

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Buzzing with the Governor
Mantha Young



Grab your sweaters and cozy up—Autumn has arrived! The season of crisp mornings, apple cider, pumpkin patches, Friday night football, and festive gatherings is finally here. As F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote, *“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”*

For many of us, these cooler days bring a burst of energy. For Altrusans, it also means our service projects are in full swing and holiday planning is right around the corner. What a wonderful time to celebrate both the beauty of the season and the impact of our clubs in their communities.

Here are a few October Fun Facts to bring a smile:

- The first Jack-O'-Lanterns were actually made from turnips in Ireland.
- In October 1927, work began on carving Mount Rushmore.
- The song “Thriller” by Michael Jackson, now a Halloween favorite, was released in October 1982.
- More apples are picked in October than in any other month of the year.

I hope these tidbits added a little cheer to your day - because while our work is important, it's also good to pause for fun and laughter.

As you move into October, may your days be filled with colorful leaves, kind deeds, and meaningful service. Thank you for all you are doing to keep the spirit of Altrusa alive and thriving.

With gratitude and joy,
Mantha
Governor, District Three

Buzzin' in Service 

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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

Share

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

Send To: Mantha Young
AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com

WEBSITE LINKS

Altrusa International District Three, Inc.
districthreeltrusa.org

Altrusa International, Inc.
altrusa.org

Altrusa International District Three Facebook
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

Please send in WORD format

Newsletter/Editor

Rachel Rhoden

Pay International Dues:

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

District Awards – Recognizing Excellence

It's that time again! District Awards season is approaching, and we want every club to be ready. Be on the lookout for an email with all the details and guidelines.

Remember – awards aren't just plaques and certificates. They are a chance to highlight the incredible dedication of our members and showcase the impact Altrusans are making in their communities. Every hour volunteered and every project completed deserves to be celebrated.

Lets make sure our volunteers receive the recognition they so richly deserve!

Make A Difference Day – October 26

Mark your calendars – Make A Difference Day is coming soon! This national day of service is the perfect opportunity for Altrusans to roll of their sleeves and show the power of teamwork. Big or small, every project makes an impact.

What is your club planning? A food drive, park cleanup, reading project, or something brand new? Whatever it is, take photos, share your stories, and lets inspire each other with many ways Altrusa makes a differenced!

CALENDAR

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Oct. 2025	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
10/1/25	Governor's Newsletter	25-27 Gov.	Governor	
10/1/25	Send IRS form 990-N (if receipts over \$25,000, send 990-EZ or 990)	Local Club Only	Club Treasurer	Due 5 months after close of fiscal year
10/1/25	Mid-Year Committee Chair reports to District Secretary	District Committee Chairs	District Committee	
10/TBD	Mid-Year District Board Meeting	District Board of Directors		
10/TBD	International Board of Directors Meeting	Int'l Board of Directors		
10/TBD	Confirm eligibility of Nominating Committee candidates for officer	District Board	Governor	Review all relevant Bylaws and Policies to confirm eligibility
10/15/25	District Service Bulletin articles due	Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
10/16/25	World Food Day	Local Club		
10/25/25	Make a Difference Day	Local Club		4 th Saturday of October
10/26/25	United Nations Day	Local Club		
10/31/25	District Service Bulletin e-mailing	DSB Editor		Email DSB to Int'l Office for distribution.
Nov. 2025	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
11/1/25	Governor's Newsletter	25-27 Governor	Governor	
11/1/25	Letter to Club Presidents asking for Nominating Committee candidates	Club Presidents	District Secretary Governor	Only to clubs who didn't have member on last committee. Review all relevant Bylaws and Policies and include that info in mailing.
11/25/25	International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women	Local Club		
Dec. 2025	Topic	Who	Responsible	Notes
12/1/25	Governor's Newsletter	25-27 Governor	Governor	
12/1/25	International & District dues are half price for new members from Dec 1 – Mar 31	Local Club	District Treasurer	
12/10/25	Human Rights Day	Local Club		
Jan. 2026	Topic	Who	Responsible	Notes
1/1/26	Governor's Newsletter	25-27 Governor	Governor	
1/1/26	First week in January, ASTRA scholarship applications available	Local Club	ASTRA member Altrusa member	Due March 15 to Intn'l ASTRA Chair
1/1/26	Elect Club Nominating Committee	Local Club		
1/1/26	Club Presidents prepare for District Award entries	Local Club		Reviews criteria before submission
1/1/26	BRR requests due from Clubs to District BRR Chair	Local Club	BRR Chair	Required 90 days before District Conference
1/1/26	Invite ASTRA participation at District Conference	Governor	District ASTRA Chair	
1/26 TBD	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors		
1/15/26	District service bulletin articles due	Dist. Board Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
1/31/26	District award submission deadline	Local Club		
1/31/26	District service bulletin & Gov. call to conference emailing	DSB Editor		Email DSB to Int'l office for distribution

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governor	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Governor	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	Spartanburg, Ocala, Citrus County, Salisbury & All Clubs in Two Years
Governor-Elect	Nancy Shumaker	Statesboro, GA	Atlanta, Gastonia, N. Georgia, Orlando-Winter Park
Vice Governor	Scott Frieser	Charlotte, NC	Lake County, St. Augustine, Gainesville, Monticello
Treasurer	Scott Tice	Ocala, FL	n/a
Director	Dee Dugger	Gainesville, FL	Statesboro, Starke, Lake City
Director	Randi Kahl	Orlando, FL	Live Oak, Marianna, District Three Virtual
Director	Rosemary Leake	Spartanburg, SC	Charlotte, Raleigh, Waynesville

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FOUNDATION BOARD 2025-2026

Chair	Joanne Brown	Monticello, FL	joannebrowndvm@gmail.com
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2026			2027		
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