

# DISTRICT SERVICE BULLETIN

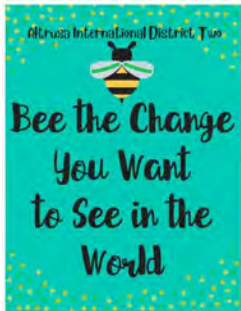
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT TWO

SUMMER 2025

## District Two Governor's Message

69th District Two Conference  
"Bee the Change You Want to See in the World"

Dear District Two Members,



We met for the 69<sup>th</sup> District Two Conference in Altoona, PA with the theme "Bee the Change You Want to See in the World," a theme that has resonated with all of us this past biennium. After a rocky start with a necessary change in location, the Conference was a smashing success. Thank you to every one of you who participated and contributed to making it a Conference to remember.



We were fortunate to have the International President Linda K. Smith and her sister Brenda (Chair of the International Leadership Development & Training Committee) at our Conference, as well as our vibrant speakers: Altoona Mayor Matt Pacifico, former NAMI director Peggy Thatcher, and Professor of Education Dr. William J. Rothwell. Dr. Carlita Baldwin Cotton, Professor of Psychology and International Membership Development Committee member, was also able to present an inspiring workshop through technology. As awesome as our guests were, what truly made the Conference were the members: the First Timers, the workshop presenters, the participants in the flag ceremony and the memorial service, the expeditors, the 50/50 rafflers, those fabulous people taking care of registration and credentials, the dedicated individuals staffing the Doc Morgan table and silent auction room, the folks in the hospitality rooms welcoming us, the Interfaith service, and everyone who participated in our hands-on service project. Finally, let us not forget the past Governors, especially Co-Chairs Maureen McGough and Silvia Silverman for their dedication and hard work. The hotel staff is also to be commended for doing their best to make our stay pleasant.

I was honored to have Phyllis Corman install the board and to have my sister Jill Lillie pin on my Governor's Pin (well, tried anyway!), and to have my sister Jan and niece Sara attend. I introduced my theme for the coming biennium, "Write Your Story – a Library of Altrusans." We all have a story to tell, with more to come, and we are called to "write" –

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District Two  
2025-2027 Board  
of Directors

### Governor

Brenda Ruby  
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# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

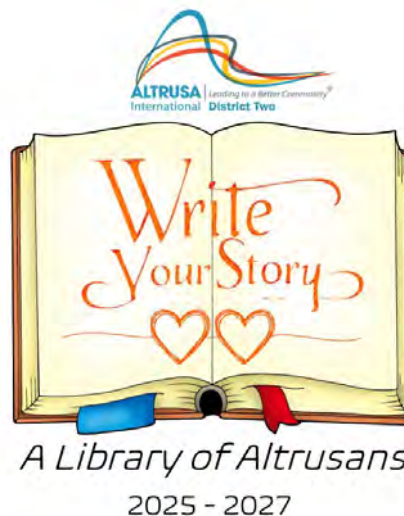
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– and publish! – our club's tale of service and leadership. The diversity of our membership – our "library" – allows us to fill the needs of our communities without limiting ourselves to one issue. And I MAY have said in a moment of weakness that I would dye my hair whatever color the majority comes up with, if we add three new ASTRA clubs in my biennium!

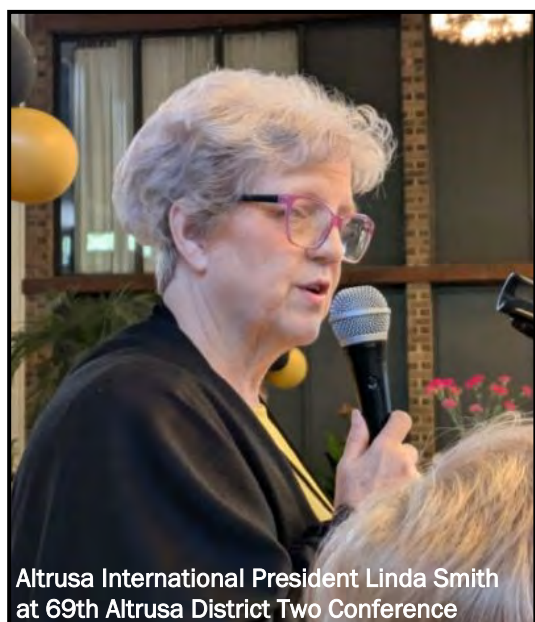
I invite you to write your story every day through your actions... and make that story a good one.

With appreciation,

**Brenda Ruby, District Two Governor**



Governor Brenda Ruby & Phyllis Corman



Altrusa International President Linda Smith  
at 69th Altrusa District Two Conference



L-R: Beth Vann-Turnbull, Linda Smith, Tammy Boyd,  
Cindy Jennings, Martha Woody

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## Call to Convention Greeting from International President

Bonjour Altrusans!

We will soon be together to celebrate our **59th Annual Biennial Convention**. I look forward to seeing many of you in Quebec City, Canada, July 23-26, 2025.

We will gather to conduct the business of Altrusa International, including electing our International Board of Directors for the 2025-2027 biennium, a new International Nominating Committee and new Trustees for the Altrusa International Foundation. I encourage you to read the bios of all candidates and discuss in your clubs so that you as delegates can make informed decisions in all of these elections.

We will have informative workshops provided by the 2025-2027 Program Team as well as the Foundation. Even though you may be tempted to do some sight-seeing in Quebec City, please attend the workshops as these committees are working hard to provide great information for all attendees.

We will have several inspiring speakers as well as a night devoted to the history of Quebec with entertainment and music.

Although the Convention kicks off with the opening banquet on Wednesday evening, there will be several activities during the day on Wednesday, including a meeting of the Governors' Council, training for the new Governor Elects, a delegate briefing on both bylaws as well as the budget. Information on bylaws as well as the proposed biennial budget are included in this issue of the International Altrusan.

We look forward to celebrating club successes during the Awards Breakfast on Thursday morning. Friday we will hear about the great things accomplished by the Foundation during their annual luncheon. And we will wrap up things on Saturday evening as we install our new Board of Directors. I hope you all take in everything offered at Convention and come away more inspired than ever to make differences in your communities!

As this biennium comes to an end, I want to thank all of you for your support during these two years. Our Board has been phenomenal and has accomplished much. Our clubs continue to grow in membership and amazing service, and we have chartered new Altrusa as well as new ASTRA clubs. Thank you for each individual contribution you have made to ensure the success of Altrusa! Having a stroke one month after my installation was definitely not in my plan, but the love, prayers and encouragement I received from Altrusans around the world helped me have a successful recovery and a successful biennium.

Thank you for, once again, embracing the Million Books Challenge as well as the Kindness Challenge. We know what a difference Altrusans make and these two challenges help us document what you all are doing. I look forward to sharing at the Convention, the number of books donated as well as the number of acts of kindness you all completed. If you haven't entered your numbers yet, please do so right away so we have accurate numbers to report.

I am so proud of you, my friends and Altrusa family. Thank you for making a difference!

And always remember that Altrusans R.O.C.K. and don't forget to Realize Opportunities and Create Kindness.

Linda K. Smith  
Altrusa President,  
2023-2025





## INT'L CONVENTION

### Keynote Speakers:



**Raychel Hollingsworth** – Trauma-Informed Coach, Founder, Ray of Sunshine

**Tim Suter** - Executive Chairman, The Suter Company, President of Make A Difference DKC



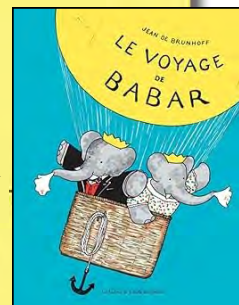
**What to wear ...** the standard dress for Convention meetings is business casual. We tend to dress up a bit more for the Opening Banquet with the Installation Banquet being Cocktail to Formal. For our Friday Fun Night wear or accessorize with your favorite tartan plaid.

Please make note ... the Parade of Banners will take place during the first Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon. Please wear your District Shirts to the Parade of Banners!

### Check list of what to bring to Convention

- ☐ Altrusa Pin
- ☐ Club Banner
- ☐ District Banner
- ☐ Service Project Club donation item
- ☐ International Foundation Silent Auction items (if applicable)
- ☐ Your favorite tartan plaid outfit for Friday Night Fun Event
- ☐ Comfortable shoes for exploring Quebec City
- ☐ Business casual attire for Business Meetings
- ☐ Cocktail or Formal Attire for Saturday Night's Installation Banquet
- ☐ Convention bag (only if you are going to need to have a bag)

Bring a children's book in French to donate.



**\* Bring children books in French to donate.**

**\* Consider a donation to the silent auction (see page 10)**

Mobility assistance... for those needing or wishing to rent a wheelchair or scooter you can contact

<https://www.cloudofgoods.com/mobility-rentals/lightweight-mobility-scooter-63>



# MEET THE DISTRICT TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2027



**Brenda Ruby**  
District Two Governor



**Ann Tyndall**  
Governor Elect



**Shari Gomez**  
First Vice Governor



**Patalia Tate**  
Second Vice Governor



**Roxanne Barzona**  
Director



**Sherral Nelson**  
Director



**Antonetta (Anneke) Fleming**  
Treasurer



**Beth Vann-Turnbull**  
Parliamentarian



**Amy Miller**  
Secretary



**Linda Dorr**  
Immediate Past President

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## Altrusa International District Two

as of 5/31/25



### District Two Clubs



	Active	Emeritus	Charter Strength Subtotal	Life	Young Prof	Total
Capital City, VA	20	1	20	0	0	21
Centre County, PA	25	3	26	1	0	29
Fauquier County, VA	4	0	4	0	0	4
Martinsville/Henry County, VA	16	2	16	0	0	18
McKeesport, PA	5	0	6	0	1	6
Montgomery County, MD	25	0	30	1	0	26
New York, NY	5	1	6	0	0	6
Prince George's County, MD	13	0	20	0	0	13
Reading-Berks, PA	42	0	45	0	2	44
Richmond, VA	10	0	10	0	0	10
Rochester, NY	12	0	12	0	0	12
South Central, PA	19	0	19	0	0	19
Tidewater, VA	34	0	35	0	1	35
Washington, DC	5	2	6	0	0	7
Life Members, No Club Affiliation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emeritus Members, No Club Affiliation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliate Members	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>250</b>

14 Clubs

235

9

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Parade of banners at District Two Conference



**Altrusa International District Two**  
**Fiscal Statement 6/1/2024 to 3/31/2025**  
**Adopted Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025**  
**Adopted Budget based on 6/1/2025 - 5/31/2026**



Acct#	Income	Adopted Budget	Actual	Adopted Budget
		FY 2024 - 2025	6/1/24 - 3/31/2025	FY 2025 - 2026
5010	Dues - Renewing Members and Young Adults @ \$30/per member	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,900.00
5015	Dues - Reactivate members @ \$30/per member	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00
5016	Dues - New Members and New Young Adults (Full) @ \$30/per member	\$ 300.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 300.00
5020	Dues - New Members and New Young Adults (Half) @ \$15/per member	\$ 75.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 75.00
5030	Transfer members	\$ -		
5040	Late Fees	\$ -		
	<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$ 7,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,985.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,335.00</b>
5110	Conference Fees - 15 clubs @ \$20/club	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
5115	Conference Net Income	\$ -	\$ -	
5120	Conference Seed Advance Return	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
	<b>Total Conference</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>
5200	Area Workshop donation	\$ 50.00	\$ 86.41	\$ 50.00
5210	Donations	\$ 50.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 50.00
5300	Transfer Unreserved Funds (Trust checking account) to balance budget	\$ 4,462.33		\$ 4,872.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,562.33</b>	<b>\$ 496.41</b>	<b>\$ 4,972.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 13,697.33</b>	<b>\$ 7,781.41</b>	<b>\$ 14,107.00</b>

Acct#	Operating Expenses	Adopted Budget	ACTUAL	Adopted Budget
		FY 2024-2025	6/1/24 - 3/31/25	FY2025-2026
6010	Club Visits	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (148.92)	\$ (2,500.00)
6110	District Board of Directors	\$ (5,000.00)		\$ (4,500.00)
6310	Administration	\$ (100.00)	\$ (10.00)	\$ (100.00)
6360	Governor's Pin	\$ (240.00)	\$ (265.10)	
6370	Treasurer Bond (District's Bond Crime Policy Insurance)	\$ (159.00)	\$ (159.00)	\$ (159.00)
6390	Member Dues Stripe transaction fees	\$ (10.00)	\$ (7.00)	\$ (10.00)
6439	District Advertising Expense	\$ (100.00)		\$ (100.00)
6510	District Conference Seed Advance	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,500.00)
6520	District Conference Net Expense	\$ -		
6550	District Conference Workshop	\$ (100.00)		\$ (100.00)
6680	International Special Mtgs (Governor-Elect training)	\$ (850.00)		
6720	International Convention	\$ -		\$ (2,000.00)
6815	Club Building	\$ (200.00)		\$ (200.00)
6816	Club Revitalization	\$ (1,548.33)	\$ (517.05)	\$ (1,548.00)
6817	Club Leadership Training	\$ (1,000.00)		\$ (1,000.00)
6910	Recognition Awards	\$ (390.00)		\$ (390.00)
7010	Committees	\$ -		
7100	Contingency	\$ -		
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ (13,697.33)</b>	<b>\$ (2,607.07)</b>	<b>\$ (14,107.00)</b>
	<b>Total Income vs Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,174.34</b>	

**Reserves:**

Trust Money Market Account Statement as of 3/31/2025

**\$14,825.18****NON-Reserves**

Trust Checking Account Statement as of 3/31/2025

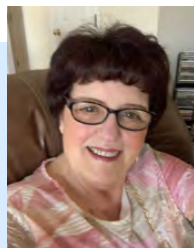
**\$15,560.57****Account Key Explanation****5016** Based on 247 members**6310** Governor's Pin - purchased during 2nd year of Biennium**6370** District's Bond (Crime Policy) for Signatories every year paid in March 4-30-2022: Policy was increased to cover \$25,000 by D2 Board majority vote**6680** Governor-Elect Training - Occurs 2nd year of each Biennium**6720** Covers Governor's Registration, lodging and per diem**6815** Per D2 Policies, Section XII, Article 7 - District Board will provide the registration fee for the President of the newly organized club at the first District Conference following its organization**6816** Includes travel, lodging and per diem (Balance from cashed CD 2019: (\$3,121.72-\$1,573.39=\$1,548.33)**6817** Includes travel, lodging and per diem for clubs President/Vice Presidents per recommendations of Past Governors at 2019 conference at McKeesport. Cashed CD: \$5,121.72 (\$3,121.72 to acct. # 6815 & \$2000.00 to acct. # 6817)**General Notes**

- Budget is based on June 1 - May 31 Fiscal Year (D2 Policies Section X Article 1)

- Conference Seed money increased to \$1,500 at 2023 conference

- Reserve Fund shall be a minimum of \$10,000 (D2 Policies Section X Article 5)

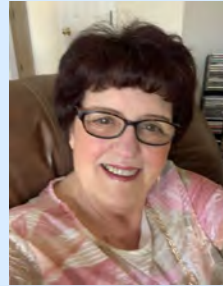
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## Meet your 2025-2027 District Two Treasurer - Anneke Fleming

Happy Summer to all from your District Two Treasurer, Anneke Fleming.  
I am excited to start my 2nd go around as treasurer of our District Two. Thank you so much for electing me again, and I truly appreciate your support and confidence in me. I will continue to supply the District Two Board with accurate recordkeeping and reporting. Looking forward to serving the district for the next two years.



Antonetta (Anneke) Fleming  
South Central, PA Club  
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Photos from 69th Annual District Two Conference



Credit: Amy R. Miller and other attendees





# District Two Fall Workshops 2025

Area I    October 18    hosted by McKeesport, PA  
 Area II    October 25    hosted by Prince George's County, MD  
 Area III    October 4    hosted by Tidewater, VA  
 Locations and themes TBD.



Becky Schrope, Shari Gomez, Ann Tyndall,  
Brenda Ruby, Lillian Holland

A Soldier's Hands service project at Conference



## CLUB VISITS 2025-2026

CLUB	BOARD MEMBER
Capital City, VA	Shari Gomez
Centre County, PA	Shari Gomez
Charlottesville, VA	Linda Dorr
Fauquier County, VA	Brenda Ruby
Martinsville/Henry Co.,	Sherral Nelson
McKeesport, PA	Linda Dorr
Montgomery County, MD	Ann Tyndall
New York, NY	Brenda Ruby
Prince George's Co., MD	Patalia Tate
Reading-Berks, PA	Roxanne Barzona
Richmond, VA	Sherral Nelson
Rochester, NY	Brenda Ruby
South Central, PA	Roxanne Barzona
Tidewater, VA	Ann Tyndall
Washington, D.C.	Patalia Tate

## GOVERNOR'S CABINET

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International Foundation Liaison	Carol James	Prince George's County	ctjaames@aol.com
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SOS Liaison	Roxanne Barzona	Centre Co	rbarzona@gmail.com
Webmaster	Beth Vann-Turnbull	Richmond	elizabeth.l.vann@gmail.com



Cheryl Outen, Patalia Tate, Jeanette Wolfe



Maureen McGough, Cindy Jennings



Sue Miller, Laura Ullrich



Diane Kolesar, Melissa Kolesar



Beth Vann-Turnbull, Dianne Vann

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## ASTRA is the Future of Altrusa!

Meet your 2025-2027 District Two ASTRA Chair - Cindy Jennings

Hello. My name is **Cindy Jennings** and I am the District Two ASTRA Chair for the 2025 – 2027 Biennium.

I am married to Gary and a mother of two children, Megan (35) & Daniel (25) and a grandma of 5 grandchildren- Caleb (16), Jackson (12), Brayden (15), Mandy (16) and Karissa (12). I am the youngest child in my family & have a brother and a sister. We have a lot of fun and make lots of memories together! We have a Doberman named Skye and she is as spoiled as any animal should be!

My goal for this year is to establish another ASTRA Club or two or three!!!  
Let's get going because I know many of your clubs expressed interest at the District Two Conference this year.



My contact information is: email – [cjewels4u@aol.com](mailto:cjewels4u@aol.com) and my phone number is 804-241-8386 if you want to talk about anything. Let's Chat Soon!

Cindy Jennings  
District Two ASTRA Chair  
Richmond, VA Club



69th Altrusa International District Two Conference Group Photo

# BYLAWS, RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS (BRR)

## Writing the Next Chapter: Beginning My Term as District BRR Committee Chair

*District Two Biennium 2025–2027 | Theme: Write Your Story*

As I begin my new two-year term as District Two BRR (Bylaws, Resolutions, and Recommendations) Committee Chair, I'm excited to step into a role that blends structure with service. Inspired by our Governor's theme, *Write Your Story*, I look forward to helping each club confidently write its own chapter—grounded in clear governance, communication, and collaboration.



My role is to serve as a liaison between local clubs, District leadership, and International, helping to ensure that bylaw and policy updates are understood, adopted, and implemented consistently. I'll assist clubs with amending procedures, lead workshops when requested, consult on bylaw interpretation, and serve as a resource during District Conference. Together with the BRR Committee and the District Board, I'll work to support the framework that helps our clubs thrive.

This biennium, I am committed to advancing the District Two Biennium Goals for 2025–2027:

- \* Strengthening club engagement and leadership development
- \* Enhancing communication and understanding of bylaws and policies
- \* Promoting collaboration across all levels of Altrusa
- \* Supporting strategic planning and organizational growth

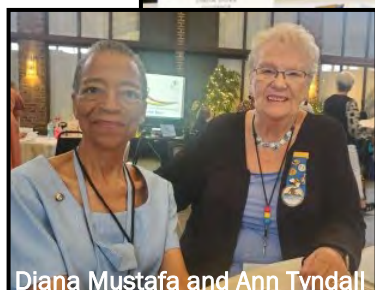
I'm honored to take on this responsibility and look forward to working with all of you over the next two years as we each continue to *Write Our Story*—with purpose, with pride, and with the power of Altrusa behind us.



Cheryl Outen  
Capital City, VA  
District Two BRR Committee Chair  
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Applause for President Linda Smith



Diana Mustafa and Ann Tyndall

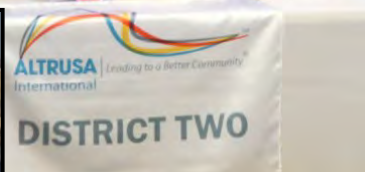


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Patalia Tate buys 50/50 tickets from Deb Flage to support Altrusa Foundation



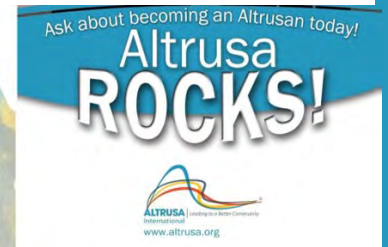
# COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## Meet your 2025-2027 District Two Communications Chair—Cindy Walter

Cindy has been a member of Reading-Berks for a few years, and has held the positions of secretary, First Vice President, and Service Committee Chair in her club. With her help, we hope to improve communication between clubs and beef up our marketing efforts.



Cindy Walter  
Reading-Becks, PA  
District Two Communications Chair  
bearsnha@msn.com



## DAYS FOR GIRLS

### Impacts in the Days for Girls Community



Did you hear about Days for Girl's commitment to Menstrual Health Awareness Month? Did you donate to help their cause? Days for Girls raised \$42,352 and surpassed their goal for World Hygiene Day! Some of their goals for advocacy and their commitment are fueling menstrual health education, distributing essential Kits, and empowering local leaders in communities around the globe. As Altrusans, we can work to not only help, but empower these missions and goals within our own communities. Even though they've reached their goal, unfortunately this is a year-round issue for women and girls as close as in our own country. In the U.S. alone, nearly 1 in 4 students struggle to afford period products, and yet 76% of Americans agree they should be free in schools. Find ways to discuss in your club how to help tackle these issues today – let's work to end the stigma and increase the awareness for improving menstrual health for all!



Thank you for your support.

Susan Corey  
Altrusa International of Tidewater, Inc.  
District Two Days for Girls Chair  
jnscorey@verizon.net



# ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Meet your 2025-2027 District Two International Foundation Liaison - Carol James



Goals for Biennium:

- \* Encourage brainstorming and planning for service projects in your community and abroad that will create programs for grant submission.
- \* Increase the number of Club submissions of Grant Program Awards during Cycles 1 and 2.

If you or your club are not able to attend International Convention, please remember that donations to International Foundation can be made at any time during the year, either by individual members or clubs.



Carol James  
Prince George's County  
District Two  
International Foundation Liaison  
ctjaames@aol.com

## Support the 2025 Altrusa International Foundation Silent Auction!

The **silent auction at the 2025 International Convention in Quebec City** is a key fundraiser supporting the International Foundation's mission to fund service projects, grants, and scholarships worldwide.

We invite Clubs, Districts, members, and friends to donate TSA-compliant, easily transportable items that will inspire generous bidding.

**Suggested items include:**

- ◆ Handcrafted goods or artisan items
- ◆ Regional delicacies or gourmet treats
- ◆ Artwork or handcrafted jewelry
- ◆ Sports memorabilia or collector's items
- ◆ Gift cards, travel rewards, or vacation rentals
- ◆ Event tickets or entertainment packages
- ◆ Unique souvenirs or themed gift baskets
- ◆ Live Auction: High-value donations (e.g., luxury vacations, airline miles, VIP experiences, rare collectibles)

**How to donate:**

Email a photo and item description by **July 15** to [foundation@altrusa.org](mailto:foundation@altrusa.org)

Bring your item to Convention (drop-off details to follow)

Not attending? Mail items to: Altrusa International Foundation, 1400 E. Touhy Ave. Suite 410, Des Plaines, IL 60018 (Must arrive by Wednesday, July 11) Your contributions uplift communities and highlight the generosity of Altrusans around the world.

**Let's make this our most successful auction yet!**





# DISTRICT SERVICE BULLETIN (DSB) EDITOR

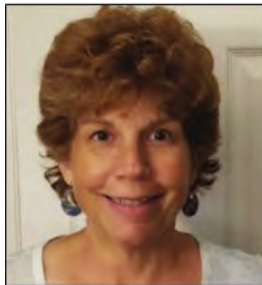
## Meet your 2025-2027 District Two Service Bulletin Editors

I am pinch-hitting as outgoing editor for this Summer 2025 edition of the DSB. I served as District Two DSB Editor since 2021 and Newsletter Editor for the Centre County Club since 2019.

My goals are to provide you with an informative, eye catching, and easily digested Summer DSB and to work with incoming DSB Editor Melinda Angstadt this fall to move the recurring DSB information from Microsoft Publisher (which will no longer be supported after October 2026) to the Canva platform to make a smoother and less rushed transition. This will be mutually beneficial as Melinda will give me pointers on Canva as I learn that platform. Peace, Laura



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I am thrilled and honored to join the District Two Cabinet as the incoming DSB Editor. Being the mother of five, I quickly learned that communication and organization is the key to success. I have always been passionate about working for the greater good and am genuinely excited about the opportunity to be a part of District Two's impactful work.

After having attended my first Conference in May, my interest and enthusiasm in Altrusa has grown by leaps and bounds. Only one month earlier, I volunteered to take over as editor for my club's newsletter, and I fell in love with the creativity, as well as the organization. My goal for my club and for District Two is to make these publications truly the hub of information for every Altrusa member. Joyfully, Melinda

Applause for Outgoing Governor Linda Dorr

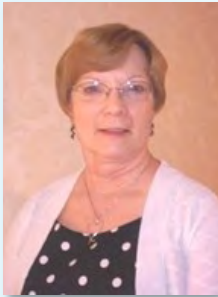


# LEADERSHIP

## Meet your 2025-2027 District Two Leadership Chair - Deb Flage

I'm Deb Flage, chair of the District Two Leadership Committee for this biennium. I've been an Altrusan for 18 years as a member of the South Central PA club. In the club, I've held most leadership positions from President to Director on the Board.

As Leadership chair, I plan to include District Two Club Presidents in planning and leadership activities. My message will be that **everyone is a leader already, whether you realize it or not**. Leadership is shown in many ways, not necessarily because of your title in the club or district. Mentoring newer members is critical to building succession planning within your club. I look forward to working with District Two clubs in these efforts.



In Altrusa service,  
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# MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION

## Meet your 2025-2027 District Two Membership Chair - Sue Miller

Thank you, Governor Brenda, for choosing me to chair District Two's Membership Development Committee.

My goals this biennium are: to increase the number in our "Library of Altrusans" by 10% and to encourage two under-charter strength clubs to "Write Your Story" to charter strength.

Unfortunately, there is no tried and true method for ensuring successful outreach to all our members, and I cannot reach these goals alone. So, I am developing a Membership Team across the District. We will be assessing and developing some creative ways to increase membership in our clubs.

In the meantime, please contact me with your questions or concerns at [smemiller@comcast.net](mailto:smemiller@comcast.net).

As of April 30, 2025, District Two has  
242 active members,  
7 emeritus members,  
4 young professionals,  
2 life members



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# NEW CLUB BUILDING

## Meet Your 2025–2027 District Two New Club Building Chairs – Melissa Kolesar and Jeanette Wolfe

As your District Two co-chairs Melissa Kolesar and Jeanette Wolfe, we are excited to share our vision and goals for the biennium and to invite you to be part of making them a reality.

Our primary focus is growth: both in terms of new clubs and new members. We believe strongly in the mission of Altrusa and the incredible impact it has on our communities. With that in mind, our first goal is to charter at least one new Altrusa club. There are so many communities that could benefit from the leadership, service and camaraderie that Altrusa offers, and we're committed to helping with that growth. Our second goal is to increase membership through new club building. Every new Altrusan brings fresh energy, new ideas and additional hands to help with the important work we do. A stronger membership base means a stronger organization and even bigger ability to serve.

To reach these goals, we need your help. We're calling on all our members to be a part of this journey. **If you know someone who might be interested in starting a new club (maybe it's you), reach out to us so we can start communicating.**



New Club Building Co-Chairs  
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New Club Building Co-Chairs  
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District Two  
Conference



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# DISTRICT SERVICE PROGRAM

## Meet Your 2025–2027 District Two Service Project Coordinator – Patalia Tate

I'm honored to begin my term as Service Project Coordinator. It's a privilege to serve alongside our dedicated leadership team and support our incredible clubs across the district. I'm excited to assist with sharing and promoting news about our clubs' service projects. Together, we'll explore creative ways to build vibrant, sustainable clubs that reflect the heart of Altrusa's mission—community service with purpose and passion. I look forward to connecting with many of you and working collaboratively to make these two years meaningful and impactful.



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District Service Newsletter submissions



Standing: Past District Two Governors: Dianne Vann, Linda Dorr, Diane Kolesar, Tammy Boyd, Silvia Silverman, Nancy Wenrich, Nancy Minter, Maureen McGough, Sandi Craig, Marcy Royal  
Seated: Linda Smith, Phyllis Corman, Brenda Smith  
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# SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS (SOS)

## Meet Your 2025–2027 District Two SOS Liaison – Roxanne Barzona

My husband served in the Marine Corps for 6 years, and together we raised our daughter. After a long illness where I was his caretaker, Russ passed away in 2019. I am dedicated to helping Altrusa continue to serve our active duty military and our veterans. I passionately enjoy the outdoors, including camping, hiking, and community service projects.

Altrusa has offered me a significant step in my personal growth. I am grateful for the invaluable lessons and experiences Altrusa has provided me. I am excited to serve as both Director and SOS Liaison for District Two.



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Emily Corey, First Timers Winner



Altrusans at hospitality suite following installation

## DISTRICT TWO WEBSITE

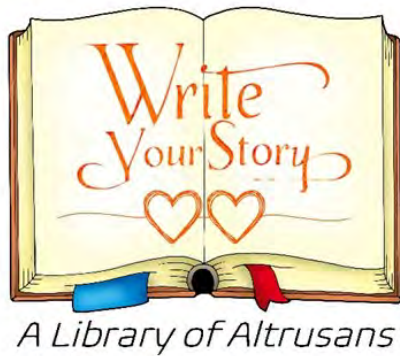
### Meet your 2025–2027 District Two Webmaster - Beth Vann-Turnbull

Beth Vann-Turnbull has been a member of Altrusa of Richmond, VA since 2014 and has served as a board member, Vice President, and President of the club. She has also served two prior terms as the Parliamentarian for the District Two Board of Directors. She currently works as executive director of Housing Families First, a Richmond-area agency that provides families facing homelessness with crisis housing and a path to a permanent home. She holds a degree in Business Administration from the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond.



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District Two Webmaster  
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# DISTRICT TWO BIENNIUM GOALS 2025-2027



## Service:

1. Assess the needs of your community and communities abroad, and analyze completed projects
2. Promote participation in global service projects
3. Increase awards submissions and use criteria as guidelines
4. Use partnerships to get more bang for our buck

## Communications:

1. Use and share the marketing tools available
2. Encourage communication between clubs – EVERY club in our District should feel like an integral part of the District, and every club should have access to the tools they need to succeed
3. District help for marketing (mentoring and/or monetary)

## Leadership:

1. Club chairs should be part of the corresponding District Committee
2. Mentoring is crucial – seasoned members should be mentoring new members
3. Work on succession planning
4. Encourage members to take on leadership challenges and ask for help if needed

## Membership:

1. Add at least one club during the biennium (traditional or virtual)
2. Increase District net membership by 10%
3. Get under-charter strength clubs to charter strength – at least 2 over the biennium

## International Service Projects (Days for Girls, Support Our Soldiers)

1. Increase awareness of these projects and/or whatever International presents at the International Convention.
2. Urge all clubs to develop projects supporting these initiatives
3. Share these projects both in our District and internationally







## Altrusa District Two Strategic Plan 2025-2027



Service Encourage collaboration with other nonprofits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create strategic partnerships with organizations focusing on literacy</li> <li>• Assist clubs in identifying partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Facilitate</u> sharing of ideas related to service projects and partnerships, particularly at Conference</li> <li>• <u>Promote</u> participation in global service projects, particularly literacy projects</li> <li>• <u>Encourage</u> all clubs to submit club project entries for District and International awards, including exhibits</li> </ul>
Provide service to under-served community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate underserved population service opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Support and encourage</u> clubs to find a new service project to support underserved community members</li> </ul>
Communications/ Marketing Enhance the flow of Altrusa information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase members marketing efforts</li> <li>• Increase engagement rate on social media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Provide</u> online presentations or webinars on how to use the marketing tools that are available</li> <li>• <u>Encourage</u> clubs to use social media, newspapers, TV and radio to promote and provide information about their clubs' activities</li> <li>• <u>Maintain</u> an attractive and informative website for potential members</li> </ul>
Leadership Strengthen the leadership pipeline with Clubs and Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Club and District Succession Planning</li> <li>• Provide Succession Planning materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Encourage</u> each club to implement a succession plan</li> <li>• <u>Implement</u> a viable succession plan within District Two</li> <li>• <u>Provide</u> current Succession Plan materials on the District website</li> </ul>
Develop leadership at all levels of Altrusa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance the relationship between District Boards and Clubs</li> <li>• Improve the availability and quality of leadership training materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Work</u> with current Club Presidents to provide leadership candidates</li> <li>• <u>Develop</u> more varied leadership training for members to assume leadership positions at the local and District level.</li> <li>• <u>Utilize</u> Club visits to maintain a database of candidates for District leadership.</li> <li>• <u>Increase</u> communication between District Clubs and Leadership Training Committee.</li> </ul>
Member Service: Enlighten and update members on ways to increase membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase membership through recruitment and retention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Increase</u> membership by 10%</li> <li>• <u>Retain</u> membership by 95%</li> <li>• <u>Share</u> recruitment and membership retention strategies with clubs</li> </ul>
ASTRA: Improve and support ASTRA Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter new ASTRA clubs</li> <li>• Publicize ASTRA activities</li> <li>• Encourage ASTRA transitions to Altrusa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Start</u> at least one new ASTRA club</li> <li>• <u>Encourage</u> development of community ASTRA clubs - e.g. home schools, charter schools, cyber schools</li> <li>• <u>Recruit</u> educators for Altrusa who can help with ASTRA</li> <li>• <u>Provide</u> ASTRA pamphlet/rack card to spur interest</li> </ul>
United Nations Promote awareness to all Altrusans of the history/role of Altrusa at the United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase visibility of the United Nations</li> <li>• Increase contact with our United Nations representative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Promote</u> United Nations to members.</li> <li>• <u>Enhance</u> United Nations involvement.</li> <li>• <u>Invite</u> UN representative to Conference, request yearly updates on UN activity</li> </ul>

Reminder To All Clubs: All clubs should have a strategic plan. Remember it is acceptable for each club to modify or adopt the District Two plan for your club's plan.  
Please take time to review each section of the above plan with your clubs.  
Once your club has reviewed the plan, you may choose to use it as your club's strategic plan.

## Altrusa International 69th Annual District Two Conference



### DISTRICT TWO CONFERENCE AWARDS SUMMARY

May 1-4, 2025

#### Edith W. Nelson Environmental Award\*

1. Tidewater, VA
2. Centre County, PA
3. Martinsville-Henry Co., VA

#### Ann Ayer District Two Yearbook Award

1. Centre County, PA
2. South Central PA
3. Montgomery County, MD

#### Irene Mardis District Two Newsletter Award

1. Centre County, PA
2. MHC, VA
3. South Central PA

#### Mary S. Resh Program Award

1. Centre County, PA
1. Montgomery County, MD
2. Reading-Berks, PA
3. Tidewater, VA

#### Patricia A. Woodward Conference Participation

1. Centre County, PA
2. South Central PA/Montgomery County, MD
3. Tidewater, VA

#### Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (%)

1. Reading-Berks, PA
2. Tidewater, VA
3. Centre County, PA

#### Eleanore Pettersen Membership Growth (#)

1. Reading-Berks, PA
2. Tidewater, VA
3. n/a

#### Governor's Awards

1. Laura Ullrich – DSB Editor
2. Shari Gomez – Service Com. Chr./Service News.
3. Marcy Royal – Proofreading Newsletters

#### Phyllis J. Corman ASTRA Award

1. Richmond, VA
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Patsy Flensburg Conference Exhibit Award

1. Centre County, PA
2. Reading-Berks, PA
3. Tidewater, VA

#### Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

1. Montgomery County, MD
2. MHC, VA
3. Centre County, PA

#### Betty S. Brooks/Letha H Brown Literacy Award\*

1. Centre County, PA
2. Capital City, VA
3. MHC, VA

#### Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award\*

1. MHC, VA
2. Reading-Berks, PA
3. Tidewater, VA

#### Betty C. Schwartz/ Presidential Excellence

1. Capital City, VA – Dorothy Thompkins
2. MHC, VA – Deloris East
3. McKeesport, PA – Melissa Kolesar

#### First Timer's Award (Just First and Second)

1. Emily Corey, Tidewater, VA - \$100\*\*
2. Cheryl Outen, Capital City, VA - \$50\*\*
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Club Anniversaries

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* First Timers Awards – Amount off next year's registration**



Betty C. Schwartz/Presidential Excellence (continued)

4. Montgomery Co., MD – Patalia Tate
5. Reading-Berks, PA – Judy Sager and Pam Stauffer
6. South Central PA – Ann Tyndall
7. Tidewater, VA – Kathleen Dolby



*Altrusa International 69th Annual  
District Two Conference*

### Club Anniversaries

Club	Years of Service	Charter Date
Reading-Berks, PA	82 years	06/01/1943
Washington, DC	88 years	11/08/1937
Tidewater, VA	59 years	01/01/1966
South Central, PA	70 years	01/01/1955
New York, NY	98 years	01/01/1927
Montgomery County, MD	47 years	05/13/1978
Capital City, VA	32 years	10/21/1993
Charlottesville, VA	76 years	05/02/1949
Richmond, VA	100 years	09/01/1925
McKeesport, PA	84 years	12/22/1941
Centre County, PA	74 years	01/01/1951
Rochester, NY	74 years	09/19/1951
Fauquier County, VA	43 years	01/01/1982
Prince George's County, MD	2 years	03/18/2023
Martinsville/Henry County, VA	84 years	08/21/1941



### 2025 Sponsors Pins

Club	Member	2024-2025	Grand Total	Pin to Give 2025
Centre County, PA	Lynn Myers	2	2	2
Centre County, PA	Terry Johnson	1	2	2
Martinsville/Henry County, VA	Dianne Vann	1	4	4
Prince George's County, MD	Jeanette Wolfe	2	11	GA Pin
Prince George's County, MD	Ida Fletcher	1	6	6
Reading-Berks, PA	Theresa Bernardo	1	2	2
Montgomery County, MD	Silvia Silverman	2	2	2



## The 69<sup>th</sup> Altrusa International District Two Conference Evaluation Survey Results Summary



By Governor-Elect Ann Tyndall and First-Vice Governor Shari Gomez

The evaluation survey results from the 69th Altrusa International District Two Conference have been compiled. There were approximately 68 attendees at the District Two Conference and there were 37 responses to the survey. Thank you! Altrusans ranked Conference activities using a score ranging between 1 (Extremely Dissatisfied) and 5 (Extremely Satisfied). The highest weighted average is 5.0. Please find below the summary of the Survey Activity Rankings:

Activity	Weighted Average
Pre-Conference Virtual Workshop - How To Use Google To Help Your Club - December 3, 2024 and February 4, 2025	4.9
Pre-Conference Virtual Workshop - Fundraising Ideas For Your Club— A Round Table Discussion - January 21 & 23, 2025	4.38
Pre-Conference Virtual Workshop - Club Treasurer's Workshop: Best Practices for Financial Success - March 13, 2025	4.3
Pre-Conference Virtual Workshop - New Club Building Strategies - March 20, 2025	4.33
Welcome Social	4.63
Registration and Credentials	5
Exhibits/Sales/Silent Auction	4.62
First Timers' Meeting	4.5
Delegates' Briefing	4.54
Opening General Session	4.67
Presentation of the Flags	4.75
Celebration of Life Service	4.62
Luncheon/Awards	4.67
Speakers, Aimee Burns/Peggy Thatcher, NAMI	4.74

Activity	Weighted Average
Membership Workshop	4.6
ASTRA Workshop	4.4
Area Meetings	4.58
Town Hall Meeting/Candidates Forum	4.5
Friday Fun Night/Birthday Celebration	4.45
Elections	4.7
Foundation Breakfast/Awards	4.75
Second Business Session	4.75
Altrusa International Report	4.74
Leadership Workshop - Dr. William J. Rothwell	4.75
Hands-On Service Project	4.9
President/Vice Presidents Workshop	4.69
Treasurers Update Workshop	4.73
Gavins Gathering	4.38
Installation Banquet/Awards	4.59
Continental Breakfast	4.33
Interfaith Service	4.73

**Q1. How would you describe your overall experience at this year's District Two Conference?** Exhilaration and exhausting; All went well; I liked the conference; Speakers were very good; Overall experience was good; Awesome speakers; Great a few snags but nothing that could not be dealt with; I thought the were great and everything flowed well; Lots of fun; great workshops; Very good conference session; Past Governors did a great job.





## The 69<sup>th</sup> Altrusa International District Two Conference Evaluation Survey Results Summary - continued

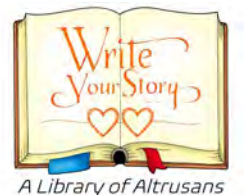
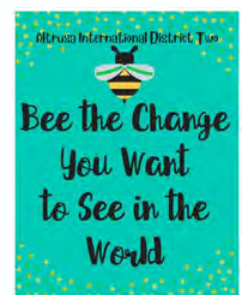


**Q2. What did you enjoy most about the District Two Conference?** Meeting new people; Installation dinner/meeting was great; Workshops and getting to interact more closely with other Altrusans; Opportunity to see old friends and make new ones; The speakers were good; All conference workshops went well; Having outside speakers brought a new dimension to the Conference; Service project, installation and banquet were good.

**Q3. What improvements would you suggest for next year's conference?** Please make sure the Conference Planning team pays close attention to the survey results; See if we can streamline some of the boring procedural stuff; Would like to see a 10 to 15 minute break in between breakfast and lunch and then between lunch and dinner; Give us a chance to stand up after a while; Please provide a snapshot of the district award entries, such as environmental project; Just keep up the good work; Maybe a little less jammed pack schedule; Better vetting of the speaker; Celebration of Life: Names and Bios should be read aloud to show respect; Town Hall should begin at 7:30; Topic for Town Hall speakers needs to be notified before the conference so club representatives can be prepared; Why didn't we have the hospitality room open after the Town Hall and 100th birthday celebration for Richmond Club; When presenting awards, at least give a description of the projects that won; Celebration of life - please have the info read aloud; And, if possible, a member of the club places the flower in the vase.

**Q4. Are there any specific topics or themes you'd like to see at future conferences?** Financial Responsibility; Group Tally; Marketing our clubs; The power of localism How to get and retain new members; a speaker about a new fundraiser that possibly clubs can do; Member retention and Fundraising, Maybe something on grant writing; Board member duties - might be a way to encourage interest; Membership development/ leadership; More relatable topics for the future of our programs in assisting others in poverty situations; Host Club collect books from guests to share with a project they support; More information on fundraising ideas; Maybe expanded time for the awards so we can hear more about the work and accomplishments; Greater emphasis on service; Less emphasis on membership; Service will grow membership; Parliamentary procedure workshop; Less paper for programs; Use links/or a QR codes to distribute information; Summaries of Environmental Award submissions, Improving lives of all women.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about your conference experience?** Excellent Conference - Thanks to the District Board and hosts for an excellent Conference; I always have the best time and learn a lot; This was a very nice conference.; The staff was awesome and very accommodating. I truly thought this was a very nice conference and we got lots of steps in which made it better for the sitting we have to do ; I'm looking forward to what the next biennium will bring, I know there was a lot of hard work that went into the conference to make it run so smoothly; Kudos to all the leaders who made it happen, It was a wonderful session and I am so appreciative of how hard these women in the Clubs work to make a difference in the communities they serve; The hotel choice was good. Great price and good location. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard; The installation of the 2025-2027 Board was very disappointing and seemed lacking in preparation. The transition from past office holder to new office holder was poor; Past office holders were simply dismissed and had to find seats; they were not prepared.



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