

Governor Pat's Monthly Newsletter



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“The times, they are a-changin’”

“The times, they are a-changin’” written more than a half a century ago by Bob Dylan perfectly describes our current situation, doesn't it? We're staying home to protect ourselves, our family, and our neighbors. We're covering our faces when we leave our places, again to protect us and those around us. Social distancing has eliminated group gatherings, like our club meetings and community fund raisers. And as you all know by now our 2020 District Eleven Conference has been cancelled due to COVID-19. It was one of the more heart wrenching decision the District Board has had to make.

How are we all doing with these changing times? From what I have heard from so many of our clubs and club members you are all doing a remarkable job of following the required guide lines while continuing to still find ways to reach out to others and serve your communities. Four of our clubs have applied for and received funds from the Altrusa International Foundation, Disaster Recovery Service Grant to help their communities. Many of our club members are making masks by the hundreds. Other clubs are making sure that food is available for those who are being impacted by COVID-19. Many of our clubs are holding virtual club meetings and initiation of new members, using Zoom and other forms of social media. You, as Club President are the glue that is going to hold our clubs together during these changing times and what I have seen and heard you are all doing exactly that. Thank you! We should all be immensely proud of being an Altrusan, especially during these unprecedented times.

In Altrusa Service, Pat

2019-2021 Biennium Goals

Membership

- Build on the New Club Building momentum.
- Expand on the club revitalization efforts.
- Achieve a net gain of at least 2 new members per club.
- Create at least one Virtual Club.

Service

- Develop membership recruitment strategies that clubs can use at their service projects.
- Encourage clubs to partner with other community service organizations.
- Consider a District wide service project.

Marketing

- Expand the use of social media to improve communication and market the Altrusa name.
- Encourage clubs to use the marketing information available on the International website.
- Consider membership with the local chamber of commerce to market the Altrusa name.

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The Power of Gratitude

During these unsettling times it is easy to focus on the bumps in the road and not the sun in the sky. Take a moment to think about the good things in your life – like the flowers in your garden, the sunset you saw, your 4-legged companion – the gratitude you feel can spark a burst of happiness. The more often you pause for gratitude the more that state of mind lingers. Increase gratitude by taking the time, at the end of each day, to focus on three good things that happen during the day and write them down. It can be in a journal; on a post it notes or that cocktail napkin that might be nearby. Practice the power of gratitude and take care of yourself. Altrusa and your community needs you.

News from Altrusa International

Payment of Dues

International has adjusted the payment of dues for 2020- 2021. We now have the option to make two payments of our International dues; the 1st half to be paid July 1st and the second half by November 30, 2020. Young Professionals will continue to pay half dues but have the option of paying no later than November 30, 2020. District Eleven is following these same guidelines regarding District dues. District Treasurer, Leslie Johnson has provided Club Presidents and Treasurers with a Membership Assistance Form for those members whose ability to pay their International and District dues have been compromised by COVID-19. The payment of **club dues** will continue to be the responsibility of each club. You may choose to waive or defer club dues as best meets the needs of your club and ensures continued membership. All members who can pay their dues by June 1st are encouraged to do so.

Club Annual Report

The Club Annual Report for the 2019-2020 year has been reworked to address the current circumstances during these uncertain times. Each of you should have received the form to be completed by June 15th. Please let International know if you have not received the form via altrusa@altrusa.org.

Sponsors Recognition Pins

Sponsors Recognition Pins are back. In addition, a new pin has been introduced called the Altrusa Gold Medal. Credit for this pin will accumulate beginning June 1, 2009. To earn the Altrusa Gold Medal a member must receive Sponsor Credit for ten new members on or after June 1, 2009. Pins in the shape of even-numbers will be awarded to members in increments of two until they reach the eight number. More information about the Sponsor Pins is available on the International website under Membership Toolkit.


Altrusa Club Disaster Recovery Service Grant


The Altrusa International Foundation provides opportunities for Altrusa Clubs worldwide to address the unmet and otherwise unfunded needs of a community or area following a disaster. Applications for these grants shall be initiated by an Altrusa Club President submitted to the District Governor for approval, then forwarded to the International Foundation office for review by the Board of Trustees. Disasters funded with these grants should serve an area affecting at least 100 individuals. There is no maximum to the amount you can request. There is one tier of the Disaster Relief Fund that allows the Foundation Chair to immediately disburse up to \$1,000 without the board's approval. But you, or your clubs, may request more, if needed. For questions regarding this process please contact Shawna Kaiser, foundation@altrusa.org.

International Privacy Policy

The International Privacy Policy, available online, addresses the need to safeguard member information. Please make sure that your electronic yearbook information is safe guarded. Also, members should be reminded that it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the hard copy of the yearbook. Emails should also be safe guarded as best as possible. You are encouraged to blind copy (BCC) all other recipients when sending out an email to reduce other email addresses from falling in the wrong hands.

Calendar

May 2020	Description	Who	Person Responsible	Notes
May 1	Begin work on Club Annual Report.	Local Club	Club President	Due June 15
May 1	Plan end-of-year audit or peer review.	Local Club	Club Treasurer	See new guidelines on page 3.
May 1	Send out bills for local, district & International dues.	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
May 1	Plan for installation of new club officers and board.	Local Club		Install new officers when clubs can meet again or use social media.
May 15	International Day of Families. 	Local Club	All – Celebrate your families, immediate and extended, including your fellow Altrusans.	The International Day of Families recognizes the family as the basic unit of society and provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families.
May 31	All new club officer and director names need to be updated in Group Tally.	Local Club	Club Secretary	

June 2020	Description	Who	Person Responsible	Notes
June 1	Submit Club Annual Report	Local Club	Club President	Due June 15
June	Plan & Schedule Virtual Club & Board Meetings, until stay at home orders are lifted in your area.	Local Clubs	Club President	Consider using Zoom or other social media to continue meetings.
June 1	Prepare annual club budget for approval	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
June 1	Sign new bank signature cards (President & Treasurer).	Local Club	Club Treasurer	
June 1	For members not financially compromised due to COVID-19 please pay your dues by June 1 st .	Local Club	Club Treasurer	These dues to be received by June 15 th
June 6	World Environment Day 	Local Club		Encourages awareness & action to protect our environment.
June 15	Prepare letter of Call for Board of Directors nominations to Governor.	District	Nominating Comm. Chair	Review all relevant bylaws & policies & include appropriate information in letter.
June 15	Complete ASTRA Club Annual Report	Local Club	ASTRA Member & Altrusa Advisor	
June 23	UN Public Service Day	Local Club	Club President	Celebrates the value & virtue of public service to the community.

District Eleven Board of Directors

Governor	Pat Zoller	San Diego	governor@altrusadistricteleven.org
Governor-Elect	Melinda Aguirre	Central Coast	governorelect@altrusadistricteleven.org
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Immediate Past Governor/Training Chair	Melanie Hodges	San Luis Obispo County	trainingchair@altrusadistricteleven.org

District Eleven Board of Directors Club Assignments

Immediate Past Governor	Melanie Hodges	Arcadia, Los Angeles	Monterey, Reno
Governor-Elect	Melinda Aguirre	Anaheim, Chula Vista, San Diego,	San Diego North County Coastal
1st Vice Governor	Bonnie McPherson	Glendale, Long Beach, Oxnard,	San Buenaventura
2nd Vice Governor	April Smith	Eastern Sierra, Indian Wells Valley, Phoenix,	The West Valley, Tucson
Director	Andrea Shallcross	Central Coast, Golden Valley, Santa Maria,	San Luis Obispo County

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