

Governor's Message



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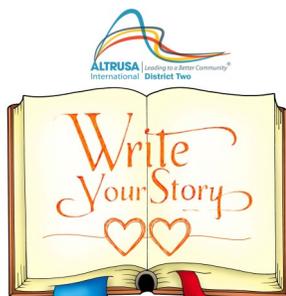
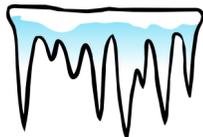
FEBRUARY 2026

Altrusa International District Two
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia,
Virginia, and West Virginia

BE A FRIEND -- BRING A FRIEND

Dates To Remember:

- February 1-7: World Interfaith Harmony Week
- February 20: World Day of Social Justice
- February 28: Award submissions due
- March 1: Exhibit space reservation due
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 28: Delegates and Alternates forms due
- March 28: Celebration of Life forms due



A Library of Altrusans
2025 - 2027

Hello Altrusans,

It's been a COOOOLD week and I for one am ready for spring. However, we have just started February, and what a February we have planned! As announced in the Altrusa Compass, February is **Be a Friend—Bring a Friend month**. If you recruit at least one new active (not dual) member between February 14th and March 14th, your club will be in the running for a \$100 prize, so invite that person you've been thinking about to a meeting, service project, or fundraiser and show them how great it is to be an Altrusan!

You should all have received the DSB: Call to Conference. Kudos to DSB Editor **Melinda Angstadt**, who did a stellar job of collating and preparing this important issue. Everything you need to know about the upcoming Conference as well as Club service projects and articles from our District Chairs is laid out for you to peruse. Plan NOW to attend Conference; your donation of time and money to attend will come back to you tenfold as you return from Conference well-informed, inspired, and reconnected to your sister and brother Altrusans.

This is also the time to write your stories by preparing your awards submissions. Forms and instructions can be found at <https://districttwo.altrusa.org/news-events/> — just scroll to the bottom of the page. I really encourage each club to submit; it's a great learning tool, and can help your club become a Distinguished Club. Get a team (or a couple of teams) together to work on your entries. You'll be glad you did!

Presidents, you will soon be hearing from our Under Charter Strength ad hoc committee; please participate and help with our collaboration efforts across the District. Our efforts are geared to increasing membership in ALL clubs.

Finally, while it's a short month, I know it will be long on service. February is the month of love, and our love shines through the service that we do. Write your stories of leadership, serve your communities, and share the love.

Warmly,

Brenda



A Word from the President

Dear Altrusans,

My favorite time of the Altrusa year is almost here – District Conference. These gatherings are truly the heartbeat of Altrusa. They remind us why we serve, why we lead, and why this organization continues to make a meaningful difference in communities around the world.

Conference weekends carry a special kind of energy. They offer space to learn from one another, exchange ideas that spark new possibilities, and strengthen the friendships that make our work so rewarding. They also give us a chance to celebrate your accomplishments and focus on the important business that keeps your District moving forward. Most of all, they allow us to simply enjoy being together as Altrusans.

I hope you'll make plans to attend District Conference – and even better, invite a fellow Altrusan or friend to join you. Spend time together intentionally, talking about service, leadership, and the ways you can help build stronger communities.

With Altrusa Love,



Christine “Chris” DeVlieger
International President
Altrusa International, Inc.



HELPFUL WEBSITES & EMAILS

[District Two Website—News & Events Page](#)

[District Two Facebook Page](#)

[Altrusa Service Facebook Page](#)

[Group Tally](#)

[The Altrusa Store \(Doc Morgan\)](#)

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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

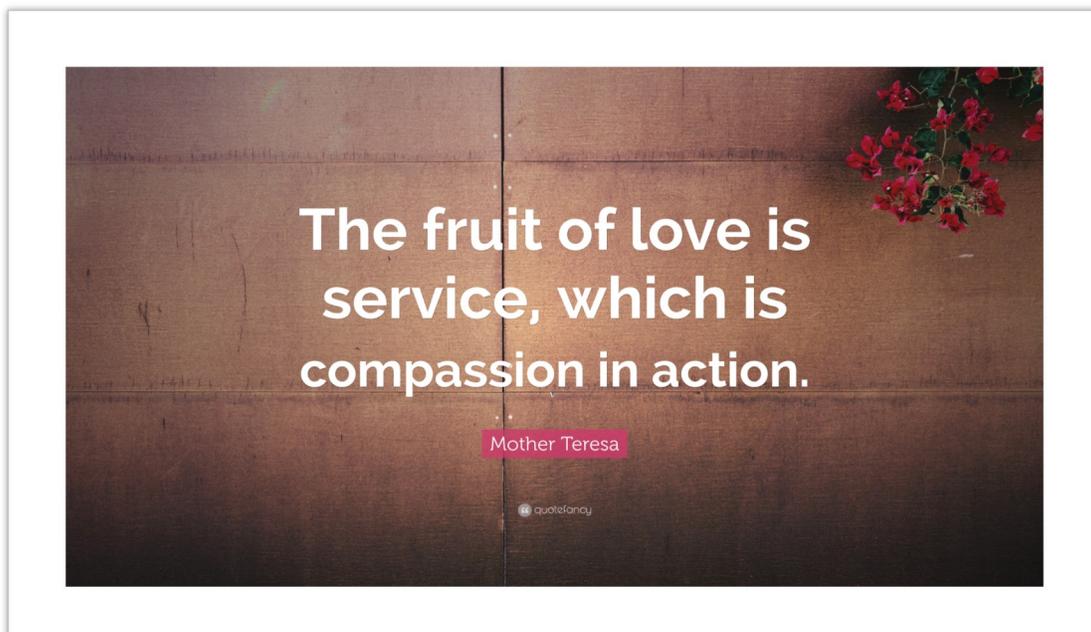
- How to log in
- Update club info
- Date of Birth
- Add a payment method
- International vs District
- Making a payment
- WHEN to make payments
- Dues and Fees
- Questions???

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS – WHAT CHANGED?

So the International Service Committee updated the three International awards. Other than the date at the bottom of each page, what changed?

Most of the updates were just formatting changes, but they did fix a couple of typos, added a place to put the club name on the score sheets, and increased the prize amount listed. Here are the details:

- **Mamie L. Bass Service Award:** Page 4—Added sentence “A District Awards Chair Judging Checklist is available as well on our website.” Page 5—Added “Name of Altrusa Club” at the top of the score sheet. Page 6—International Awards at Convention—First Place amount changed from \$300 to \$500. First and Second Place Honorable Mentions changed to Second and Third Place, and the amounts changed from \$75 to \$100. Added “The Altrusa International Foundation provides the funding for the monetary award at the Altrusa International Convention.” (to match the other 2 awards)
- **Letha H. Brown Literacy Award:** Page 4—Added sentence “A District Awards Chair Judging Checklist is available as well on our website.” Page 5—Added “Name of Altrusa Club” at the top of the score sheet. Page 6—International Awards at Convention—First Place amount changed from \$300 to \$500. First and Second Place Honorable Mentions changed to Second and Third Place, and the amounts changed from \$75 to \$100.
- **Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award:** Page 1—Eligibility, #2: Changed to read “Projects which are primarily fundraising projects or which generate funds for Clubs’ use are **not** eligible for nomination.” (The word “not” was previously omitted.) Page 3, D—Other Supporting Information, 1. “When more than ~~six~~ 6 pages are submitted, the District Chair will remove all pages beyond the first six pages before sending ~~the~~ packages to the judges.” Added sentence “A District Awards Chair Judging Checklist is available as well on our website.” Page 4—Added “Name of Altrusa Club” at the top of the score sheet. Page 5—International Awards at Convention—First and Second Place Honorable Mentions changed to Second and Third Place.



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 |

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CALENDAR

| FEB. 2026 | | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 02/01/26 | Governor's Newsletter | 2025-2027 Governor | Governor | |
| 02/01/26 | Request for Conference Delegate/Alternate names sent to Club President | Local Club | District Treasurer | |
| 02/01/26 | Conference fee invoice sent to Club Treasurer | Local Club | District Treasurer | Make sure letter tells number of members, number of Delegates, total fee, and that fee must be paid even if no Delegates are sent |
| 02/01/26 | Club Nominating Committee presents slate of candidates to membership | Local Club | | |
| 02/01/26 | ASTRA Service Award | Local Club | ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor | Due March 1 |
| 02/15/26 | Elect Delegates and Alternates for District Conference | Local Club | District Treasurer | Number of Conference Delegates and Alternates determined by number of active members recorded as of 1/31; 1 per 15 or portion thereof |
| 02/15/26 | Notify, by e-mail if possible, Club Treasurer and Club President of any unpaid Conference fees | District Treasurer | District Treasurer | Copy to Governor |
| 02/20/26 | World Day of Social Justice | Local Club | | |
| 02/28/26 | Award submissions due | Local Club | | Send to Chairs |
| MAR. 2026 | | | | |
| 03/01/26 | Governor's Newsletter | 2025-2027 Governor | Governor | |
| 03/01/26 | Send names of all members deceased during last year to District Secretary | Local Club | District Secretary | For Remembrance at District Conference |
| 03/01/26 | Elect officers for next club year | Local Club | | |
| 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 |
| 03/15/26 | Off-site awards judging completed and names of winners sent to District Awards Coordinator | District | District Awards Coordinator | |
| 03/28/26 | Conference Delegate and Alternate names due to District Secretary | Local Club | District Secretary | |
| 03/28/26 | International Board of Directors meeting | Int. Board of Directors | International President | |
| 03/31/26 | List of Delegate, Alternates, District Officers and Past Governors to Credentials Chair | 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 |