

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Mantha Young



Buzzin' with the Governor

Congratulations to Our Distinguished Clubs!

I am incredibly proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of our **2025–2026 Distinguished Clubs**. Congratulations to **Charlotte, NC; Gainesville, FL; Lake City, FL; Lake County, FL; North Georgia, GA; Ocala, FL; Orlando/Winter Park, FL; Raleigh, NC; and Spartanburg, SC.**

Your dedication to leadership, service, and membership excellence reflects the very best of Altrusa. Thank you for your commitment to making a lasting impact in your communities. District Three is stronger because of each of you!

Now, let's build on that momentum. **Make A Difference Day** is Saturday, **October 24, 2026**, and it is the perfect opportunity for every Altrusa club to put our biennium theme, "**Leading to a Better Community**," into action.

Whether it's distributing books, organizing a community cleanup, supporting a local nonprofit, hosting a literacy event, honoring first responders, or simply meeting a need unique to your community, every act of service matters. I encourage each club to look around, identify a need, and make a meaningful difference that day.

What is your club planning? I would love to hear your ideas and celebrate your efforts across District Three. Please email me at altrusadistrictthreegovernor@gmail.com and share your plans—and afterward, send your photos and stories so we can showcase the incredible impact Altrusans are making throughout Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Together, one project, one club, and one community at a time, we truly are **Leading to a Better Community**

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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. districthreeltrusa.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 Dimple Overstreet	Pay International Dues: Preferably on Group Tally Altrusa International, Inc. 1400 E. Touhy Avenue 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!		



AUG. 2026	ACTIVITY	WHO	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	NOTES
08/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
08/01/26	Start organizing your Make a Difference Day Project	Local Club		
08/01/26	Encourage members to become Club 52 members	Local Club		
08/06/26	Forms due to International Nominating Committee for those who wish to be slated for International Office	Past Governors/Current Boardm Members	Potential slated candidates	
08/12/26	International Youth Day	Local Club		
08/15/26	Start planning a membership recruitment event	Local Club		
08/15/26	District Service Bulletin articles due	Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
08/15/26	Board of Director nomination forms due to Nominating Committee Chair	District Nominating Committee Chair	Local Club	
08/30/26	District Service Bulletin e-mailing	DSB Editor		
08/30/26	Recommendation for nominations for District Board by Nominating Committee passed to Governor for review	Governor	District Nominating Chair	
SEPT. 2026	ACTIVITY	WHO	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	NOTES
09/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
09/01/26	Consider making a club donation/application to the International Foundation Grants Program	Local Club		Review available grants to determine if Club should apply for an Int'l Grant. Consider making an end-of-year donation to a program of your choice.
09/01/26	Distri6bute club yearbook electronically	Local Club		Copies to Dist. Board & Int'l Office
09/01/26	Mid-Year District Committee Chair reports to Secretary	District Committee Chairs	District Secretary	
09/02/26	Forward ist of interested eligible candidates to all International Officers, Past International Presidents District Officers, Past Governors & Club Preisdents providing opportunity for written statements of support.	International Nominating Committee	International Nominating Committee Chair	
09/08/26	World Literacy Day, this is a great opportunity to introduce a new project	Local Club		September is Literacy month.
09/15/26	Grants and Club 52 Program applications due to International Foundation	Local Club		Due September 15
09/15/26	District Awards information e-mailed to Clubs	Local Club	Awards Coordinator	
09/15/26	Letters of Support for International Board candidates due to International Nominating Committee	Those writing letters of support		
09/23/26	International Day of Peace	Local Club		
09/25/26	Conference Proceedings report to Governor	Conference Committee	District Secretary	

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governor	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com
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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

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