



# Altrusa International District Eleven DSB

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## Attention New Club Presidents



Please go to the District Website to look up the President's Workshop 2020 under Leadership, Club President. Also, you can find the form for your Board Information and submit it to the District.

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Scroll to Club Presidents.  
The Club President's and Chair Information Form can be found there.

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

There we were getting ready for our annual District Eleven Conference with its Kentucky Derby theme where "Altrusans Are Always Winners." We were looking forward to mint juleps, strutting our fancy wide brimmed Kentucky Derby style hats, and going to workshops like "Cashing in Your Winnings!, Double Down and Service Roundup, and Building a Stronger Stable." There were even plans for a "horse race" when suddenly our lives began to change in an effort to stop an unknown, but deadly virus from spreading. We



were being advised to stay at home and wear face coverings when venturing out. Large gatherings were being discouraged and eventually banned. For the first time in 75 years the Kentucky Derby race was cancelled and not held on the first Saturday in May. In the best interest and health of all our members our 2020 Conference was also cancelled. I want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Conference Co-chairs, Katharine Raley and Mary Ann Foushee for their leadership in planning the Conference. A special thank you as well to the Oxnard club members, along with the San Buenaventura and San Diego club members, and the Committee Chairs for all they did in preparing for the informative, inspirational, and fun Conference, that sadly did not happen. In preparation for Conference many of our clubs submitted entries for the Mamie L. Bass, Letha H. Brown and Nina Fay Calhoun awards. The winners are featured in this issue of the DSB along with the winner of the Marilyn Atwood Award. Years of Service are also being recognized in addition to a special memorial section honoring those Altrusans that passed away this last year. It takes many hands and minds to put together a DSB. Thank you to our DSB Editor, Kathy Girard and to all of those who contributed to the creation of the Summer 2020 DSB.

The cancellation of Conference did not in any way deter Altrusans from continuing what they do best, serving their communities and reaching out to those in need, whether it be a stranger or another Altrusan. Four of our clubs applied for and received funds from the Altrusa International Foundation, Disaster Recovery Service Grant to help their communities. Our

club members are making even more masks than before since they are now being required at all establishments as we began to venture out more. Other clubs have made sure that food is available for those who are being impacted by COVID-19 and the loss of jobs and income. Our clubs are holding virtual club meetings, installing new officers, initiating new members, and using Zoom and other forms of social media. We are all becoming more tech savvy out of necessary, need, and desire to stay connected, especially during these unprecedented times.

Just when we thought we were adjusting and adapting to a new world during COVID-19 we were hit with the tragic and senseless death of George Floyd and the resulting unrest across our county. I sincerely believe that we as Altrusans can be instrumental in using this time as a turning point "leading to a better community" that embraces our common good to create a more equal and just society by adhering to the Altrusa Principals and following our brand drivers of Clarity, Flexibility and Inclusion.

Continue to stay safe and healthy. These are extraordinarily times and there is no simple solution. You are all needed more than ever for our communities and each other as we work together toward a better future.

In Altrusa Service,  
Pat

## **ALTRUSANS ARE ALWAYS WINNERS!**

**Katharine Raley**

Dear Fellow Altrusans,



Oxnard Altrusa Club sends an Altrusan Thank You for giving Our Oxnard Club the privilege of sponsoring the 2020 Conference. Mary Ann Foushee, Maggie Doherty and I built wonderful friendships and recognition by outreaching to businesses, organizations and non-profits within our Counties of Oxnard and Ventura.

The three of us meet many times a month and boy did we have fun! Would we be co-chairs again? Absolutely! Thank you to Pat Zoller for giving us the opportunity to serve our district and having the confidence in our club. Melinda, thank you for jumping in and always giving advice or suggestions. You will be a wonderful Governor! As Pat being your mentor, you will be excellent! Kathy Girard and April Smith...What can I say? You were wonderful help!

Many kudos go to San Buena Ventura, Santa Maria, San Diego, and San Luis Obispo Clubs for taking on various parts of the conference. You are in our Oxnard Altrusan Hearts forever! Thank you to all of our Oxnard Altrusan's for all the support and ideas.

"Altrusans Are Always Winners!" and even though our conference was cancelled, all of us came through with Altrusan Spirit, and will continue to be safe and healthy.

In Altrusan's Spirit,  
Mary Ann Foushee,  
Maggie Doherty and  
Katharine Raley



## **MARILYN ATWOOD AWARD**



The Marilyn Atwood award is a District Eleven Award given out at Conference every year to recognize that one member in our District that goes above and beyond being an Altrusan. While we can't recognize and celebrate that special District Eleven Altrusan in person this year, she does need to be recognized.

The Marilyn Atwood award for 2019-2020 goes to Maria Hoffman, Altrusa International of Anaheim.

Maria has been an Altrusan since 2007. Since then Maria has gone way beyond embracing the Values of Altrusa.

She has held every board-level office in her Club, except Secretary. She was the 2nd VP for the 2008-2011 for the Anaheim Club's annual fundraiser. Maria creates the program, generates and manages the even tickets, creates seating charts, and annually donates up to \$2500 in auction gifts and prizes. She also collects and records all the money/transactions, counts all the income and makes the deposits. Her leadership and attention to detail has led to doubled profits and attendance, yet reduced costs!

Maria developed an expense reimbursement form, efficiency guidelines for subsequent Club Treasurers, and created auditing procedures.

Maria not only serves at the Club Level but she was the New Club Building District Eleven Chair assisting in workshops and adjudicating District awards. In 2016 the Anaheim Club hosted the 2016 District Eleven Conference where Maria was the co-chair, as well as, the Registration Chair and Conference Treasurer. She designed and made all the centerpieces, worked with catering.

In her "spare time" Maria averages 30 hours weekly babysitting, and volunteers on the Board of SCA Board; Teacher Cadre for the State Department of Education annual competitive event for high school students; and serving as a lector and Eucharistic minister for St. Martin de Porres and St. Boniface parishes.

Maria exemplifies the Altrusa Key: Amity, Loyalty, Talent, Reciprocity, Unity, Service and Achievement. No wonder her Club calls her the "Energizer Bunny!"

Congratulations Maria! With this award and recognition District Eleven will donate \$500 to Altrusa International Foundation in your name making you a Lamplighter.

## LETHA H. BROWN AWARD

The Letha H. Brown Literacy Award was established by the International Board of Directors in July 1993, to honor Past International President Letha H. Brown, who, in 1977, introduced literacy as a major emphasis of the organization. The goals are: to stimulate interest in developing active literacy projects to serve their community, to create an awareness of Altrusa and its commitment to literacy, to encourage members of local Clubs to participate actively in literacy projects designed to meet specific community needs, and to recognize outstanding Club achievement in service to the community.

Congratulations to **Altrusa of San Luis Obispo** for their project entitled **“Oceano Library Enhancement Project.” Winner! Winner!**



The Oceano Library provides after school programs for children from the local elementary school and the South San Luis Obispo County Boys and Girls Club. We support the librarian in the after-school enrichment activities and programs that focus on arts and crafts, promoting thinking, listening and visualization. Our club purchased the necessary supplies for the various projects and worked on the projects with the children. In addition, we partnered with the library to create “The Libromat” at a local laundromat where we monitor the use of the books and replenishing them as needed on a weekly basis.

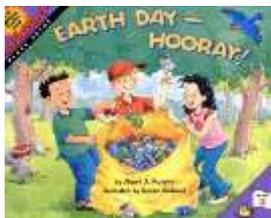


**Altrusa of Chula Vista** for their project entitled **“Reading and Celebrating at Mi Esquelita Pre-School.” 1st Runner Up**

We partnered with the South Bay Community Services which operates a therapeutic preschool, *Mi Esquelita*. The preschool provides services and early education for children, ages 3 – 5 years old, who have been affected by domestic violence. Our club provided Dr. Seuss books, donated by our fundraiser attendees and school supplies to the preschool. We celebrated ‘Read Across America Day’ with the school along with our ASTRA Club members, attended graduation, and participated in a new classroom opening ceremony.



**Altrusa of the West Valley** for their project entitled **“Recycling Science-Combining Science with Literacy and Art.” 2nd Runner Up**



Our club partnered with WHAM (What’s Happenin’Art Movement) a locally based organization that provides arts and craft programs for children. Our goal was to hold a literacy project where 4<sup>th</sup> grade students could participate in literacy and have fun doing it. Our project based on the book “Earth Day Hooray” combined literacy with art and science. After reading the book, the children discussed the book and how they can keep the earth clean by recycling and what to do with the aluminum cans they collected. They used what they read to create art by painting the aluminum cans with recycling messages and took them home to share with family and friends.



## **MAMIE L. BASS AWARD**

Congratulations to **Altrusa of The West Valley** for their project entitled **“Sleeping Mats for Homeless.” Winner! Winner!**

“We provided plastic shopping bags and donated our time to flatten, fold and cut the bags which then get tied together to create “plarn” (plastic yarn) to crochet into woven sleeping mats. This was in partnership with a local organization that creates the mats to be donated to homeless individuals and veterans in the Phoenix area.”



**SLO members prepare plastic bags to be used to make crochet and knitted sleeping mats for the homeless.**

**Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County** for their project entitled **“Open Door Preschool Play Yard” 1st Runner Up**



“We chose this project to take an active hand on role in helping to renovate the Open-Door Preschool (ODPS) play yard that was vandalized. The school enrolls children ages 2-5 years and serves a large proportion of low-income families. The student population includes disadvantaged students and English Learners. ODPS has been a community staple and provides an intensive early education experience that prepares students for academic success.”

**Altrusa of Anaheim** for their project entitled **“JOYA Scholars” 2nd Runner Up**

“JOYA partners with Altrusa International of Anaheim to support low-income junior and high school students and the working-class families in their quest for higher education. The program assists students through one-on-one mentoring, academic tutoring, educational workshops, parent academy, campus visits, SAT preparation materials, classes, and college scholarships. With these activities, JOYA and Altrusa volunteers fill a relational and knowledge gap in a system that can be daunting to navigate.”



**Scholarship recipient with club members and Lee Ann Millign, International Past President.**

## NINA FAY CALHOUN AWARD

The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award was adopted in 2003 as a memorial to the only International President who served two terms and who focused on the International aspect of our organization. The objectives of this award are to encourage and stimulate international relations, create an awareness of other cultures and people of the world, and to recognize the outstanding club achievement in international relations.



Anaheim members load their cars to caravan to the Tijuana Border.

Congratulations to **Anaheim Altrusa Club** for their project entitled **“Sharing Our Bounty, Globally.” Winner! Winner!**

The Anaheim Altrusa Club created a collaboration between “Women with Purpose” an international organization and other local organizations, sharing a common vision of assisting victimized women and children in Tijuana, Mexico to rebuild their lives, by providing clothing, shoes, bedding, welcome bags, financial assistance, counseling, relocation, education and shelter. It provided Anaheim Altrusa a personnel connection with a hands-on international project.



**Chula Vista Club** for their project entitled **“Days for Girls: Breaking Down Barriers to Education for Girls” 1st Runner Up**

The Chula Vista Club worked with ‘Days for Girls’ (DfG), Escondido, CA by volunteering at work parties, purchasing materials for hygiene kits for a Rwandan DfG enterprise and other countries, and helping at the DfG Conference held in Oceanside, CA. The DfG hygiene kits provide a means for girls to attend school during their periods and ways for women to earn income and be independent.



**Days for Girls**  
Every Girl • Everywhere • Period •

Can you spot the Chula Vista Club Members who help set up for the Days for Girls US West Coast Conference?

**Tucson Altrusa Club** for their project entitled **“Engaging Local Day for Girls” 2nd**

**Runner Up**

The Tucson Altrusa Club was invited to teach 80 young girls how completed, were sent to 200 girls in during their monthly menstrual



to participate in a local ‘Days for Girls’ (DFG) project at Mt. Lemmon, a local church, to create items for the DFG feminine hygiene kits. These kits, when refugee camps in the Middle East so they could continue to attend school cycles.

**“Educational sessions cannot be done for just the girls alone because the problem does not end or even begin with the girls; it begins with the mothers who then teach their daughters to do the same.”**

## YEARS OF SERVICE

We proudly recognize our members for their many years of dedicated service and commitment to  
Altrusa across our District Eleven. Keep up the great work!

Club	Name	Years of Service
Affiliate Member	Debra Reed	35 Years
Anaheim	Lisa Clark	5 Years
Anaheim	Reon Boydstun Howard	5 Years
Anaheim	June Brennan Craig	10 Years
Anaheim	Kay Spence	10 Years
Anaheim	Denice Gilb	30 Years
Anaheim	Roze Barrio	25 Years
Arcadia	Audrey Mitchell	5 Years
Arcadia	Nancy Ely	5 Years
Central Coast	Amy Lopez	5 years
Chula Vista	Lisa Johnson	5 Years
Chula Vista	Donna Moss	5 Years
Chula Vista	Carmen Richardson	5 Years
Chula Vista	Alana Wilson	5 Years
Chula Vista	Iracsema Quilantan	10 Years
Chula Vista	Betty Waznis	10 Years
Chula Vista	Peggy Sharamitaro	15 Years
Eastern Sierra	Cheryl Underhill	15 Years
Glendale	Mary Brady	5 years
Glendale	Ed Zayas	5 years
Glendale	Carole Jouroyan	45 Years
Glendale	Marilyn Webb	55 Years
Indian Wells Valley	Barbara Jayne	5 Years
Indian Wells Valley	Ann Norris	5 Years
Indian Wells Valley	Margie Shultz	15 Years
Indian Wells Valley	Denise Potts	20 Years
Indian Wells Valley	Mary Noh	40 Years
Indian Wells Valley	Dale Lane	40 Years
North County Coastal	Brenda Smoot	5 Years
North County Coastal	Colucci Redmond	5 Years
North County Coastal	Deborah DeWire	5 Years
Oxnard	Kinyanjui Kombani	10 Years
Oxnard	Ann Mena	50 Years
Oxnard	Mary Lee Berry	5 Years
Oxnard	Marsha Batelaan	10 Years
Oxnard	Lisa Van Atta	25 Years
Oxnard	Vivian Goo	40 Years
San Diego	Kathy Girard	5 Years

San Diego	Renata Zaks	15 Years
San Diego	Dr. Willa Ramsay	20 Years
San Diego	Mary Welch	55 Years
Santa Maria	Donna Cota	5 Years
Santa Maria	Sandra A Frazier	10 Years
Santa Maria	Maria Martino	10 Years
Santa Maria	Ginger Prior	10 Years
Santa Maria	Ann Murie Torrez	10 Years
Santa Maria	Dawn Young	10 Years
Santa Maria	Sandra M Sylvester	20 Years
Santa Maria	Sally Czarnecki	50 Years
The West Valley	Jackie Schell	5 Years
The West Valley	Beverly Ray	5 Years
The West Valley	Kathy Ulincy	10 Years
Tuscon	Elsa Nelson	5 Years
Tuscon	Adrienne Kleiboemer	15 Years
Tuscon	Jeanne Jensen	30 Years
Tuscon	Joyce Thornton	30 Years

## **ASTRA AWARD**

Congratulations to the **ASTRA** Club of

***Righetti High School, Santa Maria, California!***



Their “2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Children’s Book Drive,” sponsored by students and Altrusa of the Central Coast successfully distributed 1,000 books during Santa Maria’s 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Open Streets in March, of 2019 and another 250 books to students at Ontriveros School during their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kinder County Fair in April 2019.

A BIG shout out to :  
 ASTRA Advisor: Dayna DeBernardi Watson  
 and  
 ASTRA Co-Advisor: Samantha Van Patten



Additionally, more books were handed out at various Altrusa sponsored events that bring literacy and the gift of reading to the community.



## ***IN MEMORIAM***

*Normally, when we attend our yearly conference, we gather to remember and honor our dearest Altrusans that have passed. We humbly offer our condolences to each club and family that has lost a dear friend or relative.*

### ***Mary L. Greer Adams***

#### SAN DIEGO

July 30, 1929 – September 17, 2019



Mary Adams was always someone looking to help others. That is how she became an Altrusan. Mary and her daughter Sharon were very involved in Mary Kay Cosmetics. Yes, she was a pink lady! Mary and Sharon volunteered to help do make-up for the wedding of Dana See, daughter of San Diego Club member *Marcy See*. Mary and Marcy hit it off right away! Marcy would make sure that Mary had transportation for every Altrusa event and meeting. They became very good friends and shared many stories on their drives to all our meetings!

Love of family was a top priority and she left behind a huge family from her daughter and son to many grands through great-great grands! She loved life, friends, traveling, sight-seeing, exercising, swimming, watching TV and movies, and hanging out at Sycuan Casino with her best friends. For 10 years she filled her table for our annual fashion shows with her many friends and her huge family!

Mary's thoughtfulness was evident even through her long illness. She continued to be our "Sunshine" Chair almost to the end. Her cheery cards and notes of encouragement always brightened the day of the recipient. She had two mantras she followed: "Always Do Your Best" and be sure to "Live Life to Its Fullest!" We are sure she has made many friends with all those she has met in heaven. She had that magic personality! We will miss our sweet Mary.

### ***Dee Fujinami***

#### CENTRAL COAST



Each person is given the gift of time on this earth, to live, to love and to leave a legacy. Dee Fujinami was 63 years old and came from the Los Angeles area. She was married for approximately 15 years. She had several step children. Her profession was being an RN. She sang with the Sweet Adeline's choir and toured with them up and down the coast. Dee wore many hats as a Mary Kay and LipSense distributor; she carried product in her big purse and whipped it out if she felt you needed a "feel good" makeover. She also made intricate and beautiful jewelry and sold it at conference marketplace, then donated a portion of her profit to the club. She joined Altrusa of the Central Coast club in 2017 and was the club's newsletter editor for the last three years. One of her favorite volunteer jobs was to help at our annual Festival of Trees. She had a gift of gab and sold lots of tickets.

Dee loved everyone and everything. She shared her love with all of our club members. We will remember her flaming red hair, her gentle touch, her sense of humor, and her positive attitude towards life. Her sunshine will always live in our club.



## ***Dr. Louise Friend***

### MONTEREY PENINSULA



Louise Friend passed away July 12th, just six days before her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She suffered a stroke at home. Louise was born in Accident, Maryland. Her father was a 2 term state senator and her mother was a teacher. She played basketball in college, met her husband at Duke Medical School, gave birth to her five sons during her medical training, and practiced Dermatology in Monterey for over 50 years.

Louise loved to play tennis and was in fact, on the court just weeks before her passing. She had only recently retired, telling one of our members that she felt like she couldn't retire because, *"Who would take care of the people on Medical?"*

She was Club Secretary on several occasions, even though she had lost her thumbs due to use of old school X-ray machines. In her residency, because she was a woman, she was the one who got to hold down a child so they could be X-rayed.

She was also a pilot. She was a lovely addition to our Club and she is very much missed.

## ***Geneva Jean Hall***

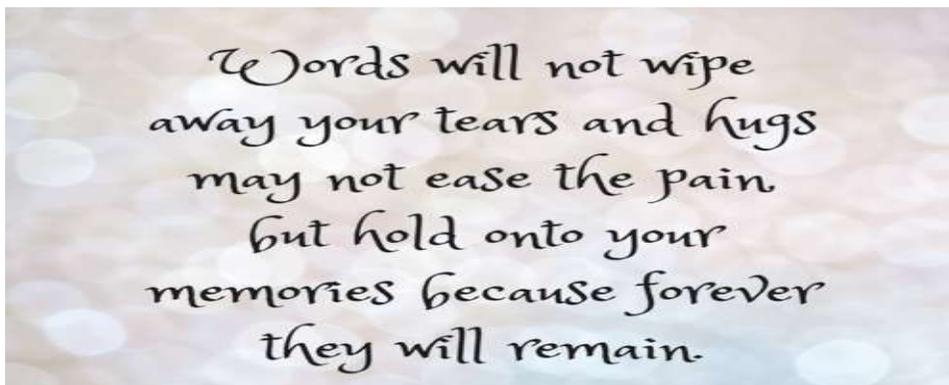
### OXNARD



Geneva Jean Hall was a member of the Altrusa International Club of Oxnard. She passed away on November 23, 2017. (Unfortunately, her memorial was not included in previous observances.)

Jean lived life to the fullest for 103 years. She was a member of Altrusa for 42 of them. Although in later years she moved to Olive Branch, Tennessee to live with her sister, she kept in touch with the Club and was keenly aware of all their activities.

Jean was an educator helping both elementary and secondary schools in Ventura County. She left the Club a legacy of funds which supports annual scholarships. Her dedication to education will live on in the lives of the many fortunate recipients of her generosity.



## ***Dottie Miller***

### CHULA VISTA



Dottie was born January 14, 1928, in Mississippi and passed away September 25, 2019, in Chula Vista, California. At the tender age of 19, she left her family to visit California and became hooked. It was 1947, and jobs were not plentiful for young women, but she found work in San Diego as a secretary. In her retirement, Dottie was a founding investor in a local bank and a local design center. She served on the South County Board of United Way, was a campaign coordinator for 15 years, and was President of South Bay Toastmistresses.

In 1980, Dottie joined the Altrusa International Club of Chula Vista and was active in service to the community until her last days. She held various leadership positions over the years, including Club President. She was a champion fundraiser and began gaining corporate sponsors for the Club's Foundation, bringing in thousands of dollars each year. Dottie was responsible for the rejuvenation of the Club when it fell below charter strength over a decade ago. Dottie was a mentor to many of the Club's members, who looked to her for guidance, advice, and information on the Club's history. She was a model Altrusan and, as a result of her work with the Club, she received the Marilyn Atwood Award in May 2019 for being such an inspiration to all Club members and to all who met her.

## ***Mary Thigpen***

### CHULA VISTA



On Sunday, November 10, 2019, at 7:24 am, Mary peacefully passed away at the age of 70. Mary was born in Los Angeles, California on January 27, 1949. She had a colorful childhood and enjoyed swimming, playing basketball, and theater performances. She graduated from Catholic High in Pensacola, Florida, and pursued higher education at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana and the University of New Orleans. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology/Social Work from Xavier University and her Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans.

Mary was a seasoned professional in the field of Human Resources. She spent her final managerial years working for the City of Chula Vista as a Senior Personnel Analyst. Once retired, she had more time to travel, sleep in, go to movies, window shop, and visit friends. That's when she discovered how much fun retirement really was for her! She realized that there were still other ways for her to be useful from home and began seeking out exciting volunteer opportunities. She enjoyed volunteering at her church and for various non-profits in key roles. If someone needed

help, she would be the first one to get in line. Mary was truly an "Energizer Bunny". She had many hobbies, including gardening, knitting, crocheting, cooking, sewing "angel pillows," and writing poetry.



## **Lou Ann Vogler**

### CHULA VISTA



Lou Ann passed on January 24, 2020 surrounded by loved ones. A vibrant, caring, lover of family, animal lover, creative writer, and photographer, Lou Ann loved to travel. With her best friend and Altrusa sister, Helyn Sloan, they went on five cruises to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Alaska. Together, they went on 15 road trips to District Eleven Conferences, singing their hearts out to the 60's on 6. Lou Ann always had her office with her in case someone needed something printed, certificates created, or updates to their presentations. Lou Ann was always there for you.

While Lou Ann wasn't on the District Eleven Board, she was an important part of our District, serving as the District's "Web Mistress" for at least two bienniums and took our District kicking and screaming into the 21st Century, helping to set up Club websites and our District website. She did the same for the Chula Vista Club. Once Lou Ann accepted a responsibility, she completed that responsibility come hell or high water. Lou Ann got the Chula Vista Club to accept credit cards and they got their first Square through her. She completed the process that created our Club's Foundation and was adamant about starting

a grant program for the Foundation. She passed away shortly after the Chula Vista Club implemented their new grant program, and the Club named it the Lou Ann Vogler Memorial Grants Program in her honor.

## **Ila "Cappy" Brown**

### ANAHEIM



Ila 'Cappy' Brown was a woman who devoted her life to giving and serving her community. She did this with a warm heart and ready smile. Working throughout her Anaheim community and Orange County, through PTA and a variety of civic endeavors. Her reach even included India, where she volunteered with Anaheim Altrusa's sister club in Madras, India. She loved to travel and many members fondly remember the fun had during the trip she arranged one Thanksgiving week to Hong Kong.

As the Altrusa liaison to Project Linus, she served for over 18 years, as the area coordinator and ensured that the project flourished under her leadership. Over time 25,000 handmade blankets and quilts were donated. Later when this project became Cappy's Kids, even more blankets and the addition of books were donated.

She was a 34 year member of the Anaheim club. She was actively involved with all of the club's projects and activities. During her membership she served in all the board positions, including club president in 1990-92, as well as, with the District, twice as a committee chair.

Ila 'Cappy' Brown passed away on June 30, 2019 in Tucson, 2 months shy of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. She will be remembered for always being open to listening, changing with the times, trying new things, offering guidance and encouragement and for her fearless courage.



## Altrusa International Foundation – Day of Giving – June 20, 2020

The COVID 19 has caused all Altrusa Districts, except one, to cancel their District Conferences. Conferences are the primary fundraisers for the Altrusa International Foundation. The Foundation Board of Trustees has declared June 20<sup>th</sup> to be “ALTRUSA INTENATIONAL FOUNDATION DAY of GIVING”. The board agreed to offer two \$1500 prizes: one to the club that contributes the largest donation, and one to the club contributing the largest donation based on membership per capita, so smaller clubs have a chance. Any donations made between April 1, 2020 and July 4, 2020 will be counted towards the club prizes. Watch for the Foundation Newsletter, The IMPACT, for more information. The week or so of giving will start with the delivery of the IMPACT and continue through July 4<sup>th</sup> – going out with a bang.

### Eight of our District Eleven Clubs received grants for the September 2019 cycle:

District	Club	Project	Amount
Eleven	Anaheim, California	<i>Creative Writing Project: Finding My Voice, Telling My Story</i>	\$4,000.00
Eleven	Chula Vista, CA	<i>A Creative Library Space for At-Risk Youth</i>	\$2,000.00
Eleven	Eastern Sierra, California	<i>Equipping Indigenous Women to Create Sustainable Health</i>	\$4,000.00
Eleven	Monterey Peninsula, California	<i>The Magic Key</i>	\$2,000.00
Eleven	San Diego North County Coastal, California	<i>One Can Make A Difference</i>	\$1,500.00
Eleven	San Luis Obispo County, California	<i>Camp Arroyo Grande Outdoor Horticulture Classroom</i>	\$4,000.00
Eleven	The West Valley, Arizona	<i>Recognizing Altruism in Eighth Graders</i>	\$1,000.00
Eleven	Tucson, Arizona	<i>Pasqua Yaqui Lending Library</i>	\$2,000.00

The spring cycle of the grants were approved on time. The Foundation Grant's Committee asked the clubs to review their grants and if they were still applicable due to the COVID 19 quarantine and social distancing. The Anaheim and Chula Vista Clubs also received grants in the spring cycle. Disaster relief grants have been awarded to nonprofits nominated by the Golden Valley, San Luis Obispo County, Los Angeles, and Anaheim clubs because of COVID 19. The International Foundation also pays the \$100 award fee to clubs that win the Letha Brown Literacy Awards, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Award, and Mamie L. Bass Service Award at District Conferences, as well as funding for all ASTRA high school and university scholarships.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Altrusa International Foundation on or before June 20<sup>th</sup>. A donation can be designated for Club 21, Grants Program, Endowment Fund, Where Needed Most or the Disaster Relief Fund. A \$21 contribution makes you a member of Club 21 and a \$500 (\$42 a month) contribution to the foundation within a fiscal, or calendar, year makes the donor a Foundation Lamplighter. A gold pendant is issued upon the first Lamplighter contribution and a diamond is awarded upon each subsequent gift. An Altrusa Club may also become a Foundation Lamplighter with a \$500 contribution. The Altrusa Club receives a Lamplighter patch for the club banner upon the initial contribution. All Foundation Lamplighters are acknowledged in the Foundation Annual Report.

Donations can be made by going to [www.foundation.altrusa.org](http://www.foundation.altrusa.org) or by using the form on the next page and mailed to:

Altrusa International Foundation  
1 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1955  
Chicago, IL 60602

Make checks payable to *Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.*

Thanks so much for your support of the International Foundation.

Leslie Johnson  
Board of Trustees  
Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.



Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. To be designated as follows (if left blank, your gift will be marked to Where Needed Most.)

- Contribution to the Grants Program \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Contribution to the Endowment Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Contribution to Club 21 Program \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Contribution to Where Needed Most \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New member to Club 21? \_\_\_ Yes, please send my pin or club medallion! \_\_\_ No, I'm renewing.

Total Amount of Contributions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if this contribution (\$500 or more is to be listed as a Lamplighter Contribution – (Does not include Club 21)

\_\_\_ Check here if this gift will be matched by employer.

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*Mail to: Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. • One North LaSalle Street Suite 1955 • Chicago, IL 60602*

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Leslie Johnson, Webmaster

## How to Create a Zoom account on your mobile device

The sign-up process for Zoom in the mobile app on [iPhone](#), [Android](#), or [iPad](#) looks the same.

- Download the app from the App Store or Play Store  
Tap to Open it
- Tap "Sign Up" on the Welcome Page
- The other options are "Sign In" if you already have an account or
- "Join a Meeting" (if you were sent a meeting ID via email or text.
- Enter the email address that you'd like to use for this account, followed by your first and last name.
- Check the box next to "I agree to the Terms of Service."
- Tap "Sign Up" in the top-right corner.
- A pop-up will appear informing you that a confirmation email was sent to the email address you chose. Tap "OK" to close the pop-up and open your preferred email app to check your inbox.
- Tap to open the message in your inbox. Scroll and tap the blue "Activate Account" option. This will open the browser on your phone or tablet.
- Begin the first step of confirming your account information and choosing a password. Re-enter your first and last name. Type a password and then retype the same password to confirm.
- If your password does not meet Zoom's requirements, instructions will appear. For example, the password must include at least eight characters and at least one letter and number.
- The second step will prompt you to invite colleagues to a meeting now. If you're in a hurry to do so, you can complete this step, but if you're simply setting up your account to use in the future, opt to skip instead.
- The third step encourages you to start a meeting now. Again, you can skip this step by tapping "Go to My Account."

## How to make a Zoom account on your PC

Signing up for Zoom looks similar on your desktop, though it may be even easier to complete the required steps on your browser.

While you can use the Zoom platform through your browser, it may be helpful to download the app so you can access it whenever you'd like if you plan to use Zoom often for work-related calls.

- Click to open the Zoom app on your [Mac](#) or [PC](#).
- Click "Sign In."
- Click "Sign Up Free." This will automatically open the Zoom website on your default browser.
- Enter your email.
- Click the blue "Sign Up" button.
- A pop-up will appear informing you that a confirmation email was sent to the email address you chose. Tap "OK" to close the pop-up and open your preferred email app to check your inbox.
- Open your inbox and locate the activation email.
- Click the blue "Activate Account" button.
- This will open the Zoom signup page in your browser. Enter your first and last name, along with your password.
- The second step will prompt you to add colleagues at this time. Click "Skip this step" to move on to the final step.
- The final step will prompt you to start a test meeting. Instead, click "Go to My Account."
- Reopen the Zoom app on your desktop if you'd like to use the service there. Click "Sign In" again.
- Enter your email and password. Check the "Keep me signed in" option especially if you plan to use the service often followed by the "Sign In" button to complete the login process.
- You are now logged in with your brand new account.

## How to Join a Zoom Meeting

### If you have downloaded the Zoom Software

- Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a [meeting ID](#) that will be required to join a Zoom meeting
- If you are joining via telephone, you will need the [teleconferencing number](#) provided in the invite.
- Open the Zoom desktop client.

- Join a meeting using one of these methods:
- Click **Join a Meeting** if you want to join without signing in.
- Sign in to Zoom then click **Join**.
- Enter the [meeting ID](#) number and your display name.
- If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your [default name](#) to appear.
- If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
- Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and click **Join**.

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2. Enter your email address and password.
3. Tap the blue "Sign In" option to complete the process.
4. To join a meeting without installing the Zoom web app, you will need to log into your Zoom account and click "My Account" near the top right of the homepage. From there, you will click "Settings" on the left-hand menu and select "In Meeting (Advanced)."
5. Next, scroll all the way to the bottom of this section. (Alternately, you can click the "Email Notification" tab and scroll up one line. It's a bit quicker.) Look for the section that says "Show a "Join from your browser" link" and flip that toggle on. Now, when you share a link to a meeting, the user can click it and will be presented with the option to join from the browser. The

## Virtual Meetings – An Easy Alternative to the Real Thing

### *"To Zoom or Not to Zoom – that is the question" -*

The [coronavirus pandemic](#) is forcing clubs to have meetings from home who have never done so before. Many newly sequestered Altrusans are encountering technology they've never used before--like Zoom for virtual meetings. A Zoom meeting allows your club to meet virtually. The Zoom App or Zoom on your PC or Mac is free but meetings are limited to 40 minutes. The Club President or an appointee can schedule the meeting and invite all of the club members. If the meeting will take longer than 40 minutes then schedule two back to back meetings. For example, schedule one meeting for 7:00pm and a second meeting for 7:50 pm. This time delay will allow your club members to take a bathroom break and refill their glass with their favorite beverage. Another alternative is to order a little mini refrigerator from Amazon and once it is delivered, set it up next to your computer and fill it with your favorite beverages.

New software is always scary to most Altrusans so I have come up with step by step instructions for downloading zoom, hosting a zoom meeting and joining a zoom meeting.

You will need speakers and a camera. To set up your speakers, in the bottom right hand corner of your PC, select the Windows ICON. Little icons appear on the left side and the one that looks like a gear is for your settings.

- > Choose "sound."
- > select Speakers/Headset as your output device
- > select microphone as your sound input device.
- > Click the X in the top right hand corner to exit out of settings.

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- Scroll down to the camera app
- Select it
- Click on the camera icon appears
- You should see yourself

You are now ready for Zoom. Please follow my step by step instructions for download Zoom or your phone or PC. Creating a Zoom account and finally hosting or joining a meeting.

These instructions are also available on our District Eleven

Website: [www.altrusadistricteleven.org](http://www.altrusadistricteleven.org)

- "Resources" Page
- Membership
- Under Virtual Club Toolkit.

## How to Host a Zoom Meeting

1. Click your zoom app or select it on your PC
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  - b. Click the **Copy invitation** button, then paste the message into an email to the participants you wish to invite.
  - c. Click one of the email service buttons. Your chosen email service will appear with a preformatted invitation.
5. Click the **Schedule** button
  - a. Enter a meeting title, in the **Topic** field.
  - b. Enter the Date
  - c. Enter the Start Time
  - d. Enter the Duration
  - e. Meeting ID
    - i. Generate Automatically
    - ii. Use your personal meeting ID
  - f. Password – use the generated one
  - g. Video – off unless you want it to record to your PC
  - h. Participants – off
    - i. Calendar – other
  - j. Advanced Options
    - i. Enable Waiting Room

ii. Enable Join Before Host

6. Click the Schedule Button

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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

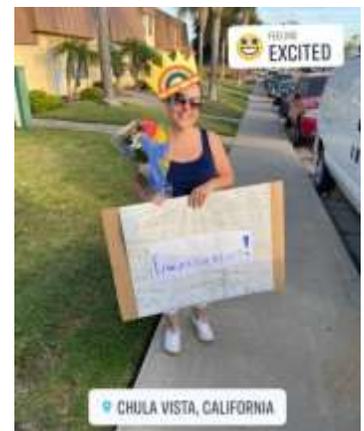
## Chula Vista

To help our community with COVID-19, Altrusa Club of Chula Vista supported Southwestern College students by donating \$1,500 in gift cards for emergency needs, members have made and donated masks, and we have also been recording read-aloud books for a local school and our public library. Our club has been holding online board and business meetings since April, with monthly surveys for approval of minutes, financials, and board recommendations. Our board also put together a phone tree to check in with our members on a regular basis for support. We did personal home-visit installations for our new board members and delivered flowers to our outgoing board members to thank them for their service.

We also initiated six new members. Welcome to: Lina Cestero, Ayarim De Anda, Kathy Lightbody, Helen Nosal, and Norma Parra.



## Social Distance Installations and Thank You Flowers for outgoing Board Members!



Way to go ladies!

## Oxnard

The Oxnard Club Supports literacy in Ventura County, California, Kenya and Nicaragua. Last fiscal year we awarded 20 scholarships in Ventura County including 2 for the NJROTC Cadets at Hueneme High School; 1 in Nairobi Kenya, and several small scholarships in Nicaragua.

The following thank you came from a student in Nicaragua:

*"Good morning dear members of Altrusa of Oxnard,*

*First of all, I'm going to introduce myself: I'm 19 years old. I live in the city of León, León department, Nicaragua. I am a university student, currently studying the second year of electrical engineering with an emphasis on Energy Efficiency at La Salle University of Technology (ULSA –León, Nic.), being the best average of it. I pay \$72.00 per month plus net class enrollment costs in a quarterly study system. I received the money I have been sent (USD 50.00) on the day of yesterday, Thursday 21-05-20 and will use it to support me with the payment of the monthly fee. I write you thanking you for your generous help towards me, because I am of limited resources and I have struggled to keep up with the payment of my university such as: my maternal granny's cancer disease as well as my sister's vision problems and the monthly rent payment. May God continue to bless you for the work you have been doing."*



*Helping Hands Reaching Across the World!*

## Anaheim Altrusans are Heroes in their Local Communities

Maria Hoffman, Pat Hansmeyer, Joan Malloch, Kay Spence and Carol Latham have all rolled up their sleeves to help medical personnel who are putting their lives on the line to help others. They practiced social distancing and wore their masks as instructed by our Governor. Pat took on the work and reached out to her Altrusa sisters for help. All of the seamstresses that were able stepped up to assist in this worthy cause. Maria did not like the pattern they were given by UCLA, it was awkward to get the filter in and it kept falling out. She redesigned the pattern to make inserting the filter easier and secure. UCLA medical center now has adopted Maria's design for masks.



Pat hard at work!!



Carol pins while Joan and Maria sew.



Masks have to be cut and pinned.



Maria, Joan and Pat sew masks for UCLA Medical Center



At 89 years young, Joan takes a break from sewing to pose for a photo.



Completed masks ready to ship.



## San Diego

Separate but united in our cause, San Diegans have been individually working for the betterment of America's Finest City. Members are still busy sewing and doing home projects on behalf of Days for Girls. Over 200 yards of flannel was washed and ironed, 100 bags ribboned, and 704 panty liners completed. Cards are being made and sent to a project called "Letters Against Isolation." We are reaching out to help bring some joy to those shut in at senior living facilities across the country.

Marie McHenry and Mary Welch have moved to 'Emeritus Status', a combined total of 89 years of Altrusa Membership! We have added one new member, Mary Roberts. Mary's installation was set for March, but delayed until May because of the pandemic. While her ceremony was small, it was very meaningful. Our club has been Zooming "cocktail party style" and has accomplished a mixed board meeting using social media and face to face with social distancing guidelines in place. Plans are being made for a social distance picnic business meeting later in June. Did you know there is a Project Linus Challenge for knitters? For those home and talented you can also join in the monthly challenge. Then donate the finished blankies to Project Linus. Of course our Project Linus group had a slowdown of donations, but blankets are coming in again and are being prepped for distribution as soon as we get the all clear. Before the shutdown, 728 blankets were distributed for the quarter! Additionally, individual members continue to provide non-perishable food and paper products to Fisher House San Diego as part of our SOS campaign.



**Mary Roberts and Membership Chair  
Pat Zoller at Mary's installation**



**Who are these masked women? Pat  
Zoller, Mary Roberts, Kathy Girard, and  
Susannah Berning**



**Cards Against Isolation**



**Susannah's partial knitting project,  
3 rows of 12 complete.**



**Panty Liners a plenty!**

## San Luis Obispo County

As our club reviewed our Strategic Plan for 2018 - 2020 at our recent meeting, it was very satisfying to realize we had met most of the goals and objectives we set and to appreciate just how much we were able to accomplish.

- SERVICE — we had planned to add additional projects and work with more organizations in our area. We have partnered with five additional organizations and helped with new projects and funding as well as continuing with many of our established projects.
- MARKETING — we were going to focus on promoting and publicizing our new club name. We have really made our presence known in the community through publicity promoted by the organizations we serve, on our new Facebook page, our new club website, and now many of our members have club business cards.
- MEMBERSHIP — our goals were optimistic about adding five new members each year and in the two years we added nine!
- FUNDRAISING — .goal was to make more money for the foundation to support our projects and serve our community. This last year's Celebration of Tree Fundraiser was our biggest financial success to date. Our club also did well with our Bunco Events to make money to help support our club activities. The consensus of the members at our meeting was eloquently stated that "We Kicked Butt" this past two years!



San Luis Obispo County is pleased to announce our MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Judy Sorensen Club Treasurer 2017-20. Judy has served in many positions through her 31 years as an Altrusan, including District Governor. She encourages everyone to "step out of their comfort zone" and try something new. She leads by example and since she had never been a club treasurer she accepted the challenge. I think it is fair to say it was quite an experience and she is ready to pass the job to someone else. She learned a lot in her three years and we are grateful for the great job she did. She was an inspiration by her dedication and perseverance. She is well deserving of this honor.

## Altrusa of Golden Valley

Our Club held its first Board meeting of the new Altrusa year via Zoom. All went well and we hope to do it again in July. All new board members and committee members are in place. We hope to do great things in the coming year.

We made a \$10,000.00 donation to the Santa Barbara County Food Bank. They also received \$1,000.00 from the grant submitted to the International Foundation. We were able to give a \$3,000.00 donation to the Santa Maria Bonita School District for toiletries and hard to obtain items to be distributed to families sheltering in place. Now being organized is a book giveaway for the Boys and Girls Club to be given to families when they pick up their meals.



# ***Blast into Service***



***with***

## ***Altrusa of the Central Coast***

**Conference in Santa Maria, California**

***Mark your calendars - April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021***

As we have done in the past, we have great fun planned for everyone complete with gourmet food. A few events are still in the planning stages and we are anxious to get back to arranging the details with friends face to face. Rooms have been set aside at the Santa Maria Radisson and all meetings/trainings will be happening there as well. Stay tuned for the particulars regarding the conference service project.

Once again it is our pleasure hosting this year so please save the date. Watch for more information regarding accommodations and conference registration. The committee is excited to share our hometown and its amenities with you!

Counting down the days until we blast off,

Samantha Van Patten, *Conference Chair*

Willa Gustavson, *Treasurer/Reservations & Accommodations Chair*

**Be sure to follow this link for our Call to Conference Video!**

**<https://spark.adobe.com/video/njkZNUpVzE3TZ>**

***DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORTS***

## **GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Pat Zoller



Thank you to the District Eleven Board Members, Committee Chairs and all the Club Presidents for helping me through my first year as District Governor. It was not without its challenges for all of us with health issues on my part and the onset of the coronavirus which lead to stay at home orders, quarantines, face coverings and social distancing throughout the United States and the world. We all found ourselves in a brand-new world, using social media more than ever to reach out and stay connected. My activities for this year included:

- Transition from Governor-Elect to District Governor at the 2019 District Eleven Conference in San Diego, CA., April/May 2019.
- Participated in monthly Conference Calls with District Governors and International President the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.
- Prepared and distributed Governor's Monthly Newsletter for June 2019 – June 2020 to Club Presidents and others.
- Represented Altrusa at the annual La Mesa Chamber of Commerce, "Taste of San Diego" fund raising event.
- Met with the Altrusa Club of Oxnard in Oxnard, Ca to continue plans for the 2020 District Conference.
- Attended the Altrusa International Convention in Reno, Nevada, July 2019
- Diagnosed with breast cancer in August and underwent surgery, followed by radiation treatments during the month of October.
- Turned over many of the responsibilities for planning the 2020 District Conference to Governor-Elect Melinda Aguirre and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor April Smith.
- District Board meeting September, 2019, in San Diego, CA.
- Attended Bunco fund raiser, San Diego Club, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>
- Attended "Festival of Trees", Anaheim Club, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Visited the Golden Valley Christmas tree event, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Visited "Festival of Trees", Central Coast, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the "Celebration of Trees", SLO Club Foundation, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Annual Holiday Party, Long Beach Club, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Numerous telephone calls with Oxnard Conference chair and co-chair preparing for the 2020 District Conference.
- Worked with DSB Editor for Call for Conference DSB.
- Worked with Club Presidents to complete the "Brag" page for the International Compass.
- Participated in Conference Call with Conference Committee chairs to plan Conference workshops, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Club visit with San Diego North County Coastal, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.
- In January 2020 held the District Board meeting in Oxnard, CA to continue plans for the 2020 Conference in April- May 2020.
- Cancelled all club visits following the outbreak of COVID-19.
- Conducted numerous conference calls with the Board of Directors concerning COVID-19 and the 2020 Conference scheduled in April – May 2020.
- May 1, 2020 the District Eleven 2020 Conference in Oxnard, CA was cancelled.



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## **GOVERNOR ELECT REPORT**

Melinda Aguirre



I have enjoyed my time on the board and look forward to the future. I have learned so much about Altrusa and enjoy the camaraderie of the other board members. Working together as a team has enhanced my learning and leadership skills. Here is a list of things that I have accomplished while being in the Governor Elect position:

- Attended International Convention in Reno, NV
- San Buenaventura Club visit on 1/23/2020
- Chula Vista Club visit on 2/19/2020
- Anaheim Club visit on 2/24/2020
- Working on completing the next 5 years conference events;
- Working with Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria for 2021 conference "Blast into Service"
- Preparing for governor elect training in Orlando, FL

## **1<sup>st</sup> VICE-GOVERNOR ANNUAL REPORT**

Bonnie McPherson



It does not seem possible that a year has passed since I was elected as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor. Many things have changed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

After District Conference in San Diego, I tabulated the evaluation forms and reported back to the District Board at our September Board meeting. We had a few glitches while using the electronic evaluation forms along with paper evaluation forms. It was an interesting process trying to meld the Survey Monkey with the paper evaluations. The Survey Monkey had 1/3rd of the respondents agreeing that the workshops had helpful information and the presenters were effective; 2/3rds of the respondents were strongly agreeing that the workshops were helpful and the presenters were effective. The memorial service did not have an official evaluation form; however, 31 members submitted comments. The consensus was that Carol Latham, Past Governor, did an outstanding job. This response really expressed how important the memorial service is to all. Overall, the comments were positive and members enjoyed the Conference.

Attendee Comment that summed up most everyone's feelings: "I think our Board and San Diego Club did a wonderful job with this year's Conference. It was the right balance of exposure to local and international projects, educational workshops, and fun with Altrusans. Great job. Can't wait until next year!"

In January, the Board met in Oxnard, California, to help bring plans together for the 2020 Conference in May. The Oxnard Club and the hotel were very helpful in getting things arranged for a productive Conference. Unfortunately it had to eventually be cancelled which was a big disappointment.

On my way home from the Board Meeting, Pat Young and I were able to attend a Long Beach Club meeting. It was held at the Yacht Club and you could look out on the water as you were enjoying the Sunday brunch. What a pleasure it was to meet Club members and even some husbands. We also met a potential new member. Their involvement with service for their community is what Altrusa is all about. Since then, I have participated in telephone and Zoom District Board Meetings.

Finally, I developed a Power Point presentation for incoming Presidents (since we were unable to hold a President's Workshop). This may be found on the District Website and I encourage Presidents to watch it. Also please share your new Board roster with the District. It helps support good communication.

This year has been challenging and I have discovered that Altrusans are flexible. I hope I will be able to do more Club visits in the coming year.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-GOVERNOR ANNUAL REPORT**

April Smith



During this past year I have enjoyed working with the District Board of Officers and continue to learn and gain experience to effectively serve our District. As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor I have attended all board meetings, participated in conference calls and completed required reports. Since being elected to this position at Conference 2019 here is a list of duties and activities I have accomplished and worked on.

- Attended International Convention in Reno and represented District Eleven at the International Foundation Luncheon by giving a summary of a Disaster Relief Grant for the Campfire in Paradise, CA.
- Worked closely with Governor Pat, Governor Elect Melinda and the Oxnard Club on details and preparations for Conference 2020, which included finalizing the contract, setting up the budget, finalizing the conference logo, preparing conference registration forms, and set up the template for the conference program handbook.
- Worked on presenting a possible revised schedule for conferences after 2020.
- Made changes and updates to the Conference Manual.
- Sent out notification to clubs to advise and request submissions for consideration of changes to the International BRRs.
- Club Visits:
  - October 2019 visited the Indian Wells Valley Club and enjoyed meeting the members and learning more about all their service projects
  - February 2020 visited Tucson Club and had a great time attending a club meeting as well as having some social time to get to know the members.
  - February 2020 visited The West Valley Club and was extremely impressed with the many projects their small club is able to accomplish.
  - Club visit was scheduled in March for Eastern Sierra Club but with the Pandemic situation the visit was cancelled.

I want to thank everyone for all for your encouragement, support, and hospitality on my club visits. I am truly blessed to belong to such a wonderful organization and to have the opportunity to work with so many amazing people.

## **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Leslie Johnson



It was a challenging and exciting first year as the District Treasurer. I would like to thank all of the club treasurers for all of their hard work and patience this year. We had an exceptional group of club treasurers and I was very disappointed that I did not get to meet each of them at the Treasure's workshop during District Eleven Conference.

During my first year as treasurer, here are the activities that I developed and continued:

- Took classes in using APLOS Nonprofit Software
- Developed online video/instructions for club treasurers paying dues to District in Group Tally
- Deposited Membership and New Member dues as required
- Added new members to Group Tally
- Updated all clubs dues and members information in group tally
- Communicated with Club Treasurers Monthly
- Paid Bills as needed
- Attended all Board Meetings and Conference Calls
- Completed all District Filings to IRS and State of CA
- Collected Start Dates for District Members and updated Group Tally to reflect them

- Requested and received funds from International for Reno/Sparks Club in Formation
- Processed all Club Revitalization fund applications
- Researched Arizona, California and Nevada filings for clubs 501©4
- Researched Arizona and California filings for clubs 501©3
- Developed District Dues Assistance Application
- Updated Dues Remittance Form to include half year dues, Dues Assistance and Young Professionals
- Developed Club and Foundation Treasurer Conference Workshops
- Developed Club and Foundation Treasurer Dates for yearly filings
- Assisted District Conference Treasurer as requested
- Compiled Club Delegates and Alternates for District Conference
- Generated and Submitted Final District Budget Yearly to Actuals and By Fund to Board
- Approved CPA to audit books closed practice in May due to COVID 19 – looking for another to review the 2019-2020 Books
- Submitted articles for Fall, Winter and Summer DSBs
- Attended 2019 Altrusa International Convention
- Installed SDNCC 2019-2020 Board and New Members
- Did not win anything at the Chula Vista Fundraiser

I would like to thank Andrea Shallcross for all of her help, patience and assistance this year and I look forward to serving another year.

### ***DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT***

Andrea Shallcroft



This year was a year of transitions and unexpected opportunities for flexibility! The first few months following the 2019 conference was spent learning about my new position as Director and transitioning out of the position of Treasurer and assisting your fabulous new Treasurer, Leslie Johnson.

Our board held two in-person board meetings, plus a couple of conference call meetings, all of which I attended. Though I am grateful for technology, I would have preferred being together and sharing fellowship with my sister Altrusans.

Early this year, I had the honor of visiting with four clubs on the California coast – San Luis Obispo County, Santa Maria, Golden Valley, and Central Coast. What a great experience to meet you and to partake in your meetings – each club has its own personality and strengths; proof that Altrusa is a diverse and creative organization. Special thanks to April Smith and Kathy Telleria for hosting me and making me feel so welcome!

Altrusa International Convention was held July 2019 in Reno, Nevada, and I was able to attend my first International convention! My club, Eastern Sierra, hosted a workshop on Days for Girls. Since our club is the closest geographically to Reno, we were the lucky recipients of all the kit items that were brought to convention by Altrusans from all over the world. We took home 8 large bins filled with completed DFG kits! Thank you all!

Part of my new position is as International Foundation Liaison. We have had two meetings so far via conference call with all the District Liaisons from each district and the International Foundation board. These calls have been an inspirational way to learn about other districts and the issues they face and the service they have accomplished. Sadly, the biggest part of my position is raising both awareness and funds for the International Foundation at the District Conference. Since we ultimately agreed to cancel the 2020 District conference, those plans are for naught. I encourage all of you to continue to support Altrusa International Foundation by sending in your Club 21 dues, your Lamplighter, or disaster relief donations. If you need assistance with sending in your donations, you may send it to me, and I will facilitate its delivery to International.

New this year is that Covid-19 emergencies now qualify for disaster relief from Altrusa International Foundation! So, if your community has a specific need related to the virus, consider applying for a grant.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on your District Eleven board. Special thanks to our fearless leader, Pat Zoller, for keeping our ship on an even keel. I am looking forward to seeing all your faces NEXT year at the 2021 Conference in Santa Maria! Stay healthy!

## **WEBMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Leslie Johnson



It was a challenging and disappointing year with the cancellation of District Eleven Conference but our District Eleven Website is growing and full of important information and forms. I would like to say a special thanks to Betty Baran, the District Eleven Conference Treasurer, who made it so easy for registrations through the website and to April Smith for developing and adopting the Conference Registration Format to mirror the restrictions imposed by the website software.

During my third year as Webmaster, here are the activities that I developed and continued:

- Updated Club, DSB, Compass, Impact and Governor News Letter on Website
- Monitored International Website for updates to be placed on District Website
- Built and updated club website for Golden Valley, Monterey Peninsula, Reno/Sparks, SLOC, SDNCC, San Diego and The West Valley
- Developed online new affiliate member registration form for Reno/Sparks
- Developed online registration form for Conference
- Worked with Conference Treasurer as requested
- Investigated and learned more about Zoom than ever wanted to know
- Developed instructions for club members to download Zoom, Install Zoom, Join Zoom Meetings and Host Zoom Meetings
- Developed Video Making Workshop for Conference
- Developed Web Site Workshop for Conference
- Developed Branding portion of Communications Workshop
- Submitted articles for Fall, Winter and Spring DSB
- Worked with International to update Group Tally for International half-year dues
- Organized Conference Photographer
- Worked with DSB Editor as needed

I would like to thank the District Eleven newsletter editor that submit their newsletters and their patience for the uploading of the newsletters and District Presidents and members that made building club websites so easy. IF there is anything missing from our District Website that you would like to see or to submit pictures, please contact me.

## **LITERACY**

Sandy Pfefferkorn



Hello to you all. I hope this finds you and yours healthy, safe, and happy. Many Clubs have experienced a hold on their Altrusa Literacy outreach because of Covid-19 shutdowns. Still, with much creativity and perseverance, clubs are forging forward and making plans for the future.

With the closure of the schools, Educators feel that the reading readiness levels for many of our children will fall. The development of young students' crucial reading skills has been greatly affected. The children who fall behind will be 4 times less likely to graduate from high school. This is amplified for low income students. Keeping children engaged in reading and activities related to reading is the key to reducing the problem.

I urge all of our Literacy committees to use this time to find ways to keep on improving our current Literacy programs and to be thinking of implementing new programs, so that when we are back to our "New Normal" we will be roaring to go. Anything that we can do now to reach out and assist our communities will greatly help keep Literacy in the forefront. Whether it is by restocking your neighborhoods Free Little Libraries, creating new Free Little Libraries, donating books to outreach organizations to be dispersed to needy children, or working with schools to read to children virtually. There is no end to what we can accomplish.

I am so proud to be a part of Altrusa, and you are all to be commended for all you do. I hope to see all of your smiling faces when we can all be together again.

## **ASTRA**

Kathy Telleria



**Ability, Service, Training,  
Responsibility, Achievement**

We never could have imagined ending our 2019-2020 year as we have. We are now entering June and are still not fully open. As you may know, ASTRA is a volunteer club for students. With schools being closed, students and their advisors have been able to meet for many months. Rather than being able to report on what is being accomplished, I will take this opportunity to remind you of the value of ASTRA.

As I noted, ASTRA is a service club for young students sponsored by an Altrusa Club. It is through clubs such as ASTRA that we provide young people with the opportunity to become active members in their community at an early age. With the help of Altrusan advisors, ASTRA members are provided skills in leadership, personal development, as well citizenship development.

There are many advantages to having an ASTRA club sponsored by your Altrusa club. The students benefit from the knowledge, experience and wisdom offered by the sponsoring club while the Altrusans benefit from the energy, drive and ideas of students wanting to participate in their community. The future of Altrusa and ASTRA are intertwined. The two groups working together is a win-win opportunity for all involved!

To find all the information and documents needed to sponsor and support an ASTRA club go to the Altrusa International website ASTRA page. You may also contact me at any time.

If this pandemic has shown us one thing, it is how much we can do to positively support each other and our community. We see examples of this every day. Please encourage your Altrusa club to sponsor an ASTRA club. There is so much we can do together.

Stay safe and well.

## **NEW CLUB BUILDING**

Gail Swain



*Gaining new members and starting new clubs is paramount to the success of Altrusa. I am pleased to report that District Eleven's Newest Club in Reno/Sparks is almost at Charter Strength.*

- The quest to build a club in Reno, Nevada, began in 2017.
- Members of the Eastern Sierra Club in Bishop, CA agreed to be the catalyst to build a club.
- Contact was made with a former member of Altrusa who had moved to Reno. She suggested we get a booth at the Earth Day event in Reno in March of 2018. From that event we were able to gather names and emails of potential members.
- These potential members were invited to a simple meeting held in July with tapas and one free drink at a small restaurant, Creme Cafe', in Reno.
- Members of the Eastern Sierra Club and District Governor attended the meeting. Introductions were made, a video about the first 100 years of Altrusa was shown and each member shared why they were Altrusans.
- A second meeting was held in November, 2018, at which time the Altrusa International Board was meeting in Reno to plan the 2021 International Convention. Members of the International Board attended this meeting.
- At the end of the meeting the potential members were invited to become Altrusans and given membership forms. We received five paid members that evening.
- After this meeting, the affiliate members of the "Club forming in Northern Nevada," chose their official name, Altrusa International Club of Reno/Sparks.
- They are very active in their community and have several community service projects.
- At the end of this membership year, 2019-2020 they had 12 members. Fifteen members are needed for them to Charter.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Katharine Raley**



Well now the COVID19 sure put in the wrinkles for almost everything.

There would have been a Communications session at conference this past spring, only we could not have one due to COVID-19. Leslie Johnson was going to talk about different projects we could do in our computers, such as having a cloud in our district website or how to have our own cloud. I was going to bring different samples of websites for our session and talk about the different types, costs, appearance how much maintenance do each take, and etc. Alas, we will have to wait until Conference 2021.

Meanwhile, everyone appears to be learning new technological tricks and exploring Zoom and other meeting platforms to keep in contact with their members. Keep up the good work everyone!



**MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT**

Aggie Kurzyna



Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. New members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make a difference in the community. The district eleven club that had the highest amount of NEW members for the year based on International records from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - February 28, 2020 is Golden Valley with 9 new members! Congratulations to President Kathy Telleria and the entire Golden Valley Team for working hard to get those new members! This award comes with a \$50 check.

Great job to all the clubs who recruited new members!

**District Eleven New Members 2019-2020**

<b>Central Coast</b>	Dee Cunningham Jenni Surra
<b>Golden Valley</b>	Janet Arriola Kathleen Brodie Sylvia Flores Susan Jones Kristen LaGrange Linda Nahin AnnMarie Rodriguez Barbara Rodriguez Susan Schmidt
<b>Indian Wells Valley</b>	Jennifer Quinton Shyama Wallace
<b>Long Beach</b>	Christy Roeber Tanya Watwood-Barley
<b>Los Angeles</b>	Dinesh Jeyaram Corey Johnson Shelly Jones Neil Vincent Ladonna Williams
<b>Reno/Sparks</b>	Kris DeRose Ellen Louise Eftimoff Barbie Marcoe Liz McFarland
<b>San Diego</b>	Mary Roberts
<b>San Diego North Coastal County</b>	Tracy Balistreri Marilyn Stark
<b>San Luis Obispo County</b>	Susan Bass Beth Lorenzo Heather Mills Sally Ruch Teresa Tewalt Joan A Wooley Catherine Worrell Viki Yonan
<b>The West Valley</b>	Gloria Larson Carol Reicks



### ***District Eleven Club Information***

	<b>President</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Meetings</b>
Anaheim	Leslie Johnson	<a href="mailto:anaheim@altrusadistricteleven.org">anaheim@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Arcadia	Beau Stocking	<a href="mailto:arcadia@altrusadistricteleven.org">arcadia@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Central Coast	Lupe Maldonado-Alvarado	<a href="mailto:centralcoast@altrusadistricteleven.org">centralcoast@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 6 pm
Chula-Vista	Danielle Romello	<a href="mailto:chulavista@altrusadistricteleven.org">chulavista@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Eastern Sierra	Tiffany Lau	<a href="mailto:easternsierra@altrusadistricteleven.org">easternsierra@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Dinner 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday noon program
Glendale	Barbara Crawford	<a href="mailto:glendale@altrusadistricteleven.org">glendale@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Golden Valley	Kathy Telleria	<a href="mailto:goldenvalley@altrusadistricteleven.org">goldenvalley@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Indian Wells Valley	Jeanne Wells	<a href="mailto:indianwellsvalley@altrusadistricteleven.org">indianwellsvalley@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Los Angeles	Aggie Kurznya	<a href="mailto:losangeles@altrusadistricteleven.org">losangeles@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, noon
Long Beach	Marie Cady Drummond	<a href="mailto:longbeach@altrusadistricteleven.org">longbeach@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday/varies
Monterey Peninsula	Marsha Leadingham	<a href="mailto:montereypeninsula@altrusadistricteleven.org">montereypeninsula@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Oxnard	Vivian Goo	<a href="mailto:oxnard@altrusadistricteleven.org">oxnard@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Phoenix	Linda Puchi	<a href="mailto:phoenix@altrusadistricteleven.org">phoenix@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 5:30 pm
Reno-Sparks	Courtney Voight	<a href="mailto:reno@altrusadistricteleven.org">reno@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	
San Buenaventura	Mary Harrison	<a href="mailto:sanbuenaventura@altrusadistricteleven.org">sanbuenaventura@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 11:30 am 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6 pm
San Diego	Kathy Girard	<a href="mailto:sandiego@altrusadistricteleven.org">sandiego@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6 pm
San Diego NCC	Michelle Bell	<a href="mailto:sdncc@altrusadistricteleven.org">sdncc@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6pm
San Luis Obispo County	Koni Shaff	<a href="mailto:slocounty@altrusadistricteleven.org">slocounty@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Santa Maria	Susan Spears	<a href="mailto:santamaria@altrusadistricteleven.org">santamaria@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
The West Valley	Sue Larkins	<a href="mailto:westvalley@altrusadistricteleven.org">westvalley@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Tucson	Nancy Cowden	<a href="mailto:tucson@altrusadistricteleven.org">tucson@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Lunch & evening (5:30)

### ***District Eleven Board 2019-2021***

Governor	Pat Zoller	San Diego	<a href="mailto:governor@altrusadistricteleven.org">governor@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
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Immediate Past Governor	Melanie Hodges	SLOCo	<a href="mailto:immediatepastgovernor@altrusadistricteleven.org">immediatepastgovernor@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
Director	Andrea Shallcross	Eastern Sierra	<a href="mailto:director@altrusadistricteleven.org">director@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
Treasurer	Leslie Johnson	Anaheim	<a href="mailto:treasurer@altrusadistricteleven.org">treasurer@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
Secretary	Hillary Sloan	Chula Vista	<a href="mailto:secretary@altrusadistricteleven.org">secretary@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
Parliamentarian	Pat Young	Tucson	<a href="mailto:parliamentarian@altrusadistricteleven.org">parliamentarian@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
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### **District Chairs 2019-2021**

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Communications	Katharine Raley	Oxnard	<a href="mailto:communicationschair@altrusadistricteleven.org">communicationschair@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
Leadership	Margie Neer	Eastern Sierra	<a href="mailto:leadership@altrusadistricteleven.org">leadership@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
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Membership	Aggie Kurzynn	Los Angeles	<a href="mailto:membershipchair@altrusadistricteleven.org">membershipchair@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
New Club Building	Gail Swain	Eastern Sierra	<a href="mailto:newclubbuildingchair@altrusadistricteleven.org">newclubbuildingchair@altrusadistricteleven.org</a>
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No amount of regret  
changes the past.  
No amount of anxiety  
changes the future.  
Any amount of gratitude  
changes the present.  
-ANN VOSKAMP

*Have a safe and fun summer.  
Stay safe and continue to do  
good things for yourself and others!*

