

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Governor's Report 2018-2019

Melanie Hodges, Governor

My biennium as your Altrusa District Eleven Governor is coming to a close. I wish to thank you all for the gift of Altrusa! Working with each of the clubs, the Altrusa District Eleven Board of Directors and District Eleven Chairs has been very rewarding. All of our clubs are doing great things as they improve their community through service.

Our District Eleven year started in Tucson for our 2018 Conference. The Tucson Club did a great job hosting us! The Conference was full of fun and great information presented by the District Chairs and Board of Directors at the workshops. I believe we all came away from the 2018 Conference inspired and well informed, ready to take action in our home clubs.

As Governor I gained lots of information and inspiration through almost monthly International Governors Council teleconferences. The Governors discuss issues within their Districts to facilitate problem solving and new ideas. We also receive valuable leadership training from the International Board and Chairs. Along with our District Eleven Treasurer, Andrea Shallcross, we provided input to International as it prepared to publish a District Treasurer's Manual. Our District Eleven Secretary, April Smith, also participated in the creation of a District Secretary's Manual.

Throughout the year your District Board has been revising and updating our District Conference Manual and District Eleven Policies. I'm proud to say that we have implemented a Grant Program to assist clubs financially towards revitalizing their clubs. We have many clubs under charter that need to attract and hold on to new members. We hope this program will provide some help towards achieving and maintaining charter strength, and "Leading to a Better Community."

It has been my pleasure to visit most of our District Eleven Clubs this year (some were visited last year), and attend some of your fundraisers. It's always inspiring to learn all the great things that our clubs are doing! It is my goal to facilitate ideas and provide inspiration to help each and every club achieve their goals. I just enjoy getting to know you all better! I am impressed by the high level of knowledge and character that Altrusans in general share.

I'm proud to report that we now have 8 new members in the Reno/Sparks Club-in-Formation in Reno, Nevada. During my visit to Reno in November the first five Reno/Sparks members were able to learn about Altrusa from a number of International Officers and Chairs including President Leanne Milligan and past President Silvia Silverman, who were there planning our upcoming Altrusa International Convention. The new Reno/Sparks members are a relatively young group of dedicated professional women who are excited about making a difference in the Reno/Sparks area. If you know anyone in the Reno/Sparks area please forward their contact information to your District Eleven Board of Directors. We hope to be able to Charter

their club during the July International Convention in their home town. Wouldn't that be awesome?

Sadly, we lost our past Governor & President of the Los Angeles Club, Ann Bauman in January. She will be missed by all. However, on a positive note, I recently initiated a new member of the Los Angeles Club, Aggie Kurzyna. Aggie was an Altrusan in Hartford, Connecticut who recently relocated to Los Angeles. She is anxious to expand the Altrusa helping hand in Los Angeles and was willing to take on being President of the Los Angeles Club. Be sure to welcome her at this Conference. She has big plans! Ask her about them.

This was the year that our District Clubs launched their participation in the Days for Girls program adopted by the International organization. Be sure to join us on Saturday afternoon to learn about how our clubs are participating in this program. Our clubs are very involved in this program.

It has been a great two years serving as your Governor! Thank you for honoring me with this important position in the District. I hope my work with you has contributed to your continuing success as Altrusans. Keep making a difference! It's important work, don't lose sight of that!

Thank you for your support!

Melanie Hodges, Governor

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Governor-Elect Report 2018-2019
Pat Zoller, Governor-Elect

The Tucson Conference in May 2019 was a wonderful affair with all the attendees "Soaring into Service", meeting friends, attending workshops and gathering loads of information to take home to their club. The International Representative, Beverly Hardy, Altrusa International President Elect spoke about membership and the importance of retaining existing members, as well as, inviting new members to join Altrusa clubs. The Friday night even, "Rock-a-Billy Raceway" was not to be missed. Fun, fun, fun! Following the Conference, I had the honor of assisting Governor Melanie Hodges install the new officers of the Altrusa Club of Chula Vista.

In July I attended the Governor -Elect 3-day training session in Chicago, Illinois. I met some wonderful, inspirational women. Received tons of information about the what, where, who, and how of being a governor. In addition to a three-ring binder cramped full of information, tips for making it all work, calendars, and schedules we each received Dr. Seuss's "If I Ran the Zoo". A nice light, fun touch to something that could have been overwhelming. Each session started with a bookmark that had a Dr. Seuss quote. Here's the first one we received.

*"You're off to Great Place! Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting So.... get on you Way!
And will you succeed? Yes, you will indeed!
98 and ¾ percent guaranteed."*

Applies to all Altrusans, doesn't it? Especially at Conference and Convention time.

All 14 Governor-Elects were there, including Lleana Morales, from Puerto Rico, District Fourteen. It's customary for the governor-elects to exchange small gifts representing their district in some way. My gift to the governor-elects was California Poppy seeds, a bookmark with each of our four states and the three states in Mexico that are in District Eleven and a floating key ring our ASTRA students made using recycled wine corks. In addition to training sessions we visited the Altrusa International office. It's very compact, making the most of every possible space. There are only three paid staff. International is certainly looking after all our pennies, which is reassuring. Leanne Mulligan, International President and Beverly Hardy, International President-Elect were there to meet us and attended some of our training sessions.

In August I went to Buellton, CA to support Melinda Aguirre, 1st vice Governor, in her quest to get a new club started in Buellton. I also attended the meeting of the Altrusa Club of San Diego North County Coastal meeting in Del Mar, CA and presented an Orientation/Reorientation workshop to their club members. The Altrusa Club of San Diego hosted a fund raising and membership "Garden Party" which I attended.

During the fall I attended the District Board meeting in Arroyo Grande, CA and traveled to Bishop, CA to attend the meeting of Altrusa Club of Eastern Sierra. Governor Melanie was a guest at my home in October at which time she attended the business meeting of the Altrusa Club of San Diego. In November I traveled to Arizona to visit the Tucson club and the West Valley club. I also attended the Anaheim Club "Festival of Trees" with two members from my club. The club visits are always very inspiring. Each of the clubs are doing so much for their communities. They are not only supporting literacy but other areas of need that each of clubs have identified in their individual communities. Many of the clubs have reached out to Days for Girls Clubs in their communities and are assisting in a variety of ways. Several clubs are attending Days for Girls "Monthly" activities where sorting, cutting, sewing and bagging occur to create the kits. Others donate and solicit items that the Days for Girls organization have requested such as one-gallon Freezer bags, cotton panties, wash cloths and small size soaps.

January started with a District Board meeting at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego to prepare for the District Eleven Conference. That month also included a trip to Oxnard, CA to meet with the Altrusa Club of Oxnard to plan for the 2020 Conference. They are already planning some interesting and exciting events to correspond to their Conference theme, which will be revealed at Call for Conference during the closing business session of the Conference.

February was a busy month with a trip to Ridgecrest, CA for a club visit with the Altrusa Club of Indian Wells Valley, attending the Altrusa Club of Chula Vista club fund raiser and finalizing the Committee Chair appointments for my biennium.

March included attending the Dr. Seuss party at the Ronald McDonald House, hosted by the San Diego Club. The club members provided crafts and gave books and Project Linus blankets to the young children whose siblings are patients at Rady's Children Hospital. I continued to work with the District Conference chairs and District Board to finalize the District Eleven Conference. In addition to preparing to host the District Eleven Conference (with the assistance of the Altrusa clubs of Chula Vista and San Diego North County Coastal) the Altrusa Club of San Diego also found time to dedicate a second Little Free Library in their community. I'm so proud of my San Diego Club, as I am of all our Altrusa clubs.

I look forward to visiting with all you at Conference, learning more about your clubs and all you do for your communities and renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Pat Zoller
Altrusa District Eleven Governor-Elect

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
First Vice-Governor Report 2018-2019
Melinda Aguirre, First Vice-Governor

As a District Eleven Board member I have been extremely supportive of the work that we do and a passion for our organization. Our District could not successfully serve and engage in our mission if we did not have the leadership of our Board of Directors. This past year being on the board has been fun and productive. I met other Altrusan's during my club visits. I was assigned to four clubs and each one had a different prospective of what it meant to volunteer in their community. I saw the "I want to make a difference" look in their eyes. As First Vice Governor I completed the tasks set before me, including the Presidents workshop, policy changes and led the "first timers" group the last two years. I look forward to serving in my community, in my club and in District Eleven.

Melinda Aguirre
First Vice-Governor

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
2nd Vice-Governor Report 2018 -2019
Bonnie McPherson, 2nd Vice-Governor

I have enjoyed this past year as a Board member for District Eleven. It has given me an opportunity to meet more Altrusans and learn more about Altrusa.

I attended the District Eleven Board Meeting post conference in May 2018, the Board Meeting in September 2018 by phone, and the Board Meeting in January 2019.

I have been able to meet with members within District Eleven by attending their meetings. These meetings were the Anaheim Club on November 26, 2018, the SDNCC Club on November 28, 2018, the San Diego Club Board Meeting on January 7, 2019, and the Chula Vista Club on March 20, 2019. Each Club is unique and they are very involved in supporting their communities with a variety of worthwhile projects.

After Conference in 2018, I reviewed the Conference Evaluations and tabulated the results. Overall the evaluations for the Workshops and Conference were very positive. The participants felt it was a fun and enjoyable Conference. They liked that all the Workshop Presenters emphasized ways to support new membership. They also liked the 10X raffle envelope at the Banquet.

I am looking forward a fun Conference in San Diego!.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie McPherson

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Treasurer Report 2017-2019

Andrea Shallcross, Treasurer

It's been a busy two years! In addition to the usual duties of maintaining the books, collecting dues, creating a new two-year budget, and generally supporting club treasurers, I have been involved with some new projects of the board.

The first was our goal of getting all the clubs of District Eleven into compliance with Altrusa International's directive to be incorporated. We have had success, newly incorporating District Eleven, Anaheim, Central Coast, Golden Valley, Long Beach, and Eastern Sierra.

I've also been very involved with new club-in-formation, Reno/Sparks, assisting them with getting their corporate status in Nevada, as well as a federal ID number, enabling them to open a bank account. To date they have registered eight new members!

Altrusa International has a new club building incentive program, and we (District Eleven) have already received \$500 due to meeting the first two of four targets in building the Reno/Sparks club. Since International did not yet have a form for requesting those funds, I created one that I used to request the funds; Leanne planned to submit this form for approval for International use.

I've certainly enjoyed my term as District Treasurer and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve on your District Eleven board.

Andrea Shallcross

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Director 2018-2019 Report

Margee Neer, Director

It has been an honor to serve on the Altrusa District Eleven Board the last two years as your Director and International Liaison. I'm sure that I have learned more than I have contributed. The 2018-19 year started with a fun and successful conference in Tucson. I was amazed to see how generous District Eleven Altrusans are in their contributions to the International Foundation through our various fundraisers. We were able to raise over \$11,000 through the Auction/Raffle, Tammy Fournier Fitness event, and the Foundation Luncheon. The funds that came in included 10 Lamplighter individuals and one Lamplighter Club. In addition to this \$2,300 was given to the District and \$505.00 to our fellow Altrusans in Puerto Rico.

This year the International Foundation Grants program was expanded to allow Clubs to apply in both grant cycles and for up to \$4000.00 per project. We had 5 District Eleven Clubs that were awarded grants in the Fall cycle for a total of \$17,000.00! This assisted our clubs to initiate or continue some wonderful projects.

In September and again in January I attended District Eleven Board meetings as we worked to plan and prepare for the San Diego conference. Another issue we discussed was a BRR to change the way that the District Eleven Board is structured and also one to submit to the International Board to change the qualifications for International Treasurer.

In January an email and packet was sent to the Club Presidents to encourage Club 21 membership within the clubs. Also, information was given regarding the Foundation events for the upcoming conference.

In February, I had the pleasure of visiting three of the central coast clubs. It was so wonderful to see the good work they are doing and the amazing fund raising. They all are truly making a difference in their communities. I was inspired.

I will be working on final preparations for the San Diego Conference in the coming weeks. I know that it will be a fun time of fellowship, learning and connecting in a beautiful location. I will reflect on these two years on the board with gratitude for the opportunity to serve with leaders who are dedicated, strong, and passionate about making a difference in our communities and world. All of you are wonderful examples for me. I would especially like to thank Andrea for helping with all the accounting for the foundation and her friendship. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

In Service,

Margee Neer

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Secretary's Report 2018-19

April Smith, Secretary

During this past year I have continued to learn and gain experience as a district board member. It has been a wonderful two years working with this great team of leaders. As secretary I have worked closely with our current Governor to record and maintain all relevant information that pertains to the business of District Eleven. I have attended all board meetings and recorded and filed all the board meeting minutes. I have been able to provide information needed to board members from previous district files as needed.

I have continued to work on updating and improving the District Eleven Conference Manual. I have also been very involved with the production of this year's conference program handbook.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support, especially my own San Luis Obispo County Club members. I am truly blessed to belong to such a wonderful organization and to have the opportunity to work with so many amazing people.

April Smith

District Eleven Secretary

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
Immediate Past Governor & Trainer Report 2018-2019
Judy Sorensen, Immediate Past Governor & Trainer

I begin with a heartfelt “Thank You” to the members of District Eleven for repeatedly voting me onto your Board of Directors. I have now completed 12 years of service and it has been quite a rewarding experience. Your Board members graciously contribute their time and talents to serving the members and I am honored to have worked alongside these dedicated women.

This year I missed attending a Board meeting for the very first time. Thanks to modern technology, however, I was still able to participate via telephone. The experience reminded me that life has changed much in my 75 years and we, as Altrusans, are changing as well. Bring on virtual clubs!

The role of the Immediate Past Governor is one of guidance and continuity – assisting the Board and Chairs in learning their roles and providing perspective, yet at the same time encouraging thoughtful change. My job was exceptionally easy this biennium as you have very capable leaders. As they complete their duties at this conference, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

This year I visited the Monterey Peninsula club along with Governor Melanie. They are a small, but mighty group that has been serving their community for many, many years with both tried and true projects as well as some new ones. Congratulations!

Along with Melanie I also attended a very special meeting of the Los Angeles club. Having recently lost their President and a Past Governor, Ann Bauman, the meeting was both a time to look back on Ann’s life and a time to look forward to re-building the club. Sometimes when things seem the dreariest, along comes a ray of light. For the L.A. club, that light is Aggie Kurzyna. Aggie is a former Altrusan from Connecticut who was installed as the club’s new president. She is a lovely woman with loads of energy and a strong commitment to strengthening her new club. Please find time to meet Aggie while you are attending Conference. You will recognize her by the friendly smile.

I am always honored to be asked to install a club’s new officers, which I did several times last Spring. When you are asked to run for office, please remember that part of Altrusa involves LEADERSHIP. Altrusans are there for each other, so do not be afraid. Every leader was nervous the very first time. Your club’s members want you and the club to be successful. Once you try it, I guarantee you will feel the extra pride that comes with being a leader in Altrusa!

One last time, THANK YOU members of District Eleven. You are the best!!

Judy Sorensen
Immediate Past Governor & Trainer