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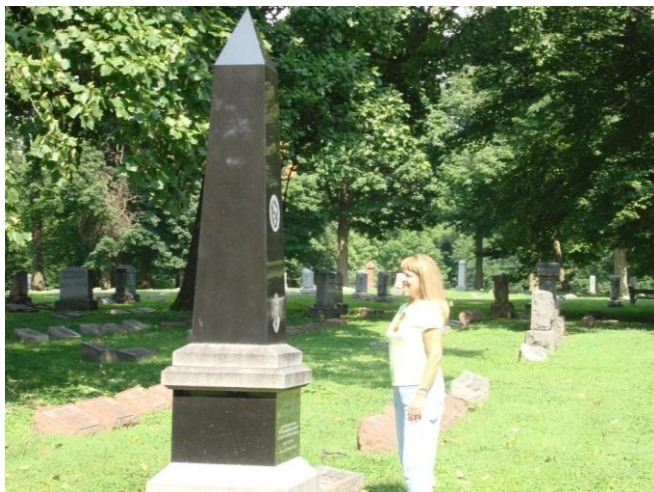
Monthly Communication to Altrusa International, Inc. District Three Club Presidents

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It is hard to believe that 2009 has come to a close and we are ready to start a new year. This is the time of year to share and celebrate with family and friends. As we plan for 2010, it is also a time for us to recommit to our Altrusa principles.



Above is a picture of the memorial celebrating the life of **Mamie L. Bass**, the first national president of Altrusa. She was a forward thinking woman who really brought the concept of service to the forefront. Below is a picture of me reflecting on her accomplishments.



It was very meaningful for me to have the opportunity

to visit her memorial site in Indianapolis, Indiana. I will never forget the 2009 Convention in Indianapolis because it really helped me appreciate the roots of our organization. Indianapolis was the site of our first National Convention in 1918.

District Three Nominating Committee: Thank you for your response to the call for names to serve on the District Three Nominating Committee. Five clubs submitted nominees and you will be reading about them in the upcoming Winter DSB.

Add An Altrusan: This is an ongoing activity and recruitment of new members is encouraged throughout the year. *However, the main membership recruitment event was changed from January to the first week in May.* The **International Membership Committee** felt the members would have their batteries recharged immediately following all District Conferences. An official recruitment event during the first week of May would maximize dues payments of new Altrusans. Local recruitment activities could include assisting schools with student/teacher recognitions at the end of year, sponsoring career fairs at schools, participating in school fund raisers, and educating schools about ASTRA. This is also an optional time to host a new club.

International, District, and Foundation Awards due January 31: Please work on your awards. *Send three copies of the Int'l and District awards to Colleen Duris and three copies of the Foundation awards to Martha Epps.* The awards applications are available on the District Three website.

Governor's Outstanding Club Award due March 1: The information requested is based on the 12 month time period between February 1, 2009 and January 31, 2010. This award application is also available on our District website. *Please send the application to me.*

Biennium Goal Completion: It's time to send your goal completion information to me. All of you should be able to check off your "Light Shines Bright" goal because of the many service projects you are already doing. All you need to do is send in an article/picture

to **Sandy Furches** to be featured in the DSB. If you have done something for your membership, the environment, and worked with **Julie Watson-Helms** on cool ideas, you have completed all of the goals. *You will receive extra points on the Outstanding Governor's Award for your goal completion. Please send me an e-mail verifying your progress!* Thank you for all you do for your communities.

Illuminating Membership: Since October, the following sponsors have brought in new members to their clubs. They are **Karen Lavender** (Statesboro, GA), **Myrtice Aikens** (Statesboro, GA), **Lori Farfaglia** (Lake County, FL), **Betty Richardson** (Lake County, FL), **Sharon Wooten** (Lake County, FL), **Karen Robinson** (Atlanta, GA), **Kathy Sloan** (Marianna, FL), **Joy Lizotte** (Lake City, FL), **Corinne Greenberg** (Gainesville, FL), **Nancy Kirkland** (Gainesville, FL), **Thomas Jaworski** (Gainesville, FL), **Mary Frances Gramling** (Monticello, FL), and ***Diane Simpson sponsoring two new members** (Monticello, FL). Please make sure you recognize them at your club meetings!

Local Nominating Committee: Please elect your local Nominating Committee at your first meeting in January. According to local club bylaws, the committee will be elected by the membership at least sixty (60) days prior to elections to be held the first regular meeting in March and will consist of no less than three (3) members. The person receiving the most votes will serve as chair.

District Three 2010 Conference, Ocala, FL: It is important that you plan to attend the District Three Conference "Lighting the Way" in Ocala starting Thursday, April 29 to Saturday, May 1. The "Call to Conference" Winter District Service Bulletin will be available for the membership on January 31, 2010. Please make sure every member in your club is able to get a copy of this issue because it will be packed with important information.

Upcoming Dates

January Calendar:

January 1, 2010:

- ✚ Happy New Year!
- ✚ Elect Club Nominating Committee
- ✚ Club Presidents review awards applications on District Three website

Update Your Club Membership List: Please go to the District Three website and verify your club membership list is correct. It is extremely important your information is accurate because your membership information as of January 31, 2010 will determine the number of delegates & alternates your club will be entitled to at conference and the amount of conference fee that your club will owe as of February 15, 2010. Additionally, all membership awards are based on your members as of January 31, 2010.

E-NEWS from International: The latest e-news articles are available to you on the International website. The articles are "The Gift of Listening and Membership", "The New Encyclopedia is Ready!" and "Are We Taking Advantage of the Volunteer Frenzy, or is it Taking Advantage of Us?". If you are unable to access the articles, please let me know and I will e-mail them to you.

Ordering the New Encyclopedia: If you ordered a manual since February 1, 2009, you will automatically get an update mailed to you. There is a backlog to be distributed so you may not receive your update until early February. If you have not yet ordered, you can do so by going to the Altrusa International website. The cost is \$12.00 and includes shipping and handling. Every member in your club should have a manual. Go to: <https://www.altrusa.com/Shop/Merchandise.aspz>, locate item A08 Altrusa Encyclopedia, and place your order.

Mailings from International: Several weeks ago I sent you a priority e-mail asking you to please add Altrusa@altrusa.com to your address books. By doing so, it will eliminate future correspondence being identified as junk mail or spam. We would also like you to add altrusanews@altrusainternational.org to your address books. **DO NOT SEND EMAIL TO THAT ADDRESS.** It is a new address that is getting set up for future use in mailings from Altrusa. Thanks for your help!

- ✚ Review ASTRA Club Service Award information with ASTRA Club Officers
- January 15, 2010:
 - ✚ District Service Bulletin (DSB) articles due – For pictures, please obtain consent on release form.

January 31, 2010:

- ✚ District Award submission deadline
- ✚ Consider making a contribution to the Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund
- ✚ DSB electronic mailing & Governor's Call to Conference

February Calendar:

February 1, 2010:

- ✚ Conference fee invoice sent to club treasurer
- ✚ Request for conference delegate/alternate names sent to club president
- ✚ Club Nominating Committee presents slate of candidates to membership

February 15, 2010:

- ✚ Conference Delegate fee due to District Treasurer
- ✚ Elect Delegates and Alternates for District Conference

February 20, 2010:

- ✚ World Day of Social Justice

March Calendar:

March 1, 2010:

- ✚ Governor's Outstanding Club Award Application Due
- ✚ Club sends names of deceased members during past year to District Secretary
- ✚ Elect officers for next club year

March 8, 2010:

- ✚ Women's Rights Day & World Rights Day

March 15, 2010:

- ✚ Int'l Day for Elimination of Violence against Women

March 31, 2010:

- ✚ Submit names of new officers to District and International

E-Mail DSB Articles and Photos to:

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E-Mail Cool Ideas to:

Julie Watson-Helms, Service Program Development Consultant, Julie.watson@att.net

Overall District Three Goals are: Beacon to Club Revitalization and New Club Building.

Individual Club Goals:

1. Illuminate Membership Development
2. Our Light Shines Bright Service Project (Service Project and Photo in DSB)
3. Life Preserver to the Environment
4. Light Keeper Sister Club Project, Cool Ideas on the District Three Website.

Warmest Regards & Happy New Year,

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Altrusans in Action! Our Light Shines Bright!