

# ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



## GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*Buzzing with the Governor*  
Mantha Young



### The Enduring Strength of Service

In 1917, Mamie L. Bass, one of Altrusa's founders, reminded us that *"Service is the lifeblood of Altrusa."* Among her guiding principles, she encouraged us to build stronger communities through practical service - meeting needs where they exist and doing so with dignity and compassion.

That reminder feels just as timely today. In our fast-paced world, service can be the quiet thread that ties us together. It doesn't always come in grand gestures. Sometimes it looks like reading to a child, packing a food bag for a neighbor, or making a phone call to check in on a fellow member. These "small" acts ripple outward in ways we may never fully see.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, *"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."* His words echo Mamie's vision—reminding us that service is not limited by skill, status, or circumstance. It is available to each of us, right where we are.

In Altrusa, we have the joy of putting this principle into action. Whether through literacy projects, supporting local nonprofits, or extending kindness within our own clubs, we live out Mamie's legacy. Let us carry forward her call to serve—finding new ways to meet today's needs while nurturing tomorrow's possibilities.

So, as we "Bee Essential" this biennium, may we remember: every act of service matters, every effort strengthens our hive, and together, we can make a lasting impact.

*"Service is the lifeblood of Altrusa – every act of kindness strengthens the whole hive"*

Thank you!

Buzzin' in Service  
**Mantha Young**  
Governor, Altrusa District Three

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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](mailto:AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com)



## DSB Articles

(District Service Bulletin)

Send To: Sandy Thompson  
[sandy@organizemehappy.com](mailto:sandy@organizemehappy.com)

Please send in WORD format

## 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

## Pay International Dues:

Preferably on Group Tally  
 Altrusa International, Inc.  
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 Suite 410  
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## Newsletter/Editor

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Altrusa International District Three Facebook  
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# CALENDAR

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Sept. 2025	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
09/01/25	Governor's Newsletter	25-27 Gov.	Governor	
09/01/25	Consider making a club donation/application to the International Foundation Grants Program	Local Club		Review available grants to determine if Club should apply. Consider making end-of-year donation to program of choice.
09/01/25	Distribute club yearbook electronically	Local Club		Copies to Dist. Board & Int'l Office.
09/01/25	Mid-Year District Committee Chair reports to Secretary	District Committee Charis	Dist. Secretary	
09/02/25	Forward list of interested eligible candidates to all International Officers, Past International Presidents, District Officers, Past Gov., & Club Presidents providing opportunity for written statements of support	International Nominating Committee	International Nominating Committee Chair	
09/08/25	World Literacy Day – this is a great opportunity to introduce a news project	Local Club		September is Literacy Month
09/15/25	Grants and Club 21 Program applications due to International Foundation	Local Club		Due 9/15
09/15/25	District Awards information e-mailed to clubs	Local Club	Awards Coordinator	
09/15/25	Letters of support for International Board candidates due to International Nominating Committee	Those writing letters of support		
09/23/25	International Day of Peace	Local Club		
09/25/25	Conference Proceedings report to Governor	Conference Committee	District Secretary	
Oct. 2025	TOPIC	WHO	RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
10/1/25	Governor's Newsletter	25-27 Gov.	Governor	
10/1/25	Send IRS form 990-N (if receipts over \$25,000, send 990-EZ or 990)	Local Club Only	Club Treasurer	Due 5 months after close of fiscal year
10/TBD	Mid-Year Committee Chair reports to District Secretary	District Committee Chairs	District Committee	
10/TBD	Mid-Year District Board Meeting	District Board of Directors		
10/TBD	International Board of Directors Meeting	Int'l Board of Directors		
10/TBD	Confirm eligibility of Nominating Committee candidates for officer	District Board	Governor	Review all relevant Bylaws and Policies to confirm eligibility
10/15/25	District Service Bulletin articles due	Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
10/16/25	World Food Day	Local Club		
10/24/25	Make a Difference Day	Local Club		4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of October
10/31/25	District Service Bulletin e-mailing	DSB Editor		

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

## DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Governor</b>	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

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

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

## FOUNDATION BOARD 2025-2026

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