

# ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



## GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*Buzzing with the Governor*  
Mantha Young



As March arrives with the promise of spring and the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we are reminded that its true meaning goes far beyond shamrocks and green attire. It is a time to reflect on faith, perseverance, and the impact one person can make. How fitting that we gather this month with grateful hearts for the work we are called to do through Altrusa.

I am looking forward to seeing so many of you at the upcoming Altrusa District Three Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina. For our early-arriving attendees who would like to participate, we will begin Friday morning with a refreshing hike led by Leo Dugger — a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, fresh air, and a beautiful start to our time together. Our Membership Chair, Amanda Seyfang, is planning a special Fun Time that promises laughter and connection. We also have three engaging breakout sessions: genealogy, beekeeping, and Book Club, where we will review *Sick Puppy* by Carl Hiaasen — a witty environmental satire that blends humor with a timely reminder to protect the places and values we cherish.

Spartanburg will be a time to reconnect, learn, and celebrate the service that unites us. Thank you for the energy and heart you bring to District Three. As we gather, may we continue to serve with purpose, lead with

kindness, and always remember to Bee Essential. 

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# 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

## 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

### Conference – Silent Auction

The Spartanburg conference is coming up in a hurry and so is our silent auction. If you're having trouble coming up with ideas for a donation, here are several that might make it easier. Choose a theme from your county, from a city near you or perhaps a theme from your president's term in office. Let your imagination run wild and discover how creative you can be.



### Share

Do you have a concern, caring thought, request, congrats, or suggestion?

Send To: Mantha Young  
[AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com](mailto:AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com)

### WEBSITE LINKS

Altrusa International District Three, Inc.  
[districtthreealtrusa.org](http://districtthreealtrusa.org)

Altrusa International, Inc.  
[altrusa.org](http://altrusa.org)

Altrusa International District Three Facebook  
[facebook.com/AltrusaD3](https://facebook.com/AltrusaD3)

### Update Group Tally

REMEMBER to please update all of your membership changes and additions in Group Tally.

### Mail District Dues To:

Pay District Dues via Group Tally instead of sending them to Treasurer Scott Tice

### DSB Articles

(District Service Bulletin)

Send To: Sandy Thompson  
[sandy@organizemehappy.com](mailto:sandy@organizemehappy.com)

Please send in WORD format

### Newsletter/Editor

Rachel Rhoden  
 Dimple Overstreet

### Pay International Dues:

Preferably on Group Tally  
 Altrusa International, Inc.  
 1400 E. Touhy Avenue  
 Suite 410  
 Des Plaines, IL 60018



**Bee Essential Tip of the Month**  
**Bee Essential. Bee Involved. Bee Inspired**



Just like bees thrive by working together, your club can **multiply its impact through collaboration.** 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!

# 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>

<b>MAR. 2026</b>				
03/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
03/01/26	Send names of all members deceased during last year to District Secretary	Local Club	District Secretary	For Remembrance at District Conference
03/01/26	Invite candidate(s) to audit Pre-Conference Board Meeting	Governor		
03/01/26	Elect officers for next club year	Local Club		
03/01/26	ASTRA Service Award due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 1 or by date set by Governor
03/08/26	International Woman's Day	Local Club		
03/15/26	ASTRA High School and College scholarship applications due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 15 to International Office
03/15/26	ASTRA Club Annual Report available	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due June 1
03/15/26	Order ASTRA graduation cords and letters	Local Club	District ASTRA Chair	From International Office
03/15/26	Conference Delegate and Alternate names due to District Secretary	Local Club	District Secretary	Dates can vary
03/15/26	Notify Governor of any club with unpaid Conference dues or fees	District Treasurer		Must be paid by March 31 or Delegates will not be recognized at Conference
03/15/26	Grant applications due to International Foundation	Local Club		Due March 15th
03/15/26	Off-site awards judging completed and names of winners sent to District Awards Coordinator	District	District Awards Coordinator	
03/20/26	Financial data due to Audit Committee	District Treasurer	Audit Committee	If District closes books Feb 28
03/28/26	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors	International President	
03/31/26	List of Delegate, Alternates, District Officers and Past Governors to Credentials Chair	Credentials Chair	District Secretary	Due 15 days before Conference
03/31/26	Certified list of candidates for Nominating Committee to Elections Chair	Elections Chair	District Secretary	Due 15 days before Conference
03/31/26	Annual District Board & Committee Chair reports due	District Board & Committee Chairs	Governor	
03/31/26	Update names of new officers in Group Tally before District Conference and start of new club year	Local Club	Copy to District Secretary	
03/31/26	ASTRA Alumni Info Sheet to be completed by all ASTRA members ages 18 and older	Local Club	District ASTRA Advisor	Due May 31
<b>APRIL 2026</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	



# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

## DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Governor</b>	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com
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<b>Director</b>	Randi Kahl	Orlando, FL	Randi_altrusa@yahoo.com
<b>Director</b>	Rosemary Leake	Spartanburg, SC	Rosemary1976@msn.com
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## DISTRICT THREE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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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>
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## CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

2026			2027		
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