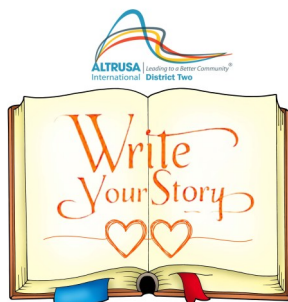
Speaking of guests, since this is **Add An Altrusan Month**, be sure and bring a guest to a meeting. I just ran into an old friend yesterday, and while we were chatting I thought, "Why haven't I invited her to a meeting?" I think we start making excuses for people in our minds before we even say a word. It's not a lifetime commitment, it's one meeting or service project. Our membership numbers are still dropping, and we need to secure our future.

Securing our future includes succession planning! Log onto altrusa.org, go to the Leadership tab, go down to the Leadership Toolkit, and the last item is a Power-Point presentation on succession planning that you can download. New blood, new leaders, revitalized club and District.

The days get warmer, leaves poke through the soil, and spring blossoms lead us to the renewal of the season. I wish every one of you the best as you provide service YOUR way – lead to a better community!

Warmly,

Brenda



A Library of Altrusans
2025 - 2027

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A TECHIE PERSON TO DO TECHIE THINGS!

"But I don't do tech stuff."
"Computers hate me."
"I can't learn this—it's too hard."

We hear these all the time. Maybe you've said them yourself.

There was a time when technology felt like it belonged to "experts." Not anymore. Today, technology is part of everyday life—how we communicate, learn, work, and connect. Being comfortable with it isn't optional anymore; it's essential.

But being tech-savvy doesn't mean knowing everything. You don't need to code or build apps. It simply means being willing to try, to learn, and to grow more confident using the tools around you.

Start small. Focus on your own progress, not what others can do. Confidence builds one step at a time.

And the benefits are real. Technology helps you create, share, and work more efficiently—and often more creatively. It saves time, making everyday tasks easier and giving you more energy for what matters most.

You can use it to design flyers, share ideas, run meetings, or connect with others.

It's not magic.
It's not out of reach.
It's just a tool—like a marker or a screwdriver.

So don't be afraid.

You don't have to be a "tech person."
You just have to be someone willing to try.



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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PRESIDENTS / VICE PRESIDENTS WORKSHOP

Leadership Tips



SILVIA SILVERMAN

Past International President



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Past District Two Governor

DISCUSSION & INSIGHT

- Incoming President's Checklist
- Websites and Resources
- Club President's Handbook
- Agendas and Meetings
- Goals

APRIL 11, 2026

ZOOM LINK
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APRIL IS “ADD AN ALTRUSAN” MONTH

**“Be a Friend – Bring a Friend” Challenge
February 1st through April 30th**



Challenge Rules:

**Recruit as many new active members(not dual memberships)
as possible between February 1st – April 30th.**

**Make sure the new members are entered in Group Tally
during this period, and their dues are paid.**

**International will draw and announce ten winning clubs
the week of May 4th.**

**Each winning club will receive \$100 to use for a membership
event, a service project, or wherever it is most needed.**

DISTRICT TWO – WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

**Sue Miller
District Membership Chair**

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
New York, NY	Brenda Ruby	Washington, D.C.	Patalia Tate

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CALENDAR

APRIL 2026				
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, 2027	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		
04/11/26	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	
04/23/26	Pre-Conference Board meeting	Dist Board	Governor	
04/24/26	Conference Opening Session & Flag Ceremony	Conference Committee	Governor	
04/24/26	Opening Breakfast, First Business Meeting, Foundation Luncheon, Workshops, Elections and Fun Night	Conference Committee	Governor	
04/25/26	Awards Breakfast, Second Business Session, Service Projects, Workshops, Governors Reception and Banquet	Conference Committee	Governor	
MAY 2026				
05/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	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)	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, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International, and ASTRA Service award winners to International	District Awards 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