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Making Impactful Connections Leading to a Better Community

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Official Call to Conference

Governor's Message...

Happy 2018 to all District Eight Altrusans! You are all awesome and should be very proud of what you accomplished in 2017 and the difference you have made in our Altrusa communities. Congratulations!

Wow! It is so hard to believe that our 62nd Altrusa Conference is just around the corner – I hope you will put on those red shoes and **“Follow the yellow brick road”** to Lawrence Kansas, on April 26 – 28. We will be in Kansas but hopefully will not see a tornado; there will not be any cowardly lions, tin men without brains or scarecrows looking for a heart but there just may be some “good” Altrusa witches with magical wands waiting for you!

Our Conference chair, Linda Burton and her Conference planning team have been working diligently to ensure that your trip down the **yellow brick road** will be memorable and full of fun.

Now, we may not have the Wizard of Oz at this Conference but we are truly honored to have our own wizard, International President Leanne Milligan as the International representative at Conference. Please take this opportunity to welcome her to District Eight (the Great Eight)! I think you will find President Leanne will be happy to answer any questions you may have or listen to comments and suggestions regarding anything Altrusa.

Look for some exciting changes and additions as you start down the **yellow brick road**. For sure, you will see a Parade of Banners (don't forget to bring your club's banner); you will hear about some new awards and you will get the opportunity to become a “District Eight

Good Witch"! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and spending some time with you at this Conference.

Make your reservation early, send in your registration early and encourage fellow Altrusans to attend. This Conference promises to be full of surprises; after all, we will be in Kansas!!

"A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others"

— L. Frank Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

In service,

Becky Wood

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Message from International President Leanne Milligan

It is that time of year when we start thinking about attending our District Conference. Perhaps it will be your first time, maybe you made a New Year's Resolution to attend, perhaps you are thinking of stepping into a leadership role in your club and are thinking about learning more about Altrusa, perhaps you have been many times before and don't want to miss out – whatever your reason for attending your District Conference – it will be a decision that you won't regret. I have been

fortunate to not only attend many of my own District Conferences, but also as a member of the International Board, I have been fortunate to attend a number of other District Conferences – each memorable for different reasons, great speakers, fun dress up events, informative workshops – but each with one common aspect – the opportunity to share ideas with other Altrusans, learn from each other and make long lasting friendships. At your Conference you will have the opportunity to meet with your assigned International Representative. I would recommend that you take the opportunity to engage with them – that is what they are there for. They attend your Conference to share news of our organisation with you but also to hear your viewpoint, ideas and issues and to share and learn right alongside you.

It is important that each club has members attend District Conference. It is a great place for your new and developing club leaders to gain more knowledge about Altrusa and upon their return the ideas and energy they bring can bring with a real injection of vigour into your club. Remember that Conference is not only for the experienced members – it is an ideal way to build leadership in your club. On a personal note attending District Conference is a decision that I have never regretted and I know that it will be a decision that you will not regret either. Let's make 2018 the year with record Conference attendees!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leanne Milligan".

Leanne Milligan
International President 2017-2019

What Can Conference Offer Me? – Penny Daugherty, Governor-Elect



Whether you are new to Altrusa or have been a long-time member, there is always something to learn at Conference and take back to your local club. Here are a few of the many reasons that you should consider following the **yellow brick road** to 2018 District Eight Conference in Lawrence, KS.

Will you be assuming a new leadership role on your local board?

Our keynote speaker will speak on leadership.

Are you new to Altrusa and want to know more?

There's a first-timers workshop for that at Conference.

Do you want to know more about requesting grants from the International Foundation?

You can learn that at Conference.

Do you want to know more about Cyber Security?

There will be a workshop for that at Conference.

Do you like meeting new people with similar interests?

Altrusans love to mingle with other like-minded professionals at Conference.

Do you want to learn about other Altrusa service projects or fundraisers?

Conference is a great place to hear what other clubs are doing—and they don't care if you steal their idea and modify it!

Would you like to meet other Altrusans in clubs close to you for possible joint efforts?

Conference is the place to seek out those clubs and make connections.

Do you want to expand your view past your local club to learn about our larger organization?

Conference is a great place to learn more about our District and Altrusa International.

Have you ever wanted to pick the brain of our International leadership?

Come to Conference and embrace the opportunity to talk one-on-one with our International President, Leanne Milligan.

What is Altrusa International doing for our local club or District?

Come to Conference and hear International President Leanne Milligan relate the latest news from our International Board.



Altrusa International District Eight, Inc. **Proposed Budget for 2018-2019** is attached to the DSB as a separate document. Lorraine Brewer, Treasurer

2018 Call to Conference

INVITATION TO CONFERENCE

Altrusa International of Lawrence, KS, Inc. invites all District Eight members to join us in making the 62nd Altrusa Conference a major success! It takes each and every one of you to make this gathering truly successful!

Altrusans from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma: If you **"Follow The Yellow Brick Road"** on the weekend of April 26-28, you will find yourself at a splendid District Eight Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Lawrence, KS. Come prepared to HAVE FUN while we all share information and ideas on improving our communities. Governor Becky has planned an amazing agenda which will invigorate us all!

The Lawrence club has planned events for those who can arrive early on Thursday, April 26. Altrusans will have an opportunity to do volunteer work for Audio-Reader, which is our Conference Service Project. Other attendees may be interested in prearranged tours of the Dole Center, Haskell University, Reuters Organ, or the Spencer Museum. Details on signing up for these activities will be sent in March.

The details below will briefly highlight what is in store in April in Lawrence! Take time now to confirm your plans to attend 2018 Conference!

Looking forward to hosting you in April

Altrusa International of Lawrence, KS, Inc.

DETAILS

PLAN YOUR TRAVELS: Sights Along the Way to Lawrence

When planning your trip along the **Yellow Brick Road** to Lawrence, perhaps your schedule will allow for a few fun or informative stops in Kansas along the way. Altrusans from Salina, Hutchinson, Emporia or Lawrence would be happy to provide recommendations for sites to see or stores to visit. Just ask! Or consider one of these lesser known interesting or entertaining way stations:

- From the East/South
 - Moon Marble Company, one of a few stores in the US selling handmade marbles, Bonner Springs, KS
 - Gordon Parks Center, Fort Scott, KS
 - Fort Scott National Historical Site, Fort Scott, KS
 - Big Brutus, largest electric coal shovel in the world, West Mineral, KS
 - Crawford County Fried Chicken Restaurants, such as Chicken Annie's or Chicken Mary's, Pittsburgh, KS
 - John Brown Museum State Historic Site, Osawatomie, KS
- From the South/West
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum, Abilene
 - William Allen White House, Emporia, KS
 - Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Chase County (exit 92 from I-35)
 - Kansas State Capital in Topeka, including John Steuart Curry Murals
 - BoBo's Drive-in, throw-back diner with carhop services open 11am to 8pm, Topeka



And of course, there are always the Wizard of Oz sites in Kansas, although not necessarily located along the **Yellow Brick Road** to Lawrence:

Liberal, Kansas for Dorothy's House and the Land of Oz: a home built in 1907 has been preserved and restored to reflect the Gale farmhouse from the famous movie. Dorothy will walk you through before taking you somewhere over the rainbow where she starts her journey down the Yellow Brick Road. Enter into the 5,000 square foot animated "Land of Oz" as Dorothy and Toto continue their adventure to see the Wizard in the Emerald City. Along the way you will meet Munchkins, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion, all while trying to avoid the Wicked Witch. She will guide you through apple trees, flying monkeys, and even show you a horse of a different color. After a face-to-face visit with the Wizard, you return right back where you started, on Dorothy's farm in Kansas! You will see unique memorabilia, including the actual model of the house that was used in the tornado scene in the 1939 movie.



Wamego, Kansas is home to the OZ Museum, which is dedicated to all things OZ, offering an experience that attracts visitors from around the globe. The OZ Museum is home to exclusive exhibits featuring the unimaginable, from the earliest Baum books and OZ Parker Brothers board games to today's collectibles, which can be purchased from the Official OZ Museum Store. It is an enchanting experience appropriate for all ages.

Welcome to Conference—Thursday Night

Meet on Thursday evening from 8:00-9:00 for an enjoyable "Welcome to Conference." We will be using our artistic talent on a project for students!

Friday Keynote Luncheon Speaker

Shelley Hansel, Community Initiatives Manager, Kansas Leadership Center



Mamie L. Bass's Altrusa principles guide our organization every day and include the following:

- Altrusa is a builder of women.
- Altrusa develops true leadership, concerned with accomplishment and not with recognition.

For the 2018 District Eight Conference, Altrusa will build women and help develop true leadership by hosting Shelley Hansel of the Kansas Leadership Center as the keynote speaker. The Kansas Leadership Center believes that leadership is an active role available to anyone, regardless of position or place. Shelley's presentation will inform participants that leadership doesn't require a permission slip or authorization to act. Plan to attend and learn the leadership framework to make yourself – and Altrusa – even more successful.

Friday Fun Night

On Friday the 27th, Altrusans will receive instructions on a couple of evening events: (1) eating and shopping in downtown Lawrence or (2) playing games at the DoubleTree after dinner. All will gather back at the DoubleTree at 9:00 and report on their success at their particular challenge! (Curious...well, show up to Conference and you'll find out!)



Photo Ops

Bring your smart phones and cameras! A picture area loaded with props will be available for clubs to use. Take all your fun photos home!

Silent Auction

Be sure your club is planning to bring one or more special items for the Silent Auction. All proceeds go to the International Foundation, which returns those dollars to individual clubs in the form of grants. Turn in your items at the Registration Desk on Thursday or to Randi Leibach in the Silent Auction Room on Friday morning. (Questions: Randi Leibach, shozrus@msn.com)

Merchandise for Club Fundraising

To reserve a 6' table for your club fundraising, please notify Betty Parks, bparks@sunflower.com or 785.760.0175. Betty absolutely has to have that information from each club by March 26.

Displays/Exhibits

Showcase your club and tell us about your creative projects. To reserve space for your club exhibit, please notify Lori Michel by March 26. limichel@sunflower.com.

Expo 2018 – Boutique Shopping

Once again, Conference attendees will be able to SHOP without leaving the hotel! Boutique vendors from Lawrence (both club members and non-members) will be setting up on site for shopping on Saturday, April 28, from 10a.m. – 5 p.m.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR CONFERENCE

Audio Reader is a service for the blind and print disabled. Volunteers read year-round from books, newspapers and magazines. Listeners are provided with a home or office transmitter to hear local, regional and national news; as well as all types of magazines and books. The organization motto, Sight through Sound, touches thousands of individuals 24/7, 365 days a year.

The list for Clubs for Audio reader items:

Used items that brought joy to you may now need to find a new home. For Your Ears Only, a fundraiser for Audio Reader, located in Lawrence, Kansas, is looking for the following items to resell in their giant fall 2018 event:

- Books on tape, CD and cassettes
- CD's-music
- DVD-movies and musicals
- Vinyl Records-any size with jackets or album covers
- *Cash will always be accepted (to purchase local newspapers in the 3-state listening area)

The following are volunteers from our Altrusa family:

Eleanor Symons

Kristin Scott

Susan Morris, former member

Harlan Roedel, husband of Sidney

Dave Williams, husband of Valeita

Mary Chappell, a listener

CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION



Follow the Yellow Brick Road to... 2018 District Eight Conference

62nd Altrusa District Eight Conference in Lawrence, Kansas

This year's Conference theme is Follow The Yellow Brick Road To...but before you can find out what's at the end of the **yellow brick road**, you have to attend!

Mark your calendar now for District Conference dates April 26-28 in Lawrence, Kansas. Call now to make your hotel reservation. You know you always go... want to go... need to go... love to go... can't wait to go... gotta go! So why wait to confirm your hotel reservation?!

Book your reservation now at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence. A block of rooms is set aside – so no waiting! Simply call the DoubleTree at 785-841-7077 (or 800-HOLIDAY) and ask for the "Altrusa District Eight 2018 Conference" rate of \$119/night. Up to 4 people should be allowed in a double room, without upcharge. Hotel check-in time is 4pm or after, check-out time is before 11am. Room rate includes up to 3 breakfasts each day and free WiFi in your hotel room. All Conference sessions are located at the DoubleTree. No outside required, if inclement weather should arrive.

For more information on the hotel, Conference center and its on-property restaurant, please visit the hotel website. <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kansas/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-lawrence-LWCMDDT/index.html>

Tentative Schedule 62nd Annual District Eight Conference Lawrence, Kansas

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Noon - 9:00 PM.....	Registration Open
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.....	Credentials Open
1:00 PM	Finance Meeting
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM.....	Pre-Conference District Board Meeting
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.....	District Board Dinner
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM.....	Welcome to Conference
9:15 PM.....	Flag and Parade of Banners Practice

Friday, April 27, 2018

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM.....	Registration Open
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM.....	Credentials Open
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.....	Credentials Open
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM.....	Presidents Workshop
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM.....	Treasurers Workshop
8:00 – 9:00 AM.....	First Timers Session
9:15 AM – 11:45 AM.....	First Business Session

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL
62nd DISTRICT EIGHT CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM**

April 26-28, 2018

Doubletree Hotel ** Lawrence, Kansas



PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
 Altrusa International of _____ Home Phone (____) _____
 Address _____ Work Phone (____) _____
 City/State/Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

I am attending in the capacity of: (Please mark all that apply) _____ Club President
 _____ Delegate _____ Past/Present Governor _____ District Officer
 _____ Alternate _____ Past/Present Int'l Officer _____ District Committee Chair
 _____ First Timer _____ Altrusa Member _____ Guest

Full registration of \$150.00 includes materials, Thursday evening Welcome to Conference, Friday Keynote Luncheon, Friday evening Fun Night, Saturday Awards Luncheon and Governor's Banquet.

Early Registration Discount before March 26, 2018 (After March 26, cost is \$175.00)

	FEE	#NEEDED	AMOUNT
Early Full Registration (before 3/26/18)	\$150.00	_____	\$ _____
First Timer Registration (before 3/26/18)	\$125.00	_____	\$ _____
Early Partial Registration (Friday only)	\$ 75.00	_____	\$ _____
Early Partial Registration (Saturday only)	\$110.00	_____	\$ _____
Full Registration (after 3/26/18)	\$175.00	_____	\$ _____
Partial Registration (after 3/26/18) Fri. Only	\$100.00	_____	\$ _____
Partial Registration (after 3/26/18) Sat.	\$135.00	_____	\$ _____
Partial Registration without meals	\$ 50.00	_____	\$ _____
Extra meal tickets for guests			
Friday Keynote Luncheon	\$ 24.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Awards Luncheon	\$ 24.00	_____	\$ _____
Governor's Banquet	\$ 40.00	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Will your Spouse/Guest be attending? Please list their name and contact information if they would like to be contacted about activities offered to spouses/guests: _____

Dietary Needs: Diabetic _____ Vegetarian _____ Other _____

Please indicate your plans to attend the Saturday night banquet Attending? Yes _____ No _____

No Full Refunds After April 17, 2018 – Refunds made per policy

Please complete form and mail with your check to: Lorraine Brewer, Treasurer, Altrusa International District Eight, Inc.
 2505 East Golden Oaks Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703

Make checks payable to: Altrusa District Eight Conference Fund

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Doubletree Hotel, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.
 Hotel reservations at 785-841-7077 or general reservations at 888-399-3881.
 Rooms are \$119 per night, with 3 breakfasts/day/room and free WiFi. Group rate is under Altrusa International.

HOSTED BY MEMBERS OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, INC.

Delegates to Conference

At the International Convention in July, delegates approved a change to the charter strength of 15 active members. The new bylaw regarding delegates is as follows:

“Each Club in good standing in International that has a total active membership of fifteen (15) or less for whom dues have been paid to International, shall be entitled to one (1) delegates and (1) alternate. For each additional fifteen (15) 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.”

As a result of the bylaw change, the number of delegates each club has may have changed:

15 or few members – 1 delegate/1 alternate

16-30 members – 2 delegates/2 alternates

31-45 members – 3 delegates/3 alternates

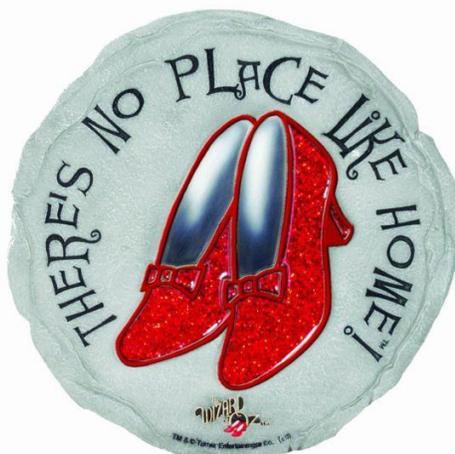
46-60 members – 4 delegates/4 alternates

61+ members – 5 delegates/5 alternates



REMEMBER TO PACK:

- **Club Banners**—Turn in at the Conference Registration desk on Thursday or on Friday morning.
- **Altrusa Pin**
- **Silent Auction Items**
- **Monetary Contributions for the Conference Service Project**
- **Merchandise for Club Fundraising**—To reserve a table for your club fundraising, please notify Betty Parks by March 26. bparks@sunflower.com or 785-760-0175. **If you do not respond by March 26, there will not be space for your club.**
- **Displays/Exhibits**—Showcase your club and tell us about your projects. To reserve space for your club exhibit, please notify Lori Michel by March 26. limichel@sunflower.com
- **Cash/Checkbook/Credit Card**—Visit the Altrusa Store, including Doc Morgan items and club sales. For the Silent Auction, you will be able to use a credit card. You'll need cash or checks for club sales. Interesting boutique vendors will be open for shopping on Saturday.
- **If you are coming to OZ, you need your Ruby Red Slippers!!!!**



Call to Conference

2018 Award Entries - Submission Instructions

All information and applications for District Awards must be submitted to the contacts listed below and postmarked NO LATER than March 19, 2018.

Application and criteria for the awards may be found on the Altrusa International Website. Log in, click on the International tab, Shared files – District, Resources, District Award Criteria Folder.

District Eight Governor's Distinguished Service Award

Send one copy to each judge:

Brenda Smith, Past Governor

1922 Foxtail Dr.

Salina, KS 67401

Brsmith53@cox.net

Diane Eberhard, Past Governor

829 N. West St.

Sikeston, MO 63801-4741

de63801@gmail.com

Betty Absheer, Past Governor

323 North C Street

Poplar Bluff, MO 63901-5419

abbie@mymailstation.com

Mamie L. Bass Service Award and

Letha H. Brown Literacy Award

Send three copies of the award application to:

Diane McCreedy, Service Chair

13755 Hwy 170

West Fork, AR 72774

Diane_mccreedy@hotmail.com

Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International

Relations Award

Send three copies of the award application to:

Linda Smith, Past Governor

1922 Foxtail Dr.

Salina, KS 67401

lindak.smith@nara.gov

Communications/Yearbooks

Send one copy to each judge:

Chelsey Baker, Communications Chair

4657 Cory St.

Springdale, AR 72762

c.lanay.baker@gmail.com

Kathy Sims

1320 Ringo St.

Mexico, MO 65265

mksims07@gmail.com

Sue Hart, Past Governor

11812 West 99th Terrace

Overland Park, KS 66214-2437

Crzy4cy@outlook.com

A Memorial Service for District Eight Altrusans, who have passed away since the 2017 Conference, will be held Saturday morning at Conference. Please complete the form below and return to Carolyn Rash who will be leading that service this year.

Memorial Request Form

Altrusa International of _____

Name of deceased member _____

Date of Birth _____ Date deceased _____ Member of Altrusa since _____

Photo included _____ Yes _____ No

Please attach an additional sheet of information listing the deceased member's Club, District and International offices held, along with contributions to Altrusa and your Club. Please include a personal story about the member.

Submitted by _____

Contact Phone # _____ Email _____

Please submit this completed form and photo no later than April 1, 2018 to:

Julia Hart
8311 Alvin Lane
Little Rock, AR 72227

Please also email Governor Becky Wood at rmwood0@cox.net with the deceased members name and club for the Program Book. If a member of your club passes away after April 1st, please contact Governor Becky Wood and Carolyn as soon as possible.

Nominating Committee

It is once again time to elect District Eight's Nominating Committee for 2018 - 2019. Bentonville/Bella Vista, Hutchinson, and St. Louis are not eligible to have a member of the Nominating Committee as members of those clubs served on the 2016-2017 committee. From District Eight Policies:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Election of Nominating Committee.

i. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members elected by the Conference voting body, voting by ballot in the even-numbered years.

ii. The slate of candidates for the Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one candidate from each Eligible Club. To be eligible to be slated, a candidate must have served at least a one-year term as president of a Club, prior to her nomination. Each Club shall forward its candidate's name to the Governor by April 1 in the even-numbered year. Nominations of candidates from Eligible Clubs not otherwise submitted to the Governor will be taken from the floor during the Conference. Each voting delegate shall vote for no more than three candidates. No cumulative voting is permitted. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be chairman of the committee.

iii. Eligible Clubs are those which did not have a representative serving on the immediately preceding Nominating Committee.

iv. See District Bylaws/Policies, Article IX, Section 3 for additional rules.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT EIGHT NOMINEE FOR INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. In years in which District Eight is entitled to have a nominee on the slate for International Nominating Committee, one nominee shall be elected from candidates nominated from the Conference floor. No more than one candidate from a single Club may be nominated. Voting shall be by ballot and the nominee shall be elected by simple majority. Each delegate shall vote for one candidate.

B. To be eligible for election to the International Nominating Committee, a member must have served a term as President of a club and must have given consent to be considered for nomination.

C. No member of the International Nominating Committee is eligible to be slated for International office while serving as a member of the International Nominating Committee.

D. The District shall forward the name of the nominee for the slate for the International Nominating Committee to the International office no later than January 1 of the Convention year.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT EIGHT NOMINEE FOR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD

We are not eligible to nominate anyone for the International Foundation Board as we currently have a District Eight member, Susan Carpenter from St. Louis, serving on that Board.

[Please let Governor Becky know by April 1 names of anyone wishing to serve on the District Eight Nominating Committee or to be placed as a candidate for Altrusa International Nominating Committee. Elections will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2018.](#)

Reminder: March 15 is the deadline for the next grants cycle with Altrusa International Foundation. Apply for a grant for your club. There is money for club projects as well as for individuals. Apply today! All the information you need to apply is on the Altrusa International website.

IN MEMORIAM – PAST DISTRICT EIGHT GOVERNOR KATHERINE SEIBERT VINEYARD



KATHERINE VINEYARD Katherine Seibert Vineyard, 100, died Dec. 2, 2017 at Aberdeen Village in Olathe, KS. She was born August 25, 1917 in Carbondale, IL and lived in Pittsburg, KS from 1963 to 1994 when she moved to the Kansas City area. Katherine was a lifelong educator, serving on the faculties at Pittsburg State University in the School of Education and at Southern Illinois University. In her early career, she was an elementary school teacher in Kansas, Indiana, and Illinois. Later, she was the supervisor of education for Southeast Kansas Head Start. In retirement, she was the children's librarian at Pittsburg Public Library. Katherine was active in Altrusa and served as president of the Pittsburg, KS Altrusa Club and Governor of Altrusa District Eight. She was involved all of her life in the Presbyterian Church, serving as elder, deacon, and led numerous women's organizations. Katherine was married for 49 years to the late Ben S Vineyard, professor and chairman of the Professional Education Department at Pittsburg State University. Katherine assisted Ben on the writing of several high-school "World of Work" series textbooks which sold over 1,000,000 copies. They co-authored "Choosing the Right Career" a textbook for special needs students. Katherine is survived by her daughter Julie (Tom) Larsen, Overland Park, KS, her son Jim (Michelle) Vineyard, Knoxville, TN, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held on Friday, Dec 8, 2017, 1:30 PM at Fort Scott, KS National Cemetery. Celebration of Life Service was on Saturday, Dec 9, 2017, 1:00 PM at Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to [Salvation Army](#), Knox Presbyterian Church Christmas Toy Store ([knoxchurch.org](#)), or Cross-Lines Community Outreach ([cross-lines.org](#)).

Past Governor's Corner – This issue we are highlighting Past Governor Betty Absheer

Betty Absheer, Governor, Altrusa District Eight, 1994-1996

Born Mary Elizabeth Absheer, the youngest of 4 children, in old Greenville, MO, a small town 30 miles north of Poplar Bluff.

Moved to Poplar Bluff at age 5 and attended J. Minnie Smith Grade School, PBJHS and PBHS, graduating in 1954.

Work Experience – 2 years in office of Anderson's Furniture Store, 13 ½ years Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and 28 ½ years Poplar Bluff Housing Authority retiring December 1998. Presently part-time secretary in Cummings Real Estate office.

Altrusa – Member of Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, MO, Inc. since February 1976. Have served as Treasurer and 3 times as President (including currently).

District Eight – Director, Second Vice Governor, First Vice Governor, Governor-Elect, and Governor, 1994-1996. My theme was "Altrusa's Hearts Open to the World." The Altrusa District Eight Song was written by Betty's High School Music Teacher, Pauline Hearn, when she became Governor.

International Level – As Governor, Betty represented District Eight, represented District Eight as Director two other times, and served as International Second Vice President.

Community – Appointed to Poplar Bluff City council September 1989 retiring April 2016, the longest serving councilperson in history of Poplar Bluff. Betty was elected first Lady Mayor in 1993 and served four



additional times as Mayor. Betty has a road named in her honor for being the first Lady Mayor. Her nickname growing up was Abbie so it is Abbie Road. Betty served Butler County eight years as a commissioned Deputy Sheriff and was a "Pistol Packin' Mamma!"

Church – Member of First Church of God. Has served as Music director, Youth Director, chairman of Boards, Member of Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir and Soloist.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve God and my church, Altrusa and my community. My life has been and is blessed.

I believe in Altrusa and what it stands for and that's the reason I've given 42 years of my life to this great and wonderful organization.



Welcome New Altrusa Members

Hot Springs Village – Cheryl Boehmke, Rose Drake, Dora Lang
Mexico – Betsy Sluhan
Rogers – Olga Munoz
Sedalia - Joseline Gonzales

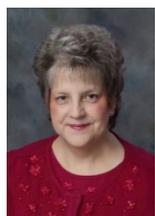
DATES TO REMEMBER

62nd Annual District Eight Conference – April 26-28, 2018, Lawrence, KS, hosted by Altrusa International of Lawrence

56th Annual International Convention July 16-20, 2019, Reno Nevada [please note that this Convention will begin with International Board meeting on Tuesday and end with the Installation Banquet on Saturday night]

March 15, 2018 – Deadline to apply for a grant from Altrusa International Foundation

Recently Recognized Altrusans



Brenda Smith recently completed her 46th year of employment with Assurance Partners in Salina, KS.

Clubs – if you have members recognized in your community or in their profession, please send a photo and text to DSB Editor Linda Smith at lksmith53@cox.net.

Club News!!



After 12 Days of Christmas where Altrusans donated to a variety of organization in Northwest Arkansas, **Bentonville/Bella Vista Altrusans** partied on the 13th day! Check out their Facebook page for all the projects and photos.



Chickasha Altrusans helped staff the Festival of Lights in the park. Truly an amazing light display!



Emporia Altrusans celebrated Christmas with a holiday dinner and lively gift exchange. They also collected paper products for the SOS Shelter.

Chris Bell played Mrs. Claus at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks Little Sprouts Christmas event. The club donated books to the kids, purchased with their Altrusa Foundation grant. **Fayetteville Altrusans** also did gift wrapping as a fundraiser.





Fort Smith Altrusans and recipients were “all smiles” after Altrusa donated \$17,900 from TASTE of Fort Smith to six charities.



Georgia Smith joined Greater Kansas City Altrusans at Mother’s Refuge to direct science experiments with residents and Altrusa members. They learned about static electricity using balloons, walls, clothing and hair. Can you move water with a toothpick? Do you know how many drops of water will fit on a penny? To find out the answers, ask GKC Altrusan at Conference!

New member Carol Thumma, sponsor Mary Kramer and Rose Drake with sponsor Elaine Schroeder became Altrusans in Hot Springs Village on January 11. Hot Spring Village Altrusans donated undies & socks to Heart Start children in Jessieville, Arkansas.



Cheryl Harmon presented a check from Altrusa International of Hutchinson to the Christian Soup Ministry, Inc.



Mexico Altrusans distributed dictionaries to Eugene Field Elementary. Looks like the kids are very happy to receive them!



Mexico and Moberly Altrusans attended the chartering of the new ASTRA Club at MACC. Below are members of the new ASTRA club.



Rogers Altrusans collected books for the new Northwest Arkansas Children's Hospital.



Altrusans of Salina did their 2017 Book Sort in December. 861 books and games were donated by customers at Books-a-Million and friends of Altrusa. Altrusans donated the books and games to 19 area organizations. Prior to the sort, they also donated books to the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas. There are still many boxes of gently used books to label and donate – an “after the holidays” project!





Springdale Altrusans prepare to deliver Christmas poinsettias – one of their major fundraisers.



Mary Hoffmann delivers poinsettias in **St. Louis** – their major fundraiser.



Some of the many items in the Silent Auction at the annual brunch hosted by Altrusans in **Stillwater**. The baked items are the best!!



Washington County Altrusans donated toys and books to Welcome Health for their waiting room. One of Bentonville/Bella Vista's 12 days of Christmas was to contribute items to the Washington County Altrusans for this project.

Clubs please submit you club news to DSB Editor Linda Smith,
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The next DSB will go out in May.

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The following is from the District Seven DSB on scammers. Please read and protect yourself and your club. Thank you District Seven for the great information!

Beware of Scammers and Phishermen

Below is an article from Susy Meier, International Communications Chair about scammers. In light of some recent cybercrimes targeting other Altrusa Districts, and local media sources reporting on it, the article is important to review.

“Of Phishermen & Scammers”

Susy Meier, International Communications Chair

If something sounds too good to be true, there’s probably a scammer behind it!

We all received the email from the International office, advising us of recent attempts at cybercrimes targeting Altrusa Treasurers and Governors. It is important to be vigilant and protective of your user IDs, passwords, account numbers and the like – but also very important to be wary of unsafe links and web sites.

What is Phishing?

The definition of phishing is “the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.”

How Does It Work?

Every bank has been a victim of phishing scams and many other types of companies as well. Netflix customers were very recently the targets of such an email attack. You check your email, and there’s one from a company you do business with – such as your bank or another company you receive a service or goods through. It looks like it is from a legitimate source – and then it tells you that your billing information must be confirmed. Sometimes they even say that it has been compromised and must be updated. Just click on this link, and you can easily take care of it. Also, be aware that telephone text messages can deliver the same dangerous type of link.

DON’T DO IT!

If it is a scam, any entries that are made through their phony web site are captured. The phishers will now know your user ID, your password, and quite possibly credit card information including the security code. It is very important that you do not log on through the link in the email. Beyond the personal information, the web site could infect your computer with malware, making it possible for the scammers to hack any personal information you have on the PC. Do not open any attachments or click on any links that are suspect. Often, the scammers will mimic email addresses and make it look like it came from a friend of yours. Do not click on links even that come from friends, especially with no explanation.

So What Do I Do?

Look at your last bill from the company to find a valid web address or use a bookmark in your browser that you know takes you directly to the company. You can phone them and inquire if they sent the email. In any event, it will likely be a good time to go to their direct web site and change your password. Delete the suspicious emails and do not open them. Do not reply to the message. If you would like to check with your friend to see if they sent the email, start a new email. Never send money or give your credit card information – just like you wouldn’t to a stranger over the phone. You can also use the Federal Trade Commission Complaint Assistant (<https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>) to report the attempt. This site has a great deal of information on different types of scams, different areas where they take complaints and share the information with law enforcement, along with additional information on international scams and fraud. Remember! If you suspect deceit, hit delete!

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