ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT THREE, INC.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina



GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Buzzing with the Governor

Mantha Young

October — Every Slice of Service Matters!

October is here, bringing cooler days, busy Altrusa calendars, and many opportunities to make a difference throughout District Three.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to remember those we have lost, celebrate survivors, and encourage the women we love to take care of themselves. Many of our Altrusans have been personally touched by breast cancer, and this month gives us another opportunity to surround one another with encouragement, compassion, and hope.

On October 24, we recognize United Nations Day, celebrating the importance of people and nations working together toward a better world. That same day is also Make a Difference Day—Saturday, October 24, 2026! I hope every District Three club will find a meaningful way to serve and truly embrace our tagline, Leading to a Better Community.

And please tell us about it! After your Make a Difference Day project, I encourage each club to submit a short article and plenty of pictures to our District Service Bulletin. Let's celebrate what our clubs are accomplishing and inspire one another with new ideas for service.

October is also National Pizza Month! Think about Altrusa as a pizza—our clubs may have different "toppings," with different projects, personalities, and traditions, but together we make something pretty special. And just like pizza, Altrusa is always better when it's shared!

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." What a wonderful description of Altrusa.

This October, let's work together, serve generously, take lots of pictures, and show everyone what happens when Altrusans set out to Make a Difference!

BEE Essential and keep 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.
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
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Please send in WORD format

Newsletter/Editor

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Pay International Dues:

Preferably on Group Tally
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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!



Oct. 2026	Activity	Who	Responsible Person	Notes
10/01/26	Governor's Newsletter	2025-2027 Governor	Governor	
10/01/26	Send IRS Form 990-N (If receipts over $25,000, send 990-EZ or 990)	Local Club US only	Club Treasurer	Due 5 months after close of fiscal year
10/01/26	Mid-Year Committee Chair reports to District Secretary	District Committee Chairs	District Secretary	
10/2026 TBD	Mid-Year District Board meeting	District Board of Directors		
10/24 TBD	Confirm eligibility of Nominating Committee candidates for office	District Board	Governor	Review all relevant Bylaws and Policies to confirm eligibility
10/15/26	District Service Bulletin articles due	Dist. Board, Comm. Chairs	DSB Editor	
10/16/26	World Food Day	Local Club		
10/24/26	International Board of Directors meeting	Int. Board of Directors	International President	
10/24/26	Make a Difference Day	Local Club		4th Saturday of October
10/24/26	United Nations Day	Local Club		
10/31/26	District Service Bulletin e-mailing	DSB Editor		
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		

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

DISTRICT THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governor	Mantha Young	Lake City, FL	AltrusaDistrictThreeGovernor@gmail.com
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Vice Governor	Scott Frieser	Charlotte, NC	Lake County, St. Augustine, Gainesville, Monticello
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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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