ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Buzzing with the Governor

Mantha Young

November 2026 | A Season of Gratitude, Service & Opportunity

Dear District Three Altrusans,

November is here, and with it comes one of my favorite seasons of the year—Thanksgiving! As I reflect on my travels throughout District Three, I am reminded just how blessed we are to be part of an organization filled with people who give so generously of their time, talents, and hearts.

I recently had wonderful visits with our **Altrusa Clubs of Statesboro and North Georgia**. What a joy to spend time with these dedicated Altrusans! I was so impressed by their enthusiasm, their friendships, and the meaningful ways they are making a difference through literacy, scholarships, and service. Every club has its own special personality, but the heart of Altrusa shines brightly in each one. These visits remind me why I love serving as your Governor!

Let's Keep Those Books Buzzing!

International President Chris has introduced the **1-2-3 Easy Literacy Challenge**, and I encourage every club to participate! It's as simple as 1-2-3:

1. DONATE at least one book for every club member during the 90-day challenge.

2. CAPTURE & SHARE photos of your literacy efforts with International at altrusa@altrusa.org.

3. LOG YOUR IMPACT on the Altrusa International website under the Service tab.

Remember, this can be part of an existing project. No need to reinvent the wheel! Just share the joy of reading, one book at a time.

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Important Deadline – November 10, 2026

District nominations for the **International Foundation Board and International Nominating Committee** are due November 10. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please email me at **altrusadistrictthreegovernor@gmail.com**. We have wonderful leaders throughout District Three, and I would love to see them considered for these opportunities.

Celebrate Your Club's Accomplishments!

It's also time to begin thinking about your submissions for the **District Three and District Three Foundation Awards**. Your clubs are doing extraordinary things, and those efforts deserve recognition! Don't be shy about sharing your successes. Your projects may inspire another club to try something new.

An Opportunity to Serve

Governor-Elect Nancy Shumaker is still looking for a **Communications Chair for the 2027–2029 biennium**. If you enjoy sharing information, connecting people, and helping tell the Altrusa story, please consider serving. Reach out to Nancy at **nancyshumaker.altrusa@gmail.com**.

A Thanksgiving Thought

As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables, I hope we take a moment to remember that some of life's greatest blessings aren't things at all. They're the people who walk beside us, the friendships we treasure, and the opportunities God gives us to make someone's life a little brighter.

I am especially thankful for each of you and the beautiful spirit of service that makes District Three so special.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with love, laughter, family, and grateful hearts. And may we never forget that one of the greatest ways to show gratitude for our blessings is to become a blessing to someone else.

Happy Thanksgiving, my Altrusa friends!

With love and appreciation,

Mantha Young
Governor, District Three
Altrusa International

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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

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

Altrusa International, Inc.
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
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Pay International Dues:

Preferably on Group Tally
Altrusa International, Inc.
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Suite 410
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!



Nov. 2026	Activity	Who	Responsible Person	Notes
11/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
11/10/26	Nominations by Districts for Int'l Foundation Board and Int'l Nominating Committee due	Governor		
11/15/26	2027 - 2029 Altrusa Int'l nominations for Nominating Committee & Foundation Board	International		
11/25/26	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	Local Club		
Dec. 2026	**Activity**	**Who**	**Responsible Person**	**Notes**
12/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
12/01/26	International & District dues are half price for new members from Dec 1 – March 31	Local Club	District Treasurer	
12/10/26	Human Rights Day	Local Club		
Jan. 2027	**Activity**	**Who**	**Responsible Person**	**Notes**
01/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
01/01/26	First week in January, ASTRA scholarship applications available	Local Club	ASTRA Member Altrusa Member	Due March 15 to Int'l ASTRA Chair
01/01/26	Elect Club Nominating Committee	Local Club		
01/01/26	Club Presidents prepare for District Award entries	Local Club		Review criteria before submission
01/01/26	BRR requests due from Clubs to District BRR Chair	Local Club	BRR Chair	Required 90 days before District Conference
01/01/26	Invite ASTRA participation at District Conference	Governor	District ASTRA Chair	
01/15/26	District Service Bulletin articles due	District Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
01/24/26	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors	International President	
01/31/26	District award submission deadline	Local Club	Awards Coord.	Dates can vary
01/31/26	Consider making a contribution to the Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund	Local Club		
01/31/26	District Service Bulletin & Governor's Call to Conference e-mailing	DSB Editor		E-mail DSB to Int'l Office for distribution



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

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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
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2026			2027		
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