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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT TWO

SUMMER 2026

District Two Governor's Message

70TH DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE

**"Be Who You Were Meant to Be
and You Will Set the World on Fire!"**

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On fire!"



Dear District Two Members,

I was glad to see so many of you at our
70th Annual District Two Conference,

hosted by Altrusa International of South Central PA
with a heavy lift from Reading-Berks PA. Our theme was

"Be Who You Were Meant to Be and You Will Set the World on Fire!." The Conference was aflame from the start with our groovy 70s Night gathering. The Conference was a wonderful success due to the collective efforts of our devoted members, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the many people who made this an inspiring, memorable Conference. We were honored to welcome International President Chris DeVlieger from District Six to our Conference. Chris brought us news from International and the UN, and fully participated in our 70s Night, First-Timers meeting, exhibit judging, and our hands-on service project, Hearts of Hope. Members found her inspiring and easy to talk to. She also assisted with the awards presentations and willingly helped wherever needed. Chris provided valuable feedback to the Board.

An astounding 11 First Timers brought new perspectives, and York Mayor Sandie Walker (who is no stranger to volunteerism) brought greetings from the city. From the patriotic presentation of the flags to the colorful speakers from the Sons of the American Revolution, we honored this country's 250th birthday. Gillian Allen, International Membership Committee member from District Four, regaled and informed us with ways to increase and retain membership, while Linda Dorr brought a greater understanding of leadership and galvanized us to action. Our Area meetings resulted in a combined commitment to the topic of homelessness, with all three Area meetings occurring on October 24. We concluded our day with a lively Town Hall and a round of Bunco.

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Governor's Message

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Our keynote speaker, Berks County Judge Eleni Dimitriou-Geishouser, wowed us with her description of their certified diversion/treatment court program at the Awards Banquet – and what a banquet it was. We had a record number of award submissions this year, and it showed in the quality and variety of the winners. The new sponsor pins that President Chris designed were a big hit.

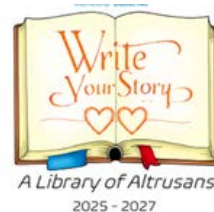
Congratulations to our newly elected Nominating Committee: Cindy Jennings (Chair, Richmond club), Ellen Barta (Tidewater), and Vicky Stanley (Prince George's County). They have the critical job of discovering our future leaders.

Looking ahead, our District has opportunities to grow and thrive as we journey into our future. As always, membership is a clarion call to all of us so that we can continue to lead to better our communities. If each member brings in a new member, we will be able to do so much more. We have had challenges, and have met them with innovation, enthusiasm, and perseverance. I have the confidence that we will continue to do so, and I am so proud of this District and the things we have accomplished.

I am grateful for your support and commitment. It is truly an honor to serve, and I look forward to what we can accomplish this year. Together we can achieve so much; by mentoring and supporting each other we can write a story for the ages.

Finally, mark your calendars for the 71st Conference hosted by McKeesport in Washington, PA on April 22-25, 2027. What stories we will tell!

Warmly,
Brenda Ruby, District Two Governor



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT TWO MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ending on May 31, 2026

| District Two Clubs | Active | Emeritus | Charter Strength Subtotal* | Life | Young Professional | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Capital City, VA | 18 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Centre County PA | 24 | 3 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| Fauquier County, VA | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Martinsville/Henry County, VA | 16 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| McKeesport, PA | 11 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Montgomery County, MD | 24 | 0 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| New York, NY | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Prince George's County, MD | 11 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Reading-Berks, PA | 40 | 2 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Richmond, VA | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Rochester, NY | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| South Central, PA | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Tidewater, VA | 31 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 1 | 32 |
| Washington, DC | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Life Members, No Club Affiliation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Emeritus Members, No Club Affiliation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Affiliate Members | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Totals | 225 | 11 | 246 | 2 | 2 | 245 |

Totals 14 Clubs

***Includes Dual Member**



Altrusa International's membership is built on the belief that everyone can make a positive difference through time, talent, or treasure, and that collective action amplifies individual impact.



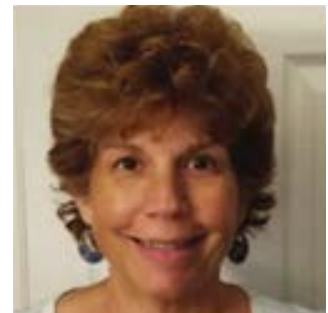
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CLUB VISITS 2026-2027

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



District Service Bulletin (DSB) Editor



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As I now have two DSB's under my belt, I feel like I know so much more about District Two and Conferences than I could ever have imagined. Thank You to Laura Ullrich, our prior DSB Editor for the smooth transition from Publisher to Canva! Special Thanks to Governor Brenda and Sue Miller for their patience, support, and expertise in all things Altrusa! The last Thank You goes out to all of the Board Members and Committee Chairs for submitting such informative and interesting articles and reports. You make the DSB what it is!



CALLING ALL CLUBS IN DISTRICT TWO

ASTRA is the Future of Altrusa!



If you didn't attend the District Two Conference where I shared how easy it is to get involved with young students that are hungry to do Community Service, I would like to answer any questions you may have about starting a new ASTRA CLUB in our District this next school year (2026-2027). Most schools will start in late August or early September, and this would be the best time visit with the Principal or Guidance Counselor to give an "ASTRA CLUB" speech to them.

Here are the Key Elements of an ASTRA Club. I can also send you more information on starting a new club, answer any questions you may have, or help you get started with a club – no question is silly.

1. KNOW WHAT ASTRA IS

2. ACTIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ASTRA BY YOUR ALTRUSA CLUB

3. MAKE ASTRA STUDENT-RUN AND FUN: PROVIDE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN LEADERSHIP

4. HAVE THE ASTRA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE HOLD SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES


5. FOSTER THE CONCEPT OF SERVICE THROUGH PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS IN SCHOOL/COMMUNITY

6. FUNDRAISING: TEACH ASTRA MEMBERS HOW TO FUNDRAISE AND TO GIVE

7. PUBLICITY: HELP ASTRA MEMBERS TO PUBLICIZE WHAT THEY ARE DOING

8. ALWAYS RECRUIT NEW ASTRA MEMBERS AND TALK ABOUT ALTRUSA, TOO

9. ALLOW ASTRA MEMBERS TO MAKE MISTAKES...without rescuing them every time.

My email is cjewels4u@aol.com
and my phone number is 804-241-8386.
I am always available to help because I
absolutely LOVE OUR ASTRA CLUB at
Atlee High School. **THANK YOU AND**
I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON! 

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BYLAWS, RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS (BRR)



WRITING THE NEW CHAPTER:

***Continuing My Service as
District BRR Committee Chair
District Two Biennium 2025–2027
Theme: Write Your Story***

As I begin the second year of my term as District Two Bylaws, Resolutions & Recommendations (BRR) Committee Chair, I am honored to continue serving District Two and supporting governance that keeps our clubs strong and effective.

Following a successful District Conference, the BRR Committee enters the review and monitoring phase of our annual cycle. During this time, the committee reflects on Conference proceedings, ensures governing documents remain current and aligned with Altrusa International policies, and identifies areas that may benefit from clarification or attention over the coming year.

Strong bylaws and clear governing documents provide the foundation for consistent leadership and sustainable growth. The committee remains available to support clubs and promote shared understanding across the District.

As we continue to “Write Your Story” together, I look forward to working with our clubs and District leaders to ensure District Two remains strong, responsive, and prepared for the future.

Thank you to all District Two members for your continued dedication to leadership, literacy, service, and fellowship.



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AMPLIFYING OUR VOICE:

Reflections from Your District
Communications Chair



Connecting our clubs to the world is the heartbeat of Altrusa International.

As your District Communication Committee Chair,

I serve as a liaison between local, District and international personnel.

Together, we build positive public relations and elevate Altrusa's visibility within our communities.

Effective communication turns service projects into inspiring stories that attract new members.

***Recently, I saw this creativity firsthand while judging the newsletters and yearbooks
for our 2026 District Conference.***

Celebrating Our Stories

Reviewing your submissions has been an inspiring journey.

Your publications showcase the deep impact Altrusa makes every day.

- Yearbooks anchor our history, organizing our leadership and milestones.

- Newsletters provide our dynamic pulse, keeping members and the public informed.

Why Visibility Matters

Strong public relations build the credibility that sustains our organization.

Clear communication keeps current members motivated while showing
future Altrusans and donors exactly who we are.

Thank you to every club that submitted materials this year.

While we celebrate this year's achievements, I am already looking forward
to seeing how your stories evolve as we head toward the 2027 District Conference.

Let us keep telling the Altrusa story with pride!

**WRITE
YOUR
STORY**

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**The 2026
Carry Pouch
Rally
is here!**



Did you know that Days for Girls has two collection points in the United States—one in Utah and one in Missouri? These collection points accept everything from complete kits to individual kit components. The Collection Points page lists both their immediate needs and ongoing needs. To date, USA collection points have distributed more than 32,000 Days for Girls kits. That means 32,000 people have gained access to a more dignified approach to menstrual health.

This incredible impact is possible because of the dedicated volunteers who sew, assemble, and donate kits, components, and supplies. However, one item remains in short supply: carry pouches. Every completed kit must include a carry pouch.

To help meet this need, Days for Girls has set a goal of collecting 10,000 carry pouches by August 31, 2026.

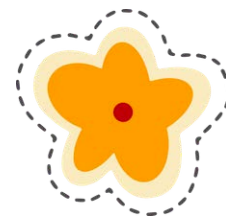
If your club has been sewing carry pouches, please make sure they reach one of the USA collection points by August 31, 2026. If your club does not sew, consider partnering with a local Days for Girls Team or Chapter and donating supplies that will help volunteers sew pouches and send them to a collection point.

Together, we can help ensure that more people around the world have access to menstrual health solutions that support dignity, health, and opportunity.

If your club is looking for more information on donating supplies or components to a collection point, please reach out to a Team or Chapter, Days for Girls or you may reach out to me at jnscorey@verizon.net. I look forward to seeing this goal met for Days for Girls!



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Days for Girls
Every Girl • Everywhere • Period •



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you to all who participated in the Challenge to become CHARTER CLUB 52 Members.
Members accepted the Challenge from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025
and again from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

Thank you to ALL our initial Charter 52 members as well as our Charter 52 Renewals.
We equally Congratulate the Initial Club 252 Charter Clubs, as well as our New Charter Clubs.

- At the District Conference, there were**
- **36 Club 52 (New and Renewal) members**
 - **Tidewater became a Charter 52 Club**
 - **4 donations were made to be designated where needed, totaling \$350.00**

Our reach now continues to a wide range of support internationally,
as well as our local clubs' projects.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
SEVEN NEW AND RENEWED LAMPLIGHTER
DONATIONS WHICH WERE MADE
AT THE DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE!**

The Lamplighter Program is a recognition initiative by the Altrusa International Foundation for Altrusans, clubs, and districts who make significant contributions to support community service, literacy, and vocational programs Altrusa.

Purpose and Recognition

Lamplighters are individuals or groups who give \$500 USD or more to the Foundation in a single fiscal year (June 1 – May 31). The program honors both those who give directly and those whose names are honored in a gift. Recognition is designed to inspire continued giving and community impact.



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Conference Leadership Report

The District Two 70th Conference was a successful one and a demonstration of leadership in action. Leadership was shown in many ways at the conference including these:

- Governor Brenda's presiding over the business meetings
- International President Chris De Vlieger delivering her message and goals for her biennium
- Conference Committee members from Reading-Berks and South Central PA clubs planning and executing the Conference
- Gillian Allen's presentation on Membership
- Immediate Past Governor Linda Dorr's presentation on Leadership with audience participation
- Foundation Liaison Carol James' presentation and fund-raising for the International Foundation
- Judge Geishauser's impactful message about her supportive approach to those who come before her court
- Reverend Melinda's message of peace for the Interfaith Service

There are too many examples of leadership to capture all of them in this article.

Leadership comes in many ways, from small to large.

All of us in Altrusa are leaders and contribute to both our clubs and the District.

Keep the leadership going and please 'step up' when asked to help!



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Development and Retention

DID YOU KNOW?

**Research has shown that
90% of people
who join service clubs such
as Altrusa and Rotary do so
because
a friend invited them.**

**90% of members have
never invited anyone
to come to a meeting or event,
let alone join their club.**



***I hope everyone who attended the 70th Annual District Two Conference
came home excited, and ready to set your club on fire with your enthusiasm!
You did share your Conference experience, right?***

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP WINNERS



Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (%)

1. Richmond, VA
2. McKeesport, PA
3. Martinsville/Henry County, VA

Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (#)

1. Richmond, VA
2. TIE: Martinsville/Henry County, VA and McKeesport, PA

Membership Development & Retention - continued

McKeesport Club Initiates Five New Members

On April 6th,
District Chairman Sue Miller and Melinda Angstadt
initiated five new members into the McKeesport Club:

Doreen Jacobs, Theresa Cotter, Cheryl Cotter,
Anna Lisa Haughwout, and Dana Cindric.



As of April 30, 2025, District Two has
242 active members
7 emeritus members
4 young professionals
2 life members

As of April 30, 2026, District two has
226 active members
9 emeritus members
2 young professionals
2 life members

**During this 2026-2027 club year, we will stamp out “WHAT IS ALTRUSA?
And replace it with “HOW CAN I BE AN ALTRUSAN?.”**



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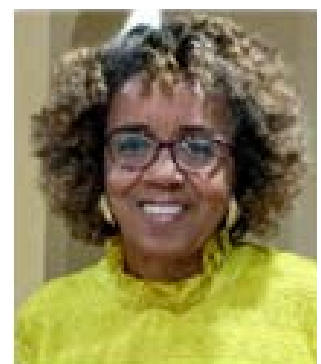


We are continuing to engage in the support and formation of a Carroll County Club in Maryland. The local members - Rita Behofcist, Tabbetha Lewis, Kim Clinedinst, Marsha Ansel, Jeanette M. Wolfe, Minnie Lathe- participated in the county’s festival on May 18, 2026. It was a fantastic day – they gave away over 300 books! Families flocked to their booth, eager to discover familiar authors, while children gathered under the canopy to make bookmarks. Thank you to all District Two members who donated books at the Conference to help support their event!



The group meets on the last Thursday of every month. Just three more new members are needed for the charter. Do you know anyone in the Carroll County area who might join?

We’re also looking for potential members in New Jersey or Delaware. If you live outside your club’s usual commuting area, would you be interested in starting a new club? We need your help to identify areas where we can begin forming new clubs. Please reach out to us if you have any leads!



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Parliamentarian

New Resource for Club Leaders To Vote or Not To Vote



I sometimes get questions about what to vote on at club meetings, as well as other technicalities.

"Do we still have to vote on the minutes to approve them?"

"What about voting on committee reports?"

"What if we want to withdraw a motion?"

To help make meetings more efficient and less cumbersome for those presiding, we have a new resource, To Vote or Not To Vote – That Is the Question, based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

It provides practical guidance on when votes are required, when unanimous consent is appropriate, and how to handle routine business such as agendas, minutes, financial reports, committee reports, and consent agendas.

If you, your club officers, or committee chairs would benefit from a quick reference guide, visit the District Two website's News and Events page and scroll down to find the To Vote or Not To Vote resource flyer. The flyer includes both a link and QR code to access the full document.

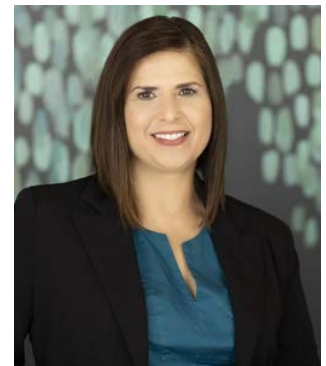


TO ACCESS THE FULL DOCUMENT

My hope is that this resource will help clubs spend less time navigating parliamentary procedure and more time focusing on service, leadership, and fellowship.



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**One District.
One Day.
One Purpose.**

Altrusa District Two Launches District-Wide Service Project on Homelessness

At the April District Two Conference, during the Area Workshop, clubs from Areas I, II, and III came together in a shared commitment to service, enthusiastically approving a District-Wide Service Project focused on addressing homelessness.

This unified effort will officially launch on Saturday, October 24, when all three Areas will hold their workshops on the same day—creating a powerful, district-wide moment of action and connection. These workshops will serve as the starting point for a coordinated initiative that brings together the strength, compassion, and creativity of Altrusans across District Two.

By focusing on homelessness, each area will respond to a critical need within their own communities while contributing to a larger collective impact.

The energy sparked at the April Conference continues to grow. Now, with a shared date and purpose, District Two is ready to turn that enthusiasm into action—and to continue building on this important initiative at the 2027 District Two Conference.

**Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24—
and be part of what we can accomplish together.**



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District Service Newsletter submissions



District Two Service

Martinsville-Henry County, VA

What a wonderful day at the Just Call Granny Summer Activities Fair where we joined with community partners to connect with children and their families across our community. The children had so much fun coloring bookmarks to take home with their new books! Opportunities like this help to continue leading to a better community - one connection at a time.

Montgomery County, MD

We were delighted to take part in a joyful evening of learning at JoAnn Leleck Elementary School. The event brought students and families together for hands-on literacy activities designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and connection.



Reading-Berks, PA

The residents of Opportunity House enjoyed a delicious Mexican meal prepared and served by some of our members. On the menu...homemade salsa and chips, white chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, and desserts. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food and community.



Prince George's County, MD

Dry goods and other food items were delivered on behalf of the PGC Club to stock the Shepherd's Cove Food Pantry in order for them to continue the support of families in need. Facility Coordinator Gwen Freguson and Food Pantry Coordinator Reene Chase were grateful for our partnership and were delighted to receive the donation



Centre County, PA



Excitement was in the air and the eyes of the Park Forest Day Nursery children as they waited for the green light to go egg hunting. Each child collected 8 eggs that were stuffed with stickers and other non-edible treats. Afterwards, Phyllis, head bunny extraordinaire, entertained the children with musical toys and a singalong. Each child received a book to take home. It was an egg-celent event!

Tidewater, VA

In April, we supported the teachers at Green Run Elementary School in Virginia Beach by beginning Teacher Appreciation Week with Snacks!



HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF FOR JAMAICA

We Need Your Help!

Hurricane Melissa has devastated parts of Jamaica, and families are in urgent need of support. Your donations can make a real difference!

Requested Items:

- Flashlights & Batteries
- Tarps
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Bottled Water
- Basic Supplies

Every donation—big or small—is greatly appreciated!

Drop-off Location:
3418 R Street Richmond, Virginia

Together, we can help Jamaica recover and rebuild. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

RVA Boots on the Ground Jamaica

Capital City, VA

In October 2025, Jamaica was struck by a devastating hurricane that left many people without homes, water, or food. Marsha Edwards initiated a project aimed at providing essential supplies to her family members in Jamaica. Our club participated in the relief effort by gathering food items and other supplies to fill two large boxes for shipment to Jamaica.

Thank you for going above & beyond.



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Support Our Soldiers



**The Unsung Heroines: A History of Women
 Supporting Soldiers in Wartime**



Women have historically supported soldiers through nursing, espionage, combat, and administrative support, spanning from the American Revolution to World War II. Key figures include Harriet Tubman (Union spy/scout), Clara Barton (angel of the battlefield), and Margaret Corbin (Revolutionary combatant). These women often risked their lives to provide medical aid, intelligence, or direct, sometimes clandestine, combat assistance. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on these heroines

American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

- Margaret Corbin: Took over her husband's cannon after he was killed during the Battle of Fort Washington, becoming the first woman to receive a military pension.
- Deborah Sampson: Disguised herself as a man to fight in the Continental Army for over a year.
- Mary Ludwig Hays (Molly Pitcher): Famous for bringing water to soldiers and taking over her husband's artillery spot at the Battle of Monmouth.
- Lydia Barrington Darragh: Spied on British troops occupying Philadelphia, passing information to Washington's army.

American Civil War (1861-1865)

- Harriet Tubman: Served as a nurse, spy, and scout for the Union Army, becoming the first woman to lead a major armed military expedition (the Combahee River Raid).
- Clara Barton: Distributed supplies on the front lines and organized nursing care, later founding the American Red Cross.
- Dr. Mary Edwards Walker: The first female U.S. Army surgeon, who treated wounded soldiers near the battle lines and was captured by Confederate troops.

World War I & II

- Elsie Knocker and Mairi Chisholm: Set up a first aid post near the Belgian front line in WWI to treat wounded soldiers immediately.
- Louise Thuliez: A French teacher in WWI who ran a resistance network that helped wounded Allied soldiers escape occupied territory.



- Noor Inayat Khan: A WWII undercover wireless operator for Britain in occupied France, resisting despite torture and eventual execution.
- Della Hayden Raney: A pioneer African American nurse who became the first to be promoted to captain in the Army Nurse Corps.

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**Everything our Altrusa clubs
 do for our veterans—
 no matter how big or small
 —makes a difference.**





PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

It seems like a short time ago that we gathered for our 70th Altrusa International District Conference. We hope everyone who could attend left with the same renewed motivation and enthusiasm that your Planning Committee experienced.

As we begin our second year of Governor Brenda's Biennium, the Planning Committee would like to encourage every Club to review its strategic goals and overall progress.

Does your Club currently have a strategic plan?

If so, how often does your Club review its progress and compare accomplishments with both the Club and District Strategic Plan?

Regularly reviewing goals throughout the year can provide valuable insight into the overall health and direction of your Club while helping maintain focus on priorities and long-term growth.

The District Strategic Plan focuses on six key areas:

Service

Communications/Marketing

Leadership/Leadership Development

Member Services/Membership

ASTRA

United Nations

We encourage Clubs to review the attached District Strategic Plan and consider how your Club's goals align with these focus areas.

Please feel free to contact the Planning Committee if we can provide assistance, resources, or support as your Club reviews and develops its plans. We are here to help!

Ann Tyndall, District Two Governor-Elect
Planning Committee Chair District Two,
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Altrusa District Two Strategic Plan 2025-2027



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| <p>Vision: Altrusa is a leader among international organizations improving communities worldwide through a network of member clubs.</p> | <p>Mission: To improve communities worldwide by providing service, developing leadership, fostering international understanding and encouraging fellowship through an international network of dedicated volunteers.</p> | <p>Brand: Leading to a Better Community Brand Anchors: Flexibility, Inclusion, Clarity</p> | <p>Measures: 1. Member Numbers 2. Member Satisfaction Rating 3. Service Hours and Fundraising 4. Website hits</p> |
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| <p>Service Encourage collaboration with other nonprofits</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Create strategic partnerships with organizations focusing on literacy > Assist clubs in identifying partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Facilitate sharing of ideas related to service projects and partnerships, particularly at Conference > Promote participation in global service projects, particularly literacy projects > Encourage all clubs to submit club project entries for District and International awards, including exhibits |
| <p>Provide service to underserved community members.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Investigate underserved population service opportunities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Support and encourage clubs to find a new service project to support underserved community members. |
| <p>Communications/Marketing Enhance the flow of Altrusa information</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Increase members' marketing efforts > Increase engagement rate on Social Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provide online presentations or webinars on how to use the marketing tools that are available > Encourage clubs to use social media, newspapers, TV and radio to promote and provide information about their clubs' activities > Maintain an attractive and informative website for potential members |
| <p>Leadership Strengthen the leadership pipeline with Clubs and Districts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Implement Club and District Succession Planning > Provide Succession Planning materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Encourage each club to implement a succession plan > Implement a viable succession plan within District Two > Provide current Succession Plan materials on the District website. |
| <p>Develop leadership at all levels of Altrusa.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Enhance the relationship between District Boards and Clubs. > Improve the availability and quality of leadership training materials. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Work with current Club Presidents to provide leadership candidates > Develop more varied leadership training for members to assume leadership positions at the local and District level. > Utilize Club visits to maintain a database of candidates for District leadership. > Increase communication between District Clubs and Leadership Training Committee. |
| <p>Member Service: Enlighten and update members on ways to increase membership</p> | <p>Increase membership through recruitment and retention</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Increase membership by 10% > Retain membership by 95% > Share recruitment and membership retention strategies with clubs |
| <p>ASTRA: Improve and support ASTRA Clubs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Charter new ASTRA clubs > Publicize ASTRA activities > Encourage ASTRA transitions to Altrusa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Start at least one new ASTRA club > Encourage development of community ASTRA clubs - ex. home schools, charter schools, cyber schools > Recruit educators for Altrusa that can help with ASTRA > Provide ASTA pamphlet/rack card to spur interest |
| <p>United Nations Promote awareness to all Altrusans of the history/role of Altrusa at the United Nations.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Increase visibility of the United Nations > Increase contact with our United Nations representative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Promote United Nations to members. > Enhance United Nations involvement. > Invite UN representative to Conference, request yearly updates on UN activity |

Altrusa International Inc. District Two Strategic Plan - 2025-2027

Service:

Completed/Continued

- Continue all strategies to promote growth in Service of your communities
- Club increased award applications in areas such as yearbooks exhibits and newsletters
- Clubs are increasing visibility of their service project through multi-media outlets like Facebook, Instagram and District Two webpage
- Town Halls have become an important part of share our District's community involvement and new ideas, scheduled in District Conference
- Encouraged all clubs to participate in online workshops presented by the District and International through email blasts and Governor's Messag
- Continue to post to district website workshop
- Continue to encourage to share information on project successes and successful fundraising projects

Communications/Marketing:

Completed/Continued

- Continue all strategies to promote growth in Marketing
- Clubs expanded their use of social media and webpages helping their club to have a visible presence
- Increased use of virtual software such as Zoom for club meetings, special training workshops, committee meetings etc.
- Webmaster continues to keep District webpage current and viable
- Increased use of both District and International websites

Membership:

Completed/Continued

- Continuing all strategies to promote Member Service
- Encouraged members to become more familiar with the district and international website.
- Continue to promote an increase in membership by 10%
- Continue strategies to build membership in clubs by adding 3 new members
- Promoted succession planning, member retention and recruitment

Strategic Plan (continued)

- Continue all strategies to promote growth in Membership
- Membership as of March 31, 2026, total membership 239 – loss of 7 members
- Continuing strategy for adding new member/club will continue
- The district is almost ready to charter our newest club: Altrusa International of Carroll County, MD
- Offer workshop on Retention/Recruitment at 2026 district conference

Leaders:
Completed/Continued

- Continuing all strategies to promote Leaders
- Continue to work on succession planning with clubs
- Continue all strategies to promote growth in Leaders
- Offered virtual meetings to Club President, Vice President
To assist with questions and offer assistance when needed.
- Offered workshops/training for president, vice presidents and treasurers
- Encourage officers and members to take advantage of virtual workshops/training offered by other districts
- Developed Under Charter Ad hoc committee to offer assistance to clubs that remain under charter
- Continue to take advantage of assorted training being offered by other districts and available by virtually or recordings
- Encourage all clubs to expand ASTRA clubs

Member Services:
Completed/Continued

- Continuing all strategies to promote Member Services
- Continue to encourage all members to utilize the International and District Websites
- Continue to encourage membership to read all newsletters as well as the international newsletter the Compass

ASTRA:
Completed/Continued

- Continuing all strategies to promote ASTRA
- Continue to encourage clubs to build more ASTRA clubs now that we have additional areas of growth

United Nations:
Completed/Continued

- Continuing all strategies to promote United Nations



**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC.
DISTRICT TWO
DISTRICT SERVICE BULLETIN SCHEDULE
2026-2027**

CALL TO CONFERENCE (PUBLISH 1/31/2027)

- Conference Info, Program, Registration, Awards
Submission Criteria
- Area Workshop Reports
- Conference Evaluations
- Candidate Bios
- Membership Report
- News from Committee Chairs
- District Two Website Updates
- Conference Related Forms
Memorial Form
Delegates/Alternates
Registration Form
Exhibit/Merchandising Space Reservation

ALTRUSAN RESPONSIBLE

- Brenda Ruby & McKeesport
Host Club
- Area Reps to Amy Miller
- Shari Gomez and Patalia Tate
- TBD
- Anneke Fleming
- All Committee Chairs
- Beth Vann-Turnbull
- McKeesport Host Club

Deadline for Call to Conference 2027 is January 3, 2027

Please email information to Melinda Angstadt

mangstadt@aol.com

Leading to a Better Community

2026
70th District Two Conference Report
IT WAS ALL ABOUT SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE!
April 23 – 26, 2026

Well, the reviews and accolades are still arriving. The 70th Annual District Two Conference is in the books, and it was a resounding success!

Preparing for Conference was no easy task, but when Thursday, April 23rd rolled around, the teams were psyched. South Central committee members Deb Flage, Ann Tyndall, Donna Miller, Brenda Gabel, Anneke Fleming, Marsha Pierich and Reading-Berks committee members Sue Miller, Judy Lysczek, Melinda Angstadt, and Cindy Walter, with Governor Brenda at the helm, were ready.

Thursday, April 23

*Altrusans began arriving by car, train and plane at the beautiful Wyndham Garden Hotel, York, PA. Prep work began at 1PM. - set up the Ballroom, Registration/Credentials, and the Hospitality Suite for the 70s Welcome Party. We certainly did “Boogie Into The Seventies” on Thursday Night. Thanks, Judy Lysczek and your committee for the huge variety of appetizers, snacks, cake, beverages, and more. Also, thanks to Melinda and Cindy, who created the atmosphere. The disco photo booth was a hit, as well as 70s board games, face painting, and a great selection of clothing and accessories for picture taking.

Friday, April 24

* First Timers met at 8 AM for their meeting and Scavenger Hunt; Delegates met at 8:35 with Parliamentarian Beth Vann-Turnbull for their briefing. Gillian Allen, Linda Dorr, and International President Chris DeVlieger led the First Timers Session.

* Governor Brenda Ruby called the Opening General Session to order and the Conference was on its way. Foundation Liaison Carol James presented a beautiful invocation; Lisa Carey of the Centre County club conducted the Presentation of the Flags, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

* Welcomes and greetings were next – from Conference Co-Chairs Deb and Sue, from York Mayor Sandie Walker, and International President Chris DeVlieger, followed by the preliminary Registration and Credentials reports. Cindy Jennings, ASTRA Chair, led us in a beautiful tribute to two Altrusans who died this past year with A Celebration of Life Ceremony.

*The 2026-2027 Proposed Budget was presented by District Treasurer Anneke Fleming. This year, delegates voted for the District's Nominating Committee members.
 Candidates were introduced by Governor Brenda.

* At noon, we enjoyed a Baked Potato Bar Lunch. Governor-Elect Ann Tyndall presided over the lunch and program. Dr. Steven Messner, Ph.D, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, was introduced by Daughter of the American Revolution Bobbi Wertz-Hoy. This special patriotic program honored America's 250th Anniversary. To conclude lunch time, several awards were presented.

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- * The afternoon was time for workshops. First on tap “Membership Recruitment and Retention: Dumpster Fire to Controlled Burn” by International Membership Committee Member Gillian Allen. Her workshop was followed by “Leadership Begins With Us: From Intention to Impact” presented by Immediate Past Governor Linda Dorr. We were free for dinner after Area Meetings.
- * 7:30 PM was the ever popular Town Hall Meeting in the Crystal Ballroom. Past Governor Maureen McGough gave each club five minutes for their presentation, questions, and answers. And then, if you weren't too tired, you could enjoy Centre County's Bunco Fun Night, or just relax in the Hospitality Suite, located next to the Ballroom.

Saturday, April 25

- * At 7:30 AM, delegates elected the chair of the Nominating Committee–Congratulations Cindy Jennings! Other committee members are Ellen Barta and Dr. Veronica Stanley.
- * At the Foundation Breakfast, International Foundation Liaison Carol James, presented lots of information on the new Club 52 program. Additional awards followed the breakfast.
- * The Second General Session convened at 9:45 AM with the Final reports of Credentials and Registration. Judy Sager reported 72 members were registered and in attendance. The 2026-2027 Budget was presented and approved. More reporting was in order from International President Chris and Governor Brenda. Second General Session adjourned. ASTRA update given by Chair Cindy Jennings.
 - * After lunch on our own, Marsha Pierich, Chair of the Service Project “Hearts of Hope”, led us through a sewing class. We finished 72 beautiful pillows for cancer patients at UPMC Cancer Center – Infusion Unit in York, PA.
- * After some free time and mingling at Gavin's Gathering, it was time for the Awards Recognition Banquet. Saturday evening's Banquet honored the top award winners and clubs for outstanding achievements.
- * Berks County Judge Eleni Dimitriou-Geishouser presented her incentive program that rewards individuals who come before her in Treatment Court. Treatment Court could be Drug Treatment, DUI Treatment, Mental Health Treatment or Veterans Treatment Courts. She definitely “set us on fire” with her positivity!
 - * The McKeesport, PA club invited us to the 71st Conference at Hyatt Place Hotel at The Meadows, Washington, PA, “Where Service Meets a Little Sparkle & Fun”, April 22-25, 2027.
 - * The Parade of Banners were presented and the Flags were retired.

Sunday, April 26

- * An Interfaith Service entitled “Peace” was conducted by Rev. Melinda Angstadt, followed by the Post Conference Board Meeting. The Conference Chairs, the South Central and Reading-Berks Clubs thank everyone who made this Conference a success! Thank you to those who donated children's books to the Book Challenge. Half of the books went to UPMC - Childrens Pediatric Unit in Harrisburg and the rest to the Carroll County Altrusans' literacy project.

“BE WHO YOU WERE MEANT TO BE AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE!” As the new club year begins, put fire in everything you do Altrusa. Write your stories of service, leadership and love. Take the inspirations you received at District Conference and set your communities On fire!

Deb and Sue

Welcoming Our First Timers at the District Two Conference



One of the highlights of the District Two Conference was welcoming our First Timers as they began their Altrusa journey. It was an honor to present the First Timer's Workshop alongside Chris DeVliieger and Gillian Allen.

Through an interactive presentation, First Timers were introduced to the District Two Board, learned what to expect at Conference, and received tips to help them get involved, make connections, and say "yes" to opportunities. A favorite activity was the Connections Scavenger Hunt, which encouraged engagement and new friendships.

We were delighted to welcome 11 First Timers, a wonderful number of new attendees: Allison Baker; Kathy Cox; Muriel Whorley; Tina Mack; Monica Parchment; Patricia Haden; Danielle Kranis; Rose Sneeringer; Ronda Reed; Marlene Watts; and Cynthia Walter. Congratulations to our Scavenger Hunt winners: Second Place, Marlene Watts (\$50 toward the 71st District Two Conference in Washington, PA, hosted by the McKeesport, PA Club), and First Place, Muriel Whorley (\$100 toward Conference Registration).

We closed with a simple message: We are so glad you are here. This is the beginning of your Altrusa journey. Leadership begins with showing up—and you already have.

"It was a pleasure to meet everyone at the conference! It was a memorable first-time experience that was engaging, informative, and inspiring! The scavenger hunt was a great tool to connect with new friends and learn more about Altrusa. I look forward to seeing you again at next year's conference."— Rose Sneeringer, Reading-Berks, PA Club

We look forward to seeing them at the next District Two Conference as they continue Leading to a Better Community.

Meet Your Presenters



Scavenger Hunt Winners



Muriel Whorley - First Place Winner



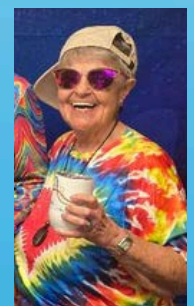
Marlene Watts - Second Place Winner

Altrusa International District Two 70th Conference

Welcome Party - Boogie into the 70s... and boogie we did!



Do you know who is with
Brenda? Hint...she runs the
whole show!




There was food, fun, games, face painting, dancing, and lots of
laughter! Partying with old friends while meeting new ones
made it a perfect night!





A Welcome from our Co-Chairs, Deb and Sue and International President Chris DeVlieger

BE WHO YOU WERE MEANT TO BE AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE! 



A Celebration of Life to remember our Altrusan sisters we lost this year.



Marsha and Ann spearheaded our Service Project, Hearts of Hope.



Did you guess that Chris was our "mystery hippie?"



Irene Mardis Newsletter Award Reading-Berks - 1st



Ann Ayer Yearbook Award Capital City - 1st



Bobbi (Daughters of the American Revolution) with our speaker, Dr. Steven Messner. (Sons of the American Revolution)



Mary S. Resh Program Planning Award Martinsville-Henry County - 1st



Edith W. Nelson Environmental Award Centre County - 1st

Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (%) & Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (#) Richmond - 1st



Phyllis J. Corman ASTRA Award Tidewater - 1st

AWARDS...AWARDS...AND MORE AWARDS

Betty C. Schwartz Presidential Excellence Award



Dorothy Thompkins
Capital City



Lillian Holland
Martinsville-Henry County



Patalia Tate
Montgomery County



Shari Gomez
Tidewater



Melissa Kolesar
McKeesport



Tammy Boyd
Richmond

Saturday Night Awards Banquet



A little bit of Richmond, VA, some South Central, PA and a dash of Thibodaux, LA

From the very first waving of the light sticks, our speaker Judge Eleni Dimitriou-Geishouser had us captivated!



Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award
Richmond - 1st



Patsy Flensburg Convergence Exhibit Award
Tidewater - 1st



Betty S. Brooks/Letha H. Brown Literacy Award - Capital City - 1st



Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award - Prince George's County - 1st



Patricia A. Woodward Conference Participation Award
Centre County - 1st

**First Timers Awards
Muriel Whorley - Montgomery County
& Marleen Watts - Reading-Berks**



**Be Who You Were Meant to Be
and You Will Set the World on Fire!**



Governor's Award Winners

I was meant to be...



**Deb Flage
Conference Co-Chair
South Central**



**Susan Miller
Conference Co-Chair
Reading-Berks**



**Melinda Angstadt
DSB & Conference Program
Editor
Reading-Berks**



**Gillian Allen
District Four
International Membership
Committee Member**

The Legacy of Altrusa International District Two



**Silvia Silverman (PIP), Marcy Royal, Sandra Craig, Diane Kolesar,
Phyllis Corman (PIP), Linda Dorr, Maureen McGough, Nancy Wenrich,
Dianne Vann, and Tammy Boyd**

DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE AWARDS SUMMARY

April 23 – April 26, 2026

Ann Ayer District Two Yearbook Award

1. Capital City
2. South Central PA
3. Montgomery County

Irene Mardis District Two Newsletter Award

1. Reading-Berks
2. Tidewater
3. Centre County

Mary S. Resh Program Planning Award

\$50.00 Check to 1st place

1. Martinsville - Henry County
2. TIE: Montgomery Co, Centre Co
3. Reading-Berks

Edith W. Nelson Environmental Award

\$50.00 Check to 1st place

1. Centre County
2. Tidewater
3. Martinsville - Henry County

Phyllis J. Corman ASTRA Award

\$50.00 Check to 1st place

1. Richmond
2. _____
3. _____

Patsy Flensburg Conference Exhibit Award

\$25.00 Check to 1st place

1. Tidewater
2. TIE: M-HC and Montgomery Co
3. Centre County

Betty C. Schwartz Presidential Excellence

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <u>Dorothy Thompkins, Capital City</u> | 2. <u>Lillian Holland, Martinsville - Henry Co</u> |
| 3. <u>Patalia Tate, Montgomery Co</u> | 4. <u>Judy Sager, Reading-Berks</u> |
| 5. <u>Shari Gomez, Tidewater</u> | 6. <u>Melissa Kolesar, McKeesport</u> |
| 7. <u>Tammy Boyd, Richmond</u> | |

Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award

1. Richmond
2. South Central PA
3. McKeesport

Betty S. Brooks/Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

1. Montgomery County
2. Martinsville - Henry County
3. Capital City

Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

1. Prince George's County
2. Capital City
3. Montgomery County

Eleanore Petterson Membership Growth (%)

- 1. Richmond
- 2. McKeesport
- 3. Martinsville - Henry County

Eleanore Petterson Membership Growth (#)

- 1. Richmond
- 2. TIE: Martinsville - Henry Co and McKeesport
- 3.

Patricia A. Woodward Conference Participation

- 1. Centre County
- 2. Montgomery County
- 3. Capital City

Club Anniversaries

- 1. Martinsville - Henry County - 85 years
- 2. McKeesport - 85 years
- 3. Centre County - 75 years
- 4. Rochester - 75 years
- 5. Tidewater - 60 years
- 6.

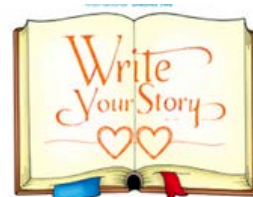
First Timer's Award

- 1. Muriel Whorley - Montgomery Co
- 2. Marlene Watts - Reading-Berks

Governor's Awards

- 1. Gillian Allen, District Four - International Membership Committee member
- 2. Melinda Angstadt, Reading-Berks - DSB and Conference Program editor
- 3. Deb Flage, South Central PA - Conference Co-Chair
- 4. Sue Miller, Reading-Berks - Conference Co-Chair

Congratulations



*A Library of Altrusans
2025 - 2027*



The 70th Altrusa International District Two Conference Evaluation Survey Results Summary



Prepared by First-Vice Governor Shari Gomez and Second-Vice Governor Patalia Tate

The evaluation survey results from the 70th Altrusa International District Two Conference have been compiled. There were approximately 70 attendees at the District Two Conference and there were 32 responses to the survey. Thank you! Altrusans ranked Conference activities using a score ranging between 1 (Extremely Dissatisfied) and 5 (Extremely Satisfied). The highest weighted average is 5.0. Please find below the summary of the Survey Activity Rankings:

| Activity | Weighted Average |
|---|------------------|
| Pre-Conference Virtual Workshop – Club Treasurer's Workshop March 23, 2026 | 3.9 |
| Pre-Conference Virtual Workshop – Presidents/VPs Workshop April 11, 2026 | 4.1 |
| Welcome Social - April 23, 2026 | 4.8 |
| Registration and Credentials | 4.0 |
| Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction | 4.1 |
| How satisfied were you with the following Conference Activities - Friday, April 24- Sunday, April 26, 2026 | |
| First Timers Meeting | 3.8 |
| Delegates' Briefing | 4.4 |
| Opening General Session | 4.6 |
| Presentation of the Flags | 4.8 |
| Celebration of Life Service | 4.6 |
| Friday Luncheon/Awards | 4.6 |
| Speaker, Steve Messner, Sons of the American Revolution | 4.1 |
| Membership Workshop, Gillian Allen | 4.5 |
| Leadership Workshop, Linda Dorr | 4.7 |
| Area Meetings | 4.6 |
| Town Hall Meeting | 4.5 |

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| Friday Fun Night | 4.5 |
| Voting for Nominating Committee | 4.5 |
| Foundation Breakfast/Awards | 4.6 |
| Second Business Session | 4.6 |
| Altrusa International Report | 4.6 |
| Hands-On Service Project | 4.5 |
| Gavins Gathering | 4.4 |
| Awards Recognition Banquet | 4.6 |
| interfaith Service | 4.3 |

Q1 How would you describe your overall experience at this year's District Two Conference?

Excellent Experience | It was a wonderful experience and always good to see all the ladies. | Conference was well attended, very informative. Speakers were wonderful. | This was a great experience – lots of energy and reconnecting and fun | Very good experience! Organized, ran smoothly, enjoyable | I felt very welcomed and part of a group with a large purpose to Serve. | Great location, desk and room service, food, spacing for our events. Well planned and executed. Yea team! | Revitalizing | Exhausting ❤️ but fun

Q2 What did you enjoy most about the District Two Conference?

International Report, President's report, Awards Banquet | The service project, in person interactions | The speakers, walked away with wanting to do more for my club. | The Thursday welcome was fun, plus having the international president and Membership Liaison there made a big difference, and also the energy of the first timers and newer clubs was awesome | I truly enjoyed the Town Hall and listening to what other clubs are doing | Connecting and reconnecting with other Altrusans | Meeting new Altrusan friends | Friendships new and old, learning together, amazing training sessions. Loved the Judge. Amazing woman. | The Leadership Workshop and the variety & number of awards distributed. Great speakers/presentations throughout the conference. | The enthusiasm of the attendees - The theme "Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire" was perfect! | 70s night

Q3 What improvements would you suggest for next year's conference?

Maybe not as much down time on day 2 | more breaks to avoid back issues and bathroom issues. Extra paper on tables for note taking. Print out Board members names and past Governors' with Club names | There was not enough merchandise to for sale. It looks like almost everything sold out on Friday night. If you are traveling a distance, you miss out on the early sales and there was only two jackets left when we went in on Saturday morning. | Better scheduling and communication about Silent Auction hours | No improvements needed. | Having the screen on the same side as the head table | Stop Zoom workshops | Technology/audio visual improvements; Have judges for awards to review award criteria and follow it. Judges provide feedback | I cant think of any.

Q4 Are there any specific topics or themes you'd like to see at future conferences?

The recruitment and retention information was good. We need more positive topics to excite the members. | More about resources available and maybe tips and tricks that aren't in the protocol – things that you only learn by doing ... | The board needs to be little more organized when the business session of the conference is held. | Share ideas on how club members connect with each

other besides club meetings, how do clubs get more members involved in helping with events | How clubs get more members to participate in events. How clubs create social and/or creative activities for their members. | A tech expert to give us tips and practice on a social media presence. Keep a service project for us to do at the conference | How to be a part of the District Board and hold positions there. | How to do a good turnover of information when changing positions

Q5 Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about your conference experience?

Special thanks to the Conference Chairs and District Two Board for an outstanding Conference | Thank you to Reading-Berks and South Central PA for their work on this years conference. | I really feel energized after this conference – and seeing new members contributing and so many people getting excited about successes. It makes a difference – thanks for lighting the fires | The choice of foods was excellent. The choice of speakers was wonderful. | I appreciated that the majority of the program booklet was online and not printed. This saved a lot of money. Altrusans are Efficient and flexible! | Everyone should go to at least one Altrusa conf. to get the full experience. It's worth it! | More time comparing service projects, one on one. one, and as individuals one projects where we can help each other.



Shari Gomez, First Vice Governor
Altrusa International District Two
Tidewater, VA Club



Patalia Tate, Second Vice Governor
Altrusa International District Two
Montgomery County, MD Club

THANK
you



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