District Eight is comprised of twenty-three clubs in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

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**Official Call to Conference**

**Governor’s Message...Penny Daugherty**

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us for the 64th Annual Altrusa District Eight Conference 2020 in Fort Smith, Arkansas April 23-26, 2020. We are looking forward to an exciting, informative three days with Altrusa friends and leaders. A big thank-you goes out to Conference Chair, Luanne Weir, as well as the Fort Smith Altrusans who have been working very hard to make sure that our Fort Smith Conference is a wonderful experience for all who attend. This Call to Conference DSB is full of important information for those attending Conference as well as applying for awards.

The theme for this year’s Conference is “Altrusans Reaching for the Stars”, which is a play on the rich history of U.S. Marshals that Fort Smith is known for. It also refers to the future of Altrusa as we reach for new heights in our organization. I understand that we will have a “star” joining us for Fun Night on Friday to get our Altrusans “All Shook Up”, so be sure to pack your bobby socks and poodle skirts!

There will be an all-Conference workshop to update everyone on new Communications tools for the District. We also have changed up the Workshop format a little bit this year considering the comments that we had regarding our “chatter” sessions. We have teamed up two related topics into breakouts for some of our workshops. This will allow for more time in each workshop and it will be easier to hear, but your club members will need to decide which of the workshops they will attend. I am also excited that we will have ASTRA members from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville ASTRA Club in an all-conference session. We have much to learn from our young ASTRA counterparts and how we can keep them in our organization in the future.

Once again, we will have our parade of banners in the opening session as well as an “Altrusa Choir”. If you are a singer and plan to
attend, I would love to hear from you. I will also need to know the names of the banner carriers from each club. We would like nothing more than to have all 23 club banners flying!

Our International Representative this year is newly elected International Director, Karyn Evans, to bring us updates from International. Please feel free to ask any questions you might have about what is going on at the International level. We will also be having a question and answer session for anyone interested on serving on the District level as either a committee chair or board officer. We would love to have an idea of those Altrusans that are interested in stepping into a District leadership role.

This DSB is packed with information; please take time to read it carefully. If you have members who need a hard copy, please print it for them. Pay special attention to awards deadlines and items required for submission. If you need more information, contact me or any District Eight Board member.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Fort Smith as we “Reach for the Stars”.

In service,

Penny Daugherty
Governor, District Eight

Congratulations, Care and Concerns

Congratulations

Congratulations to Past Governor Brenda Smith who completed 48 years at Assurance partners in December.

Care and Concerns

Condolences to the family and friends of Jane Bryant. Jane was a past District Secretary and member of Altrusa International of Norman, OK. When the Norman club disbanded, Jane became an emeritus member of Altrusa International of Stillwater, OK.

Condolences to Past Governor Peggy Hughes on the death of her husband, Gary, in December.

Prayers for daughter of Moberly, MO, Altrusa member Kay Snodgrass. Her 40-year-old daughter was diagnosed with uterine cancer last fall. She is taking her chemo treatments now. Prayers needed that at the end of her treatments they get a good CT scan. As Kay states, “This is a long unpredictable journey that many have experienced. Prayers for everyone dealing with this horrible disease.”

Please send any Congratulations, Cares, Concerns to Governor Penny and DSB Editor Linda K. Smith by May 1, 2020 for the next edition of the DSB.
Do you ever feel like you’d really like the opportunity to do something just for you? Maybe you think that would be a little selfish - but is it? Is making time for you to be energized, inspired and refreshed a bad thing? You are not the only beneficiary of such activity. Everyone around you benefits from the positive action you take for self-improvement.

If you have never been to District Conference, or if it has been a long time since you attended, you’re in for a pleasant surprise. The format of conference is geared to give you many opportunities to meet and engage with other Altrusans from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. You can learn about resources available to your club to strengthen and grow it, ways to improve your communications, and hear about projects and fundraisers that have been successful elsewhere that might work for your club too!

District Conference is a coveted time to renew current friendships and make new ones. It is a chance for your club to shine by sharing those things you do that make your community a better place. By submitting entries for club awards, your club can be recognized at the awards luncheon and maybe even rewarded for your efforts with a monetary prize for certain awards. We want to know more about your club and what makes you remarkable!

You will have the opportunity to meet Karyn Evans, International Director from Ohio, who will be our International Representative, and share what Altrusa is doing around the globe. District Committee Chairs will be on hand to meet you and answer any Altrusa questions you may have.

I encourage you to make your plans to join us in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 23-26, 2020 at the DoubleTree at 700 Rogers, Avenue. We will be in the heart of downtown where you can enjoy great dining and shopping experiences a short walk from the hotel. If that’s not enough, First Timers receive a $25.00 discount on their registration.

Please join us in Fort Smith as Altrusans Reach for the Stars. This is the ME Time you have been wishing for! There will be a chocolate chip cookie waiting for you when you arrive! I can’t wait to see you in April!

Meet Karyn Evans, Altrusa International Director & Altrusa International Representative to District Eight Conference

Karyn has been an Altrusan since 1995, shortly after the Highland County Club was chartered in June of 1994. She has served as president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, director, and chaired many committees including Membership and Scholarship.

In District Five, Karyn served as Program Chair, Second Vice Governor, First Vice Governor, Governor-Elect, and currently as both Immediate Past Governor and Parliamentarian. She was the BRR Chair, Hospitality Chair, Liaison for the 2013 Conference, and Foundation Liaison. Additionally, she served on teams to revise the District Long Range Strategic Plans, Policy and Procedure Manual, and District Conference Manual.
Personally, Karyn has been married for over 50 years. Her family includes five grown children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. For pleasure, she enjoys travel, reading, sewing, crafts, and crocheting.

Professionally, Karyn is a Dean at Southern State Community College, where she has been employed for over 30 years. Her department, the Adult Opportunity Center, provides a wide variety of services including adult literacy, GED Prep, and College Readiness. Her duties include writing grant proposals and providing grant oversight. She has served on several teams/task forces at the state level and presented at state and national conferences. She has been active in her professional organization as president, first and second vice president, director, and membership chair. She chaired/co-chaired state, regional, and national conferences with registrations of 300-1300.

Karyn has been active in her community. At church, she served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent; Christian Education Director; member of the church board; Bible School teacher and director; and president, vice president, and secretary of the ladies’ circle. She served on the Head Start board; participated on the Literacy Council; completed both Leadership Highland and Leadership Adams and served as the Director of the Highland County Leadership Foundation. She was a Girl Scout from Brownie to Senior, then a Leader, and Service Unit Director. She was an active member and officer of AAUW (University Women) for several years.

BRR .... Proposed Changes - Kathy A. Surratt-States, District Eight
BRR Chair

The board has reviewed the District Bylaws and voted to put forth the following changes to be voted on by membership.

Article XI. Officers

**Section 1.** Elected Officers (a) The elected officers of this District shall be Governor, Governor-Elect, First Vice Governor, Second Vice Governor (optional), Treasurer, and Director(s) optional.

Proposed revision:

Article XI. Officers

**Section 1.** Elected Officers (a) The elected officers of this District shall be Governor, Governor-Elect, First Vice Governor, Treasurer, and Directors.

**Reason:** The District Board continues to have problems finding members that want to commit to serving on the Board and presenting a double slate of candidates for each open position. Eliminating this position would also shorten the length of time required for those members that want to move up on the Board by the normal leadership path. This position can always be added back into the Board structure if warranted in the future by vote of the serving Board and membership body.

Article XI. Officers

**Section 3. Appointed Officers**

The Governor shall appoint the District Secretary who shall not have a vote on the Board, such appointment to be approved by the District Board of Directors.
Proposed revision:

Article XI. Officers

Section 3. Appointed Officers

The Governor shall appoint the District Secretary and the District Parliamentarian who shall not have a vote on the Board, such appointment to be approved by the District Board of Directors.

Reason: The current District Bylaws do not list the District Parliamentarian position, even though we have had one serving on the Board. The District Policies contain language that includes the Parliamentarian and this change would merely make the Bylaws and Policies agree.

Proposed addition:

Article XI. Officers

Section 7. District Parliamentarian

The District Parliamentarian shall:

a.) Be familiar with all Altrusa International, District and local club bylaws, and International and District policies and Robert's Rules of Order.

b.) Confer with the Governor prior to or meetings or Conference to anticipate problems and prevent frequent consultations during those meetings.

c.) Sit next to the Governor during Board meetings and during Conference to advise the Governor
d.) Call to the Governor's attention any errors in proceedings
e.) Maintain a position of impartiality
f.) Serve as principal advisor to other officers and committee chairs
g.) Advise those who are to present business to the Conference body prior to Conference
h.) Present the Standing Rules of Conference to the Conference body
i.) Assist in Parliamentary Procedure and/or leadership training as requested by the Governor.

Reason: There are currently no District Parliamentarian duties described in the Bylaws.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal." -Elizabeth Caty Stanton. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, we salute Elizabeth Caty Stanton and those that came before us to pave the way! With patriotism a part of Altrusa, are your clubs doing anything to celebrate this milestone?
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INVITATION TO CONFERENCE

Welcome to Fort Smith!

Fort Smith Altrusans are excited about hosting the District Eight Conference, April 23 – 26! We have some fun programs planned featuring historic Fort Smith characters and one very special visitor who came for a headline grabbing haircut in 1958. Pack your poodle skirt, rolled up jeans, and saddle oxfords for Friday night fun, it’s all about Elvis!

The Conference Hotel, DoubleTree by Hilton, is located in the heart of Fort Smith’s historic downtown area with shopping, dining, and historic places to see nearby. Ramble in Belle Star Antiques’ 8000 square foot building where both vintage and antique wares make shopping a treasure hunt. Creative Kitchen offers kitchen utensils for both the professional and home cook along with gifts we’d all like to have. And if you brake at consignments shops, drive slowly by Designer Again on North 3rd.

There are many dining opportunities within blocks of the hotel. If you’re interested in something a little out of the ordinary at mealtime, consider Thai Curry, Landry’s Cajun, or Rolando’s Nuevo Ristorante.

For National Park visitors, the Fort Smith Historic Site is a must see. Soldiers, the Trail of Tears, dangerous outlaws and the lawmen who chased them are all part of Fort Smith’s story. The Park honors annual and senior passes and will be happy for you to stamp your Passport with three different stamps! Just across the street, the Fort Smith Museum of History is also a historical delight. You really must go to the Fort Smith Visitor’s Center. Located in a restored bordello, it has been restored to its former beautiful, if gaudy, self and is open for visitor information and tours.

We’ll have a full list of restaurants, shopping, and historic places at registration so check it out! Whether you want to enjoy our history or make some of your own, come to Fort Smith in April!

Friday Keynote Luncheon Speakers Floyd and Sue Robison

Floyd and Sue Robison have presented the story of Judge Isaac C. Parker and his wife, Mary, for fourteen years. They have done extensive research on the couple’s private and public lives, and have traveled to Florida, Ohio, Missouri and several locations across Arkansas and Oklahoma to share their story.

As volunteers for the Fort Smith Museum of History, they speak to an average of 1,500 school children per year. They also host special events at the Museum, including walking tours, scavenger hunts for children and the annual Judge Parker Birthday Party. They are planning the first “In Judge Parker’s Court” event this spring, which will recreate an actual trial held in Judge Parker’s courtroom.

The Robisons also volunteer at the Fort Smith National Historic Site working with children’s event and other activities. They are founding members of “Friends of the Fort,” a support group for the Historic Site. They have been part of the
program for a children’s summer camp sponsored by the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, and they are regular volunteers at the home of William H.H. Clayton, now a Fort Smith Museum. The couple lives in Van Buren and continue to make themselves available to share the story of Isaac and Mary Parker.

**Friday Fun Night – Pack Your Blue Suede Shoes!**

Prepare to get "All Shook Up" with a 50's themed Friday Fun Night with the Fort Smith Altrusans. Don't forget to pack your poodle skirts and saddle oxfords—and be sure to bring a camera. It is sure to be a photo worthy evening!

**Silent Auction**

It's always fun to see what clubs bring to Conference to sell in the silent auction and what sparks a bidding war. This is a great way for clubs to support the International Foundation, who in turn returns funds to clubs in the form of grants. Turn your items in at the Silent Auction Room Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning.

**Merchandise for Club Fundraising**

If your club is planning to bring items to sell as a fundraiser at Conference, we want to make sure that we have space reserved for you in the Altrusa Store area. To reserve your space, contact Mary Jo Kline at kline11@centurytel.net by March 23, 2020.

**Boutique Shopping**

The Fort Smith Altrusans are busy rounding up vendors so that our members can once again do some boutique shopping on Saturday in between workshops. If you know of someone that would be interested in participating as a vendor, contact Luanne Weir, Conference Co-Chair, at luweir@att.net.

**Club Displays**

Conference is a great time to show off all of your club's members, projects, fundraisers, and recognition in the form of a Club Display. If your club needs to reserve space for a club display, please contact Mary Jo Kline at kline11@centurytel.net by March 23, 2020.

**Singers needed!**

We will once again be utilizing the talent of our members to lead us in singing the state songs and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at Conference. It was wonderful to hear members from around the District leading the Conference body in harmony and we want to keep it going.

If you would be interested in singing in the choir at Conference, please drop me an email at: penny@radiogetsresults.net by April 1.
The Girls Shelter of Fort Smith opened in 1970 as a temporary emergency shelter. Since then, the shelter has developed and grown into a long-term residential treatment facility. In April 2002, a new 7,000 square-foot facility was built on a two-acre lot. The shelter is licensed to house only nine girls at a time.

Their mission is to provide a safe and encouraging atmosphere in a residential setting for underprivileged females aged 12-17 years; to promote positive behaviors, character enhancement, educational advancement, and to reunite them with their family.

Many of their residents have had a less than desirable childhood. Common histories include physical and sexual abuse, parents with drug issues, parents in prison and homelessness. These girls are taught personal responsibility, independent living skills and positive social skills. They are provided a safe home environment, all food, transportation, personal items, and clothing. They receive individual and family counseling. As one of their Board members put it, “we have one year to pour all the good into them we can possibly give them”.

Altrusa International of Fort Smith has chosen the Girls Shelter for our hands-on project at Conference. We hope to be able to put together 36 kits and also provide bulk items for sharing. The following small items will be used for these kits: hairbrushes, combs with large teeth, deodorant (solid with a pleasant scent), hair ties and scrunches, body lotion (candy and flower scents are popular), pencils, pens and journals. Bulk items that will be shared are: feminine pads, tampons, nail polish remover, cotton balls and makeup remover.

For planning purposes, I’ll be contacting each Club after March 15, 2020 to find out if your Club will be able to provide any of these items. If you have any questions about this project I can be reached at vickiekilgore@hughes.net or 816-699-5852. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone again in Fort Smith.

Service Project Fundraiser

Those that attended the Northwest Arkansas Regional Event will remember that we did an online jewelry fundraiser at that event to supplement the regional event service project. Because the Fort Smith club has chosen a cash donation service project, we are once again hosting an online Keep Collective/Stella & Dot fundraiser to boost the amount that District Eight will able to contribute to Community Services Clearinghouse. Through personalization and interchangeable pieces, you can find your own style and represent Altrusa in your own way.
From each purchase, 25% will be donated to the service project. The link to shop and order is: www.stelladot.com/ts/hq3ro

The party will remain open through the month of April. If you would like assistance with your order, please contact Past Governor Becky Wood at rmwood0@yahoo.com or at Conference.

2020 District Eight Conference Hotel Information

64th Altrusa District Eight Conference in Fort Smith, Arkansas

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** DoubleTree by Hilton, 700 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901; Hotel reservations at (479) 783-1000.

Rooms are $114 per night, with 4 breakfast vouchers each day and free Wi-Fi. When making hotel reservations, ask for the block for Altrusa International District Eight 2020. Deadline for holding the block is 4/2/20.

Don’t forget to get your free warm chocolate chip cookie when you check in. They are YUMMY!

**District Eight Conference Electronic Options**

For the first time, members that want to attend Conference but register and pay electronically will be able to do so. All early-bird deadlines still apply and there will be a 4% convenience fee added for the service used to process the registration.

To register electronically, use this link and have your debit or credit card handy! [https://altrusadistricteight.regfox.com/2020-conference](https://altrusadistricteight.regfox.com/2020-conference)

There is also a link to available for anyone that wishes to book their room(s) at the DoubleTree in Downtown Fort Smith. That link is: [https://tinyurl.com/ta4lcbn](https://tinyurl.com/ta4lcbn)

**First Timers**

If you are planning to attend Conference for the first time in Fort Smith this year, you are a First Timer and are eligible for a discounted registration fee. First Timers to Conference will receive a $25 discount on the early full registration fee if the registration is received before the March 26, 2020 deadline. There is no discount after March 26.

This discount is available to all First Time District Conference attendees for “Early Full Registration” only.
First Timers – please plan to attend the First Timer session at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, April 24. Come learn about what to expect during the Conference as well as lots of Altrusa facts!

Delegates to Conference

Each club in the District will soon be notified of the number of delegates and alternates they are allowed to send to District Conference. According to International Bylaws, “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.”

The number of delegates and alternates allowed are as follows:

- 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
Tentative Schedule
64th Annual Conference
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Thursday, April 23, 2020
Noon – 9:00 PM .................................................. Registration Open
7:00 – 9:00 PM .................................................. Credentials Open
1:00 PM ................................................................. Finance Committee Meeting
2:00 – 5:00 PM .................................................. Pre-Conference District Board Meeting
5:30 – 7:30 PM .................................................. Pre-Conference Board Dinner
8:00 – 9:00 PM .................................................. Welcome to Conference
9:15 PM .............................................................. Flag, Parade of Banners, and Choir Practice

Friday, April 24, 2020
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 – 8:30 AM ........................................... President’s Workshop
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM ........................................... Treasurer’s Workshop
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM ........................................... First Timer’s Workshop
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM ........................................... Opening Ceremony
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM ........................................... First Business Session
12:00 PM .......................................................... Keynote Luncheon
1:45 – 2:45 PM .................................................. All-Conference Communications Workshop
3:00 – 4:00 PM .................................................. Membership/Service Workshop
3:00 – 4:00 PM .................................................. LRSP/BRR Workshop
3:00 – 4:00 PM .................................................. Communications/Web Workshop
4:00 PM ........................................................... Free Time, Dinner on Your Own
7:00 – 10:00 PM ................................................ Fun Night “All Shook Up”

Saturday, April 27, 2019
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM ........................................... Registration Open
7:45 AM – 8:30 AM ........................................... Past Governor’s Breakfast
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM ........................................... Voting
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM ........................................... Secretary’s Workshop
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM ........................................... Leadership Program Workshop
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM ......................................... Second Business Session
11:00 AM .......................................................... All Conference ASTRA Workshop
11:45 AM .......................................................... Awards Luncheon
1:30 PM ............................................................ All Conference Leadership Speaker
Kim Snipes, Fort Smith
2:30 PM ............................................................ All Conference Service Project
3:00 PM ............................................................ Optional District Leadership Q & A
3:30 PM ............................................................ Silent Auction Closes
1:00 PM – 5:00 .................................................. Boutique Shopping
6:00 PM ............................................................ Reception
7:00 PM – 10:00 ................................................ Banquet

Sunday, April 26, 2020
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM ........................................... Post Conference Board Meeting
64th District Eight Conference
Registration Form
April 23-26, 2020  Fort Smith, AR

Early Registration Discount by March 26, 2020 (After March 26, cost is $175.00)

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.

No Refunds After April 14, 2020 – per District policy

PLEASE PRINT
Name(s) __________________________ of Altrusa International of __________________
Address __________________________ City __________ State ______ Zip ______

E-mail Address __________________________

I am attending in the capacity of: (Please mark all that apply.)

_____ Club President  _____ Guest
_____ Delegate  _____ Altrusa Member
_____ Past/Present Governor  _____ District Officer
_____ Alternate  _____ First Timer
_____ Past/Present Int’l Officer  _____ District Committee Chair

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Please indicate your plans to attend the Saturday night banquet  Attending? Yes__________ No __________

Dietary Needs:  Diabetic ______  Vegetarian_______  Other________________

Please make checks payable to: Altrusa District Eight Conference Fund
Treasurer, Kathy McCluggage
Altrusa International District Eight, Inc.
11004 Hwy 54
Laddonia, MO 63352
573-473-6235
mcrframes123@gmail.com

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Hosted by Altrusa International of Fort Smith, AR, Inc.
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, "Community Services Clearinghouse"
- Items for the "Girls Shelter" Service Project Workshop
- Merchandise for Club Fundraising—To reserve a table for your club fundraising, please notify Mary Jo Kline by email at kline11@centurytel.net by March 23.
- Your Club Displays/Exhibits—Show us what your club is doing. To reserve space for your club exhibit, please notify Mary Jo Kline by email at kline11@centurytel.net by March 26.
- 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.
- Don’t forget your 50's attire for "All Shook Up" Friday Fun Night!

CONFERENCE 2020 WORKSHOPS

Conference is a great time to get inspired, share ideas, learn from other Altrusans, and renew Altrusa friendships. We also have fun and informative workshops planned we hope you will enjoy.

In addition to our regular workshops for Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, and First-Timers, we will have an all-conference Communications workshop Thursday morning detailing new tools available through the District. To change things up a bit this year, we have also paired similar workshops together. These will be a Service/Membership workshop about how to gain membership with through service, a LRSP/Bylaws workshop discussing your clubs living documents, and a Communications/Web workshop for more information on the new Communications program and website.

On Saturday, there will be a Leadership workshop for those interested in a new District Leadership Program as well as an all-conference interactive presentation and discussion with ASTRA members from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville Club. All members will also have the opportunity to put kits together for the Girls Shelter of Fort Smith. In an effort to educate anyone interested in what it takes to hold a District Chair or Board position, there will be an optional District Leadership session to end the day on Saturday.

It is our hope that everyone leaves Conference each year with new friends, a few new ideas to take back to your club, information about Altrusa that you didn't know before you came, and a renewed passion to do service in your community.

Leadership Workshop – “Servant Leadership” with Kim Snipes

Kim Snipes is Senior Vice President – Internal Auditor at First National Bank in Fort Smith. She has an MBA from John Brown University and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Arkansas Fort Smith.

Kim is an Altrusan, a founding member of 360 Leadership Series; Leadership Crawford County Alumni; Community Clearing House Board Member; Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Board Member; and an active member of Faith United Methodist Church.
Call to Conference 2020 Award Entries

All information and applications for District Awards must be submitted to the contacts listed below and postmarked NO LATER than March 20, 2020. Application and criteria for the three International awards may be found on the Altrusa International website. Log in and click on the Service tab. Scroll down to the award entry forms. If you need the log in and password, contact Governor Penny. It is a standard log on and password for all Altrusans. Copies of District Award Forms are being sent with the DSB.

**District Eight Governor’s Distinguished Service Award**
Send one copy to each judge:

Becky Wood, Past Governor
3801 NE Oakbrooke
Bentonville, AR 62712
rmwood0@yahoo.com

Alice Ann Simkins, Past Governor
2095 Austin Drive
Fayetteville, AR 72703-2716
asimkins@aol.com

Jane Hart, Past Governor
9417 Terrace Street
Kansas City, MO 64114-3250
jane@janehart.me

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**Mamie L. Bass Service Award and Letha H. Brown Literacy Award**
Send three copies of the award application to:

Vickie Kilgore, Service Chair
5425 SW County Line Road
Trimble, MO 64492
vickiekilgore@hughes.net

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**Marilynn J. Bell Humanitarian Award**
Send three copies of the award application to:

Penny Storms, Governor Elect
16283 Sheffield Road
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
pstorms@ozarksecc.com

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**Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award**
Send three copies of the award application to:

Sue Hart, Past Governor
11812 W. 99th Terrace
Overland Park, KS 66214-2437
crzy4cy@outlook.com

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**Rising Star Award**
Send three copies of the application to:

Christy Clift, Membership Chair
1201 South 7th Street
Chickasha, OK 73018
drchristyclift@gmail.com

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**Communications/Yearbooks**
Send one copy to each judge:

Kay Quinn, Communications Chair
PO Box 2972.
Salina, KS 67402
kay.quinn@salina.org

Linda Smith, Past Governor/DSB Editor
1922 Foxtail Drive
Salina, KS 67401
lksmith53@cox.net

Diane Eberhard, Past Governor/Webmaster
829 North West St.
Sikeston, MO 63801-4741
de63801@gmail.com
Sponsorship Pin Program

In President Beverly Hardy’s October 2019 Compass, she announced that the sponsorship pin program was being reinstated with details posted on the International Website. Members will receive sponsor pins for the first eight new members, in increments of two, cumulatively since the numeral pins program started in the 2009-2011 biennium with a pin for every two members until they reach 10 sponsorships. At that point, they will receive the Altrusa Gold Medal. Then for each additional 10 sponsorships, a colored stone will be added to the medal. The cutoff deadline for eligibility for sponsor pin recognition at this Conference will be March 28, 2020. For recognition to be given, please be sure to include the sponsor name in Group Tally when the new member is added.

Awards forms for the Governor’s Distinguished Service Award, the Billie Jean Ward Fundraising Award, the Rising Star Award, and the Marilyn J. Bell Humanitarian Award are included as an attachment with the November DSB. Awards criteria for Club Display, Communications and Yearbook are included as attached with this DSB.

The next grant cycle deadline is rapidly approaching. Don’t forget to submit your club projects for a grant from Altrusa International Foundation. The deadline is March 15.

A Memorial Service for District Eight Altrusans, who have passed away since the 2018 Conference, will be held Saturday morning at conference. Please complete the form below and return to Linda K. Smith who will be leading that service this year. Email Linda at Lindak.smith@nara.gov or lksmith53@cox.net.

Please also email Governor Penny Daugherty at penny@radiogetsresults.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 Penny Daugherty and Linda K. Smith soon as possible.

Memorial Form

In an effort to make sure that all of our deceased members get recognized appropriately at both District Conference and at International Convention, we have come up with a form for the club president to complete when a member passes. Please send the form to the emails listed at the bottom of the form along with a photo of the member while the information is still fresh so that we make sure we don't leave anyone out for the Altrusa memorial services and also so the member's information is changed in the International database.
MEMORIAL FORM

Name of Club:

Altrusa International of ____________________________________________________________

Name of deceased member __________________________________________________________

Date of death ___________________________________________________________ Age_____

Member of Altrusa since_______ (approximate if unsure)

Contributions to Altrusa and this club include:

(What a representative would say in 1 - 2 minutes)

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Please include a photo for use at the ceremony.

Contact person submitting this form:

Name ___________________________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________

E-mail address _____________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________________________________________

Position in club: __________________________

Please send completed form and photo to:

Linda K. Smith @ lksmith53@cox.net

and

Carrie Shrader @ finance@altrusa.org
Welcome New Altrusa Members!

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65th Annual District Eight Conference – April 22-24, 2021, Tulsa, Oklahoma

57th Biennial Altrusa International Convention, July 21-24, 2021, Quebec City, Canada

 CLUB NEWS!!!

Altrusa International of Bentonville/Bella Vista, AR

We received a donation from the Security section of Walmart. 450 backpacks and 50 book bags. The backpacks were donated to us to support our commitment to children's literacy. Six of our members distributed mesh backpacks to the participants of Bentonville Public Library's Lessons for, and the Library's weekly story-time programs.
Oct. 26 was **National Make a Difference Day**. We celebrated the day by placing 114 clear plastic bags in areas where children could find them. Each bag had a book and this note enclosed. "CONGRATULATIONS! You found a book! Please take me home and read me and when you are done, please re-hide me for others to find. If you want to keep me that's fine, but please hide one of your books so that others can join the fun!" This concept was originated in England and Altrusa is excited to bring it to NWA!


Altrusa International of Bentonville/Bella Vista partners with the Single Parent Scholarship Fund all year. This year ten of their members shopped for Christmas presents for two single moms and eight children for the SPSF Festival of Giving, and had a wonderful time helping to staff their Christmas Party. They served pizza and drinks, and manned the photo booth and toy room. Altrusa's vision is children's literacy and Christmas is a giving time so they gave each of the 78 children present, a new book and a Beanie Baby reading buddy.

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**Altrusa International of Hot Springs Village, AR**

Gave dictionaries to third graders at four local schools

Received a grant from Regions Bank
Volunteered at the HSV Symphony Guild’s Children’s Concert

Make a Difference Day volunteer at Tiny Angels project with Diane Bielanski’s daughter’s wedding dress

Fundraiser at Belk’s Department Store

Fundraiser at a local liquor store Cork & Bottle

Altrusa International of Jonesboro, AR

Christmas card showing a few events and service project
Polish nails at assisted living
Membership reception on right. Food bank projects
Senior expo registration
Monetary donations
Altrusa orientation

Day of Caring with Senior ladies

Planning meeting

New Altrusa Bookmark

Senior Expo. Altrusa members helped register attendees

Altrusa International of Lawrence, KS

Members addressing Christmas cards for veterans at the VA hospital in Topeka. We delivered 150 cards to them.
In December, we delivered 87 dozen cookies to New York Elementary School, our LEAP partner, for the staff members to divide and take home to share with their families.

The club provided yarn, and one of our club members made hats for the 40 staff members of New York Elementary School, our LEAP partner. They were delivered to them in January. Some of the staff modeled the hats for us!

Members assisted in filling backpacks for the Backpack Giveaway for Lawrence students, which was coordinated with another local charity.

**Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, MO**

Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff gives books away to children and adults during a Christmas Market meet Santa day. Kathy Hadley, Service chair coordinated the project, and Nila Keller were bundled up as they gave away books. The Altrusa elf, Leslie Gragg assisted during the day. The club gave Holiday cards to 400 home bound meals on wheels folks that were individually signed by members. Games and toys were donated to the local pediatric unit in December as part of an ongoing project. Altrusa members signing holiday cards for meals on wheels home bound people.
Altrusa International of Salina, KS

Altrusa International of Salina, KS, welcomed Vickie Myers, sponsored by Rosie Collins. Altrusa International Vice President did the installation. Special welcome by membership co-chairs Kayla Ascher and Barbara Royse. 7th new member this year!

With a grant from the Greater Salina Community Foundation, Altrusa International of Salina, Kansas is doing the "Kids On The Move" duffel-bag project to benefit Saint Francis Ministries. The Sweet Case duffels from Together We Rise are filled with essentials for foster youth. Hands-on work is fun!

Salina Altrusans never sleep it, seems. They delivered 48 dozen homemade cookies to Rebecca A. Morrison House at 8:30 Monday night, after a busy December meeting. Altrusa has 'done' the Cookie Jar at Rebecca Morrison House for more than 20 years.

Our annual book drive with Books-A-Million took place from mid-November to mid-December. On two Saturdays, we had a booth at the store to promote both Altrusa as well as the book drive. Almost 900 books were collected and distributed to 20 charities.

Clubs – send your news and photos to DSB Editor Linda Smith at lksmith53@cox.net by May 1, 2020 for the next edition of the DSB.
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