

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Altrusa International District Two
Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, DC

What's All The Buzz About?

by Linda Dorr, District Two Governor

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I extend greetings to each and every one of you as we approach the District Two Conference, hosted by the dedicated members of Altrusa International of Montgomery County, Maryland Club. The theme for this conference, "Bee the Change You Want To See In The World," which echoes the spirit of service and transformation that defines our collective mission.

As we gather from April 25 to 28, 2024, let us embrace the symbolism of the bee—a tireless worker, a symbol of community, and a force for pollination that brings forth new life. Altrusans, too, are like bees, tirelessly working towards a better world, pollinating seeds of change that blossom into opportunities for those in need in our communities and globally.

This Conference is not just a meeting; it is a hive of ideas, collaboration, and inspiration. It is an opportunity for us to come together, share our successes, learn from one another, and collectively shape the future of Altrusa International. The workshops, discussions, and presentations scheduled throughout the event will provide valuable insights and tools to help us increase our impact and effectiveness in service.

I encourage each attendee to actively participate, share your experiences, and engage in meaningful conversations. Together, let us explore ways to address the challenges facing our communities and celebrate the victories, no matter how small, that bring us closer to our shared vision of a better world.

May our collective efforts, like the industrious buzzing of bees, create a symphony of positive change that reverberates far beyond the confines of this gathering.

I look forward to an exciting and fruitful District Two Conference, and I am confident that, together, we will "Bee the Change" in our world.

In Altrusa Service,
Linda Dorr



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2023-2025 Biennium Goals



Together, we can "Bee the Change You Want to See in the World." Every club should strive to attain these critical Biennium Goals. When developing your club's strategic plan, use these goals as a roadmap. I challenge you to "Bee the Change You Want to See in the World, your Club, and your Communities."

Leadership:

Foster a consortium of dynamic Altrusa leaders. Submit your club's Strategic Plan to the District Governor, engaging in succession planning activities. Share insightful leadership articles with the DSB and contribute to the monthly Governor's Message.

Membership:

Drive Altrusa's growth by achieving a net gain of three or more new members during the biennium. Contribute strategies for member retention, submitting relevant articles to the DSB and the monthly Governor's message.

Service:

Enhance participation in both local and global community service projects. Showcase your Club's Service Projects on the Altrusa International Service Database. Submit a minimum of one (1) article to the DSB for both summer and winter publications. Additionally, contribute at least two (2) articles to the District Two Service Newsletter. Promote increased participation in the Award Entries for Service and encourage clubs to submit projects to the International Service Database.

Communication:

Persist in seeking innovative ways to enhance the District Website, providing members with the necessary tools for club maintenance and growth. Explore diverse communication channels such as newsletters, social media, and electronic communication to engage with members effectively.

Days for Girls:

Continue exploring strategies to champion the International Service Project Days for Girls.



2024

MEET THE NOMINEES FOR THE DISTRICT TWO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS



DIANE KOLESAR MAUREEN MCGOUGH JEANETTE WOLFE



MCKEESPORT PENNSYLVANIA
CLUB



CENTRE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA CLUB



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MARYLAND CLUB

DIANE KOLESAR

Diane Kolesar, a devoted member of Altrusa International McKeesport, PA Club since September 1995, currently serves as the club's treasurer. As District Two Past Governor (2019-2021), she provided influential leadership. Actively engaged in community and church activities, Diane is a regular participant in District Conferences and International Conventions, where she not only attends but also facilitates workshops, showcasing her commitment to service and leadership development. Diane currently serves as the Co-Chair of the District Two Club Building Committee, sharing this role with her daughter, Melissa Kolesar, an active member of the McKeesport, PA Club. Together, they contribute their dedication to further the development of clubs within the district.

MAUREEN MCGOUGH

In 2002, Maureen became a Charter member of Altrusa International, Inc of Blair County, PA. She held various leadership roles, including Vice-President and Club President (2004 – 2005), and served on the District Two Board in 2005. Maureen was District Governor from 2011 to 2013 and contributed to committees and task forces in the following years. She served on the Altrusa International Board of Directors from 2019 to 2021, acting as a liaison for the ASTRA Committee. Maureen, with a B.A. in Sociology from SUNY @ Geneseo and an M. Ed. in Counseling from Penn State University, retired in 2017 as a Treatment Specialist II from the PA Department of Corrections. Currently, she works part-time at Garvey Manor Nursing Home, volunteers for the Central PA Humane Society, and shares her home with her rescue dog, Leila.

JEANETTE WOLFE

Jeanette Wolfe is currently the President of the Montgomery County Maryland club. She has been an Altrusan since 2010. Jeanette has served in various positions at the club level primarily enjoying the role of Service Projects Chair. At the District level, she has served as Co-chair of Club Building and was instrumental with organizing the Prince George's County Maryland club of which she is a charter and dual member. During her tenure, Jeanette has attended several District Conferences and International Conventions. She enjoys meeting and interacting with other Altrusans. As a member of the Nominating Committee, Jeanette will seek out the best-qualified candidates for our leadership positions.



Days for Girls International



International Women's Day is March 8, 2024!

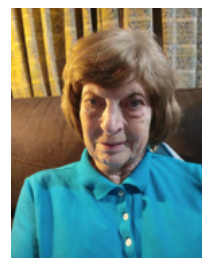
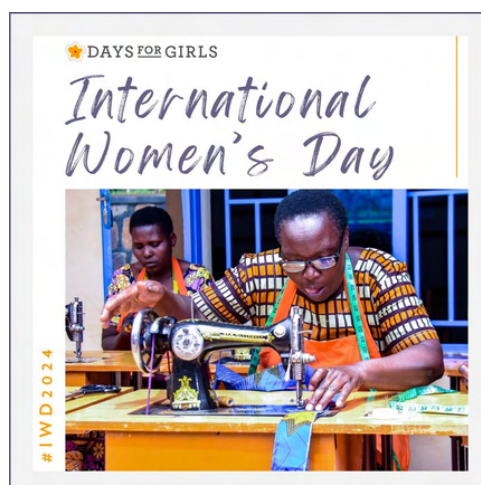
This year's theme set by the United Nations is "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress". Days for Girls volunteers will be getting involved in the celebration. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about menstrual health. We need to invest in women and girls.

Days for Girls has created a "Starter Guide for Volunteers". We encourage Altrusans individually or through your club to get involved in the celebration of the day. There are many things you can do in the week leading up to March 8th. You can post on social media, organize a community event involving women-led organizations or write an editorial. Women and girls are being left behind. As we have already become aware, menstrual health has caused many young girls uneducated and left in positions of being trafficked or living in poverty.

We want to continue empowering girls and women to be educated and move on to better opportunities. There is a [link attached](#) with this article with the "Starter Guide for Volunteers". Please consider getting involved and choosing to do an activity. Visit IWD 2024 Volunteers!




Susan Corey, DfG Co-Chair



Ellen Barta, DfG Co-Chair

Altrusa International 2023-2025 Biennium Calendar

March 2024	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	NOTES
03/01/24	Governor's Newsletter	2023-2025 Governor	Governor	
03/01/24	Send names of all members deceased during last year to District Secretary	Local Club	District Secretary	For Remembrance at Conference
03/01/24	Invite candidates to audit Pre-Conference Board Meeting	Governor		
03/01/24	Elect officers for next club year	Local Club		
03/01/24	ASTRA Service Award due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 1 or by date set by Governor
03/08/24	International Woman's Day	Local Club		
03/25/24	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors		
03/15/24	ASTRA High School and College scholarship applications due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 15 to International Office
03/15/24	ASTRA Club Annual Report available	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due June 1
03/15/24	Order ASTRA graduation cords and letter	Local Club	District ASTRA Chair	From International Office
03/15/24	Conference Delegate and Alternatie names due to District Sec.	Local Club	District Secretary	Dates can vary

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

- Desmond Tutu

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March 2024	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	NOTES
03/15/24	Notify Governor of any club with unpaid Conference dues or fees	District Treasurer	Governor	Must be paid by March 31 or Delegates will not be recognized at Conference
03/15/24	Grant applications due to International Foundation	Local Club	District Secretary	Due March 15th
03/15/24	Off-site awards judging completed and names of winners sent to District Awards Coordinator	District	District Awards Coordinator	
03/20/24	Financial data due to Audit Committee	District Treasurer	Audit Committee	If District closes books Feb. 28
03/31/24	List of Delegate(s), Alternates, District Officers, and Past Governors to Credential Chair	Credentials Chair	District Secretary	Due 15 days before Conference
03/31/24	Certified list of candidates for Nominating Committee to Elections Chair	Elections Chair	District Secretary	Due 15 days before Conference
03/31/24	Annual District Board & Committee Chair reports due	District Board & Committee Chairs	Governor	March 29
03/31/24	Update names of new officers in Group Tally	Local Club	Copy to District Secretary	
03/31/24	ASTRA Alumni info Sheet to be completed by all ASTRA members ages 18 and over	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due May 31



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead



Add an Altrusan Month Membership Incentive

Could your club use an extra \$100 for help with a service project, a membership recruitment event, help send a member to Conference, etc.?

Altrusans R.O.C.K. – Realize Opportunity, Create Kindness



Now is your chance to show others in your community that we R.O.C.K.! Add at least one new member in April 2024, and your club could win one of five \$100 cash prizes.

All clubs who enter a new member in Group Tally in April 2024 are eligible. Of those who enter a new member, five club names will be drawn and each will receive \$100.

Don't miss out on this chance for \$\$.

District Two Workshop Series



ABC'S OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

REPEATED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

7:00 pm - Zoom

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- What is Parliamentary Procedure?
- Why is Parliamentary Procedure Important?
- Agenda Development
- Common Scenarios
- Tools to Make your Job Easier
- What does the future hold for Parliamentarians?

[Click Here](#) to Join on Zoom
Monday, March 4, 2024

[Click Here](#) to Join on Zoom
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Repeated



Beth Vann-Turnbull
Speaker

Altrusa International of Richmond, VA Club



REMHINDER



Update Your Club's Information in Group Tally!



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



District Service Program Coordinator Next Due Date

May 1, 2024 for June Publication

Shari Gomez - sharigomez66@gmail.com

Send questions to Shari with this email address: sharigomez66@gmail.com

Submit information to be added to the newsletter to this email address:
d2servicenewsletter@gmail.com.

Submission due dates: the first of August, November, February, and May.

The District Two Service Newsletter will be published in September, December, March, and June.

(Please be sure that submission information includes pictures. :)

The easiest way to ensure the submission is correct is to add the information and pictures into a Word or Google Doc. There is not a limit to the amount of information to submit.

Altrusa District Two Conference

April 25-28, 2024

**Holiday Inn College Park
10000 Baltimore Avenue
College Park, Maryland**

**Hosted by Altrusa International
Montgomery County, MD Club**



International Women's Day March 8, 2024

International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.



Important Date Reminders

- Altrusa District Two Conference
Hotel Registration Deadline - March 26
Make yours today!
- District Two Conference Registration
Deadline
Postmarked after April 1 - Late Fee - \$25
- Altrusa Award Applications - Due
March 1
- Foundation Grant Applications -
Deadline - March 15

DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2024 AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

THURSDAY, April, 25

3:00–7:00 pm Registration/Credentials open

2:00–6:00 pm District Board Meeting

*Planning Committee

*Finance Committee

*Board Meeting

7:00-10:00 p.m. Welcome Social

FRIDAY, April 26

7:30–8:50 am Registration/Credentials open

7:30–8:45 am Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction set-up

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8:00–8:30 am First Timer's Meeting

8:35-8:55 a.m. Delegates' Briefing

9:00-9:20 am Budget Briefing

9:20-9:30 am Long Range Strategic Plan Presentation

9:35-12:05 am Opening General Session

*Invocation

*Presentation of the Flags

*Celebration of Life

12:15-2:15 pm Lunch and Guest Speaker

*Awards Presentation

2:15–2:30 pm Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction

2:30–3:30 pm Workshop – Leadership Development for All members

3:30–4:30 pm Workshop – ASTRA Workshop for All members

4:30-4:45 pm Area Meetings

4:45 - 5:30 pm Registration/Credentials open – Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction open

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

8:00-10:100 Town Hall Meeting and Fun Night – What's all the Buzz About?

SATURDAY, April 27

7:30-8:30 am Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction open

7:30-8:30 am Registration/Credentials Open

7:30-8:00 am Elections

8:30-10:00 am Foundation Breakfast

*Awards Presentation

10:05-11:15 am Second General Session

11:20-12:20 pm Service Project – Thoughtful Treasurers

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:35-3:35 pm Membership Workshop for all members

3:40-4:30 pm Presidents'/Vice-Presidents' Workshop

3:40-5:30 pm Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction

6:00-6:30 pm Gavin's Gathering

6:30-9:30 pm **AWARDS BANQUET**

SUNDAY, April 28

7:30-8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 am Interfaith Service

9:00-noon Post Conference Board meeting



All exhibits must be removed by 5:30 pm on Saturday

50/50 raffle tickets to support the Foundation will be sold during the Friday Lunch, Foundation Breakfast, in the Exhibit Room during open hours, and the reception before the Awards Banquet.



68TH ANNUAL DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE



APRIL 25–28, 2024

Holiday Inn College Park
College Park, MD 20740



**HOTEL RESERVATION
DEADLINE**

March 26, 2024

Make yours today!

Support the Altrusa International Foundation

- Win big ... Buy tickets to the 50/50 raffle

Participate in the Silent Auction

- bring a donation – baskets, crafts, artwork, jewelry, baked goods, we've had a very coveted cake!

Other ways to support the Foundation

- Join or renew your Club 21 membership as an individual (\$21) or as a club (\$210)
- Become a Lamplighter or add a diamond to your pin.

Let's make this a Banner Year
for Foundation donations!
Bring your checkbook!
Donations are tax deductible.



**"Bee the Change You Want To See in
the World"**

Click or scan to access
the District Two DSB
Call to Conference



For the Foodies among us check out these nearby restaurants:

- IKEA Restaurant
- Mamma Lucia's
- Board & Brew (<https://www.theboardandbrew.com/>)
- Taqueria Habaneo (<https://www.taqueriahabanero.com/>)
- 2Fifty Texas Style BBQ (<https://www.2fiftybbq.com/>)
- Desserts – Mr. Bake Sweets (<https://www.mrbakesweets.com/>)
- Huncho House (Home | Huncho House Experience – reservations needed)



Note: Late Registration
Fee (postmarked after
April 1, 2024) is \$25 and
is NOT Refundable.



It's Time to Travel



Altrusa International Convention

July 23-26, 2025

Quebec City, Canada

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



DISTRICT TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2025 BIENNIUM

Governor	Linda Dorr	Martinsville-Henry County, VA Club	dorrlr13@gmail.com
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Immediate Past Governor	Tammy Boyd	Richmond, VA Club	tboyd@ccafinancial.com

DISTRICT TWO COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2023-2025 BIENNIUM

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	Annette Andrews	Capital City, Virginia Club	aahea@aol.com
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New Club Building Committee Co-Chairs	Diane Kolesar	McKeesport, PA Club	d_kolesar@hotmail.com
	Melissa Kolesar	McKeesport, PA Club	mkolesar05@gmail.com
Support Our Soldiers (SOS)	Roxanne Barzona	Centre County, PA Club	rbarzona@gmail.com

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.”

– Rosalynn Carter, former first lady of the United States





Altrusa International District Two

Helpful Information

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We strive to create better communities worldwide. Altrusa is made up of civic-minded people who find great joy in enhancing the lives of others.



WEBSITE LINKS

- [Altrusa International](#)
- [Altrusa International Service Facebook Page](#)
- [Altrusa District Two Website](#)
- [Altrusa District Two Facebook](#)

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION, CONCERN, CONGRATULATIONS, OR SUGGESTION?

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