

DISTRICT TWELVE CONNECTION

NOVEMBER 2018



Energizing for Service

Dear Club Presidents,

Our days are shorter, the familiar rain is back and fall colors are amazing. I hope you are enjoying this shoulder season. Many of you have had your Make A Difference Day projects in October and I look forward to sharing project summaries and photos in the next DSB. Be sure to send them to **CYNTHIA MOUNTS**.



This issue of the Connection has a few updates for you and your clubs. As always: please contact your club champion/visitor or me if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Bettina Schempf, *District Governor*

Days for Girls involvement

Is your club participating in the Days for Girls international project? If you haven't yet sent a short note to **CAROLYN POWERS**, our District International Projects chair, about your club's activities or plans around Days for Girls, please take a minute to do so. We will review the summary for our District at our next board meeting in January to see if we can assist clubs in any way.

We also plan to share the list with you to help clubs connect and help each other, particularly those clubs who are just getting started with the project. Carolyn's email is nanapowers1991@gmail.com.



Nominations for 2019-2021 Biennium

Nominations have closed but there are still some roles to fill. Please encourage your club members to volunteer for the District roles. They are a wonderful way to extend our service beyond our community.

2019 Conference in Pendleton

Our 2019 conference will take place on May 17-19 at the Wildhorse Casino & Resort in Pendleton. More information will come out soon. Let us know your suggestions for the program before the next Board meeting in early January 2019.

Bylaws Changes

Do you have any suggestions for District Bylaws changes? If yes, please send them to **JANET BAKER** at janetfbaker@gmail.com.

Club Annual Report

Are you aware of the current 28 questions on the Club Annual Report? They are available on the leadership page as well. The International Board approved changes based on the feedback received for the 2017-2018 report at its October 2018 meeting and we will get information about them soon. We will send you updates as soon as they become available.

Here is a link to the current questions:
<https://login.altrusa.org/files/2018/07/Club-Annual-Report-Questions.pdf>

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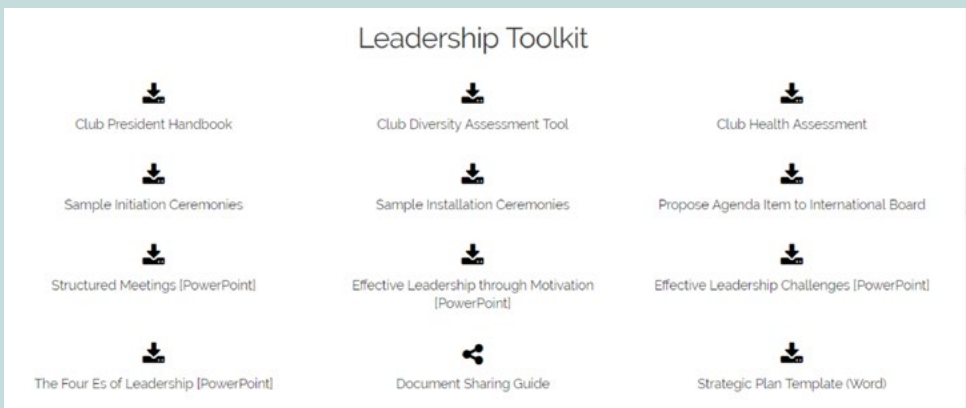
Resources for Leadership

Leadership in our clubs is a crucial element for club success in all aspects of club operations: service projects, fundraising projects, membership retention and membership growth and the behind the scenes work of treasurers, BRR, historians and more.

All of us have leadership skills. Do you know what your key leadership skills are? Are you a great listener? Are you a great planner? Are you a great motivator and team coach? Are you great at follow through? Do you know what you are not so good at? Have you recruited people to your team that are good at the things you are less skilled at?

Check out all the leadership resources on the Altrusa Member site:

<https://login.altrusa.org/leadership/> Here is a glimpse at some of the resources:



Annual Club Champions

Have you connected with your Club champion/visitor yet? What do you want them to assist with? Below is a list of the champions again. We are ready!

BETTINA SCHEMPF

- Campbell River
- Nanaimo
- Clark County
- Central Grays Harbor
- Longview-Kelso

RHONDA HAUTER

- Gig Harbor
- Lake WA East
- Olympia
- Puyallup Valley
- Centralia - Chehalis

SARAH JOHNSON

- Hermiston
- Pendleton
- Mid-Columbia
- Missoula
- Spokane

ANNE DEFRANCISCO

- Cowlitz County

DEBBIE McBEE with Bettina/Sarah

- Albany
- Corvallis
- Eugene
- Roseburg
- Yaquina Bay

Club Websites

Have you checked your new club website recently? Is the information up to date? Do you have photos which show your club's work better? Please send any updates to me, your acting District Webmaster.

Would you like to showcase more club information and move to an advanced website layout? Our Roseburg and Campbell River clubs have already moved to the extended layout: check out their websites to see if those are for you.

<https://districttwelve.altrusa.org/roseburg/>
<https://districttwelve.altrusa.org/campbell-river/>

If you'd like to make that change, just email me and I can let you know what I need to make it happen.

DISTRICT ARCHIVISTS AND LEGAL ADVISOR/S

We are still looking for help with the district archives and legal questions. Do you know someone in your club who has skills and talents in those areas and might be available for those roles?

The archivist team will set their own schedule and the legal advisor will only be needed if an issue comes up. This is very infrequent but important.