



# Reflections from Governor Robin

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

**Biennium Goals:** Many of you are close to completing all four biennium goals. Please e-mail your club goal completion information to me by April 5 so we can recognize you at conference and applaud you for your accomplishments!

**Sponsors:** Since March 1, **Madlean Rogers** and **Mildred English** (Charlotte, NC) brought in new member **Darlana Goodwin**. I met Darlana at her initiation and she is enthusiastic about Altrusa. I appreciate all you continue to do with the recruitment of new members.

**Club Visits:** My favorite activity as your Governor is to do club visits. It is a joy for me to attend your club meeting or activities because I get to see up close and personal how your club provides service to your community. During the second week in March, I visited clubs in Florida and North Carolina. Many of you have expressed interest in what is happening in other clubs. As I did in my last newsletter, enclosed are some pictures sharing multiple club highlights with you.

**new member Darlana Goodwin, Initiation Chair Becky Rowell and President Linda Atz.**



**Light Shines Bright – Altrusa Int’l, Inc. Gastonia, NC** sells pecans as a fundraiser. Above is a picture of their Altrusa environmental bag with crunchy praline pecans and white chocolate pecans. The label on each bag is Columbus Gourmet “Made Especially for Altrusa Club of Gastonia.”



**Illuminating Membership** - Above is a picture of Altrusa Int’l. Inc. Charlotte, NC members initiating their newest member **Darlana Goodwin** on March 11, 2010. Above (left to right) is **Judy McWhirter**, mentor **Becky Griffin**, sponsor **Mildred English**,



**Light Shines Bright** –On March 4, the Altrusa Int’l Inc. Citrus County Club had a dynamic literacy presentation on the “Dolly Parton Imagination Library”. Above (left to right) is **Superintendent of Schools Sam Himmel**, **Director of Professional Development and Community Services Gail Grimm**, and **President Ellen Zane**.



**Illuminating Membership** - At the March 10, 2010 Altrusa Int'l Inc. Asheville, NC meeting, members **Marcia Davis** (left) and **President-Elect Barbara Whitaker** (right) are enjoying the club fellowship.



**Illuminating Membership** - Altrusa Int'l Inc. Asheville, NC **Norma Messer** (left) and **Past Governor Dorothea Aldefer** (right) are sharing Altrusa stories with me. New member **Kathy Butler** and sponsor **Norma Messer** were also recognized at the meeting.

**Conference:** It's important for you to encourage your members to attend conference from April 29 to May 1 in Ocala, FL. **Conference Chair Scott Tice** and **Co-chair Cindy Schad** have been sending you regular updates about the many exciting activities that will be happening at conference!

A few reminders are as follows: The hotel is 85% booked so get your reservations now! If you haven't paid your conference fee, please send it to **District Three Treasurer Tammy Hall**.

**Secretary Pat Smith** [patsmithpa@gmail.com](mailto:patsmithpa@gmail.com) needs the names of your delegates and alternates. Please tell

them to bring a photo ID so they can be registered through credentials and receive the correct conference ribbons. **Secretary Smith** also needs the names of all members who have reached 25 and 50 years of service as well as the names of all deceased members.

Don't forget to bring your food items for the Food-4-Kids Service Project. The recommended food items were given to you in a separate attachment.

**2010-2011 Club Officer Rosters:** Please send your completed rosters of new club officers. The form was e-mailed to you recently and I need the information within the next few weeks. International and District use this information to build their data bases and distribution lists.

**Emeritus Member Applications:** If you have any requests for emeritus member status, please send them to me by April 15 so they can be included on the pre-conference board agenda.

**Altrusa's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday:** On April 11, we will be celebrating Altrusa's Anniversary and Altrusa Awareness Day. We keep on getting better with age and I know we will continue to do great things in our communities to keep us a viable community resource.

**Altrusa International, Inc.:** Regina Baras is no longer our Executive Director. Tom Euler will serve as the Acting Executive Director until a search can be completed.

District Three is eligible to select a nominee to be slated as Trustee on the International Foundation Board. This is a four (4) year position and will start at 2011 convention.

1. Must be an Active member in good standing of an Altrusa Club, including Clubs-At-Large
2. Must have current or prior experience with a charitable corporation or foundation, serving an elected or appointed position with policy-making responsibilities
3. Must have served as the President of an Altrusa Club or as the President (Chairman) of an Altrusa Club Foundation.
4. During all or any part of the term as a Trustee of the International Foundation, a member may not serve as an Altrusa International Association Officer, Director, Chair or member of a Standing or Special Committee or a Special Appointee.

If you are interested in this position, please let me know.

District Three is also eligible to elect a person to serve on the International Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee. According to the bylaws, the Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee is composed of the five (5) members elected at District Conferences based on a rotating schedule determined by a random drawing. The 2011-2013 biennium will include District One, District Three, District Eight, District Nine and District Fourteen. The Chair will be

appointed from these five by the International President-Elect at the Pre-Convention Board meeting. The International President-Elect, the International Treasurer and the Executive Director and all incoming and outgoing members are expected to participate in a teleconference orientation/training meeting within two months after the Convention. The Long Range/Strategic Planning initial introductory Committee Meeting will be scheduled during Convention.

## Upcoming Dates

### 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 4, 2010:

- ✚ Happy Easter!!

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 12, 2010:

- ✚ Submit names of new officers to District and International

April 15, 2010:

- ✚ Int'l sends dues statements to club treasurers

April 29-May 1, 2010:

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

### May Calendar:

May 1, 2010:

- ✚ Incoming President plans meeting of old and new Board of Directors

- ✚ Finalize plans for annual meeting and installation of new officers
- ✚ Plan to have conference delegates and alternates present a District Conference Report

May 2, 2010:

- ✚ Add an Altrusan Day

May 10, 2010:

- ✚ Report names of new committee chairs and officers to District and International

May 15, 2010:

- ✚ District Service Bulletin articles due
- ✚ Finalize proposed budget for upcoming club year
- ✚ Annual reports of outgoing club officers and committee chairs due
- ✚ International Day of Families

May 31, 2010:

- ✚ Entry for ASTRA Club Service Award due to International Office
- ✚ Entry for Distinguished Club Award due to International Office
- ✚ Club Activity Reports due to Governor-Elect and International Office
- ✚ District Service Bulletin electronic mailing
- ✚ Install new officers
- ✚ Club fiscal year ends

*June Calendar:*

June 1, 2010:

- ✚ Schedule all club and board meetings for the upcoming year
- ✚ Present annual budget to club for approval
- ✚ Club fiscal year begins
- ✚ Sign new bank signature cards (President & Treasurer)
- ✚ Deadline to submit District and International Dues

June 15, 2010:

- ✚ Treasurer notifies members with unpaid dues and advises of late fees
- ✚ Late fees charged for unpaid dues

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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 Regard,

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*Altrusans in Action: Our Light Shines Bright!*

*Happy Easter!*

*See you at conference!*