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With some of us looking at Spring's first blush and others looking at mounds of snow in the front yard, it shows the geographic diversity of District Ten. However, we look forward to the changing seasons no matter where we are. And, with Spring on it's way, I hope that you are also thinking about our District Ten Conference in Clovis, New Mexico on May 1-3, 2008. The Clovis Club is planning "Special Ops" for all attendees. We will have some great adventures as "special agents" along with wonderful workshops on literacy, ASTRA, membership, and more. Information on registration, housing and Conference speakers is

It is with great pleasure to announce that we will have Dr. Michael Shoulders, a nationally known author and speaker, to share his idea of "Reading IS Magic." Dr. Shoulders presented a workshop at the Altrusa International Convention in Orlando and he energized us all. It is a special treat to have him visit us from Tennessee.

District Ten is also looking forward to having International President Zaida Perez Mendez as our International Representative. What a way to celebrate the diversity of our District with a visit from an Altrusan from Puerto Rico! President Zaida will share important information from Altrusa International.

An important part of District Conference is Officer Training. This helps to prepare your new officers as they step into new leadership roles. It can also be a great refresher course for those who have served as officers in your clubs before. Please make plans on sending your 2008-09 officers to Conference for this valuable training.

District Conference is a time of sharing, learning, making friends, laughing and reaffirming the reasons that we are Altrusans. I encourage each club to send their allotted delegates and alternates as well as other members who want to be reinvigorated. It is worth the time away from home and work. Your "mission" as a secret agent in Clovis is guaranteed to be memorable!

Call to Conference

As Governor of District Ten, Altrusa International, Inc., I hereby call all members, officers, committee chairs, past governors, delegates and alternates to the Fifty-Third Annual District Conference, to be held May 1-3, 2008 at the Clovis Civic Center in Clovis, New Mexico.

At that time, we will receive annual reports; consider district and international recommendations and any other items of business; elect the District Ten Nominating Committee for 2008-2010; elect the District Ten nominees for the International Nominating Committee and International Foundation Board of Trustees; recognize achievements of the District and its membership; and otherwise conduct the business of District Ten, Altrusa International, Inc.



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MARCH

PRESIDENT

- Election of officers and directors. Send election results to District Treasurer and International Office on the official forms provided WITHIN 10 DAYS after election.
- Be sure ALL new officers and chairpersons have most recently revised Altrusa Encyclopedia and current Bylaws and Policies book.
- Be sure to give all files and a District Handbook to your successor.
- Follow up on the entries to be submitted for District Conference.

NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT

- Begin plans for DISTRICT CONFERENCE attendance (end of April/first of May). Encourage ALL officers to attend and participate. This is a MUST.
- Be sure to obtain from the President all files and a District Handbook. Share information and addresses with officers and chairpersons.
- Initiate contacts between incoming and outgoing boards. Call a meeting of incoming Board for planning.

SERVICE COORDINATOR OR VICE PRESIDENT

- Assist President as needed. Arrange to attend District Conference.

NEWLY-ELECTED SERVICE COORDINATOR OR VICE PRESIDENT

- Call a meeting of newly assigned chairpersons as soon as the new President has completed her assignments. Encourage chairpersons to meet with their committees and report back to you.
- Coordinate UPCOMING year with President and offer assistance.
- Review previous year's Club Activity Report. Develop meeting dates and committee responsibilities for each.
- Prepare or assign yearbook. See Encyclopedia.

TREASURER

- Incoming and outgoing Treasurers begin sharing information.
- December 1st through March 31st are half year annual dues.

SECRETARY

- Cooperate with preceding or successive Boards
- If requested by President, within ten (10) days following March election, send the names and addresses of newly elected officers and directors to the International Office and the District Governor.
- Send highlights of minutes to the newsletter editor, if requested.
- Send President a copy of minutes prior to each meeting.

APRIL

PRESIDENT

- By April 1st, elect Delegates and Alternates to District Conference.
- See that all officers fully understand the importance of DISTRICT CONFERENCE. Attend... Train... Enjoy!!
- Meet with Club Committee Chairperson to complete Club Activity Report, which is due May 31st. Send copy to District Membership Chairperson. Keep copy for club records. Remember to send one copy to the International Office for Distinguished Club Award consideration.
- In odd years, elect Delegates and Alternates to Altrusa International Convention in July (see note for Secretary).
- Observe Altrusa's birthday by celebrating Altrusa Awareness Day – April 11th, 1917.
- April is Endowment Fund Month, the time of year when the International Foundation requests contributions for the Endowment Fund Program.

SERVICE COORDINATOR OR VICE-PRESIDENT

- By April 1st: Completed Club Committee Chairperson form needs to be sent to the District Governor for preparation of the District Handbook. Also send the appropriate copies to the International Office.
- Assist with Club Activity Report.
- Give new committee assignments to current President and have the list announced.
- Select auditor with Board approval.

TREASURER

- April 1st to May 31st – new members pay full dues but gain two months. Nothing due again until June of following calendar year.
- Receive International Membership Report: review, correct and return by June 15th to the International Office.
- If appropriate, obtain bond to become effective by June 1st.
- Submit Foundation contributions to International.

SECRETARY

- Send results of Delegate election for the International Convention to the International Office in odd years, completed Club Committee Chairperson form to International Office AND to District Governor early in April.
- Send Delegate and Alternate names to District Secretary immediately upon election.
- Send highlights of minutes to the newsletter editor, if requested.
- Send President a copy of minutes prior to each meeting.

MAY
INSTALLATION MONTH

PRESIDENT

- By May 31st, submit Club Activity Report to District Membership Chairperson. PLEASE HELP BY BEING ON TIME. Remember to send one copy to International for Distinguished Club Award consideration.
- Share President's Updates from International with Board and appropriate officers/chairpersons.
- Share with officers and Board your new District Handbook (or Handbook update).
- Plan a workshop for incoming and outgoing officers and chairpersons to exchange files and ideas.
- Confer with Treasurer on annual report.
- Remind officers and committee chairpersons that annual reports are due.

SERVICE COORDINATOR OR VICE-PRESIDENT

- Work with Service Committee to plan new year's programs.
- Assign dates to each committee with flexibility.
- Give complete schedule with program titles, dates, and speakers' names to Yearbook Committee. (Don't forget – September is Literacy Month. April is Altrusa's Birthday).
- Put Club activity Report and other pertinent information in yearbook.

TREASURER

- Collect all dues and complete International membership report. Remember to add classifications. All funds owed must be paid before the end of the fiscal year - May 31st.
- Prepare annual report by final business meeting in May and close books by May 31st (work closely with President). Deliver books to person designated by the Board for the annual audit.
- Work with new Treasurer and Finance Committee to prepare budget for next year.

SECRETARY

- District Archives Chairperson needs pictures and articles about your club for preparation of the District Archives.
- Send highlights of minutes to the newsletter editor, if requested.
- Send President a copy of minutes prior to each meeting.

***ALL OFFICERS ATTEND DISTRICT CONFERENCE TRAINING!**



**Meet International Director
Betty Absheer,
District Ten's Liaison to Altrusa
International**

As International Director for the 2007-2009 Biennium, Betty Absheer will serve as the International Liaison to District Ten. Below is a brief bio on Betty.

Betty Absheer has held offices and chairmanships on the district and local club levels, including president and treasurer of her local club. She was a member of the International Board of Directors while serving as Governor of District Eight, Second Vice President and Director of Altrusa International, Inc. She is currently Director on the International Board. Betty has been a member of Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for 31 years.

Betty retired from the City of Poplar Bluff Housing Authority as the Administrative Accountant after 28 1/2 years. After being elected the first woman Mayor of her city in 1993, she has served in that position three additional terms as well as Mayor Pro Tem two terms and continues to serve as Councilwoman.

Betty is a member of the Claudia Foundation Board founded by Linda Bloodworth Thomason creator of the popular TV Show "Designing Women." She is an active member of her church where she has served on several boards and the music committee, which is her first love. She sings in the choir, a trio, a soloist and plays in the handbell choir. She enjoys the gift of life, people, music, travel and walking.



Zaida Perez-Mendez, President Altrusa International, Inc. of San Sebastian, Puerto Rico District Fourteen

Zaida was installed as International President at the 2007 Orlando International Convention for the 2007-2009 biennium. She served as International President-Elect during the 2005-2007 biennium. Since 1976, Zaida has been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, in addition she has served on many committees and held various offices, including that of President of her Club in 1980-1981.

As District Fourteen Governor, she served as a member of the International Board of Directors in 1999-2001. Zaida also served on the Long Range/Strategic Plan Committee in 1997 and as International Relations Chair in 1991.

On the District level, in addition to serving as District Governor, she held the positions of Governor-Elect and First Vice Governor. She also served as the District Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations Chair and as the District Fourteen Foundation Liaison in 1993-1995.

A member of the Pharmaceutical Association of Puerto Rico, Zaida is also a Coordinator of the Red Cross in San Sebastian and Secretary of the Volleyball Association. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and was President of the Municipal Legislature until 2005.

A widow, with two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren, Zaida is an avid volleyball fan.

Keynote Speaker - Michael Shoulders

"Reading IS Magic!" The single most important thing adults can do to build readers from an early age is reading aloud to them. Enjoy great read alouds, see how the Magic of Reading can come alive for youngsters and discover how one author's books are conceived, written and published.

Mike spent his childhood traveling in an army family. Military assignments took the family to Fort Knox, KY, Fort Chaffee, AR, two visits to Germany, and Fort Campbell, KY. Mike graduated from Northwest High School (Clarksville, TN) in 1972 and received a degree in education from Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN) in 1976. He taught for 14 years and then worked as an instructional supervisor until 2005. Mike earned his doctoral degree from Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN) in 2004.

Mike attended the Governor's Academy for Teachers of Writing in 1995. He was bitten by the writing bug and has written for publication ever since! In 1997 he created a column called "Story Time" for Tennessee's oldest paper, The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle. In that weekly column, Mike reviewed children's literature, with an educator's slant. The column continues today, but, because of a demanding traveling schedule, his wife took over the column in 2003.

Mike married Debbie Adams in 1974. They have three grown children: Jason, Ryan and Meghann. They also have a standard poodle named Hershey!



Books:

- V is for Volunteer – A Tennessee Alphabet*
- N is for Natural State - An Arkansas Alphabet*
- Count on Us: A Tennessee Number Book*
- M is for Magnolia - A Mississippi Alphabet*
- 1 Mississippi, 2 Mississippi - A Mississippi Number Book*
- D is for Drum - A Native American Alphabet*
- Say Daddy*
(Sleeping Bear Press - Fall, 2007)
- Natural Numbers - An Arkansas Number Book*
(Sleeping Bear Press - Spring, 2008)
- ABC Book of North American Homes*
(Charlesbridge - Fall, 2008)

**Altrusa International, Inc.
District Ten
New Member Report**

December 1st, 2007 - January 27th, 2008
By David Mangum, District Ten Treasurer

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Sally Vigil

Denver, Colorado
Elizabeth Watson*
D. Watson*

Tucumcari, New Mexico
Amber Durham
Diane Morency

***Reinstated Members – Welcome back!**

Happy New Year, Altrusans! Hope you had a great Add an Altrusan event and that my mailbox will be overflowing with New Member forms in the near future.

As you all budget for 2008-2009, remember that International Dues increased by \$10.00 effective June 1, 2008.

Club Activity Reports are Due May 31st

Remember that all clubs should complete and send in their Club Activity Report to:

Donna Herman, Vice Governor
P.O. Box 1094
Montrose, CO 81401

Reports are due to Donna by May 31, 2008

Conference Poster Contest

Poster must be no larger than 14" x 22".
Poster should represent your club.
Rules must be followed or risk elimination.

Silent Auction

Each club is asked to bring to Conference an item suitable for our Foundation Silent Auction.

For more information on the Poster Contest or Silent Auction please contact District Ten Director/Foundation Liaison, Marian Thompsom with questions:
505-623-4374

Marian.thompson@wellsfargo.com

Memorial Service During Conference

Please send the name and a brief bio on any deceased members of your club since the last Conference to:

Governor Rhoda Struhs
4312 S. 700 W.
Ogden, UT 84405
Or email to: rhodastruhs@yahoo.com

***Memorial information must be received before
April 25, 2008.***

**Welcome to Our Newest
ASTRA Club**



On February 11, 2008 the ASTRA Club of Cedaredge High School was chartered and officers were installed. The Delta, Colorado Altrusa Club was the sponsor. In attendance at the event were officers from Altrusa International and District Ten, including International Vice President Dona Garretson, District Vice Governor Donna Herman, District Treasurer David Mangum, Past Governor Margaret Goodhue and District ASTRA Chair Carol Parker.

The students at Cedaredge High School have already been involved with activities in their community. They have held a canned food drive, helped at the Cedaredge Parade of Lights, raised funds at a bake sale, and much more. We welcome the members of the Cedaredge High School ASTRA Club and wish you the very best!

An exciting ASTRA workshop will be held at the 2008 District Ten Conference in Clovis. Plan on attending the workshop and learning more about the importance of ASTRA and how to start an ASTRA club.

Conference Hands-On Project

This year's project at District Conference will truly be hands-on. We will be going off-site to the Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico for a tour and to help sort, bag and stack food items. There will be something for everyone to do. This is an Altrusa sponsored facility. It will be a great opportunity to see some of Altrusa's good works up close and personal. Stay tuned for more on our Bucks for Backpacks project that will go along with the off-site project. So, **bring your aprons** and willing hands to Clovis and plan on a wonderful afternoon of camaraderie and work in the true Altrusa spirit.

Nominees for International Foundation Board of Trustees

Donea Shane



Donea is a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Albuquerque, New Mexico and served as president from 1996-1998. She served as a District Ten Director/Service Chair from 2001-2003. Donea was elected to serve as a member of the Altrusa International Nominating Committee for 2003-2005.

As Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico, having received her Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico, Donea has had experience in budgeting and program supervision. She has also been principal investigator with federal, state, and private funding sources on five service-research projects, with the total dollar amount exceeding \$2 million.

Donea's hobbies include her family, husband, Bill, and her two children - Craig, an emergency physician, and Lynnea, who works for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC.

Marian Thompson



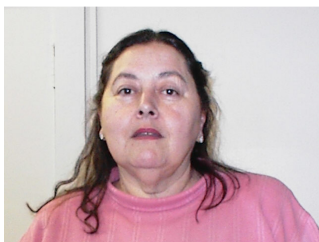
Marian has been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Roswell, New Mexico since 1982, having served as President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and chair person for numerous committees. Marian is a founding board member of the Altrusa Club of Roswell Foundation, and has served as President and Vice President more than once since the inception of the Foundation in 1986. Marian currently serves as District Ten Director/Foundation Liaison.

Marian has been in the banking industry for 32 years. She currently serves as Vice President and Trust Officer for Wells Fargo Private Client Services. She attended the University of New Mexico, graduated with honors from the Western School of Banking, is a Certified Trust Financial Analyst and holds a Series Seven Security License.

Family is an important focus in Marian's life. She and her husband, Ken, have four children and 14 grandchildren.

Nominees for International Nominating Committee

Martha Dusio



Martha is a charter member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Montrose, Colorado. She served as club president from 1985-1987. On the District level, she has served as District Secretary and as Parliamentarian several times, including the current term, 2007 - 2009. On the International level, Martha has served as International BRR Chair and International Legal Advisor.

An attorney, Martha focuses on tax law. She is a member of the National Association of Tax Preparers and the Colorado Bar Association. Martha recently sold her online motorcycle parts business and golf's whenever possible.

Connie McIntire



Connie is a charter member of Altrusa International Inc. of Colorado Springs Club and served as president from 2003-2004. Before moving to Colorado Springs, she was a charter member of Altrusa International Inc. Montrose, Colorado, serving as President from 1979 - 1980. Connie was Governor of District Ten from 1989-1991 and has served as District Parliamentarian for several terms. She served as the International Information Chair from 1987-1989 and was elected as International 2nd Vice President, serving from 1993-1995. Currently, Connie is the District BRR Chair.

As the financial secretary and office manager of her church, she has put her 40 years of accounting experience to good use. Connie is also a member of the Colorado Springs Unit of National Association of Parliamentarians and is currently studying to become a Professional Parliamentarian. Her hobbies include parliamentary procedure, travel and family.

Nominees for District Nominating Committee

Christine Grebenc



Chris is a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Pueblo, Colorado. She served as president from 1992-1994 and 2004-2005. Chris has served on the District Ten Board as a Director/Foundation Liaison. She attended the 2003 International Convention in Puerto Rico and served on the Silent Auction Committee.

In addition to working as in occupational therapy, Chris has been on two medical missions to Haiti and plays in a bell choir. She is enjoying her first grandson.

Kim Last



Kim is a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Grand Junction, Colorado. She served as president from 2004-2005. She has also served as club secretary, 2nd vice president, as well as chair of the several committees. Kim currently serves as District Ten Director/Service Chair.

Kim owns a financial services company and serves on the Foundation Board of Redlands Community Center. Her hobbies include being a yoga and pilates instructor.

Judy Stubbs



Judy has been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Roswell, New Mexico, since 1985 and served as president from 2002-2003. She chaired the 2006 District Ten Conference and co-chaired the District Conference in 1997. She has attended all but one Conference since 1995 and has been a workshop presenter. Judy was also a delegate to one International Convention.

Judy is a Regional Community Representative with NM Economic Development Dept. She received her BS and MS at New Mexico State University. Her hobbies include good conversation, travel and public service. She and husband Bruce, have two married sons, two terrific daughters-in-law and two very special grandsons.

Kathy Travis



Kathy Travis is a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Clovis, New Mexico. She served as president form 2004 - 2006. She has been vice president, secretary, international relations chair, literacy chair and Pumpkin Patch chair for her club. Kathy currently serves as the Registration Chair of the 2008 District Ten Conference.

Community involvement includes Boy Scout leader for 11 years and Meals on Wheels Board of Directors. Kathy believes in the importance of volunteering. She sees these attributes in her son and knows that her grandson will follow in their footsteps.

Alice Vest



Alice has been a member of the Montrose clubs since 1981. She served as president from 1992-1993. Alice has also served as club treasurer, foundation treasurer, scholarship chair, and currently serves as Lifeline chair. On the District level, Alice has served as Treasurer. She has attended many International Conventions.

Alice has an MS in accounting, and is affiliated with AACPA and Colorado CPA. She is a volunteer at the hospital gift shop and is the treasurer for her church. She has four children and enjoys her 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. If Alice isn't home, she is probably on the golf course or traveling.

AWARDS INFORMATION

You can't win if you don't enter!

All awards are due by March 31st except the Mary Ray Attendance Award. (see below).

Communication Awards

Bonnie Jones, District Communication Chair
705 W. Mescalero Road
Roswell, NM 88201

Send 3 copies of your Yearbook, 3 copies of your December – February newsletters, and 3 copies of your web home page, along with the web address and web master. Recognition is given in all 3 categories.

Mary Ray Attendance Award

Frances Apodaca, President Altrusa Int'l Club Albuquerque
7724 Black Mesa Loop SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105

This award is made through the Albuquerque Club.
This award is due April 25th.

Nancy Taylor Environmental Award

Phyllis Davidson, President Altrusa Int'l Club Clovis
509 Rosewood Drive
Clovis, NM 88101

This award is given for environmental efforts.

District Ten Net Gain Membership Award

This award comes with a \$100 check from the District. The award is based on “net” gain. There is no entry form for this award. The District Treasurer's records for membership are used to determine the winner.

Hazel Henderson Membership Award

There is no entry form for this award. The District Treasurer's records for membership are used to determine the club with the greatest percentage of net increase in club membership. A cash award is given by the Altrusa Club of Grand Junction, CO.

Ethel Fritch/Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

Marian Thompson, Director/Foundation Liaison
2706 Serenata Drive
Roswell, NM 88201

The Ethel Fritch Award is presented by the District, and the winner of this award is automatically submitted for the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award. Submit a written entry in the format and requirements of the Letha H. Brown Award. A cash award is given by Altrusa International of Colorado Springs, CO.

District Ten Membership Award

There is no entry form for this award. The District Treasurer's records for membership are used to determine the club with the most new members.

Mamie L. Bass Service Award

Kim Last, Director/Service Chair
2140 Kennedy Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501

This award is for community service project. The winner will be submitted to International for competition on that level.

Governor's Award

Rhoda Struhs
4312 S. 700 W.
Ogden, UT 84405

Submit a written entry in the format and requirements of the District Ten Governor's Award.

Distinguished Club Award

This award is selected by the International Membership Development Chair from the Club Activity Reports, which are due May 31st each year. To be considered for the Distinguished Club Award, a club must send one copy of its Club Activity Report by certified mail to the International Office, 332 S Michigan Ave., Suite 1123, Chicago, IL 60604-4305 by May 31st.

Longevity Award

There is no entry form for this award. It is given to clubs that reach 25, 50 and 75 year anniversaries. If your club qualifies, please notify Margaret Goodhue.

Jen Hanson Service Award

Ida Bender, Governor Elect
11200 Overlook Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

This award is given for community service.

Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Int'l Relations Award

Ida Bender, Governor Elect
11200 Overlook Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

The objectives of this award are to encourage and Stimulate international relations, create an awareness of other cultures and people of the world to recognize outstanding club achievement in Int'l Relations.

Special Ops
Altrusa District Ten Conference
May 1-3, 2008
Registration Form



Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell)

CLUB NAME _____

I will attend as (check all that apply)

_____ Delegate _____ First Timer _____ District Officer _____ Past Governor
 _____ Alternate _____ District Chair _____ Other

Quantity

_____ **Full Registration, on or before April 14, 2008 @ \$90 each** \$ _____Includes Thursday night reception, Friday and Saturday lunch,
Saturday Banquet, and snacks during breaks_____ **First timer Registration on or before April 14, 2008 @ 81.00** \$ _____

Includes all amenities of Full Registration

_____ **Partial Registration, on or before April 14, 2008 @ \$50 each** \$ _____

Includes (1) lunch and snacks during breaks

Indicate day you will attend: _____ Friday -or- _____ Saturday

_____ **Friday Fun Night @ \$25.00 each** \$ _____Your mission, should you accept, will be to **"Ride the Range"**

Your disguise will be casual (denim if you have it)

_____ **Banquet (Saturday) Only @\$25.00 each** \$ _____If you are bringing a guest, or if registered for one day and wish to
attend the banquet_____ **Late Fee, for Registrations made after April 14, @ \$5.00 each** \$ __________ **Show and Sell Tables @ \$10.00** \$ __________ **TOTAL Enclosed** \$ _____

*Special dietary needs: Please indicate any dietary restrictions _____

The FULL AMOUNT DUE must be enclosed with Registration

Please make CHECKS payable to: Altrusa District Ten Conference

Mail form and payment to:

Kathy Travis

1813 Jonquil Park Drive

Clovis NM 88101

505 763 6529 (Home) 505 693 6290 (cell)

Email: Kathy.travis@conagrafoods.comNOTE TO CLUBS: If you are sending several registrations with one check, be sure to have a Registration Form completed for each attendee

REFUND POLICY: No refunds will be made for cancellations or changes made after April 20, 2008

HOTEL accommodations available at **Fairfield Inn and Suites**, 4305 N Prince Street, Clovis, NM,Phone 575 762 1411. A block of rooms has been reserved until **April 1, 2008 at the rate of \$76.00** per room, tax added @12.4375%. Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations.

Altrusa Awareness

A reminder of our beginnings

By Ida Bender, District Ten Governor Elect

Altrusa's Awareness day is Altrusa's Anniversary, April 11th. Here are some facts from The IUPUI University Library Ruth Lilly Special Collections and Archives:

Altrusa International, Inc. is an international service organization for professional and executive business women and men. The first Altrusa Club was organized in Nashville, Tennessee on April 11, 1917 by Dr. Alfred Durham, an osteopathic physician, who had been organizing clubs for Kiwanis. He organized the first five clubs, which were Nashville, Louisville, Indianapolis, Dayton, and the first Chicago Club. His original idea was a national club for business and professional women, principally to have forums to study various phases of business and professional life. The altruism was expressed in helping younger business women.

The National Association of Altrusa Clubs, originally founded as the Altrusa Institute, was incorporated under the laws of Indiana on August 21, 1917, and was the first national organization of business and professional women. The first convention was held in Indianapolis in May 1918. At this time Durham accepted the contract relinquishing all rights as an organizer. In 1935 Altrusa became international and the name was changed to International Association of Altrusa Clubs, Inc. The organization's name was changed again in June 1947, to Altrusa International, Inc.

We all know that Altrusa International has evolved with the times (i.e., men can also be Altrusans), and projects have been updated. This shows the 'Altrusa is a builder of women' phrase, that we have adapted in our respective communities.

Altrusa Awareness Day reminded me of my own Altrusa anniversary date. This year will mark 20 years in Altrusa for me. Little did I know that I would be Governor Elect 20 years later. I began in awe of the women in Altrusa, and even more so, when I attended my first Conference and then Convention with Mary Ray. After that, I was hooked.

Altrusans, take a moment at a future meeting to revisit the good your club has done, your projects in community service, literacy, and "share the Altrusa experience." Sharing with prospective members is great, but use it also as a retention activity.

Celebrate your membership in Altrusa and pat yourself on the back for the growth, experience, difference and positive impact you and Altrusans have made around the world.

Keep bringing in prospective members, so that they can experience what we have.



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Call to Conference 2008 - Girls New Mexico

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