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Governor's Message


Mantha Young

Fall Greetings from Your Governor
As I travel throughout our District, I am incredibly proud of the Altrusans creating opportunities for literacy in their communities. Your caring hearts and willing hands make Altrusa so special. Each visit reminds me of the wonderful things we accomplish together.

October brings Make a Difference Day, and I am so proud that our clubs make a difference every MONTH! And what fun we have along the way. The friendships, laughter, and joy we share make serving even sweeter.

Altrusa International is encouraging our clubs to develop an international service project. During my visit to the Statesboro, GA, club, I learned about their precious project in the Dominican Republic. They provide Spanish children's books for a clinic's waiting room. Imagine a child discovering a story while waiting for care! Such a thoughtful way to offer comfort and encourage reading. WOW!

Watch for our January District Service Bulletin (DSB), which will include our Call to Conference 2027 in Gainesville, Florida. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24! We are going to BEE Essential in Service!

Keep doing your wonderful work, dear friends, and have a fabulous fall. Take time for coffee, hot chocolate, or hot tea. Enjoy the moment and remember how much your service means to those you touch.



With gratitude,
Mantha
Mantha A. Young
Governor, Altrusa District Three



Bee Essential – Together We Buzz with Purpose!

Nominations for District Three Foundation Board

Nanci Shumaker,
District Three Governor-Elect


Nancy Shumaker

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve District Three, then consider serving on the Board of the District Three Foundation. Elections of two Trustees and a Treasurer will be held in April at the District Three Conference in Gainesville, Florida.

The Altrusa District Three Foundation Board is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit counterpart of the District Three Board that was established in 1991 to assist District Clubs in their endeavors to serve their communities. The Foundation serves as the guardian of Partnership Accounts within District Three, thereby providing tax exempt status for donations that flow through the Foundation. If a club does not have its own foundation, the club can take advantage of all the tax-exempt benefits for donations by being a member of the District Three Foundation.

To be eligible for election as a Foundation Trustee, the nominee:

- Must have been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. for a minimum of two (2) years prior to nomination for election and must have served as club president, club foundation chair or club or foundation treasurer.

OR

- Must have been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. for a minimum of five (5) years prior to nomination for election and must have served on a 501(c)3 Foundation Board external to Altrusa.

The term of office for a Trustee or Treasurer is two years. Board members may serve no more than three consecutive terms

A nomination form can be accessed at the Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc. link of the Altrusa District Three website: https://districtthree.altrusa.org/district-foundation/

The form is to be completed by a candidate, a club president, District Three officer, or Past Governor. **Completed forms are due to Governor-Elect Nancy Shumaker by January 10, 2027.**

The Nominating Committee is comprised of: Past Governor Dimple Overstreet, District Three Parliamentarian Penny Penn, and Chair Governor-Elect Nancy Shumaker. Questions can be sent to: nancyshumaker.altrusa@gmail.com

Please submit DSB articles
and/or comments to:
Sandy Thompson
sandy@organizemehappy.com

ASTRA Volunteer Spotlight: Teaching the Value of Giving Back at an Early Age

Jeraldyn Rivest,
District Three ASTRA Chair


Jeraldyn Rivest

Interviewer: Jeraldyn Rivest, District Three ASTRA Chair

ASTRA proudly spotlights two alumni—Olivia Jackson and Sebastian Rivest— past recipients of ASTRA Scholarship Awards and whose early volunteer experiences built confidence, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to community engagement.

"Volunteering keeps me connected to my community." — Olivia
"Service gives you empathy you can't get any other way." — Sebastian

1. When did you begin volunteering?

Both interviewees began serving their communities at a young age and were founding members and past presidents of the ASTRA Club of Charlotte.

Olivia Jackson started volunteering at age 12 through her elementary school and continues her service through her sorority, Chi Omega, at NC State University.

Sebastian Rivest began volunteering "as long as I can remember," inspired by his mother's Altrusa involvement. He continued volunteering throughout his studies at NC State University, at his church in Raleigh and now at Plexus where he works full-time.



ASTRA Alumni, Sebastian Rivest and Olivia Jackson

2. How has volunteering through early adulthood influenced you?

Both young adults credit volunteerism with shaping their personal growth and worldview.

Olivia describes volunteering as fulfilling and grounding, helping her stay connected to her community. She values the friendships and networks she has built through service in both Charlotte and Raleigh.

Sebastian shares that volunteering increased his awareness of the resources he has and how he can use them to help others. He notes that service has strengthened his compassion and empathy, especially through personal interactions with those he serves.

3. What experience would you want younger students to have?

Both encourage younger students to explore meaningful and enjoyable service opportunities.

Olivia recommends trying a variety of causes, noting that ASTRA's diverse projects—from literacy to animal rescue—helped her develop practical skills she now highlights in college and job applications.

Sebastian suggests choosing engaging activities, such as Long Trails to Happy Tails, that show students how rewarding service can be for both volunteers and the people they help. He believes these experiences inspire continued involvement.

District Three Awards: Celebrate Your Club's Achievements!

By Scott Frieser, Vice Governor



Every Altrusa club has stories worth celebrating—projects that have made a difference in the community, members who have gone above and beyond, innovative programs, and accomplishments that demonstrate the strength of Altrusa throughout District Three.

The District Three Awards program provides clubs with an opportunity to showcase those accomplishments and receive recognition for the important work being done throughout our communities.

Now is the time to begin preparing your award submissions! Clubs are encouraged to review the awards, gather supporting documentation, and submit their entries by the appropriate deadlines.

IMPORTANT DATES — DISTRICT THREE AWARDS

January 31, 2027

The following award submissions are due:

- **Mamie L. Bass Service Award**
- **Letha H. Brown Literacy Award**
- **Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award**
- **Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award**
- **Outstanding Community Service Award**
- **Newsletter Award**
- **Todd Jordan Yearbook Award**

February 28, 2027

- **Governor's Outstanding Club Award**

No Application Required

The following awards are determined from District records:

- **Extension Award**
- **Myrtice H. Price Membership Award**
- **New Member Incentive Award**
- **Membership – Greatest Net Gain**

Awards at a Glance

- **Mamie L. Bass Service Award** — Recognizes outstanding community service projects that benefit the community.
- **Letha H. Brown Literacy Award** — Recognizes outstanding literacy projects that serve the community.
- **Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award** — Recognizes excellence in club program planning.
- **Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award** — Recognizes projects that promote international understanding and goodwill.
- **Outstanding Community Service Award** — Recognizes a club's commitment to making community service a priority.
- **Newsletter Award** — Recognizes timely and informative club newsletters.
- **Todd Jordan Yearbook Award** — Recognizes outstanding annual club yearbooks.
- **Governor's Outstanding Club Award** — Recognizes excellence in overall club achievement.

Awards Requiring No Application



- **Extension Award** — Recognizes the successful chartering of a new Altrusa club.
- **Myrtice H. Price Membership Award** — Recognizes excellence in membership growth.
- **New Member Incentive Award** — Recognizes clubs for sponsoring new members.
- **Membership – Greatest Net Gain** — Recognizes the club with the greatest net membership growth

Where Can You Find the Award Templates?

All District Three award forms and templates are available on the District Three Awards

- **webpage**: **District Three Awards — Forms & Templates**

Clubs should always use the **current versions of the forms** available on the District website.

The website notes that the **Governor's Outstanding Club Award form was updated February 24, 2026**, so clubs should make sure they are using the most recent version.

For the **Mamie L. Bass, Letha H. Brown, and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Awards**, clubs should also verify the formatting after converting a Word document to PDF before submitting the final entry.

District Three Awards: Celebrate Your Club's Achievements..... Continued.....

By Scott Frieser, Vice Governor

Where Do I Send My Submission?

For awards due **January 31, 2027**, submissions should be sent to:

- **Scott Frieser, Vice Governor / Awards Chair**
  - 13212 Providence Green Ct.
  - Charlotte, NC 28277
  - Email: vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com

The **Governor's Outstanding Club Award** should be submitted to:

- **Mantha Young, District Governor**
  - PO Box 292
  - Lake City, FL 32056
  - Email: altrusadistrictthreegovernor@gmail.com

Membership changes related to the membership awards should be sent to:

- **Scott Tice, District Three Treasurer**
  - 7610 SW 63rd Place Rd.
  - Ocala, FL 34474
  - Email: districtthreetreasurer@gmail.com

Start Preparing Now!

Don't wait until the deadline to begin putting your submissions together. Start gathering photographs, project descriptions, newsletters, yearbooks, community impact information, participation statistics, and other documentation that demonstrates the difference your club is making.

Your club is doing great things. Make sure District Three knows about them!

Let's celebrate the outstanding work being done by Altrusans throughout District Three!

Questions about the awards or submissions?
Please contact **Scott Frieser, Vice Governor and Awards Chair**, at vicegovernordistrictthree@gmail.com.

Altrusa International District Three, Inc. Membership Report

By Scott Tice
District Three Treasurer



Scott Tice

Altrusa District Three, Inc.
Membership as of October 15, 2026

Count of Member Type	Column Labels						
Row Labels	Active	Affiliate	Dual Member	Emeritus	Life	Young Adult	Grand Total
Atlanta, GA	5		1				6
Charlotte, NC	17			1		1	19
Citrus County, FL	22						22
District Three Virtual Club	14		10	1		1	26
Gainesville, FL	39			9			48
Gastonia, NC	12			1			13
Lake City, FL	74			6		1	81
Lake County, FL	23						23
Live Oak, FL	26			1			27
Marianna, FL	21						21
Monticello, FL	22						25
North Georgia, GA	39			3			43
Ocala, FL	29			4			29
Orlando-Winter Park, FL	37						38
Raleigh, NC	14			1			15
Salisbury, NC	10					1	11
Spartanburg, SC	32			1			35
St. Augustine, FL	15			2		1	15
Starke, FL	36						39
Statesboro, GA	34			2	1		40
Affiliates			1	5			12
Grand Total		9		3			**588**
	521	**9**	**12**	**40**	**1**	**5**	

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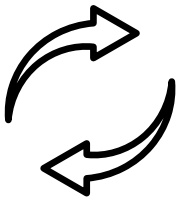
District Three New Members

By Scott Tice
District Three Treasurer


Scott Tice

Altrusa District Three, Inc.
New Members - Aug. 16, 2026 - Sept. 15, 2026

New Member	Sponsor	Joined
Gainesville, FL	Carolyn Harrell	9/24/2026
Melanie Barr	Renae G. Clements	
Lake County, FL	Anita Valdez	9/10/2026
Pam O'Donnell	Carol Lukeman	
North Georgia, GA	Adria Koester	10/13/2026
Wendy Cates		
Orlando-Winter Park, FL	Roberta Klusmeier	9/9/2026
Katie Jairett		
Salisbury, NC	Stephanie Bruce	10/11/2026
Clara Marts	Nancy Mott	
Thomas Marts	Stephanie Bruce Clara Marts	10/1/2026
Spartanburg, SC	Jan Benjamin	9/29/2026
Ann Melton		
Starke, FL	Carolyn Carver	8/27/2026
Laura Crews	Gale Trotter	
Lisa Heeder	Sandra Luke	8/27/2026
Statesboro, GA	Debbie Vives	8/30/2026
Karen Lambie	Nancy S. Waters	



Planning for Quality, Affordability, and Flexibility


Mantha Young

By Mantha Young
District Three Governor

For many years, the Altrusa District Three Conference has rotated among North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. This tradition has provided members across our four states with opportunities to welcome fellow Altrusans to their area.

However, securing a quality hotel and conference center at a reasonable cost has become increasingly challenging. Our conference facility must comfortably accommodate at least 100 attendees while also offering appropriate meeting space, lodging, and food and beverage options that remain affordable for our members.

To continue providing the quality conference experience our members expect, the Conference Planning Committee needs greater flexibility when selecting future conference locations. This means conferences may not always follow the traditional state-by-state rotation. The committee will make every effort to rotate locations among our four states whenever possible, while prioritizing facilities that best meet the needs of District Three and our members.

Please email any questions or concerns to me at altrusadistrictthreegovernor@gmail.com.

Our goal remains the same: to offer a welcoming, meaningful, and affordable conference where Altrusans can learn, connect, celebrate, and return home inspired to serve.

Your understanding is greatly appreciated!



Proposed Increase to Conference Delegate Fee


Scott Frieser

By Scott Frieser
District Three Vice-Governor

In accordance with Article XV, Section 4 of the District Bylaws, the Conference Delegate Fee is currently $20 per allowable delegate, whether or not the delegate attends the conference. The fee is due March 15 and becomes delinquent March 31, with unpaid fees accruing from year to year. All outstanding conference fees must be paid before delegates may be seated at conference.

Purpose of the Proposed Increase

District Three assumes a significant portion of the costs associated with planning and conducting each annual conference. As conference-related expenses continue to increase, the proposed $5 adjustment would help offset a portion of the costs currently covered by District Three.

The proposed increase represents a modest adjustment to the delegate fee while helping ensure that District Three can continue to provide a quality conference experience and meet its financial obligations.

Delegate Approval Required

This is a proposal and is not effective at this time. The proposed increase from $20 to $25 per allowable delegate will be presented to the delegates for consideration and a vote at the 2027 District Three Conference.

If approved by the conference delegates, the new $25 Conference Delegate Fee will become effective beginning with the 2028 District Three Conference.

Our goal is to maintain a financially responsible and sustainable conference structure while continuing to provide our members with meaningful opportunities for fellowship, professional development, recognition, and service.

We respectfully ask the delegates of District Three to consider and vote on this proposed change at the 2027 District Three Conference.

District Three Foundation: Dessert Dash

By Shannon Schell
District Three Foundation Treasurer



Ever been to an event where the anticipation is as sweet as the treats themselves? Well, you are in for a real TREAT at our upcoming Conference in Gainesville. Join us for the District Three Foundation Dinner, where this super fun fundraising event will definitely be a highlight. Basically, each person at a table bids an amount for "dessert". An envelope will be provided for each table; these bids are then accumulated and totaled for the entire table. The table with the highest dollar donation total goes first and so on. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted, offering you multiple ways to play. Table numbers will be called out rapidly, so when your table number is called, your designated runner from each table "dashes" to get the dessert of their choosing. Desserts will be displayed in random order and each choice will be on a sliding scale like going from amazing cakes to average candy bars. All done in the spirit of FUN and giving! We look forward to you joining us for this yummy event!









2027 Conference in Gainesville, Florida



By Amanda Seyfang & Rebecca Golden
District Three Conference Co-Chair





Gainesville Is Calling

Gainesville is already home to an Altrusa club with a long tradition of community involvement, including its signature Altrusa House. What better place, then, to gather Altrusans and celebrate the difference that service can make? On April 23–24, 2027, we will come together not simply as individual clubs, but as one District—connected by a common purpose and a commitment to improving the communities we serve.

- There will be opportunities to learn.
- Opportunities to lead.
- Opportunities to celebrate.
- Opportunities to make new connections.
- And, of course, plenty of opportunities to have a little fun along the way!

One Hive. One Purpose. One Powerful Buzz.

-Rebecca Golden, Amanda Seyfang







The Value of Service

By Deborah McLendon
District Three Service Program Development Chair


Deborah McLendon

At the heart of Altrusa is a simple but powerful idea: **service has value**.

Altrusa International provides the vision and purpose. Our districts connect and strengthen our clubs. But it is at the club level where service comes alive. In the local clubs, Altrusans identify needs in their communities and roll up their sleeves to make a difference. Our projects may look different from one club to another, but the value of service is remarkably universal.

For the person receiving assistance, a service project can mean far more than the specific help provided:

- A child receiving a book is receiving an opportunity to discover the joy of reading, to develop confidence, and perhaps to imagine possibilities that might otherwise seem out of reach.
- A veteran receiving support is reminded that his or her service and sacrifice have not been forgotten.
- A senior receiving assistance may gain not only practical help, but also the knowledge that someone cares.
- A family receiving food may experience relief during a difficult time and the dignity of knowing that their community has not forgotten them.

Service meets needs, but it also communicates something deeper: You matter. You are not alone. Your community cares about you.

But service does not flow in only one direction.

Altrusans are changed by the service they provide. When we give our time, talents, resources, and energy to others, we discover that we receive something in return—sometimes something we never expected.

Service connects us with people and experiences outside our own daily lives. It helps us understand the needs of our communities. It develops leadership skills, strengthens friendships, and gives us opportunities to use our individual talents for a greater purpose.

Perhaps most importantly, service gives us meaning. It reminds us that our lives can make a difference in the lives of others. There is special satisfaction in knowing that something we did, like reading to a child, delivering food, helping a veteran, or supporting a community organization, made someone's day a little easier or someone's future a little brighter.

Every Altrusa service project begins locally, but its value extends beyond the boundaries of an individual club. When clubs throughout a district serve their communities, their collective efforts demonstrate Altrusa's global values. Districts provide opportunities for clubs to share ideas, learn from one another, collaborate, and strengthen their ability to serve.

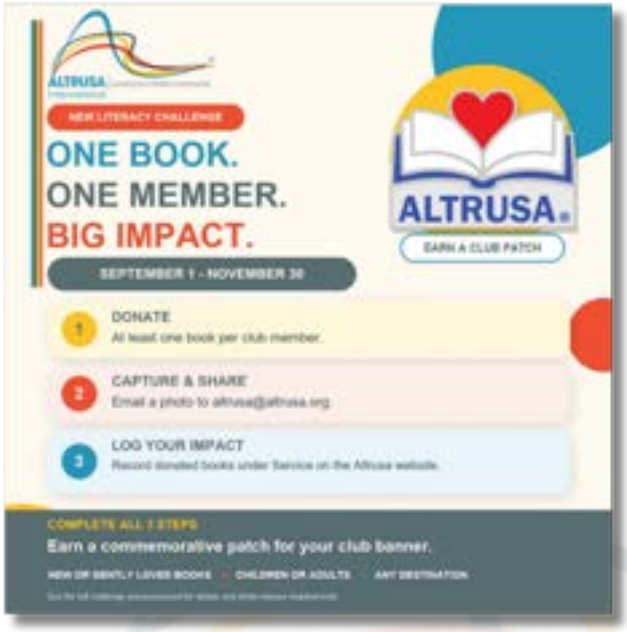
At the International level, those individual efforts become part of something even larger. Each club project is a piece of the Altrusa story—a story of women and men in communities around the world choosing to make a difference through service.

Service reminds us that we have something valuable to give, and that when we give it freely, we all become richer. One club can change a life. Many clubs can change communities. Together, Altrusa can help change the world. That is the true value of service.



New Literacy Challenge from Christine "Chris" DeVlieger, International President

We hope you and your fellow club members are excited to share the joy of Altrusa. Use this challenge as an opportunity to recruit new members or simply enjoy time together. I would love to hear how your club participates — feel free to email me at cmdevlieger27@gmail.com with your stories or questions.





This challenge is as simple as 1, 2, 3:

1. **Donate**. Give at least one book per club member between September 1st through November 30th to earn a commemorative patch for your club banner.

2. **Capture & Share**. Take a picture – of the books, your club, the distribution, or the recipients - and email it to altrusa@altrusa.org so our office staff can share your impact on one of our social media platforms. (**Important** - Please obtain photo releases for any minors or non-Altrusans. Forms available under the Communications tab on the Altrusa website).

3. **Log Your Impact**. Record your donated books on the Altrusa website under the Service tab. Click on the Entry Form link under the Altrusa International Literacy Challenge One Book at a Time III. The office will track books logged during the special **90-day period from September 1 - November 30.**

Things to remember:

- Number of Books - If your club has 20 members, donate 20 books. If you have 13 members, donate 13 books. However, you're always welcome to donate more.
- New or Existing Project - This can be part of a current project or something new — no need for anything big or elaborate
- Local, Regional or International – You choose where the books go.
- No Age Limit - Books may be donated to children or adults.
- New or Gently Loved - Brand-new books or gently used books are welcome. You don't need to stretch your budget to participate.
- Complete all three steps and earn a commemorative patch for your club banner.

Productive Mid-Year Meeting Sets the Stage for Gainesville Conference



By Nanci Schwartz
District Three Secretary



Nanci Schwartz

District Three Board members gathered in Gainesville, Fla. on September 18–19 for a warm and productive Mid-Year Board Meeting (although Parliamentarian Penny Penn was sorely missed!). The group spent time reconnecting, reviewing District business, and sharing thoughtful conversations about the overall health of our clubs across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Membership trends, financial updates, and club support were key themes, with Board members emphasizing continued encouragement for recruitment, retention, and engagement throughout the District.

A major focus of the weekend was planning for the upcoming 2027 District Three Conference in April. The Board reviewed the proposed conference budget and agreed on several fee adjustments to help balance rising costs while maintaining a high-quality experience for attendees. Updates included changes to delegate fees and conference registration options, all designed to keep the event accessible and sustainable. Board members also discussed ways to make the conference more enjoyable, including adding opportunities for social connection and hands-on service.

Looking ahead, the Board explored new approaches to conference planning, including greater flexibility in selecting future venues and refining committee roles to better support the event. Early discussions for next year's event highlighted a desire to create a welcoming, engaging atmosphere—complete with a Friday "Bee Bite" gathering and at least one hands-on service project for all attendees. With collaboration, creativity, and a shared commitment to strengthening District Three, the Board left Gainesville energized for the year ahead and excited to continue shaping a meaningful conference experience for 2027.



Leadership....a wonderful frontier...if we can just step out of our Comfort Zone

By Yvette Pue
District Three Leadership Chair


Yvette Pue

I looked up frontier and found all sorts of definitions from physical borders to a limit of knowledge, unsettled territory or a transition point between ideas, states or phases.Let's talk about leadership as a transition point between the state of being a wonderful, productive member of your Altrusa club and the state of being a wonderful, productive LEADER in your Altrusa club. Is it for everyone? Yes, No, Maybe... I say yes because there are so many ways that we can be a leader in our club, but that's for a different time.

Sometimes being a leader means stepping out of our comfort zone just a bit to participate in an event or activity that we aren't quite sure we'd like only to find out that it wasn't that bad and wow, we want to do more of it. (and for the sake of argument, I will concede that is not always the case, but for now, I'm focusing on when it is the case). Don't be shy, give it a try, you never know what wonderful things will happen when you step out of that comfort zone. Start small, take on a role as a committee chair or help plan a special event and build up from there. The great news is that leadership roles can have a set time frame so just because you say yes, doesn't mean you'll be doing that role the rest of your lives. But when we have members step out of their comfort zones and into leadership roles, we often find buried treasures of knowledge, ideas and excitement that only makes our clubs better.

This is a short poem from one of my favorite motivational authors Suzy Toronto, from the book, The Sacred Sisterhood of Wonderful Wacky Women, Book Two.



She Who Reaches Out of Her Comfort Zone

Most of us spend out time neatly tucked away,
All safe-and-sound, in our tidy little lives.
It's not that we don't long for a change...
It's just that sometimes we get so busy
And caught up in the think of thing things,
We forget how to really live.
Everything in our lives begins to take on a shade of gray
That's when it's time to bust loose,
Abandon all fears and push ourselves
Out of our comfort zones
Into the magical, mystical, uncharted territory called
"Possibility."
Oh, sure, it is hard at first,
You many even get bumped back a few times.
But in the end, it will be worth it.
Because if you keep on reaching,
One of these days you'll make it...
And nothing will ever
Be the same again!

District Three Foundation

Awards, Grants and Scholarships

Carol Thomas District Three Foundation Trustee



The time is fast approaching to prepare for the deadline in submitting to the District Foundations Awards, Grants and Scholarships!

The following applications for the Awards of the District Foundation.

- Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Service Award (.PDF) (.DOC)
- Wilma B. Hogan Literacy Award (.PDF) (.DOC)
- Lucile Spillers Alexandra ASTRA Award (.PDF) (.DOC)
- Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Award (.PDF) (.DOC)
- Vocational Services Award (.PDF) (.DOC)
- Please email all award submissions to Contact Carol Thomas

  d3foundationawards@altrusa.org

  DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION January 31, 2027

The following application links for District Foundation Grant and Joey Robison Scholarship.

- Foundation Grant Packet
- Joey Robison Scholarship
- Please email all grant and scholarship submissions to Contact Jane Lewis **d3foundationgrants@altrusa.org**

  DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION January 31, 2027

Looking forward to presenting all Award, Grant and Scholarship submittals at our upcoming 2027 District Conference in Gainesville, Florida April 23-24, 2027

2027 Altrusa District Three Foundation Awards, Grants and Scholarships

Name of Award	Description	Awarded by	Due Date	Please note	Send to name/address	Judging Committee Requirements
Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitation Services Award	Encourage clubs to offer assistance in rehabilitative services to improve quality of life	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Award Contact: Carol Thomas d3foundationawards@altrusa.org Award Identification Subject Line: Altrusa- Club Name, Award Name (Dollar)	3 prominent members of the general public
Wilma B. Hogan Literacy Award	Recognize literacy project currently sponsored by the Club	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Award Contact: Carol Thomas d3foundationawards@altrusa.org Award Identification Subject Line: Altrusa- Club Name, Award Name (Hogan)	3 prominent members of the general public
Lucile Spillers Alexander ASTRA Service Award	Recognize service projects currently sponsored by ASTRA clubs	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Award Contact: Carol Thomas d3foundationawards@altrusa.org Award Identification Subject Line: Altrusa- Club Name, Award Name (Spillers)	3 prominent members of the general public
Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award	Recognize environmental service project currently sponsored by the Club	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Project not eligible for submission in the Mamie L. Bass Service award competition. Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Award Contact: Carol Thomas d3foundationawards@altrusa.org Award Identification Subject Line: Altrusa- Club Name, Award Name (Ulrich)	3 prominent members of the general public
Vocational Services Award	Recognize education and training project designed to enable persons to move beyond their current status	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Award Contact: Carol Thomas d3foundationawards@altrusa.org Award Identification Subject Line: Altrusa- Club Name, Award Name (Vocational)	3 prominent members of the general public
District Three Foundation Grants Program	Assist Clubs with the funding of Service Projects	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Grants Contact: Jane Lewis d3foundationgrants@altrusa.org	Grants will be determined by the members of the District Three Foundation Board
Joey Robison Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students	Assist a non-traditional student, out of school at least 6 years, seeking to upgrade work skills, and who have financial need	District Three Foundation	1/31/2027	Presented at Foundation Annual Meeting at District Conference	Grants Contact: Jane Lewis d3foundationgrants@altrusa.org Award Identification Subject Line: Altrusa- Club Name, Award Name (Robison)	Scholarships will be determined by the members of the District Three Foundation Board

Revised – 09/27/2026 District Three Foundation Awards Grid

Altrusa International Foundation Lamplighters Giving Program

By Martin Houston
Intl Foundation Liaison


Martin Houston

From the Impact, Altrusa International Foundation's Newsletter: "The International Foundation is grateful for the level of support from Altrusans who make the Lamplighter giving series possible. The Lamplighter Program began in 1987 to recognize Altrusans who contribute or on whose behalf $500 or more to the International Foundation on an annual basis. Lamplighter members receive a gold pin upon their first gift, then a diamond is awarded for each subsequent $500 yearly gift. The pin can accommodate 24 diamonds.

An Altrusa Club or District may also become a Foundation Lamplighter with a $500 contribution. The Altrusa Club or District receives a Lamplighter patch for their banner upon the initial contribution and a special pin for each yearly donation thereafter acknowledging their status."

For the fiscal year 2025-2026 (June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026), District Three had one (1) Hofmeister level Lamplighter, two (2) Lucente level, and six (6) Lamplighter level participants in the program. We are very proud of and grateful for these Altrusans.

The categories recognize donations by individuals in the Lamplighter program and can be seen on the Foundation website.

Website: https://foundation.altrusa.org/donor-recognition-programs/
The Impact: https://foundation.altrusa.org/the-impact/

Stay Connected with Altrusa District Three on Facebook!

By Sarah Long
District Three Communications Chair


Sarah Long

Stay informed, inspired, and connected with Altrusa District Three by following our Facebook page! Our page is a great place to celebrate the spirit of Altrusa, share the amazing work of our clubs, and highlight the difference we make in our communities through service.

From club projects and community service initiatives to district events, leadership opportunities, and member accomplishments, our Facebook page helps keep Altrusans connected and informed throughout the district. It is also a wonderful way to recognize the dedication of our members and showcase how we live out the Altrusa mission of making our communities better places to live and work.

We invite all members to like, follow, share, and engage with our page! When you see a post about your club or a fellow Altrusan, leave a comment, share the news, and help spread the word about the positive impact of Altrusa. Your participation helps strengthen our district connections and introduces more people to the meaningful work we do.

Let's continue to celebrate our service, share our stories, and shine a light on the difference Altrusa makes. Be sure to visit the Altrusa District Three Facebook page regularly so you don't miss the latest news, announcements, and highlights from across our district! Together, we serve, inspire, and make a difference one community at a time.

Club Service Projects & News

By Lori Davis
Altrusa Intl of Lake County, Florida

Altrusa of Lake County in the Community

The Leesburg Police Department hosted "National Night Out." This year's event was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13 Downtown Leesburg. The annual event gives citizens a chance to interact with police officers.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back our sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The event was free and featured food, kids' games, tents of vendors, including Altrusa of Lake County, handing out free goods, promoting business and organizations.

There was a petting zoo, kids tomahawk throw and a rock wall for the kiddos to climb. The police department had swat vehicles, motorcycles and even a crime lab van to display. The Fire Department was also present and their big red fire truck was a hit too!

To prepare, Altrusa of Lake County held a "Book Sorting Party" where members sorted 880 books, according to age and reading level that were purchased and donated. We applied specially designed club labels. The following week we acquired 200 more Middle and High School age range books and we purchased 80 more elementary reading level books to which our "book club" members applied the labels at their meeting.

Many hands made for light work, transporting and displaying all the books in our assigned tent area. We managed to deliver hundreds of great books into our community to both adults and children, all while promoting our name recognition and talking to new prospective members.








Members in Photos: Dawn Mainville, Jan Blakeley, Michelle Metheny, Lori Davis, Shannon Schell, Anita Valdez, Donna Marzek, Carol Lukeman, Nanci Schwartz, Cathy Keller, Rosita Nobles

Club Service Projects & News

By Mimi Cooper
Altrusa Intl of St Augustine, Florida

We Connect Wednesday is an incredibly special program to Altrusa St Augustine because it allows us to give free books to the Head Start and PreK children in St Johns County.





On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, the Early Childhood Services Department in St Johns County Schools has a special evening program for the families who have children in the Head Start Program or who are in Pre-Kindergarten. Kid-friendly meals are provided as well as appropriate family activities such as the animated reading by a local children's librarian. And best of all, we bring books for all the children. All families are also given our Kindness Stars and encouraged to share them with others.

Our books come from a variety of sources such as community donations, Lisa Libraries, and Hindi's Library. Sometimes we acquire books that are intended for specialness. At one of our recent events, a very special book went to a very special little girl. We happened to have a copy of **Allergic Like Me**, a wonderful book written by Michelle Meyer-Devlin for her daughter Julia who had a dairy allergy. The book is intended to help parents educate their children on some of the trials they may face when managing a food allergy.

As the families came by to choose their books, we asked if they would mind sharing if any of the children had a food allergy. Journey's Mom explained her child's allergy, and we asked Journey if she would like a special book. As you can see, both Journey and her Mom are delighted with the book.









Club Service Projects & News

By Lori Davis

Altrusa Intl of Lake County, Florida

Altrusa of Lake County has a handful of projects well under way. Our environmental "Bag Cycling" project has been collecting single use plastic bags for the Leesburg Food Bank to use for their food distribution to those in need. This fiscal year to date we have supplied them with 1,825 single use bags.

Our "Feed the Need" project to help eliminate hunger for our county's food insecure students is going strong, collecting and distributing food to Leesburg High School and Carver Middle School. Our donations include juice boxes, peanut butter crackers, Capri Sun juice pouches, cans of tuna, ready to eat macaroni and cheese and other nutritious snacks. Backpacks are stuffed with these healthy non-perishable food items for students to take home for the weekends. This helps to ensure students don't go hungry when they are not at school. To date we have delivered 580 pounds of nourishment to Lake County students.

We have also been very busy preparing for our largest Literacy Project. For the 13th year we are participating in the Leesburg Police Departments "National Night Out", where we hope to give away over 1000 books.



Single Use Plastic Bags Collection



Weekend Food for Lake County Students





Literacy Book sorting Party





Club Service Projects & News

By Jennifer Anchors
Altrusa Intl of Lake City, Florida



Altrusa International of Lake City came together for a fun and meaningful literacy service project in support of the Altrusa Literacy Challenge at their meeting on October 1 st , 2026. Volunteers placed Halloween-themed stickers and bookmarks inside donated children's books that will be distributed at a local elementary school's Trunk or Treat event. This project combined the excitement of Halloween with the joy of reading, helping make books more available for young students. By sharing books in a creative way, Altrusa continues its commitment to promoting literacy and inspiring a love of reading in children throughout our community. A total of 431 books were donated.



















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