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## International President's Message

We are listening! Often when you complete surveys or provide post-event feedback you may wonder to yourself if anyone is actually listening. We are! Hopefully you will have seen action in the past twelve months on many areas where members have been saying to us; "Can you get rid of the red tape? Can you make our website more user friendly? Can we have more information earlier about Convention? Can we have more workshops?" etc.

It is great to see many Districts adding area workshops into their annual calendars and it is even better to see the numbers of members attending these events. We will be releasing a new Policy document shortly that has restructured policies into a more user friendly format making the policies you need to use easier to locate. The Board have also been busy reviewing the policies, streamlining required policies and removing unnecessary ones. You will also have seen in the past few months a new International Website with the public facing page launched in April and the new member area launched in July. We are still working on the ASTRA and Foundation areas and hope to have the individualized member log-in capability restored soon.

In this issue of the Compass you will also find the first major release of information concerning our International Convention in Reno in July 2019. Look out for a full Call to Convention in November 2018! We have included in the program over 30 workshops for you to choose from (including ones that repeat just in case you can't get to one time slot!). Your International Board, Program Committees and Task Forces continue to work hard to produce more tools for you to use to help grow Altrusa. We are multi tasking – listening and working!



Leanne Milligan  
International President 2017-2019

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# What's new at International?

- The members area website is up and running with updates happening on a continuing basis. If you did not receive the credentials from International please send an email to [altrusa@altrusa.org](mailto:altrusa@altrusa.org) to request them.
- There is now a link from Group Tally back to the International website. In the left side bar there is a link named "Altrusa Home," which will take you to the public homepage.
- The latest financial reports are available on the Governance page. You can also find the latest Membership Reports there.
- New Social Media Guide and updated New Club Building Manual
- Club Newsletters are no longer being collected to post on the International site. You may post them on your club's site.
- 2019 District Conference Schedule - [Click Here](#)
- Don't forget to complete your Members Satisfaction Survey by September 30th - [Click Here](#)
- 2017-2018 Distinguished Clubs list. [Click Here](#)

## Navigating the Web...

- Important websites to know!
  - [www.altrusa.org](http://www.altrusa.org) (click Member Login in the upper right)
  - [login.altrusa.org](http://login.altrusa.org) (go directly to the members area)
  - [www.altrusastore.com](http://www.altrusastore.com) (purchase Altrusa branded items including pins and banners)
  - [www.altrusaservice.org](http://www.altrusaservice.org) (browse and share your club's service projects)
- Give us some feedback and share your thoughts on improving Altrusa with the Suggestion Box.
- If you have forgotten your password to the site please send an e-mail to [Altrusa@altrusa.org](mailto:Altrusa@altrusa.org) or call the International Office for assistance.

## Summary of Actions at the July Board Meeting

Please find below a summary of the key actions of the Board at our July meeting

- Approved the new ASTRA Service Award (modelled on the Mamie L Bass Service Award).
- Accepted the Audited Financial Statement for 31 May 2018 which are now posted on the website.
- Made updates to the Financial Procedures manual in accordance with auditor recommendations.
- Approved Marketing Tools – Post Card #1 and Social Media Guidelines and Marketing Tools – Social Media for publication to the website.
- Approved the publication of the Virtual Clubs tool kit and New Club Building tool kit on the International Website.
- Approved the publication of the District Treasurers Manual and tools on the International Website.
- Approved Convention Budget.
- Approved San Antonio Texas as location for 2023 Convention
- Approved President Elect Beverly Hardy's appointments for Program Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for the 2019 – 2021 biennium.
- Approved establishment of a Prospective Member Suggestion box in Survey Monkey to be published on the website.
- Approved changes to Awards entries to remove requirement for double line spacing and also to remove exclusion of fundraising projects from the Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award.
- Approved awarding of Distinguished Club Awards and publication of recipients in August Compass.
- The board approved the creation of a restructured policy document which will be released inclusive of policies that were amended at the Board meeting. The Policies will include an appendix to help members track the old to the new policy references.
- The following policies were amended at the Board meeting: 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 30, 31, 14, 15, 10, 60, 62, 65, 70 and 68 (f) (2). The following policies were rescinded at the Board meeting: 28, 57, 46, 25, 48, 55, 59. We are on target for completing the review of all policies at the conclusion of the January 2019 Board meeting. (a big thank you to the Board and BRR committee for their work on this).

### Important Dates

- August 12** International Youth Day
- September 8** International Literacy Day
- September 21** International Day of Peace
- October 1** International Day of Freindship
- October 16** World Food Day
- October 24** UN Day

## Have you started a Virtual Club? Why not?

*Mary Clare Lokken, Virtual Club Chair*

The reason we usually don't move forward with a new project is we fear failure or don't know the rules. That is not a problem for Altrusa districts or local clubs forming Virtual Clubs. The International Board has approved guidelines for Virtual Clubs developed by the Virtual Clubs Task Force.

Log into Altrusa.org and click on Membership at the top of the page. Scroll down to Virtual Club and you'll find everything there you need to get started. There is a guide and seven other documents there to help you.

We Altrusans do two things really well – service and leadership development. The Virtual Club is your chance to grow both in your club and/or district by matching up a couple of members who want to see Altrusa grow in a new way.

Say a new member from Ames, Iowa wants to work on this but doesn't know Altrusa as well as a seasoned member from Red Oak, Iowa. No problem – they just start with any form of communication that works for them – phone, text, email, Facebook Messenger.

The goal is to expand Altrusa virtually – over any of the above communications.

Now who's in? Stand up and say, I am!



## Update from the International Board

*Kathy Jackson, International Director*

The New Club Building and Virtual Club Toolkits are now posted on the International website. If you have not reviewed these, please take the time to review them. Both task forces worked very hard at combining everything you need to make the job easy including forms, sample agendas, and helpful tips.

At the moment we have great momentum to start new clubs throughout Altrusa. If you need help please contact your District New Club Building Chair or the International New Club Building Chair. Their contact information is also on the International website.

What about starting a Virtual Club in your area? Virtual clubs are great for those members who have difficulty attending meetings. We currently have one District piloting a Virtual Club. How about starting a Virtual Club in your District? Just complete the application and submit it to the International office and we are there if you need assistance. What a great way to promote Altrusa and community service.

The challenge is on. Who is going to be the next club to charter a new Altrusa club or Virtual Club?



## Supporting your Leader

*Linda Barb, International Leadership Training and Development Committee*

Everyone wants to win and be successful. Organizations like ours depend on leaders at the Club, District and International levels to lead Altrusa to success in every aspect of Altrusa life. Here are some ways each of us, as members, can support our leaders so their success translates into the success of all Altrusans and our organization.

- Respect their leadership and goals. Give them the benefit of doubt. If you disagree with an action or direction, let your leader know. Do it positively and without confrontation. Our leaders don't set out to provoke controversy or trouble. Timely communication may head off possible problems or clear up your concerns. Communicate with your leader. Make it appropriate and with enough time for consideration—not at the last minute. Leaders need constructive input.
- Be helpful without being asked. Provide constructive assistance. Don't just be busy, be productive and help carry out our leader's goals.
- Keep the Altrusa Principles in mind, especially the following:
  - Altrusa develops true leadership, concerned with accomplishment and not with recognition.
- Allow your leader to shine. Remember, you may be a leader in the future. Think about the support you would want from your Altrusa members. All of us have leaders, whether it is your Club President, District Governor or International President and it is in our best interest to contribute to their success.



From "Aspirations of an Altrusan" written by Mamie L. Bass in 1924, only 96 years ago:

Let me be always open minded, that I may recognize good for Altrusa wherever it may be. Let me be ready always to put aside my personal opinions for the greater good for the greater number. Let me see principles and not personalities, and, discerning them, let me serve them whole heartedly through every cloud of doubt and discouragement.

Let me have faith still that the voice of the majority is the voice of good, and let me lend myself to the working out sincerely of what the majority chooses...

## Royalties

*Leanne Milligan, International President*



With the revision of Policy 27 regarding the use of Altrusa's Trademarks and Logos, came increased ability for Clubs and Districts to utilize our logo on products beyond that produced by Doc Morgan Inc. However with this increased freedom did come some stipulations and it is probably timely to review these. If you wish to use the Altrusa logo on a product or item, you need to complete a Logo Usage Request Form which can be found on the International website by logging in and going to the Communications page. The information required for this form includes the contact details for the Vendor who will be producing the product. Once the completed form is received by the International Office it will be processed and the high spec resolutions of the logo will be released to the vendor for a one-time only use. The vendor will be required to remit to Altrusa the royalties for the use of the logo. Should the vendor not remit payment the International Office will follow up directly with the club/district who originally applied for the logo. If you have any questions regarding the use of the logo please contact our office.

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# TELEGRAM

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.....International Convention Reno 2019.....

..... **July 17-20, 2019**

..... Grand Sierra Resort, Reno Nevada

Make a Reservation: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49718199>

..... Full Registration \$350 USD ..... First Timer Discount on Full Reg \$50 USD

..... Day Registration \$50 USD per day excluding meals



Guest Speakers:

..... Victoria Ransom: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria\\_Ransom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Ransom)

..... Celeste Mergens: <http://www.oprah.com/health/celeste-mergens-days-for-girls>

..... Brian Williams: <https://thinkkindness.org/brian-williams-top-youth-motivational-speaker/>

..... Steve DeVlieger: Payment industry consultant specializing in all aspects of payment technology for small, midsize and global merchants. Industry expertise is in area of E-commerce Payment acceptance with emphasis on Fraud prevention.

Special Convention Features

..... Welcome to the next century of service and your first paperless convention

..... More than 30 workshops to choose from in Four rounds

..... Hands on Service opportunity

..... Opportunity to learn and share at Conversation Café event

..... Optional Event – Cruise on Lake Tahoe

..... Awards Dinner – Come dressed as a Song.

Check out our Pre Convention Tours and Partners Tours

Monday: Picasso & Wine

Tuesday: Squaw Valley Tour

Wednesday: Reno Food Walk Tour

Thursday: Area Museums

Friday: Visit Carson City

Saturday: Palomino Valley Horse Center

**End of Transmission**

# 2019 Reno, Nevada Convention

## Schedule At-A-Glance

### Wednesday, July 17, 2019

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON*
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	FIRST TIMERS MEETING*
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	WORKSHOPS
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	GOVERNORS ELECT WORKSHOP*
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	WORKSHOPS ROUND ONE
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	CONVENTION CAFE
1:10 PM – 2:00 PM	WORKSHOPS ROUND TWO
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	CONVENTION BRIEFING
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	THE OPENING BANQUET

### Thursday, July 18, 2019

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	PAST GOVERNORS' BREAKFAST*
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	LEADING TO A BETTER COMMUNITY
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	FIRST BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUED
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	CANDIDATES FORUM
7:00 PM	AWARDS DINNER

### Friday, July 19, 2019

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	BIENNIUM 2017-2021 PROGRAM PRESENTATION
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	CELEBRATION OF LIFE
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
2:15 PM – 2:00 PM	FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
2:15 PM – 3:05 PM	WORKSHOPS ROUND THREE
3:45 PM – 11:00 PM	OPTIONAL EVENT

### Saturday, July 20, 2019

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	REACHING OUT BREAKFAST
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	THIRD BUSINESS MEETING
11:00 AM – 12:00 AM	ALL CONVENTION SESSION (CYBER FRAUD)
12:30 PM – 2:15 PM	THE KINDNESS LUNCHEON
2:45 PM – 3:35 PM	WORKSHOPS ROUND FOUR
6:30 PM – 11:00 PM	INSTALLATION BANQUET

\* = For selected members only.

This Schedule At-A-Glance is subject to revisions.

## **A Message from the International Membership Committee**

*Sylvia Clark, Membership Development Committee Member, Under Charter*

The International Membership Committee hopes that our fellow Altrusans have been enjoying their summer. As many of us prepare to attend fall meetings and begin our projects, I hope you are also thinking of ways to increase your membership. A survey has revealed that 25% of our chapters are still under charter. This is very concerning. Declining membership in under charter clubs can lead to the loss of clubs. We know fewer members in a club lead to over-worked, over-whelmed and very taxed members. Sometimes the hardest part of starting something is taking that first step. If your club is under strength, you may want to contact a nearby club to co-sponsor a project. Invite your potential members to your events and meetings as often as possible. Let them see the worthwhile work your club does as well as the fun you have together.



If your club is unsure how, when, or where to begin, please utilize your International Membership Committee. We are here for you. An easy start is to visit our new members side of the International website. Once you log in, you will see “Membership” at the top of the page. Please visit our newly developed site. We have resources just one click away. Once in the site, you can scroll down to our “Membership Toolkit.” You will find helpful resource tags for recruitment, membership drives, and much more. Finally, we cannot say this enough:

**ASK US FOR HELP!!**  
Please reach out to us.



### **Marketing Tools – Social Media**

*Susie Meier, Communications Committee Chair*

The Altrusa International Marketing Task Force is pleased to present a guide to using social media for marketing, available through the International web site.

The document covers several of the social media tools that are available for free to your club or District for use in promoting your activities, service projects or fund-raising efforts. The document’s intent is to help you negotiate the timing, content, and sources for social media shares and get you started.

There are sections on identifying your goals, knowing your audience, and a review of the available tools that you can use. Learn how to see if you are being successful in your social media reach and ways of growing and engaging your audience. There’s also a discussion of timing of posts and privacy concerns – there’s a lot to cover.

We want this to be a “living” document, so please forward any suggestions for updates to [Altrusa@Altrusa.org](mailto:Altrusa@Altrusa.org). Social media is a constantly growing area of marketing, and like it, we can’t stay still. Social Media can be a powerful and inexpensive tool for your club or district to get information out about who you are and what you are accomplishing in the community. Don’t forget to review any social media policy your District might have in place and keep an eye out for one from International. Don’t hesitate to reach out for assistance from your District Communications Chair or International Communications Committee!

**[Visit the Communications page now to access the Social Media Guide.](#)**

## Days for Girls Update: District Two

*Diane Vann, District Two Liaison, Days for Girls*

Altrusa Clubs in District Two have embraced the Days for Girls Project with enthusiasm. Following the “rollout” at the District Conference in April 2018, a number of clubs immediately “rolled up” their sleeves and went to work. Others plan to do so in the coming months.



### District Level Activities

At the District Two Conference, Linda Dorr, a member of the Altrusa International Service Committee, and Dianne Vann, District Two Liaison for Days for Girls, conducted a well-attended informational workshop. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the history of the organization, its goals and its activities. Information concerning the four ways to participate and the opportunity to see a completed kit were provided.

Linda and Dianne prepared an article for the Summer 2018 District Two Service Bulletin. This article gave instructions on how to access a wealth of information on the Days for Girls website, as well as in the Days for Girls Toolkit on the Altrusa International website.

District Two is divided into three areas and annually these areas have a fall workshop. Area I, Area II and Area III all plan to focus on the Days for Girls Project at their 2018 Fall Workshops. Some of the planned workshop activities include meeting with representatives of established chapters, donating articles for kits and assembling kits. District Officers are providing information about the project as they make visits to the individual clubs.

### Club Level Activities

Although the time period since the project rollout has been short, a number of clubs are already involved, demonstrating the enthusiasm that this project has generated. Others will join the efforts in the coming months.

**Altrusa International of Fauquier County, VA:** Activities of the Fauquier County Club to support Days for Girls include:

- An informational presentation at the May meeting that included showing members the Days for Girl website and how it can be used as a resource
- Collaboration with a Days for Girls Chapter in Northern Virginia
- Setting up a booth that will promote the DfG Project at the First Friday Event in Warrenton on August 3

**Altrusa International of Martinsville-Henry County, VA Inc.:** The club, though small in number, has already contributed \$500 to the Days for Girls Project. This will enable the organization to provide kits to fifty girls. Other activities include:

- Establishing a partnership with the Days for Girls Chapter in Virginia Beach
- Hosting the Area III Fall Workshop where items donated by area clubs will be assembled into kits
- Exploration by the Service Committee to determine additional avenues for supporting the project during the 2018-2019 year.

**Altrusa International of Montgomery County MD, Inc.:** Montgomery County activities in support of Days for Girls Include:

- Sharing insight into the purpose and history of Days for girls during the club’s Jazz Brunch. Members also enjoyed the music video that was presented at the 2018 District Conference.
- Providing flyers for each attendee at the club’s 2018 Jazz Brunch. These flyers notified attendees of Altrusa’s partnership with DfG in Rockville, MD. They will be collecting soap and wash cloths for kits as a means of support.
- Donations include a monetary donation of \$240, and donations of fifty bars of soap and fifty wash cloths.
- On July 12, Mrs. Rhona Arbitt and Mrs. Catherine Copp of Days for Girls in Rockville, MD made a presentation to the club.
- The club will participate in the Fall workshop on September 29, 2018, where the focus will be on Days for girls.

**Altrusa International of Parkersburg WV:** The Parkersburg club has approved the following :

- Club donation of \$100 for Days for Girls
- Individual monetary donations to be given by each club member

**Altrusa International of Richmond VA, Inc.:** At the club's annual retreat in June, members were informed of the four ways they can participate. The following were participation activities are planned for the 2018-2019 year:

- Financial donations A contribution of \$300 has been budgeted for this purpose.
- Use an online link to raise additional funds from friends and colleagues
- Collect kit items at designated times throughout the year, including the Area III Fall workshop
- Support a local DfG Chapter/Team, possibly one in Virginia Beach or Charlottesville, and volunteer to assist in assembling kits.

**Altrusa International of South Central PA, Inc.:** The club is committed to participation in the coming year. They will be deciding on specific activities after using the Altrusa and DfG websites for information. Plans were hampered when they were unable to access the DfG Toolkit on the website during a period when the site was down.

**Altrusa International of Tidewater VA, Inc.:** Activities underway in the Tidewater Club include

- Informing members of the various aspects of the project, including a presentation at the June meeting by a visiting District officer
- Establishing a working relationship with the Tidewater Chapter of DfG
- Collecting item for the kits
- Holding a sewing event in August to prepare pads and liners for the kits.
- A club member, under the guidance of the local chapter representative, has already made a number of bags and pads.

Efforts are ongoing to maintain focus on this worthwhile project that combines service and the promotion of literacy.

## Trafficking

*Deborah Hecht, UN Representative*

On July 30th the UN held, via the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT), a panel discussion titled "STOP TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: A DIRE NEED TO FIND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS".

Children represent 28% of the total victims of trafficking. ICAT identified a data snapshot of those who are the most vulnerable. Globally, 4.3 million children are estimated to be in forced labor, many of whom are likely to have been trafficked.



Additionally there was discussion of child specific drivers and challenges including migration especially when coupled with inadequate education, healthcare, and social protection systems, statelessness, poverty, discrimination and organized crime. Lack of information on how to safely navigate the internet and social media poses an additional risk for online exploitation.

ICAT proposes specific recommendations. They include

- Ensure the best interests of the child are the primary consideration.
- Expand safe and legal pathways for children to move with their families.
- Strengthen multidisciplinary child and social protection systems in countries of origin, transit and destination.

- Improve cross-border collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- Ensure trafficked children are never criminalized or detained.
- Ensure non-national child victims have the same rights as nationals.
- Appoint a qualified guardian for all unaccompanied or separated children. Provide child victims with access to family or community-based alternative care.
- Ensure child victims of trafficking receive support services.
- Ensure trafficked children are informed, continue to be informed and have the right to be heard.

To read the statements from the various speakers <https://www.unodc.org/endht/en/statements.html>

## ASTRA

*April Smith, International ASTRA Chair*

If you have visited the new and improved Member Login section of the Altrusa International Website you may have noticed ASTRA is missing. We want everyone to know that we are currently working on all the updated information, revised documents and forms. We are anticipating having this section up and running very soon. However, if you'd like any of these items, the ASTRA Committee or International office will be able to provide you with whatever your ASTRA Club needs as you prepare for the new academic year. Contact us at [ASTRA@altrusa.org](mailto:ASTRA@altrusa.org) we are always here to help and encourage your questions and comments.



The ASTRA Service Award process has changed. The International Board has approved new criteria and guidelines for the selection of these awards. As many of you know for many years the awards were randomly chosen as part of the End of Year Activity Report. Starting in 2019 the ASTRA Service Award will follow the same procedures as other District Awards given at District Conferences every year. Winners at the District level will advance to compete at the International level. The ASTRA Committee is finalizing details on the guidelines and judging criteria and working with the International Foundation Board on funding the awards. We will be getting this information out very soon to all the District Governors and ASTRA Chairs so the Districts can begin to prepare to include this new award and also to all the ASTRA Clubs so clubs can start thinking about a service project to submit.

If you are involved with ASTRA at either your Club or District level you will be receiving a Fall ASTRA Newsletter from the International office. If you did not receive our past spring newsletter please let us know at the [ASTRA@altrusa.org](mailto:ASTRA@altrusa.org) email or contact the International office to be added to the ASTRA list. The ASTRA Committee has been dedicated this past year to updating, revising and improving the basics and features of the ASTRA experience.



### **Our next Facebook Live Event!** **LIVE from the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV**

Coming in November, take a sneak peak at the venue hosting the 2019 International Convention.

Submit questions beforehand at [altrusa@altrusa.org](mailto:altrusa@altrusa.org).



# Does your Altrusa Club need funding for service projects?



## 2018-2019 Grants Program Updates

We have exciting news for Altrusa Clubs!  
Beginning cycle one with deadline September 15th:

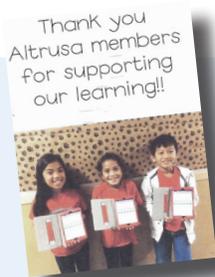
- Altrusa Clubs are eligible to apply for grant funding in BOTH cycles of the fiscal year
- The potential awards for the Grants Program are increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000

The Altrusa International Foundation webpages are currently under construction.

Please click below for the *project* and *individual* Grants Program guidelines and applications.

[Click here for the Individual guidelines and application](#)

[Click here for the Project guidelines and application](#)



## Club 21 Program International Projects

The Club 21 Program offers organizations funding opportunities if they meet at least two of the following criteria. Altrusa Clubs are encouraged to distribute guidelines and applications to international organizations and children’s camps meeting the Club 21 Program mission.

[Click here for the Club 21 guidelines and application](#)

- Serving sick or disabled children, e.g., physical, neurological, sensory, cognitive
- Providing training in health and nutrition
- Providing an environment for sick or disabled children to work with camp activities/training
- Providing medicine and/or medical aid utilizing trained professionals
- Providing education to promote literacy and other areas of learning
- Benefiting underprivileged children requiring medical attention



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Funding cycle dates below apply to both the Grants Program and Club 21 Program

Funding Cycle	Applications Due	Funding Decision	Grants Awarded	Follow Up Due
Cycle 1	September 15	October 31	November 30	May 31
Cycle 2	March 15	April 30	May 15	November 30

## Clubs In Formation

*Norma S. Teuton and Beverly Luedke, International Membership Committee*

The Altrusa International members have been very busy over the past year taking on President Leanne's charge to share the gift of Altrusa throughout the world. The AI Membership Committee is very proud and excited to present this report to the organization and its membership for review. Below is the most up to date information on District by District developments of New Club Building.

**District One:** There are possible start up clubs in Vermont and Providence. RI.

**District Two:** No Prospects.

**District Three:** There are possible start up clubs in Mooresville, NC., and the Midlands Community in SC. The District is also trying to form a Virtual Club. A new club is in formation in the Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda, FL area will be called Altrusa International of Southwest Florida

**District Four:** A new club in formation in Anderson County, TN is being sponsored by Oak Ridge, TN. There are over 15 affiliate members paid at this time and all paperwork has passed International and is chartering September 4th. The Altrusa Club of Tupelo, MS. is sponsoring another club in formation in Pearl, MS. Presently they have 3 paid affiliate members. A third club in formation in Hamilton, AL is in the beginning stages and is being sponsored by the Altrusa Club of Jack, AL. A start up club is also being considered in Scottsboro AL by the Altrusa Club of Boaz, AL. A club start up in Chattanooga, TN has been in the works for almost a year without any real interest. Governor Lisa Boyd wants to try again and a interest meeting in being planned in the near future.

**District Five:** There is Possibly one or two new start up clubs, one in Branch County in Michigan and one in the Cincinnati suburbs are being considered.

**District Six:** The Altrusa Club of Indiana Dunes has disbanded effective June 1, 2018. There is word that the Bloomington/Normal IL Club is completing the Community Needs Assessment (now the New Club Building Proposal). No further news on this.

**District Seven:** There is possible start up clubs in Lincoln and Kearny, NE. although there has been no update recently. The ASTRA Iowa School of the Deaf members would like to continue Altrusa when they graduate. There are a couple of options.... include them in the Altrusa Club of Council Bluffs, IA, create a new club but they may not have enough members, or form a Virtual Club to accommodate alumni who move away and/or not close to another club.

**District Eight:** There is interest in starting a new club in the Kansas area.

**District Nine:** Tyler, TX has a club in formation.... five affiliate members strong. There are Virtual Club possibilities in Dallas/North Texas Area, the Bryan-College Station Area and Gatesville. Traditional or Virtual club possibilities in the Georgetown/Round Rock area near Austin are also being considered.

**District Ten:** San Luis Valley, CO (covering communities of Monte Vista and Alamosa) had its

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first organizational meeting and is scheduling its next organizational meeting. The District is also working with AI Leadership about starting a club in Espanola, NM (outside of Santa Fe).

**District Eleven:** Altrusa International of Northern Nevada (Reno area) is alive and well. They are following up with all the contacts received and held an organizational meeting in Reno on July 19th. There is also a new club in formation in Buellton, CA. The first organizational meeting will be held August 14th. The sponsoring club is Altrusa International of Central Coast, CA.

**District Twelve:** Altrusa International of Mid Columbia was Chartered!!! No further prospects.

**District Fourteen:** There is a possible club in Aguada, PR.

**District Fifteen:** There is a new club in formation, Altrusa International of Ohariu, with nine affiliate members strong. There is also a possible Virtual Club and an ASTRA Club at Auckland University in the works.

**Clubs At Large:** Altrusan Parvathy Viswanath is interested in forming a new club in India. Altrusa International and Clubs –At-Large committee are assisting this effort.

(Please forward any updates or new information on clubs in formation to [nsteuton@comcast.net](mailto:nsteuton@comcast.net))

**International Board Members**

Leanne Milligan International President	Linda Smith International Director
Beverly Hardy President Elect	Tanika Wilson Executive Director
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