



Reflections from Governor Robin

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Monthly Communication to Altrusa International, Inc. District Three Club Presidents Govrobin@comcast.net (Serving clubs in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina)

Thank you for your hard work in submitting your award applications to **Colleen Duris** and **Martha Epps**. Additionally, I look forward to receiving your **Governor's Outstanding Club Award** application on or before **March 1, 2010**. Many of your clubs have participated in an environmental project since last conference. Please take a few minutes and e-mail information to me about your completed project.



Illuminating Membership - Above is a picture of **President Lori Farfaglia** from the Altrusa Int'l Inc. Lake County, FL Club initiating new member **Betsy Stoutmorrill**. The club hosted a fabulous holiday meal and gift exchange activity for their membership. As part of the event, members brought gifts to help children in need and toiletry items to help women escaping domestic violence situations.

Sponsors – Since January 1, the following sponsors have brought in new members. Many thanks are extended to **Carmen Cullen** (Lake County, FL), **Carole Dotson** (Lake City, FL), **Cindy Schad** (Ocala, FL), and **Rhonda Spotts** (Ocala, FL). **Janet Gandara** (St. Augustine, FL) sponsored two new members. Please make sure you recognize them at the club level for their work in building membership. As a new event at conference, members who have sponsored two or more members will be recognized and given a pin.



Light Shines Bright - Above are Atlanta, GA Club members working on a coffee fundraiser distribution. (Left to right, **Caryn Arrowood**, **Tejal Elliot** and **Director Mary Kane**)

International Updates – Please go to the website and read the e-news. Below is a brief summary of articles.

- **Foundation Flash** – Disaster relief donations to Haiti would be best utilized by sending contributions to the American Red Cross.
- **2009-2011 Recognition of New Member Sponsors** – Criteria for new program that provides Sponsorship Recognition.
- **Did you Know?** – New members brought in from Dec. 1 – March 31 pay ½ dues.
- **Altrusa's Opportunity to Support the United Nations** – Participation in the United Nations Development Fund for Women "Say No to Violence Against Women" campaign.
- **The Power of PR, Part Two** – Every Altrusan is a PR star and tools are available to tell the Altrusa story.
- **Creating a High Commitment Volunteer Culture** – Managing the slash for people who are in many roles ie. parent/boardmember/care provider/Altrusa leader, etc.

- **Calling All Hands to Help Clubs-At-Large** – Request for data collection that will help with outreach efforts.

International Grant News –Applications are funded twice a year and can be accessed on the Int'l website.

- Congratulations to **Altrusa Int'l, Inc. of Gainesville, FL and Caldwell County, NC** for recently being awarded grants from Altrusa International Foundation. Gainesville, FL received \$500 for “Pen Pals” and Caldwell County, NC received \$1,000 for “Operation READ: Really Exciting Adventure and Drama”. District Three wants to hear more about both projects so keep us posted. Way to go!
- Applications for Projects grants are due March 15. Funding decision will be made on April 30 and grants will be awarded on May 15. A Club may only receive funds from the Foundation once a year.

Conference Reminder – Please make sure every member in your club has access to the Winter DSB.

Upcoming Dates

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

This is “The Call to Conference” and has the schedule at a glance, registration and hotel information, etc. Our **International Representative** will be **Iona Kerby, Vice President of Altrusa International, Inc.** Please plan to attend!

Treasurer News – During the first week of February, your club treasurer will receive a letter from **District Three Treasurer Tammy Hall** stating the amount of your club conference fee and that it is due by **February 15**. This fee is required for your delegates, or alternates, to be seated at the business meetings. ***Please check with your treasurer to verify that your club has paid this fee.***

District Three Bylaw regarding Delegates: (Article V, Section 1) Each club in good standing in International that has a total active membership of twenty (20) or less for whom dues have been paid to International, and to the District where applicable, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. For each additional twenty (20) members or portion thereof, a club shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate and alternate up to a maximum of five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates.

- ✚ 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
- ✚ Application due for Int'l Foundation Project Grants

March 31, 2010:

- ✚ Submit names of new officers to District and International

April Calendar:

April 1, 2010:

- ✚ Begin work on Club Activity Report

April 1, 2010 continued:

- ✚ New members pay full Dues (covers through 5/31/11)
- ✚ Consider donation to Int'l Endowment fund
- ✚ Incoming President appoints committee chairs

April 7, 2010:

- ✚ World Health Day

April 10, 2010:

- ✚ Audit committee report due to Governor

April 11, 2010:

- ✚ Altrusa's Anniversary and Altrusa Awareness Day

April 15, 2010:

- ✚ Int'l sends dues statements to club treasurers

April 29-May 1, 2010:

- ✚ "Lighting the Way" Conference, Ocala, FL

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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,

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Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright!