

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

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Dates To Remember:

- March 1: Exhibit space reservation due
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 15: Grant applications due to International Foundation
- March 28: Delegates and Alternates forms due
- March 28: Celebration of Life forms due
- April: Add an Altrusan Month
- April 7: World Health Day
- April 11: Altrusa's Anniversary
- April 23-26: 70th District Two Conference, York PA

Hello Altrusans,

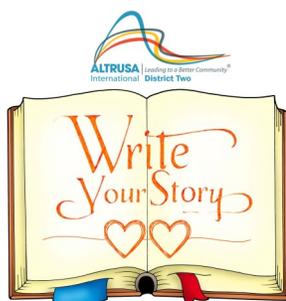
Things are heating up! Well, maybe not literally, but we're getting there. I mean the preparations for Conference! Every club should have sent their award submissions by now; delegates and alternates are being picked; exhibits are being planned; and everyone is registering and making their room reservations. Don't miss out — be a part of the 70th Annual District Two Conference!

We'll be hearing from Dr. Steven Messner, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as the Honorable Judge Eleni Dimitriou-Geishauer, who presides over Drug Treatment Court, Mental Health Treatment Court, and DUI Treatment Court. Immediate Past Governor Linda Dorr will speak on "Leadership Begins With Us – From Intention to Impact." District Four's International Membership Chair Gillian Allen will inform and entertain us with "Membership Recruitment and Retention: Dumpster Fire to Controlled Burn."

If you've been procrastinating, [click here](#) to register. To reserve a hotel room, call (717) 846-9500 and give them the code **042326ALT** to get the discounted rate at \$147/night.

But there's so much more going on:

- If you are a treasurer or thinking about being treasurer of your club, you'll want to attend the Treasurer's Virtual Workshop on March 23 (see flyer on page 3).
- President's Challenge: Add an Altrusan between February 1 and April 30 (yes, dates have been extended) and your club will be in the running for one of ten \$100 drawings.
- Celebrate Altrusa's 109th anniversary on April 11.
- Got a great service project? Apply for a grant from the International Foundation by March 15 to fund it for a bigger impact.
- Speaking of service projects, I am looking forward to seeing yours in the March District Two Service Newsletter, coming out soon.



A Library of Altrusans
2025 - 2027

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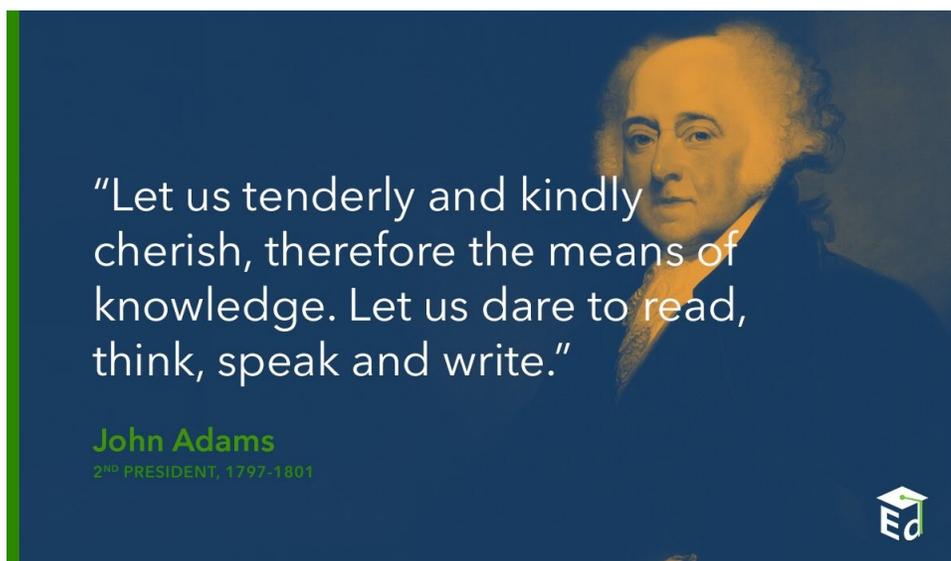
I am still looking for one more volunteer to be on the slate for the Nominating Committee. This Committee prepares the slate of officers for the District Board to be presented at the 2027 Conference. I have two people and need a third; the two I have are from VA so it would be nice to have representation from PA, NY or MD. It can't be from a club that had a Nominating Committee member from last time, so that eliminates Centre County, McKeesport, and Montgomery County. Please contact me if you are interested.

We are increasing awareness of our connection with the United Nations. Please look at the United Nations tab on the member page at altrusa.org — there are some useful flyers and webinar links that I encourage everyone to utilize.

Speaking of the U.N., I remind you that March 8 is International Women's Day. Celebrate and support the women in our country and abroad. And it's also Daylight Savings so get ready to spring forward!

Warmly,

Brenda



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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ALTRUSA DISTRICT TWO

TREASURER'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP



Everything you need to know about being a treasurer!

[CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom link

Monday, 
March 23,
7:00 PM

SKILLS

- How to log in
- Update club info
- Date of Birth
- Add a payment method
- International vs District
- Making a payment
- WHEN to make payments
- Dues and Fees
- Questions???

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 |

DISTRICT TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2027

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CALENDAR

| MAR. 2026 | | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 03/01/26 | Governor's Newsletter | 2025-2027 Governor | 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 | 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 |
| 03/22/26 | Off-site awards judging completed and names of winners sent to District Awards Coordinator | District | District Awards Coordinator | |
| 03/28/26 | Send names of all members deceased during last year to District Secretary | Local Club | Donna Miller | For Remembrance at District Conference |
| 03/28/26 | International Board of Directors meeting | Int. Board of Directors | International President | |
| 03/27/26 | Conference Delegate and Alternate names due to District Secretary | 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 | ASTRA Alumni Info Sheet to be completed by all ASTRA members ages 18 and older | Local Club | District ASTRA Advisor | Due May 31 |
| 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 | |
| 04/26/26 | Post Conference Board Meeting | Dist Board | Governor | |