

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Buzzing with the Governor
Mantha Young



February is a month that naturally turns our hearts toward love - and when I think about District Three, love is exactly what I see in action every single day. I am so grateful for each of you and the many ways you serve your clubs and communities. Your kindness, compassion, and willingness to step in wherever needed truly make our district BEE Essential.

As Helen Keller so beautifully said, *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* That spirit of togetherness is what makes Altrusa so special.

One of my favorite moments this month was visiting the forming Altrusa Club of Central Polk County. We had such a wonderful time making Valentine's cards for local Veterans - simple acts of love that carried big meaning. Laughing, creating, and serving side by side reminded me how powerful fellowship can be when hearts come together for others.

February also highlights a meaningful United Nations observance that connects beautifully with our mission. International Mother Language Day on February 21 celebrates the importance of protecting languages and honoring cultural diversity around the world. Languages carry stories, traditions, and identity. By valuing every voice, we build stronger, more inclusive communities - something Altrusans do every day through literacy and service.

As we look ahead, I would truly love to see us fill our District Conference in Spartanburg with Altrusans from all over District Three. It's such a special time to reconnect, share ideas, and enjoy fellowshiping with like-minded friends who share the same heart for service.

Let's continue spreading kindness, building connections, and loving our communities well. That's how we Bee Essential.

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2025 – 2027 BIENNIUM GOALS

Leadership:

Post at least once per month to your club's social media platforms to showcase local leadership and raise awareness of Altrusa in your community.

Service:

Submit a minimum of **two articles per year** to the *District Service Bulletin (DSB)* - for a total of four during the biennium.

Membership:

Grow your club by **a minimum of two new members** each year over the previous year's total.

My 2025–2027 goals focus on building stronger club connections, expanding community impact, and empowering leadership at every level. Through collaboration, innovation, and service, we'll support each other like a hive—united and essential. Let's nurture growth, embrace fresh ideas, and celebrate the unique strengths each Altrusan brings to our District. Together, we *buzz with purpose!*



REMINDERS AND NEWS

73rd District Three Conference

April 24-25, 2026
Spartanburg, SC

Hampton Inn & Suites Spartanburg-I-26-Westgate Mall
801 Spartan Boulevard, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 29301

The Spartanburg conference is coming up in a hurry and so is our silent auction. If you're having trouble coming up with ideas for a donation, here are several that might make it easier. Choose a theme from your county, from a city near you or perhaps a theme from your president's term in office. Let your imagination run wild and discover how creative you can be.



See you in Spartanburg – Joanne Brown

Share

Do you have a concern, caring thought, request, congrats, or suggestion?

Send To: Mantha Young
AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com

WEBSITE LINKS

Altrusa International District Three, Inc.
districtthreealtrusa.org

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altrusa.org

Altrusa International District Three Facebook
facebook.com/AltrusaD3

Update Group Tally

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

Mail District Dues To:

Pay District Dues via Group Tally instead of sending them to Treasurer Scott Tice

DSB Articles

(District Service Bulletin)

Send To: Sandy Thompson
sandy@organizemehappy.com

Please send in WORD format

Newsletter/Editor

Rachel Rhoden
Dimple Overstreet

Pay International Dues:

Preferably on Group Tally
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Des Plaines, IL 60018

Bee Essential Tip of the Month
Bee Essential. Bee Involved. Bee Inspired

Just like bees thrive by working together, your club can **multiply its impact through collaboration.**

Partner with another local organization this season - whether it's a school, food bank, or veterans' group. By joining forces, you'll not only share the workload but also expand the buzz about Altrusa in your community!



CALENDAR

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Feb 2026	Topic	Who	Responsible	Notes
02/01/26	ASTRA Service Award	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 1
02/15/26	Conference Delegate fees due to District Treasurer	District Treasurer	Local Club	Due February 28 - only if applicable in your District
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		
02/01/26	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		
Mar 2026	Topic	Who	Responsible	Notes
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	Invite candidate(s) to audit Pre-Conference Board Meeting	Governor		

03/01/26	Elect officers for next club year	Local Club		
03/01/26	ASTRA Service Award due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 1 or by date set by Governor
03/08/26	International Woman's Day	Local Club		
03/15/26	ASTRA High School and College scholarship applications due	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due March 15 to International Office
03/15/26	ASTRA Club Annual Report available	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Advisor	Due June 1
03/15/26	Order ASTRA graduation cords and letters	Local Club	District ASTRA Chair	From International Office
03/15/26	Conference Delegate and Alternate names due to District Secretary	Local Club	District Secretary	Dates can vary
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	
03/20/26	Financial data due to Audit Committee	District Treasurer	Audit Committee	If District closes books Feb 28
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	Update names of new officers in Group Tally before District Conference and start of new club year	Local Club	Copy to District Secretary	
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

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Governor	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	Spartanburg, Ocala, Citrus County, Salisbury & All Clubs in Two Years
Governor-Elect	Nancy Shumaker	Statesboro, GA	Atlanta, Gastonia, N. Georgia, Orlando-Winter Park
Vice Governor	Scott Frieser	Charlotte, NC	Lake County, St. Augustine, Gainesville, Monticello
Treasurer	Scott Tice	Ocala, FL	n/a
Director	Dee Dugger	Gainesville, FL	Statesboro, Starke, Lake City
Director	Randi Kahl	Orlando, FL	Live Oak, Marianna, District Three Virtual
Director	Rosemary Leake	Spartanburg, SC	Charlotte, Raleigh, Waynesville

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FOUNDATION BOARD 2025-2026

Chair	Joanne Brown	Monticello, FL	joannebrowndvm@gmail.com
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2026			2027		
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