

District Eight Service Bulletin

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YES! Another successful Altrusa District Eight Conference! Thanks to all who worked so hard to ensure its success. Hats off to Altrusa of St. Louis and Conference Chair Kathy Surratt-States. They spent many hours planning, coordinating with the Governor and implementing those conference plans.

Hats off to all Altrusans who attended and participated in the business sessions, workshops and fun activities. If you weren't there, you were missed by all.

There were many conference highlights for me personally. I would like to share just a few. First, I always love the flag ceremony but adding the parade of banners last year and the Altrusa Choir this year – well, I thought it was just perfect! And of course, I enjoy immensely the Good Witches Chatter, watching everyone move from station to station, listening to committee chairs and members asking questions – **interaction** and collaboration - I love it! I also am very moved every year at the Awards Luncheon. This year we added three new awards, plus recognizing four members with Lamplighters. We also recognized club anniversaries, Club Presidents and a special ASTRA award. I believe, as you have heard me say many times, recognition is key to retention of our members. I urge you to send emails, texts, cards, whatever to fellow Altrusans recognizing them for their service.

Thank you Kristine Branon for helping us pay tribute to those Altrusans we lost this year. It was a very special Memorial service and we will continue to remember those members in our thoughts and prayers. The Governor's Banquet is always the highlight of the conference and this year was no different. I was so pleased to pass the gavel to Governor Penny Daugherty. Penny and I have served on the District Board together since 2008 and I know that she will be a great leader we will all be proud of and she will continue to move District Eight into the future. I am very pleased to say that Penny and I have become quite good friends also. Another perk of being an Altrusan – making new lifetime friends. Conferences come and go but the impressions they leave on us last forever – I hope this one left you with a renewed feeling of commitment, joy and happiness for Altrusa.

And now to some personal thank you's – Thanks to all District Eight Altrusans for supporting me through my biennium and for being so receptive to new ideas and changes. It will take all of us to ensure the success of our District. Thank you for the gifts I received at Conference – they were wonderful. Thanks to my District Eight Board to whom I owe huge words of appreciation – you are the Best! Special thanks to Governor Penny – she is like a sister to me; thanks to Chelsey and Destiny for being great secretaries; to Mary H and Deb Higgins – you kept me balanced; Treasurer Lorraine – you went above the call of duty and to Diane and Connie – you were super directors. Thank you Linda Smith for giving the push to run for District office and thank you for your countless emails and phone calls to answer my questions. Brenda Smith, you were a hard act to follow and I thank you for paving a good road for me to travel on.

Thanks to the Past Governors – without them I would have been lost. They have given so much to Altrusa. (Also thanks ladies for letting me in the Second Fiddle Club!)

Thanks to my Committee Chairs – you all do a great job in pushing our agenda in each of your areas of responsibility. Together we made “Good Witches Chatter” a household name in District Eight!
To the Presidents' Advisory Council, thank you for the conference calls and always responding to my emails with enthusiasm and commitment.

To all Altrusa Good Witches in District Eight – you have made the last two years, two of the best in my life. I take my witch's hat off to you!

Becky Wood
Immediate Past Governor
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Governor's Message....Penny Daugherty



Thank you to the members of District Eight for entrusting leadership of the District to me over the next biennium. I can't tell you what it meant to be installed as Governor in my home state close enough to that so many of my club members could come to Conference to support me. I can't thank the members of the Mexico club enough for the support they gave me prior to installation and at Conference. The toast after installation, especially coming from my membership sponsor and one of our charter members, Donna Peak, will be a memory that I will always cherish. It also meant very much to have Betty Absheer perform my installation ceremony, as Betty has always had a special place in my heart and been one of my biggest cheerleaders.

As far as goals over the next two years, those at Conference heard me say that I am focused on finding the next great leaders in our District as well as bringing diversity to our clubs. In order to guarantee that our clubs remain relevant and thriving, we must broaden our view to people and ideas that we may not have been open to before. We also need to allow our newer members the opportunity to take charge of projects and leadership roles as soon as they can to keep them energized and engaged in our organization. In this way, I hope that our numbers and service to our communities grow.

Thank you again to all members of District Eight for the encouragement and kindness they have shown to me as I have grown into this role. Thank you to the Past Governors for continuing to support and gently educate me along the way. Thank you to my leadership team for saying "yes" when it would have been easy to say "no". Thank you to my husband for taking this crazy ride with me and holding my hand through it all. But most of all, thank you to Immediate Past Governor Becky Wood for being a patient teacher, good friend, shoulder to lean on, sounding board, and sister-figure to me over the past few years. I know that I would not be here without her guidance and help. I will continue to build upon that solid foundation from those that came before me as I “Dare to L.E.A.D.” this District.

International Presidents Message – Leanne Milligan

The start of the new Altrusa year is upon us with new Club and District Board's installed and raring to go. Conference season was a great success with members around the organisation provided a great opportunity to learn, share and celebrate with each other. The talking points shared by the International Representatives are being shared with all club presidents so that you can share these with your members. With so much happening across the organisation it was probably quite hard to take it all in.



At the International level the biennium will draw to a close at the Reno Convention in July. President Elect Beverly Hardy and her programme chairs have been working hard to provide a wonderful array of workshops for members and we have many inspirational speakers programmed as well. Added to this we have lots of opportunity to serve, have fun together and learn from each other. I hope that you will be able to join us. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your International President this biennium and I look forward to seeing Altrusa continue to thrive as we work together to make a difference in our communities.

Leanne Milligan

Leanne Milligan
International President
Altrusa International Inc.

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[Editor's note – words are not spelled wrong – this is how Leanne spells things in New Zealand!!]

2019 DISTRICT EIGHT CONFERENCE SUMMARY



Attendance – Altrusans Gathered in St. Louis! Lorraine Brewer, Outgoing District Eight Treasurer

We Altrusans traveled to Chesterfield, MO, for our 63rd District Eight Conference where we celebrated “Hats Off to Altrusa”! We had 98 Altrusans present with full registrations, 8 with partial registrations, and 5 guests participating in the conference. We had 20 of the 23 clubs in our district present, and we welcomed 15 first-timers to our conference this year. We were honored to have 10 Past District Governors and our Altrusa International President-Elect, Beverly Hardy, sharing our conference with us. There were 8 District Eight board members and 7 District Eight committee chairs providing leadership for the conference. Thursday evening found 30 present for the pre-conference board dinner, and several guests joined us for the final Governor's Banquet on Saturday evening. It was an exciting, informative, and successful conference hosted by Altrusa International of St. Louis, and I hope many more of our District Eight Altrusans will be able to join us for our 2020 conference in Fort Smith next April.

Welcome to Conference and Fun Night – Chelsey Baker, Outgoing Secretary/Incoming Director



Welcome to Conference on Thursday night was a fun evening of playing BUNKO and visiting with our friends from throughout the District. It is always so enjoyable to get to see friends from near and far at Conference and I think Welcome Night is filled with such joy because we get a chance to reconnect and talk about all of the amazing things that have happened over the last year.

It seems like I always learn something fun and meet someone new at Welcome to Conference night! I think everyone would agree, playing BUNKO was such a fun way to kick off Conference. I know I heard several ladies talking about hosting a BUNKO night within their clubs. If you've never played BUNKO, it would be a great game to play at a club program meeting to shake things up!

Friday Night was filled with 3 different options for an Escape Room experience! Altrusans were encouraged to sign up on teams to compete to see who could escape fastest! Palms were sweating and minds were spinning trying to solve our way out. If you've never experienced an escape room, I highly suggest you get your club members together and go find one in your area! It's fun, it really allows you to bond and learn each other's strength and it brings out different personalities that you might not get to see at a regular club meeting. The St. Louis club did a great job making a fun evening back at the Hotel!

And the Winners Are . . . Penny Storms, Governor-Elect



One thing all Altrusans have in common, no matter where we live, is the desire to serve. We serve our communities in many ways, both individually and collectively. One of the ways we recognize this service is through Altrusa Awards. The 23 clubs in District Eight do hundreds, if not thousands of hours of community service each year.

At our District Conference in April, more awards than ever were presented. Many Altrusans were honored for their service – the thing that binds us together. Not only were three brand new awards presented, we honored three very special District Eight Altrusans with Lamplighter awards. If you were unable to attend conference you missed one of the most special times of our Altrusa year. Here are the clubs and Altrusans who received our highest honors for the 2018-2019 club year.

Club Displays give you a glimpse of a club, their projects, their awards, their members and the lives they impact. The club displays recognized this year are-

Honorable Mention:

Poplar Bluff, MO

Hutchinson, KS

3rd Place:

Greater Kansas City, MO

2nd Place:

Bentonville/Bella Vista, AR

1st Place:

Hot Springs Village, AR

Yearbooks are the local club's encyclopedia with general Altrusa information as well as information on each of the club members. Yearbook awards were presented to the following clubs-

Honorable Mention:

Moberly, MO

3rd Place: (Tie)

Mexico, MO

Lawrence, KS

2nd Place:

Salina, KS

1st Place:

Hutchinson, KS

The **Mamie L. Bass Award** is presented to recognize hands-on service by clubs. The award recognized the following clubs-

2nd Honorable Mention for “Making a Difference at TJE”:

Bentonville/Bella Vista, AR

1st Honorable Mention for “Backpack Buddies”:

Stillwater, OK

1st Place for “Parent UP”:

Washington County, AR

The **Letha H. Brown Award** recognizes community service through literacy. The clubs honored this year are-

2nd Honorable Mention for “Get a New Book”

Sikeston, MO

1st Honorable Mention for “Books, Books and More Books”

Salina, KS

1st Place for “Hear a Book, Take a Book”

Greater Kansas City, MO

The **Governor’s Distinguished Award** recognizes a project that has existed for at least five years and has been submitted for either the Mamie L. Bass service award or the Letha H. Brown literacy award. The clubs recognized with this award are-

3rd Place for “Keeping Kids Warm”

Salina, KS

2nd Place for “Christmas Connections”

Sikeston, MO

1st Place for “Single Parent Scholarship Fund”

Bentonville/Bella Vista, AR

The **Nina Faye Calhoun Award** is named for the only International President who served Altrusa International for two terms. During her tenure she focused on global service that reached beyond the clubs’ borders. District Eight Clubs recognized for global service are-

2nd Honorable Mention for “Tutoring in GK Phillips Village, Phillipians”

Mexico, MO

1st Honorable Mention for “Helping Hands of Bolivia”

Lawrence, KS

1st Place for “Days for Girls”

Salina, KS

Two **ASTRA Awards** were given to recognize service by our ASTRA members and their sponsors. The **University of Arkansas ASTRA** club received the **ASTRA Award** and will receive \$100 from the district. For **50** years of ASTRA Sponsorship the **Moberly** club was also honored.

Membership Awards are given to recognize positive growth among District Eight Altrusa Clubs. Membership awards are given in two categories – for clubs over 35 members and for clubs under 35 members.

Clubs with membership greater than 35:

Moberly, MO

Clubs with less than 35 members:

Honorable Mention:

Emporia, KS for 5% growth

St. Louis, MO for 7% growth

3rd Place:

Salina, KS for 9% growth

2nd Place:

Dexter, MO for 27% growth

1st place

Washington County, AR for 33% growth

The first new award introduced this year, the **Billie Jean Ward Fundraising Award**, named after District Governor Billie Jean Ward (1984-1986), a charter member of the Stillwater, OK club serving District Eight for 63 years. The award is designed to encourage clubs to develop fundraising projects to support their efforts in service and to encourage club members to be active participants. Clubs recognized this year are-

3rd Place for “Pumpkin Fundraiser”

Salina, KS

2nd Place for Authors & Appetizers”

Lawrence, KS

1st Place for “Cookie Fest”

Moberly, MO

Two more new awards were presented this year to recognize outstanding Altrusans for their contributions to their clubs as well as their communities. For our newest members (those who became Altrusans during the last three years), the **Rising Star Award** was introduced. This award recognizes outstanding effort and achievement by an individual. **Sue Spurgin**, Altrusa International of Hot Springs Village, AR was honored as our first Rising Star.

The **Marilynn J. Bell Humanitarian Award**, named after District Governor Marilyn Bell (1990-1992), was designed to recognize a District Eight Altrusan who shows exemplary leadership and makes lasting contribution to community service as a result of their involvement in Altrusa. **Sally Brandt**, Altrusa International of Lawrence, KS was this year’s honoree. She was also given a Lamplighter pin.

District Eight also awarded three additional **Lamplighter Awards** from Altrusa International Foundation to three special recipients. Each was honored with a \$500 donation to the International Foundation to recognize their dedication and service to Altrusa. Our new Lamplighters are:

Past Governor Betty Absheer (1994-1996)

Past Governor Joyce Williams (1998-2000)

Immediate Past Governor Becky Wood (2017-2019)

Congratulations to each Altrusan and Altrusa Club honored with these special awards. You are encouraged to begin planning now for submitting your awards for the 2020 District Conference. We would love to see your club honored just like each one mentioned here for your service and promotion of Altrusa.

Conference Workshop Highlights

President's Workshop – Penny Daugherty



Anybody that has been in one of my club visits or workshops knows that I like to be informational, conversational, and interactive, and this President's workshop was no different. This year I followed International's lead and put LOTS of useful information onto a USB, such as the President's guide, Group Tally instructions, and a Parliamentary Procedure guide, so that club presidents could have it at their fingertips whenever they needed it and could even download it and pass it on to someone else if they chose to. Presidents were encouraged to reach out to District Liaisons, Board Members or Past Governors any time they needed assistance. There were 19 of 23 clubs represented in the workshop. After a brief power point, we had a great question and answer session with log ins to the International website, Group Tally, the District page, and Facebook. My hope was that each of them would leave a little more empowered to lead their club or at least learn one or two things that they didn't know before. I feel confident in saying that goal was achieved.



Treasurer's Workshop – Lorraine Brewer

In the 2019 District Eight Treasurers' Workshop we celebrated "Hats Off to the Altrusans" who selected this incredible group of Altrusans to serve as their clubs' treasurers. During the two very early morning sessions for our treasurers, 18 Altrusans participated. Each of these women will perform their duties as treasurer in order to keep club members free to effectively implement the club's other important activities, services and recruitment. The role each fulfills supports the impact of the service each member gives to their community and helps keep their club moving forward. We discussed financial duties, records and reports, dues and fees, deadlines and payment options, the ordering of supplies and merchandise. We reviewed the calendar for fulfilling their many responsibilities and also discussed cyber fraud. We took a look at the use of *Group Tally* to make payments and to maintain and update club membership records. Interspersed among these serious items we enjoyed some laughter during joke breaks that included cartoons, paraproverbs, and puns. Thank you to each of you who participated! If your club was not represented please email me (lobrewer@uark.edu), and I'll be glad to send you the power point and the handout with information and resources. Please contact me any time I can be of service to you.

Secretary's Workshop – Chelsey Baker



If you didn't get a chance to attend Conference or attend the Secretary's workshop, I would encourage you to reach out and get the handout, which has lots of great information but in a compact format (c.lanay.baker@gmail.com). The handout highlighted the responsibilities of the Secretary of the club and the best ways to hold the office. A great takeaway is "7 Essentials of excellent minute keeping": What kind of meeting (club, board, etc.); Name of the club; Date and place of meeting; Whether the regular presiding officer and secretary were present; were minutes of the previous meeting approved; all motions, points of order, and appeals; and time the meeting was called or order and adjourned. The workshop was a short and sweet refresher for our seasoned members and provided great dialogue with all of the club's present. If you attended the workshop, thank you for your participation—I hope you will take back the things you learned to your roll in the club or pass it along to your club secretary!

Good Witches Chatter – Becky Wood

The “Good Witches Chatter” all conference workshop was back for Conference 2019. Attendees at the 2018 Conference in Lawrence Kansas told us this was a great way to get a lot of valuable material from all the committee chairs and they suggested we do it again – so we did!



The 2017-2019 Committee Chairs along with President-Elect Beverly Hardy donned their witches’ hats and shared information from their areas of responsibility. Stations were set up around the room and members moved in a round robin format until all completed the rotation. Each committee chair had approximately 5-6 minutes to speak on their topic. Everyone left the workshop with handouts that can be shared with their club members. Please ask your conference attendees to share that with you. If no one from your club attended conference and you would like the handouts, please contact Immediate Past Governor Becky Wood.

Revitalization Workshop – Penny Daugherty



One of the all-Conference workshops this year was held on a topic that has become vital for our District, and that was revitalization. Past Governor and International Director Linda Smith spoke about the role International could play in the revitalization of clubs by helping identify clubs at risk and using assessment tools to determine the health of your club.

Immediate Past Governor Becky Wood discussed funds available at the District level for club revitalization as well as the success and importance of regional events to members that may not get to Conference. She also reminded us not to prejudge whether or not someone would like to join local clubs and to think outside of the box when considering a potential member.

Governor Penny Daugherty talked about the Altrusa brand drivers of clarity, inclusion, and flexibility on the local club level as they relate to membership and revitalization, with the greatest of these being inclusion. While many of these ideas overlapped, it merely drove home the point that there are many things that our clubs can do to energize and revitalize our clubs. At the end of the workshop, clubs were paired up to discuss things that they have done to recharge their clubs and it seemed to be one of the more popular things that had been done at Conference. Attendees came away with new ideas and there was even talk of a few new regional events.

Keynote and Motivational Speakers – Connie Brown and Diane McCready, Outgoing directors



One of the highlights of every Conference are the Keynote and Motivational Speakers.

Friday’s Keynote Speaker, Aisha Sultan is a nationally syndicated columnist, featured weekly in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Her coverage of the unrest in Ferguson won an Excellence in Print national writing award.



One of her passions is speaking to communities about the challenges in creating a more diverse and inclusive society. Aisha is Muslim, a native of TX. Mother of two, raising a family in a suburb of St. Louis along with her husband. In her culture, no one was taught to give. Determined to make a difference and respect her neighbors, one Easter her family gave gifts to everyone in the neighborhood.

Her focus during her sabbatical at the University Of Michigan was to dive into how technology is changing modern Life. Aisha says “My Religion is love, every Heart is my Temple”.

The Motivational Speaker was Carol Weisman, President of Board Builders. Carol specializes in volunteerism , fund raising and governance. She entered the stage, went to the podium and immediately stood on a chair to speak. Being a very short Jewish Grandma did not keep her from getting her message to our audience. Carol claims that beginning her professional career working with gangs was a marvelous background for working with Board of Directors. Carol claims gangs were well organized with clear expectations and a solid leadership training program.

“Raising Charitable Children” is just one of the Eleven books she has written on fundraising, philanthropy and governance. She shared stories of her children and how on their birthdays they would make a charitable donation as a gift. Carol offered one bit of advice when planning your estate giving, use percentages instead of dollar amounts. One final quote from her “Giving to others will never lessen what you have.”

Hats off to Altrusa International of St. Louis for bringing us these great speakers.

Business Session Highlights – Past Governor Brenda Smith



Yes, I know when you hear business sessions you think, oh no, here we go again. Songs that we don't know the tunes to, long drawn out roll call and boring business. Well this conference was not that!

We started our first business session with a condensed Flag Ceremony and songs led by our Altrusa Choir Director, Past Governor Betty Absheer and her impressive choir. It was great to hear the songs at the tune they were supposed to be sung in. Members from their respective states, and others, sang along, and it was impressive. It was a highlight to also have our Parade of Banners from each of the clubs represented, as well as ASTRA.

The roll call was streamlined, and there were a few glitches, but by Saturday's business session, we had those worked out.

Of course, we did have to do some business – like Welcome to Conference from the Mayor of Chesterfield, MO and Altrusa International of St. Louis President Eileen Pheiffer. We also had greetings from our International Representative – Beverly Hardy, President-Elect of Altrusa International, Inc.

In addition to the summary of board actions, treasurer's report and 2019-2020 budget proposal, we received invitations to the 2020 Conference in Fort Smith, AR and the 2021 Conference in Tulsa, OK.

The slate of officers for the 2019-2021 biennium were approved unanimously (see list at the end of this DSB).

Governor-Elect Penny Daughterly and her team presented their program for the 2019-2021 biennium.

We reconvened on Saturday morning with roll call (new and improved), acknowledgement of the District Board and Committee Chairs reports and Governor Becky Wood presented her annual report.

We were delighted to have representatives of our conference project attend and give us more information on the Good Shepherd Children & Family Services Maternity Care Program. District Eight Altrusans were very generous in their contributions.

Kristine Branon presented a moving Memorial Services for those members who are no longer with us.

The second business section concluded with Beverly Hardy, Altrusa International President-Elect presenting an update on Altrusa International.

It was a great conference, with lots of information and the chance to renew friendships and make new ones. See you in Fort Smith next year!

International Visitor Highlights - Penny Daugherty, Governor & Becky Wood, Immediate Past Governor



District Eight was delighted to host Beverly Hardy, President-Elect, as our International visitor at the 2019 Conference. Beverly brought us greetings from International President Leanne Milligan and the International office staff. Beverly participated in the Good Witches Chatter, telling attendees about a new project, S.O.S. which provides care packages to deployed service men and women. This is not a



replacement for Days for Girls but rather an additional way Altrusans can make a difference and provide a needed service.

President-Elect Beverly also spoke to us about the changes to the International Altrusa website and gave other important updates. She also attended both the Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Board Meetings and shared praise for the Board as well as some great suggestions for improvement.

President-Elect Beverly's remarks at the Governor's Banquet were very complimentary of the 2019 Conference; she praised the St. Louis Club and Conference Chair Kathy Surratt-States for a job well done. Beverly challenged District Eight to keep up the good work and offered her support in all matters.

Thank you, Missouri clubs, and most especially St. Louis, for an outstanding Conference! Mary Hoffmann, we missed you!

Our condolences to First Vice Governor Mary Hoffmann on the recent death of her husband, Jim.



Club Officer and Committee Chair Information Needed
Chelsey Baker, Secretary

Greetings friends! It is that time of year again when we update the District Directory. I am hopeful that each of us take just a moment to review your contact information in the existing Directory and see any corrections to email Lisa, we can have an up-to-date directory.



Club Members: If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or email addresses please email Lisa that information: cubby1981@hotmail.com

Club Presidents and President Elects: Lisa will be sending the Club Roster form to all existing President's and President-Elects. Please fill it out and return to Lisa's email the completed form: cubby1981@hotmail.com.

Please email the completed forms by **JULY 15th**, so she can have the District Directory completed by August. I appreciate everyone's help in getting this done!

Long Term Strategic Plan – Debra Higgins, Outgoing First Vice Governor

When I hear Strategic Plan, I normally let out a groan. I have never enjoyed the whole development of strategic plans. Normally it has always been associated with my place of employment and they were always long, intense and took several weeks to prepare and tweak.



Altrusa International has done a great job in creating a shorter version of our Altrusa Strategic Plan. They have emphasized over the years that Long Term Strategic plans are not hard to do, nor do the plans need to be long and time consuming. President Leanne Milligan shared with us, at our 2018 District Conference, that Long Term Strategic Plans are easy to do (hope you didn't hear my groan).

The last two years the Board has worked diligently on District Eight's strategic plan. We have created two plans for the District. Why two plans, you may ask? The thought behind two plans was pretty simple. We needed the long detailed plan which has all the pertinent information- vision, goals, who's responsible for actions and how do we track. We wanted a shorter plan for each club and member to have a smaller version to see the highlights of the longer version.

The updating of District Eight's Long Term Strategic Plan has taught me that it is easy to do. It does not have to be tedious, long and just needs to cover your objectives. Next time someone says strategic plan you will not hear a groan from me. If you would like a copy of the short or long version of our District's plan contact Governor Penny or your Board Liaison.

A special thanks to Lorraine Brewer and Leslie Gragg for serving on the District's Long Term Strategic Plan task team.

Happy planning! Have fun as you develop your plan for the future.

Young Adult Membership Incentive Program

The board of Altrusa International, Inc. approved an incentive in March to encourage young members to join and remain in Altrusa while starting their careers. The International policy now includes: "Young Adult Membership Incentive Program: Members ages 30 and younger are eligible for a 50% reduction (\$27.50) in dues from the regular rate. Any member not willing to document their date of birth will be charged the full regular rate of \$55."

The District Eight board has voted to mirror the International incentive and reduce dues by 50% (\$10 instead of \$20) for members under the age of 30 effective 6-1. If you are submitting dues under this incentive program, David at the International Office has requested that we let him know ahead of time so that he can put that in manually as there is not an automatic option for this to be accepted in Group Tally as of right now.



Welcome New Altrusa Members!

Club

Emporia, KS
Fayetteville, AR

Greater Kansas City, MO

Hot Springs Village, AR
Jonesboro, AR

Mexico, MO

Salina, KS

St. Louis, MO
Washington County, AR

New Members

Mary Mingenback
Patty Henson
Sullivan
Mary Minton
Ingrid Kistler
Sharon Reeder
Pam Avila
Madonna Lee
Melissa McDaniel
Christal Bruner
Mark DeJaynes
Trisha Herron
Peggy Payne
Allison Pike
Gina Raines
Carman Guries
Brittini Scott
Deborah Magee
Elissa Bostian

Sponsors

Lorraine Brewer & Carolyn Rash

Rosemary Rogers
Jane Hart
Sue Hart
Nancy Luehring & Sue Spurgin
Jill Morris

Helen Fenton
Saunceria Neale
Melanie Utterback
Donna Peak
Melanie Utterback
Molly Hanley
Kayla Ascher
Michele Nightingale
Mary Hoffmann
Destiny Mott-Ray



Spring Grants

The Altrusa International Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$94,700.00 in grants for the Spring grant cycle. The clubs that received grants in District Eight are:

Altrusa Club	Project	Grant Awarded
Stillwater, OK	<i>Backpack Buddies</i>	\$4,000.00
Washington County, AR	<i>Parent UP 2019</i>	\$4,000.00

Clubs can apply for up to \$4000 each grant cycle. The next deadline is September 15, 2019.

EMERITUS MEMBERS

The following member was granted Emeritus Status at the Pre-Conference Board Meeting. We thank Liz for her many years of service to Altrusa!

Elizabeth "Liz" Fulton, Altrusa International of Fayetteville, AR, Inc.

Recently Recognized Altrusans!



Sally Brandt, Altrusa International of Lawrence, KS – winner of inaugural District Eight Marilyn J. Bell Humanitarian Award & Lamplighter Award



Sue Spurgin, Altrusa International of Hot Springs Village, AR – winner of the inaugural District Eight Rising Star Award



Jennifer Oramous, Altrusa International of Washington County AR, was recently recognized as the Outstanding PhD student in Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education and Health Preferences, University of Arkansas.

In Memorium – Past Governor Billie Jean Ward



Billie Jean Ward

September 7, 1920 - May 14, 2019

Billie Jean was born Billie Jean Allen in Boynton, Okla. and was always a leader and an example of devotion, loyalty, and excitement. She lived life to the fullest from her days growing up in Boynton, leading her little brother Roy and her friends. She went to college at Oklahoma A&M, then married the love of her life, George Herbert "Bill" Ward. While Bill served his country flying the hump over India and China in World War II, Billie worked in Tulsa making occasional treks to Stillwater to see friends and go to OSU football games. After the war, she and Bill owned a hardware store in Stillwater. When they sold it, she went to work at Oklahoma State University, serving as administrative assistant to the department head of Animal Science, including both Dr. J.C. Hillier and Dr. Robert Totusek. Billie Jean loved to travel and did so to Europe and Australia. She also followed her beloved Cowboys to many bowl games including following her great nephew Zach. You could easily say she recruited her nephew Robert, Zach, and her great niece Katy to be Cowboys. She was a devoted member of Altrusa and served as Governor of District Eight. She was an alumni member of Gamma Phi Beta and an honorary lifetime member of the OSU Alumni Association. She was a longtime active member of First United Methodist Church in Stillwater, part of the back pew club. Billie was preceded in death by her husband Bill, and parents William Jefferson and Lucille Allen. She is survived by her brother Roy Allen; nephew Robert Allen, wife Lynne & their children: Zach Allen, wife Sam & son Cash; Katy Liebel & husband Logan; niece Susan Laird, and numerous extended family and so many close friends. We will love her always and remember her proudly wearing her OSU orange. Graveside services Mon., May 20 in Muskogee, Okla.

Altrusa of Stillwater is planning a celebration of life in memory of her on Saturday, July 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 400 W. 7th Avenue, Stillwater.

All Altrusans are invited to join the Stillwater Club that morning for their Backpack Buddies service project to be held at the Church's family center from 9:30-11:00 a.m. to help distribute 1000 backpacks, 1000 food packets, and 1000 books in Billie Jean's memory.

Contributions may be made to the Backpack Buddies project in memory and honor of Billie Jean and can be sent to:

Altrusa International of Stillwater, OK, Inc.
c/o Debra Higgins
1506 Berkshire
Stillwater, OK 74974

Altrusa International Foundation News

Members and or clubs had the opportunity to purchase Luci lights at Conference. These lights are still available and would make a great International Project for your clubs. See the flyer in this DSB.

The basic Luci lights are \$20.00 each. There is also an option to order a Luci light with a USB port for \$35.00 each. The lights must be ordered in increments of (12) for either basic or USB lights. Please collect the funds from those ordering lights and send to the foundation office address below. The lights will be ordered from the Chicago office and shipped directly to a local member for distribution in their area.

Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.
c/o Shawna Kaiser
One N LaSalle Street, Suite 1955
Chicago, IL 60602

DATES TO REMEMBER

56th Annual International Convention July 16-20, 2019, Reno Nevada -NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30, 2019.

August 10, 2010 - Arkansas Altrusa Day, Northwest Arkansas - Location TBD

September 15, 2019 - Deadline to apply for a grant from Altrusa International Foundation

64th Annual District Eight Conference - April 23-25, 2020, Fort Smith, Arkansas

REGIONAL EVENT - August 10, 2019

"Another Day of Chatter" will be held in Northwest Arkansas August 10, 2019. Last year's event was so successful and all attendees asked that this be an annual event so planning is well underway.

Please watch your email for details. Mark your calendars now! AUGUST 10, 2019

Disaster Relief Fund

Giving Altrusans the opportunity to respond immediately in the aftermath to the trauma of natural disasters with swift, direct aid, anywhere in the world.

Reaching out to light the way in 2019

Altrusa International
Foundation, Inc.

Join us in fundraising to support the mission of the Disaster Relief Fund
The response from Altrusans to the unprecedented need of the Disaster Relief Fund last year inspired the foundation board to show the impact of Altrusans great work by *Reaching Out to Light the Way in 2019*.



Last year, the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. distributed (300) Luci lights to areas in Puerto Rico without electricity. The Luci light is portable, lightweight, solar-powered, and holds a charge for 24 hours.

The Luci light serves countless needs - from students studying at night to healthcare volunteers working in remote villages without power.

The lights will be available to purchase at the 2019 District Conferences and donations will go towards giving Luci lights to the Ghana Health & Education Initiative, Medicine for Mali, and Altrusa International of District Fourteen.

Our GOAL is \$65,000! The Disaster Relief fundraiser results will be announced at the Foundation Luncheon in Reno. Thank you for your continued support.



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Club News!!!!

Altrusa International of Washington County, AR



Welcome to Elissa Bostian the newest member of Altrusa International of Washington County, AR. Elissa lives in Springdale, AR and has a 4 year old son. Joined 4/11/19. Elissa's occupation is an Optometrist at McDonald Eye Association. Elissa was also recognized as the newest member at District Conference.

Elissa is shown here with her sponsor, Destiny Mott-Ray.

Altrusa International of Salina, KS, Inc.



Past Governor Brenda Smith conducted the initiation ceremony for new members Brittini Scott and Carman Guries. Brittini is picture with her sponsor (and Mom) Michele Nightingale. Carman is pictured with her sponsor Kayla Ascher.



SALINA Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank 2 mins · 🌐

The Food Bank needs your help. Our shelves are nearly bare. We have a big Food Raiser coming up on May 11th that should bring in sufficient quantities to get us through the summer. The next couple of weeks, however, are going to be tough. Our top needs are canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned beans, jelly, dry cereal, and pancake mix. We would very much appreciate your assistance in this service to our clients. Donations can be accepted Monday-Friday from 9-12 and Monday-Thursday from 3-5, or by other arrangements. Thanks so much for your assistance in feeding those in need.

As Salina Altrusans traveled home from Conference, we received the following on our Facebook pages. Like good Altrusans, we came to the rescue. Michele Nightingale made a quick trip to the grocery store and we were able to provide 48 cans of veggies and tomatoes, 10 boxes of pancake mix, 12 jars of jelly, and 9 bags of cereal!



Clubs – send your news and photos to DSB Editor Linda Smith at lksmith53@cox.net by July 31, 2018 for the next edition of the DSB.

Altrusa International of Bentonville/Bella Vista, AR

On May 4th the Altrusa International Club of Bentonville/Bella Vista celebrated their 20th birthday with an afternoon social. Among the guests were three of their charter members, Michelle Payton, Mary Louise Harris, and Karen Robbins, who are still active Altrusans.. Members from Altrusa International of Rogers, Altrusa International of Washington County and Altrusa International of Fayetteville came to celebrate with us. Also in attendance were three Altrusa Past Governors, Alice Ann Simpkins, Becky Wood, and Carolyn Rash. Our club is consistently making a difference in their communities. This year the club has put more than 10 ,000 books into the hands of children. We celebrated what a club of women have done!



Club members *left rear*:
Su Lynn Hanson, Pat Sporleder,
Lynda Krysl, Tina Brandt,
Anne-Marie Steeneck,
Sue Sterling, Caria Marcinkus,
Terri Gaither, Club Vice President
Kris Sherry-Davis,
Marian Eagle, Connie Brown,
Peggy Rosenthal
Left front: Valerie Katz,
Club President Gay Kiker,
Katy Henkel, Donna Williams,
Sheryl Burhenn, Karen Robbins



Altrusa past Governors Alice Ann Simpkins,
Becky Wood, and Carolyn Rash.



Bentonville/Bella Vista past presidents: Karen Robbins,
Michelle Payton, Lynda Krysl, Katy Henkel, Peggy Rosenthal,
and current President, Gay Kiker



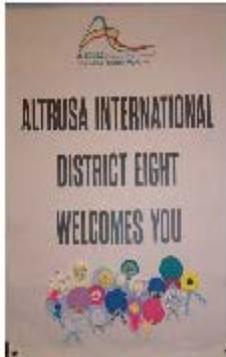
Oh yes! We went to Conference! Our club donated 102 bibs to the Conference Project in honor of Altrusa's 102nd birthday. We were proud to win a few awards. First place/ Governors Distinguished Service Award, Third place/ Mamie L. Bass, Second place/ Club Display!



Three of our charter members, Michelle Payton,
Mary Louise Harris and Karen Robbins

District Eight Conference 2019 Photos

Thursday Night Welcome to Conference – BUNCO



Friday Business Session and Keynote Luncheon Speaker



Friday Fun Night – Escape Room Teams



Good Witches Chatter and Motivation Speaker



What do you do when you need to give a motivational speech and you can't see over the podium? You stand in a chair for the entire presentation, of course!

Saturday Night Governor's Banquet Photos



Outgoing Board and Committee Chairs



Incoming Board and Committee Chairs



Past Governors and New Governor Penny with First Dude Mike



Thank you Kelly Netherton for all the great photos. We are in the process of posting more Conference photos to the District Eight Facebook page.

Committee Chairs and Other Appointees – 2019-2021



ASTRA Chair – Terry Eakins, Altrusa International of Sikeston, MO

Terry has been in Altrusa for 19 years and currently serves as President Elect, ASTRA Chair, and Service Committee. Past offices have been Vice President, President Elect, and President. She has been ASTRA Chair for 18 years.

Her husband Lindell and Terry have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She has been a cosmetologist for 42 years

Terry loves concerts, traveling, and camping with her husband and taking girl trips with her friends. Whether reading to kindergartners, delivering books to the hospital bookshelf, taking clothes or food to a pantry, it takes us all working together to make our community a better place for everyone.

BRR Chair – Kathy Surratt-States, Altrusa International of St. Louis, MO

Kathy A. Surratt-States became an Altrusan in April of 1995, when she was initiated into the St. Louis, Missouri Club. She has served as President of the St. Louis Club. She has also served as Co-Chair and on the Finance/Ways & Means Committee, which leads the St. Louis Club's poinsettia sale, which raises \$7,000+ annually for the Club's service projects. Kathy has served as a District Eight Director and Chair of the BRR Committee. Kathy served as Chair for the 2019 District Eight Conference.



Kathy was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She received her bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Oklahoma City University and her law degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. After graduating from law school, Kathy was law clerk to a Bankruptcy Judge and then entered private practice. On March 17, 2003, Kathy was appointed as a Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. She was appointed Chief Judge on February 1, 2013.

Kathy serves on the board of directors for several charitable organizations including Catholic Charities of St. Louis and Gifted Resource Council, whose mission is to provide educational opportunities for gifted and talented young people ages 3 – 14. She was formerly a member of the board for Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, where she served as President. She was previously appointed by then Governor of Missouri Bob Holden to the St. Louis City Board of Election.

Kathy is married to Clifford, who is a Lieutenant with the St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department and they have one daughter, Holly.



Communications Chair – Kay Quinn, Altrusa International of Salina, KS

Kay Quinn serves as the Marketing and Development Coordinator for Salina Arts & Humanities, the cultural-affairs department of the City of Salina. In that post, Quinn oversees all public relations and advertising activities that support the agency's many programs and events, including the Smoky Hill River Festival, the Arts Infusion Program in classrooms, the Friday Night Live performance series and more. She also serves as development officer for the Smoky Hill Museum, a division of SA&H, connecting corporate and individual donors with Museum exhibits and events.

A fourth-generation Kansan, Quinn returned to the Salina area in late 2010 after working for 20 years in Gainesville, Florida, where she owned Morgan & Quinn, a boutique public relations firm. In the field of

publications, she served as Managing Editor and Director of Communications for Oxendine Publishing for eight years, where she oversaw editorial and promotional content for the company's website and three magazines, including the national controlled-circulation publication *Student Leader*, with a circulation of 100,000.

Kay graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in broadcast journalism with a concentration in international communications. She has served on numerous civic and charitable boards and is a graduate of Leadership Gainesville XXV and Leadership Salina 2012. She supports Kansas Wesleyan University, is a member of Christ Cathedral, an advocate for breast-cancer awareness and served as president of Altrusa International of Salina. Her hobbies include antiquing, riding horses, period fiction, foreign languages and overseas travel.

DSB Editor – Linda K. Smith, Altrusa International of Salina, KS

Linda K. Smith has been employed at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum since March of 1972. She began her government career as a clerk stenographer and now serves as an archives specialist but does very little archival work as she now plans the Library's 75+ programs each year. She is just completed chairing a 6-day commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. She spent more than 25 years of her career reviewing and declassifying hundreds of thousands of pages from the Eisenhower Administration.



Linda has served in numerous capacities on the Board for Altrusa International District Eight, Inc. including Director, First Vice Governor, Governor-Elect, and Governor 2008-2011. She currently serves as DSB Editor.

Linda has also served as Service Development Chair, Nominating Committee Chair and Function Coordinator for the 2015 Biennial Convention for Altrusa International, Inc. She served as the District Eight Representative on the Altrusa Centennial Committee. At the 2017 Biennial Convention, Linda was elected to the position of International Director.

As a member of Altrusa International of Salina, KS, Inc. since 1990, Linda has held most positions, including several terms as President.

When not working, Linda is an active community volunteer in Salina, where she has lived since 1966. In addition to Altrusa, she is a member of the Saline County Republican Women, served and 2 2-year terms as President of the Kansas Federation of Republican Women and is a committee member for the National Federation of Republican Women. Linda served 4 years as President of the Salina Regional Health Center Service Auxiliary. She has chaired Humanities Kansas and currently served as Immediate Past Chair.



District Foundation Liaison – Joan Hoover Schoonover, Altrusa International of Hot Springs Village, AR

Joan became an Altrusan in 1979 in Abilene TX and has been an Altrusan for 40 years. In 1999 she transferred from the Abilene TX Club to the Little Rock AR Club. In Abilene, she held all offices including President, 3 years as Treasurer and was District Nine Conference Co-chair in 1992. In the Little Rock club, she served as President as well as Treasurer of the Altrusa International, Inc. of Little Rock Foundation. Joan served District Eight as New Club Building Chair for 6 years and organized the Hot Springs Village

Altrusa Club which was chartered in March, 2004. She was the first President of the HSV Club and served as District Eight Second Vice Governor during the 2008-2011 triennium. In 2012 Joan was Co-chair of the District Eight Conference held in Hot Springs. International Conventions she has attended include Nashville, Rapid City, Orlando, Puerto Rico, Dallas, Seattle and Albuquerque. Joan has attended most District Eight Conferences since 1999 and 11 District Nine Conferences.

Joan have a B.A. in Chemistry, an MBA in Finance and Marketing and is a Medical Technologist, MT(ASCP). After 38 years in the medical field, Joan sold her business, Beechwood Medical Laboratory, Inc., and moved to Hot Springs Village. Joan was an active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where I served on the Vestry for 4 years with 1½ of those years as Senior Warden. She served as president of the Episcopal Church Women in 2002 and Treasurer in 2004 and several years on the Finance Committee. Other activities include HS/HSV Branch of AAUW as 2005-2006 President and 2 terms as Treasurer and Book Sale Co-chair one year. Joan also served 2 terms as Treasurer for Arkansas AAUW - a state board position - and is a member of NARFE where she served as Treasurer for 4 years.

After Joan remarried in 2010, she scaled back her Altrusa involvement as she spends several months in Sebring, FL every winter. Joan's family includes her son Brit (Theresa) and 2 grandchildren, Eva and Emerson, in Milwaukee WI, and her daughter Darcy who lives in Vancouver BC. Hobbies include travel, reading, Mah Jongg, Bridge and, of course, Altrusa!

Leadership Chair – Leslie Gragg, Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, MO

Leslie has been a member of Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, MO for over three years. Though her time as a member is short, she has been around Altrusa events for several years. Her aunt, Betty Absheer, is a 43 year member of the Poplar Bluff club. Leslie has traveled several places with Altrusa including the installation of Betty as the District Eight Governor in 1994 in Salina, KS. She also a twin sister, Beth, who was initiated into the Poplar Bluff club and is now an affiliate member since moving to Jefferson City, MO for school.



Before becoming a full time instructor at Three Rivers College, Leslie owned a chiropractic office where she practiced for over six years. Throughout her practice she specialized in pregnancy and pediatric care, providing her with a lot of unique experiences. Leslie primarily teaches Anatomy & Physiology and Academic Life Strategies at Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff, MO, as well as, Kennett, MO and Sikeston, MO. In December 2018, Leslie became Department chair of Math and Science at Three Rivers College. She is also the faculty adviser for the Gospel Choir club and advises students in pre-nursing, sports medicine, and other health disciplines. Her favorite things about teaching are helping students identify career goals, develop skills for planning and scheduling, and providing a positive environment during students' journeys to becoming health care professionals. She is looking forward to her role as the Leadership Chair.



Long Range Strategic Planning Chair – Debbie Schmidt, Altrusa International of Lawrence, KS

Debbie Schmidt received her BSA from Fort Hays State University where she met her future hubby, Dan (now going on 44 years!!!). Debbie is a cytotechnologist at LMH Health. Debbie has two girls, Sam and Amanda and two delightful, fun, gorgeous grandkids, Nate (17) and Kate (7).

Sue Rogers brought Debbie into Altrusa in 1996. She has served as President and chaired the Service and Ways and Means (currently) committees.

Debbie loves nature and learning about herbs, teas, essential oils, healthy eating and cooking. Reading is also a favorite pastime and watching informational videos on YouTube.

Membership Chair – Christy Clift, Altrusa International of Chickasha, OK

Christy Clift, O.D. has been an optometric physician since 1995.

She joined Altrusa International of Chickasha in 2008. She has served the club as service chair, President of their foundation and the Hall of Trees chair from 2013-2017. Dr. Clift has served as President of 2 Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Club, Grady County Historical Society, Friends of the Chickasha Library and Chickasha Community Theatre.



Christy is a playwright having written a monologue show about breast cancer called “Busting Out: Laughter Is the Best Medicine.” She has directed and performed theatre at University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Chickasha Community Theatre.

Christy is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a doctorate from Oklahoma College of Optometry. She was a professor at Oklahoma College of Optometry from 1995-1998. Her husband Rocky Roberson, O.D. and Christy are a “paradocs” sharing a practice in Chickasha. She has two children, who attend the University of Oklahoma, her son Jonah is a senior history major with a minor in philosophy and her daughter Madeline is a sophomore vocal performance major with an emphasis on opera.



New Club Building Chair – Becky Wood, Altrusa International of Washington County, AR and the Past Governors

Becky became an Altrusan in 1992 and was elected Governor in 2017. She is currently a member of Altrusa International of Washington County, Inc. As Governor, Becky was excited to see the beginning steps to charter a new club in Pulaski County Arkansas. She wanted to see that happen in her biennium but is committed to seeing it through in Governor Penny’s biennium.

Becky and the Past Governors are serving as the New Club Building Committee.

Becky says, “We have Past Governors in every state of District Eight and there is opportunity in each of those states for Altrusa growth. The committee will look at each state individually and assess what communities might have potential for new clubs. And in this biennium, we will get conversations happening between local Altrusa clubs and those communities with high potential.”

“We are excited with the progress in Arkansas towards a new club in Pulaski County and continued conversations about one in Siloam Springs. With the 2021 Conference scheduled to take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, we hope to spark some interest in that area. There are other several communities in Oklahoma with great potential for a new community service group such as Altrusa. Kansas and Missouri both have cities where Altrusa has had clubs in the past and we will look into those for opportunity as well as some new communities.”

Secretary – Lisa McCubbins, Altrusa International of Mexico, MO

Lisa became a member of Altrusa International of Mexico, MO in 2006. She has served on numerous club committees, as well as Secretary and Vice President, and was elected as President for 2 years from 2013 - 2015. Lisa currently works for Columbia Public Schools as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Her husband Jeff works for the University of Missouri and they have been happily married for 30 years. They have two beautiful daughters - Jessika (26) and Kelsie (22). Jessika will graduate in October from Sam Brown Cosmetology School in Columbia, MO, and Kelsie is a Senior at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO and is currently student teaching in Paris, MO.



After being urged by her friend and fellow club member, Penny Daugherty, Lisa attended her first conference in 2013. Everyone made her feel so welcome and she enjoyed making new friends. Those friendships eventually turned into an opportunity and privilege for Lisa to serve as District Service Chair under the leadership of Governor Brenda Smith. Lisa was also very honored to serve as Conference Chair of the Altrusa Conference in Columbia, MO. in 2015, and got a look behind the scenes of what it takes to put a conference together.

Lisa is very honored to serve as Secretary to Governor Penny and looks forward to traveling with her throughout the district for the next two years.



Service Chair – Vickie Kilgore, Altrusa International of Greater Kansas City, MO

Vickie is a member of Altrusa International of Greater Kansas City, Inc. since 2017 and currently their President Elect and Membership Chair.

She is presently Chief Deputy Collector for Clinton County Government. Previously she worked part time for the University of Missouri as the Office Manager/Bookkeeper in their Clinton County Extension office. In 2008, she retired after 35 years of Government service with the Department of Defense with her highest position as the Kansas City

Director of Accounts Payable for the United States Marine Corps.

Vickie was married to Bill for 32 years before becoming a widow in 2005. They have a daughter and two grandchildren.

She keeps busy outside of Altrusa as a board member of Plattsburg Senior Center and Clinton County Extension Council. She is an Ambassador for Mizzou Athletics and enjoys traveling to Columbia for games. A member of Plattsburg Chamber of Commerce and is the current Vice President of Philanthropy Education Organization (PEO) Chapter DF, Plattsburg, MO. Vickie enjoys reading, stitching hearts for Hospice, and traveling.



Webmaster and Parliamentarian – Diane Eberhard, Altrusa International of Sikeston, MO

Diane was President of Altrusa International of Sikeston, MO 1999-2000 and 2005-2006 as well as Director, Vice President, President-Elect and is currently serving as Treasurer.

Diane provided service as District Webmaster during 2006-2008 and resumed that position again in 2016. She was the District Communications Chair from 1996-1998 and served as the District Long Range Strategic Planning Trainer. She also served as Second Vice-Governor 2004-2006, First Vice-Governor 2006-2008, Governor-Elect 2008-2011 and Governor 2011-2013.

Diane has also served at the International level as Vice Chair for Communications 2003-2005, Elections Committee Chair 2009, the Governors' Council Vice-Chair 2011-2013, International Director 2013-2015 and International Vice President 2015-2017.

District Eight Liaisons 2019-2021

Club	District Liaison 2019-2021
Bentonville/Bella Vista	Penny Storms/Jennifer McKeown
Chickasha	Mary Hoffmann
Dexter	Penny Storms/Chelsey Baker
Emporia	Penny Daugherty
Fayetteville	Mary Hoffmann
Ft. Smith	Penny Daugherty
Greater Kansas City	Penny Storms
Hot Springs Village	Penny Daugherty
Hutchinson	Penny Daugherty
Jonesboro	Jennifer McKeown
Lawrence	Penny Storms
Little Rock	Penny Daugherty
Mexico	Lorraine Brewer
Moberly	Lorraine Brewer
Poplar Bluff	Penny Storms/Chelsey Baker
Rogers	Penny Storms/Jennifer McKeown
Salina	Mary Hoffmann
Sedalia	Mary Hoffmann
Sikeston	Penny Storms/Chelsey Baker
Springdale	Mary Hoffmann
St. Louis	Lorraine Brewer
Stillwater	Penny Storms
Washington County	Penny Daugherty



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