Fellow Altrusans - your Olympia Conference team has been very hard at work pulling together an exciting agenda for your enjoyment in May. You will be inspired as we celebrate our growth and achievements this past year and hope that you will pick up some great ideas to take back to your communities. I just know you will be amazed at the huge impact our Clubs are having in their communities.

There’s so much happening at Conference. From the Information kiosks to the all-attendee Membership Panel and the Governor’s Fireside, Early Birds, Fun Night (rock ‘n rollin’) and Keynote Speaker Celeste Mergens from Days for Girls. Oh, and don’t forget the Business Sessions, where we’ll take care of business, launch our new District Twelve Foundation, and discuss the new District Board structure and a revamp of our Committees. We promise a fun packed event. Maybe we might even Charter a new ASTRA club or two? Very exciting!

Please join us - It’s our time to celebrate and shine! Let’s see if we can have an SRO event this year! Get your registration in early before the late entry fee, save $50 and don’t miss out. Make a fun road trip out of it with your Altrusa friends. Most of all HAVE FUN! We can’t wait to see you there!

Governor Rhonda
Registration deadline is April 17, 2020. Late registrations will be accepted until May 1 with an additional $50 late fee.

**SEE SEPARATE ATTACHED FORMS FOR**

*Conference Registration & Early Bird Event Registration*

**or REGISTER ONLINE at** [https://olympia2020.eventbrite.com](https://olympia2020.eventbrite.com)

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**RESERVATIONS**

**Reservations can be made** by calling 800-733-5466 (central reservations) or 360-943-4000 (hotel direct) and referring to group code ALTR0513.


Cut-off date is April 17, 2020. Please note that all room bookings have to be confirmed by an individual booking by that date. Room blocks will be cancelled if they are not confirmed that way.

Parking is free at the hotel.

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**HOTEL RL OLYMPIA**

Hotel RL is an experience of all things authentic, creative and curious. Offering a taste of the local scene in a laid-back environment, we invite open-minded travelers to work, play and pursue their passions freely.

Driven by discovery and infused with a sense of adventure and wonder, stays at Hotel RL are as inspiring as they are memorable—flowing with artisanal coffee, curated local art and ultra comfortable rooms.

**LOCATION**

Hotel RL Olympia is located on 12 lush acres in the heart of Washington State’s capital city, on the Puget Sound and near an abundance of educational, cultural and outdoor opportunities.

**ROOMS**

193 rooms offer balconies/patios with our signature pillow top beds. Kick back and catch a movie on our big (and we mean big) 55” flat screen TVs, stay connected with lightning-quick complimentary Wi-Fi, and work out in our Fitness Zone.

Staying on the cutting edge of the industry, we offer mobile express check-in/out, an exclusive guest app, same-day valet laundry service, a coffee bar and complimentary parking. Overlooking Capitol Lake, enjoy a cocktail in our Lounge. Coffee connoisseurs will enjoy the iconic Seattle-based, Victrola Coffee Roasters, serving artisan coffee, beverages and grab and go items. Catering available upon request.

**SERVICES**

Staying on the cutting edge of the industry, we offer mobile express check-in/out, an exclusive guest app, same-day valet laundry service, a coffee bar and complimentary parking. Work out in our Fitness Zone. Or, if you’re in the mood for relaxing, cool off in our seasonal outdoor pool and hot tub. We offer complimentary rental of VW microbus. Contact the front desk about transportation around the Olympia area. Uber Taxi service is also readily available and your first ride, up to $20, is on Uber for all first time users.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Our shuttle fleet includes a newly customized electric-powered 1971 Volvo. Contact the front desk about transportation around the Olympia area.

Uber Taxi service is also readily available and your first ride, up to $20, is on Uber for all first time users.

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**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS**

- Performing Arts Washington Center for the Performing Arts
- Washington State Capitol Campus
- Nisqually Wildlife Refuge
- Hands On Children’s Museum
- Tumwater Falls Park
- Olympia Farmer’s Market
- Capital Mall
- Saint Martin’s University
- Chambers Bay Golf Course
- Uber Taxi service is also readily available and your first ride, up to $20, is on Uber for all first time users.
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RAFFLE BASKET

Each District Twelve conference, Altrusa clubs put together the best of best items that represent their club, community, as well as treasures found nowhere else! You are invited to give of your bounty, be it from your club, individual Altrusans, or community donors.

Be creative and thematic if that fits your area. Your favorite wine or book collection, watermelon garden, or sweet creations might spark creative ideas. Think about great authors, jewelry, spa products, art work, gardening, clothing, or travel excursions, etc. Think outside the box and be prepared to purchase tickets galore to put inside the raffle boxes!

Remember, this is all for great causes, not to mention lots of fun. Tickets will cost $1.00 each. Watch for Altrusa members waving colored raffle tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn and numbers posted Saturday afternoon at Conference. In addition, there will be a live auction to look forward to during the Friday Fun Night event. Selected items will be on the bidding block for some fun and lively bidding with 100% of auction income benefiting the International Foundation.

Raffle Revenue is divided equally between District Twelve and the Altrusa International Foundation, unless the donor specifies at check-in that revenue from their item benefits the International Foundation only. As in the past, larger items will be set aside for Saturday evening’s live auction, which definitely won’t be silent!

WHAT TO WEAR

We all know the weather can be unpredictable in Olympia. We could have cloudy, cool weather or warm and sunny. Since all meetings and meals are within the hotel bring comfortable BUSINESS-CASUAL clothing for the Business Sessions and Workshops. Meeting room temperatures can vary so dressing in layers is wise. No matter the function COMFY SHOES are a must - particularly if you’re walking during your free time. The Friday Fun Night is optional dress up in 50’s or 60’s attire if you choose. The Saturday Evening Banquet is dress-up night so bring on the GLAM and GLITZ if you like.

REQUEST FROM HOST CLUB: CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Altrusa International of Olympia requests each District Twelve Conference attendee to please bring a beginning reader book or baby board book for our reading nook at the Olympia Food Bank. Each child can take home two books each time they come to the food bank with their parents. These are their books to keep. We put 4000 to 5000 books a year into this corner and the above books are the first to go.

Know what you need to bring!

Remember to pack:
✓ Club Banner
✓ Altrusa Pin
✓ Club Display
✓ Children’s Books
✓ 50’s/60’s Fun Night Outfit
✓ Sweater or Light Jacket
✓ Wine Opener / Bottle Opener and comfy pajamas for those evening get-togethers with old and new friends!

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So many fun things to buy! You’ll need cash to buy raffle tickets ($1.00 each); also for sale during conference will be books by the Literacy Luncheon keynote speaker, Luci Lights to benefit the International Foundation, and of course the exciting Live Auction items on Friday evening. Not to mention shopping in Olympia :)

CLUB DISPLAYS

As usual, there will be space for each club to bring a display. This area is a great place to visit – you’ll discover new ideas for raising funds, increasing membership, and serving your community. Each club will be allowed approximately 3’x3’ of space for their display. Please do not bring anything larger so all clubs will have equal space. The clubs display location will be in the business meeting ballroom and will be locked when not in use.

STEP three GET READY

[Image of raffle items]
GET EXCITED
Check out all the great things we’ve got in store for you!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday Early Bird Event: Hands On Children’s Museum

Let your inner child out to play for the evening. Enjoy an evening of hors d’oeuvres and some of the most fun things you haven’t done since you were a child. Take home some great memories. Cost for the evening is $55.00. There is separate payment and registration for the Early Bird event - See attached document for event details and registration form.

Friday Fun Night: Celebrate the 50’s & 60’s

Dress up (if you choose) in your favorite 50’s or 60’s clothes and join us for an evening of music celebrating the era with Terry Shaw. There could be some sing along and, if you choose, some dancing!

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Linda K. Smith
International Vice President
Altrusa International, Inc. of Salina, Kansas • District Eight

Linda K. Smith has been an Altrusan since 1990 and is currently serving as District Eight Parliamentarian and DSB Editor. She has been active on all levels of the organization. She first served as local President in 1992 and has now completed another term in that position. Linda has held most local offices and committee chair positions.


First Timers Orientation
Friday 9:15am

Are you attending District Conference for the first time? First Timers receive a $50 DISCOUNT off the Conference Registration fee! Be sure to check the “Special First Timer Rate” on the Registration form. There will be an Orientation session on Friday where you’ll learn about Conference events and meet other First Timers. The Orientation will be right after breakfast. Sarah Johnson, Governor-Elect is your host. Your name will also be entered in a drawing to WIN A FULL REGISTRATION TO THE 2021 CONFERENCE in Newport, Oregon.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 14
1:00-5:30 PM  Registration and Credentials Open  
Raffle Items Accepted  
Club Donation Drop Off

6:30-9:00 PM  EARLY BIRD EVENT: “Let Your Inner Child Play” at  
Hands on Children’s Museum in Olympia

FRIDAY, MAY 15
7AM - 5PM  Registration and Credential Open  
Club Donations drop off

8:00-9:15 AM  Welcome /Service Breakfast  
Guest Speaker - Joe Shorin  
Mamie L. Bass Award

9:15-10:15 AM  First Timers Orientation  
Expediter Training

9:15-10:15 AM  Resource Tables Open

10:30-11:45 AM  BUSINESS SESSION

Noon -1:30 pm  LITERACY LUNCHEON  
Guest Speaker - Mary Gentry, Author  
Letha H. Brown Award

1:45-3:15 pm  Governor’s Interactive Fireside Chat

3:30-5:00 PM  Workshops

6:00-9:00 PM  FRIDAY FUN NIGHT  
Terry Shaw - 50s and 60s music  
Live Auction

SATURDAY, MAY 16
7am - 5PM  Registration & Credentials Open

8:00-9:15AM  ASTRA / Service Breakfast  
Guest Speaker - Alyson Kassman  
Guest Speaker - ASTRA Officer Roseburg ASTRA Club  
ASTRA Service Award

9:15 am  Delegate Voting for Nominations Committee.

9:30-10:30 AM  Meet Your District Champion  
ASTRA Hands-on Service Project and Human  
Rock-Paper-Scissors (for ASTRA members)

10:45 - Noon  BUSINESS SESSION II

12:15-1:30 PM  Membership Panel Luncheon  
Guest Speaker - Linda Smith  
Membership Award

1:45-2:45 PM  Governor’s Interactive Fireside Chat

3:00-4:15 PM  Workshops

4:15-4:45 PM  ASTRA and Altrusans Volleyball (weather permitting)

4:45-6:15 PM  Club Photos

5:45-6:30 PM  International Reception

7:00-9:30 PM  International Banquet  
Guest Speaker - Celeste Mergens (Days for Girls)  
Gwladys Brewster Award - Nina Fay Calhoun Award

SUNDAY, MAY 17
8:00-10:00 AM  BREAKFAST/CLOSING SESSION  
Invitation to the 66th Annual District Twelve Conference in Newport, OR.

MENU

FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Continenti Breakfast Buffet  
Seasonal fruit with fresh berries, hard boiled eggs, bagels,  
muffins and assorted breakfast breads served with butter,  
fruit preserves, peanut butter and cream cheese

FRIDAY LUNCH
Taco Time Buffet  
Seasoned chicken fajitas with sautéed onions and bell  
peppers, southwest rice, black beans, garden greens salad  
with tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots and a choice  
of creamy ranch or raspberry vinaigrette dressings, and  
southwest condiments including diced tomatoes, shredded  
lettuce, guacamole, sliced black olives, shredded cheese,  
sour cream, salsa, corn and flour tortillas

FRIDAY DINNER
Greatest Hits Dinner Buffet  
Char-grilled chicken with sage and bourbon mushroom  
sauce, Brown sugar and cinnamon rubbed pork loin with  
apple onion relish, roasted seasonal vegetables, buttermilk  
mashed potatoes, Mixed green salad with apples, candied  
walnuts and a champagne vinaigrette, and spinach salad  
with almonds, goat cheese and raspberry vinaigrette,  
Chef’s Dessert Selection

SATURDAY BREAKFAST
Olympia Scramble  
Farm fresh scrambled eggs with roasted seasonal  
vegetables, herb roasted breakfast potatoes,  
assorted muffins and breakfast breads

SATURDAY LUNCH
Scrumptious Boxed Lunches  
Your choice of California Turkey Club sandwich with turkey,  
lettuce, tomato, bacon, swiss cheese and avocado, or  
Black Forest ham sandwich with ham, gryuere cheese and  
whole grain mustard; all served with chips, bottled water  
and a cookie.

SATURDAY PLATED DINNER
Your choice (indicated at registration) of  
Petite Filet Mignon center cut with Cipollini onion topped  
with Oregon Bleu cheese and port infused demi-glace  
—or—  
PNW Salmon simply seared and topped with citrus butter  
—or—  
Penne Primavera with baby spinach, Spanish almonds,  
goose cheese crumbles and raspberry vinaigrette.  
All served with starter salad, seasonal vegetables,  
chef’s selection of rice or potato, fresh rolls and butter,  
and Chef’s choice of dessert.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET
The Oly Frittata Breakfast  
Seasonal vegetable frittatas, Bacon and cheddar frittatas,  
herb roasted breakfast potatoes, sliced seasonal fruit,  
and assorted breakfast breads.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JOE SHORIN - Quixote Communities

Joe Shorin has a passion for public service. For more than 25 years, Joe has served as legal counsel for several state agencies, boards and commissions, focusing on environmental, natural resources, real estate, and tribal law. Joe has also served as a member of several non-profit and advisory boards, including the Thurston County Volunteer Legal Clinic, the Cooper Point Association, the Thurston County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, the Washington State Bar Foundation’s Loan Repayment Assistance Advisory Committee, and the NOVA School. When not pouring over contracts, statutes and bylaws, Joe is a jack of his many passions but master of none. These include cooking, gardening, backpacking, cycling, reading, racquet sports, home improvement/repair, and reading books about dead presidents. Joe received his BA in Environmental Studies from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and his law degree, with emphasis in Natural Resources Law, from the University of Oregon.

MARY GENTRY - Author

Mary Gentry was born and raised in Spokane. She received degrees from University of Idaho, Saint Martin’s College and University of Puget Sound School of Law. She taught all of her working life, full or part time, grade school through graduate school. She was an attorney in private practice specializing in estate planning, probate, and guardianship. She has served on the board of numerous professional and non-profit boards and currently is a director for Olympia Federal Savings Bank and a member of the Board of Contributors for the Olympian. Honors and awards include: Washington Women Lawyers, Passing the Torch award; Thurston County Bar Association, the Bigelow award; Saint Martin’s University Distinguished Alumni Award: 2016 Women of Influence—Lifetime Achievement award. Gentry has self-published two collections of humorous personal essays.

CELESTE MERGENS - Founder & CEO, Days for Girls

Celeste Mergens is the founder and CEO of Days for Girls. She has led the organization since its beginning in 2008, bringing twenty years of nonprofit and business management experience to the organization. She holds a Master’s Degree in Creative Writing and Literature and audited a second in Global Sustainable Development. Her “can do” team-building approach has inspired thousands of volunteers and social enterprises around the world. Days for Girls is a two-time Girl Effect Champion, won the SEED award for gender equity and entrepreneurship, and was named by the Huffington Post as a ‘Next Ten’ Organization poised to change the world in the next decade. She is a sought-after speaker (you can download her Speakers One-sheet here) and has been featured in Oprah’s O Magazine, Forbes, and was recently named an AARP Purpose Prize Award winner, a Conscious Company Global Impact Entrepreneur of the year, and Women Economic Forum’s Woman of the Decade. She loves being with her family when not traveling the globe. She is married to her best friend Don. Their family includes 11 phenomenal children (5 by marriage) whom all support Days for Girls, as well as 15 grandchildren, 4 foster children, and 4 foreign exchange students, and many beloved friends who have become family around the world.

ALYSON KASSMAN - ASTRA Alumnus

Alyson (Petrie) Kassman, from Pendleton, Oregon, was an active member of ASTRA for 3 years at Pendleton High School. After graduating from Oregon State University with a Bachelors of Liberal Arts in Spanish and Speech Communication degree, she then went on to receive her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Concordia in April 2016. Alyson loves being an 8th Grade Math Teacher at Rowe Middle School in Milwaukie, Oregon. She is also taking continuing education classes in gamification and teacher leadership. In her spare time, Alyson enjoys working out at Orange Theory, going on hikes, spending time with friends and family, and traveling with her husband Ty, whom she married last summer.

“EMBRACING MEMORIES” TRIBUTE

In Conference tradition, we will honor the lives of Altrusans who passed away over the last year, celebrating their lives and accomplishments. A photo and short biography are needed for each deceased member ahead of time. The biography should include some Altrusa information (when did they join, how long they were a member, main roles in the club) as well as personal information ... what was their favorite food, did they love to travel, etc. Please send information to Bettina Schempf by May 1, 2020 at bettina_schempf@yahoo.com
GROWING THROUGH CLUB LEADERSHIP
There is no sustainable change without good leadership. When leaders step up and lead well, then impressive things happen, not only in communities but at a more personal level of attitudes and relationships. Come learn how you can become a leader in your club and how to encourage the development of strong leaders for Altrusa.
Presenter: Sarah Johnson

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT
Learn about what ID theft is, ways to spot it and ways to prevent it. At the same time, learn how we are being data-mined.
Presenter: Kim Triplett-Kolerich

DAYS FOR GIRLS
An overview of Olympia’s journey on Days for Girls. Growing the sewing group from a few people in Altrusa to a large community of sewers and non-sewers and educating other groups in the area on how to do Days for Girls projects.
Presenter: Darlene Baird

THE GIFT OF FIVE WISHES
Learn how you can make a difference for your family and community. We will go step by step through the Five Wishes. Five Wishes is America's most popular living will because it’s written in everyday language and helps people express their wishes in areas that matter most – the personal and spiritual in addition to the medical and legal. Each participant will go home with their own copy of “The Five Wishes”.
Presenter: Tore Johnson

DIVERSITY - How what we don’t know can hurt us
Diversity and inclusion are values of Altrusa. Learn and talk about diversity and the many aspects that it includes. Learn about explicit and implicit biases and how they affect the way we react and respond to diversity and to each other. Learn about and discuss ways to promote diversity and inclusion in your club and life.
Presenter: Bettina Schempf

GOVERNOR’S INTERACTIVE FIRESIDE CHAT - Leading and Succeeding
Governor Rhonda will lead an all attendee informal interactive Fireside Chat style session. Bring your mobile device or pad and pencil and capture some secrets from around the nation and around our District – examples of how leading clubs are succeeding and thus Leading to a Better Community. She will also share some important resources that clubs will want to be aware of.
Presenter: Rhonda Hauter

PARLIAMENTARIAN
What does your President need to know to run a meeting according to the Robert’s Rules of Order? What do members need to know to help keep a meeting on track? Come to learn or renew your knowledge of User-Friendly Parliamentary Procedures.
Presenter: Anne DeFrancisco

FINANCIAL PLANNING
People don’t plan to fail, they fail to plan. I will share five concepts and techniques of financial planning that can enable one to start building a plan for financial independence.
Presenter: Nancy LaPointe

GRANT WRITING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-PROFITS
How to find and apply for grants to support community service projects.
Presenter: Kim Rinehardt

ASTRA WORKSHOP
Learn all about the youth ASTRA service and leadership program through a panel of Altrusa ASTRA chairs and high school ASTRA members, a Power Point presentation and a review of online ASTRA resources. Investing in ASTRA is an investment in our youth, our communities and Altrusa. Get all your questions answered here!
Presenter: Debbie McBee, ASTRA Advisors, ASTRA Members

NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISING TECHNIQUES
An overview of fundraising techniques and principles from both non-profit perspective (United Way) and a service organization perspective (Rotary). There will also be a sharing of information about United Way and the work we are doing in our communities, including engagement opportunities with our non-profit partners.
Presenter: Mike Leonard

GOVERNOR’S INTERACTIVE FIRESIDE CHAT - Celebrating our Successes
Governor Rhonda will lead an informal interactive Fireside Chat style session with all attendees that will celebrate some very important wins for clubs and for our District. There will be some ‘surprises’ too so don’t miss out.
Presenter: Rhonda Hauter
THE BEST OF THE BEST:  
GWLADYS BREWSTER  
OUTSTANDING ALTRUSAN AWARD

This award is an award bestowed on a member of District Twelve at the annual Conference. It is named after Gwladys Brewster, Past Governor (1973-1975), Altrusa International of Nanaimo.

Each of our District clubs has many members who give willingly of their time and talents in service to Altrusa. They make a lasting contribution to our organization and communities. However, each club may only submit one name. Your nominee should be that hard working individual who is committed to club projects and club leadership. It may be your “go to person” for advice or the person your members all look up to. This person adds that extra measure of spice that keeps your club moving forward. The recipient of this award will receive an International Foundation Lamplighter Pin, which is acquired by a $500 contribution the District makes annually to the International Foundation. These contributions are made possible by the proceeds from the District Conference Raffle each year.

We want to see 100% club participation in nominations for this award - every club has an Outstanding Altrusan!

Since this is a District Award, the application is not on the International website. Presidents have received the information already. Applications will be due to Bettina Schempf no later than March 31, 2020.

CONTACT INFO: Bettina Schempf, Immediate Past Governor, bettina_schempf@yahoo.com, 3965 NW Elizabeth Pl, Corvallis OR 97330, 541 207 2439

NEW THIS YEAR: MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

No entry form necessary - all you’ve got to do is recruit and keep members! The awards will be based on membership as a percentage of total club membership. Each category will have an award of a $50 check to the club and a certificate of recognition. If there is a tie between clubs then all clubs earning that achievement will be awarded a certificate and a drawing of tied clubs will decide the monetary recipient. The year will be calculated from June 1 to May 1, to allow time for calculating the totals before conference. Categories are:

MOST NEW MEMBERS RECRUITED IN THE YEAR  
BEST RETENTION RATE IN THE YEAR  
MOST NEW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECRUITED IN THE YEAR
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

**It's time to sing your own praises!** The International Service Awards are your chance to share the amazing work your club does to improve your community and the world. Winners are announced at our District Conference and are then sent on to be considered for awards at the International level. We encourage each and every Club to submit a nomination for each of these awards. It has been an exciting year in Service throughout District Twelve as each and every Club has made positive, impactful contributions in their local and international communities. It takes some time to prepare, but by submitting your entry you share not only your club’s amazing work with our District, you also inspire others to follow in your footsteps. Tell your story, why the project was chosen, how it was developed and carried out and the benefits it provided. An unscored, 60-word synopsis should be included and will be used at the Conference awards ceremony for all to read and pique their interest in your work.

**AWARD ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31 IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.**

See contact information for each award in the descriptions below.

Criteria and applications for the Mamie L. Bass, Letha H. Brown and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun awards are available at [https://login.altrusa.org/service/](https://login.altrusa.org/service/) (Username: altrusan • Password: MamieLethaNina1917)

**MAMIE L. BASS SERVICE AWARD**

Outstanding service to the community through hands-on service

Every Altrusa club is making a positive impact - this is your chance to showcase a project that is making a big difference in your community. Email your entry to Service Committee Chair Julie Livingston at jlivingston@valleybrokers.com. Give her a call at 541-231-4119 if you have any questions.

**LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD**

Outstanding service to the community through literacy projects

We know your club has been working to improve literacy in your community - tell us about it! Email your entry to Literacy Committee Chair Janet Brougher at jzbrougher@earthlink.net. Give her a call at 509-979-6818 if you have any questions.

**DR. NINA FAY CALHOUN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AWARD**

Outstanding club achievement in international relations

How is your club reaching out beyond our borders to make a difference in the world? Email your entry to International Relations Chair Sara Burt at altrusaprez@yahoo.com. Give her a call at 360-636-5485 if you have any questions.

**ASTRA SERVICE AWARD**


Our ASTRA Clubs are doing wonderful things too - this is their chance to shine and receive some much-deserved praise! The ASTRA Club Service Award was established to encourage ASTRA Clubs to actively participate in service projects designed to meet specific needs in their local or school communities. This award provides an opportunity for Altrusa International to recognize outstanding ASTRA Clubs for their achievements in service. This is an exciting opportunity for ASTRA clubs to share their favorite service projects with Altrusans and to keep them brainstorming for future projects!

Your ASTRA entry must be received by District Twelve ASTRA Chair Debbie McBee by March 1, 2020 to be considered. Applications may be sent by email to mmcbeed@aol.com or by mail to Debbie McBee, 1062 NW Skyline Dr., Pendleton, OR 97801. If you have any questions, contact Debbie via email or by phone at 541-969-8748.
Proposed District Board and Committee Structure Changes

The District Board has been listening to your feedback regarding the board, the structure, the length of service and more and has some ideas for how to move District Twelve in to our next evolution to make sure we are providing the best service to clubs and members in our area. We have heard from many clubs and people and have seen a decline in people interested in serving at the District level.

The board has spent the past many months reviewing different options on how we might address these concerns and we are proposing that the District Board and Committees be restructured. The new structure would eliminate the board officer position of Second Vice Governor and would restructure the committees to build four working teams made up of one chair and multiple coordinators.


FAQ’s

We are sure that there will be a lot of additional questions about these proposed changes and have created a document to answer these questions. In addition, as we get new questions as part of the comment and answer period we will add questions and answers to this document. It can be found here: [http://bit.ly/D12FAQ](http://bit.ly/D12FAQ).

What are the next steps? The Board has approved moving forward with these changes to a comment period for all members and to request a vote of support from delegates attending the District Twelve Conference in May.

Comment/Question Period: February 15 – April 1. Comments and Questions can be submitted either by filling out this form: [https://forms.gle/1MyERuGz2CYLbRyp8](https://forms.gle/1MyERuGz2CYLbRyp8) or by emailing the district board members. As questions are submitted, we will try to ensure answers and sent out on a regular basis to all club presidents to share with their members. After April 1, the Governor and Governor-Elect will review the feedback for any additional changes that may need to be presented to the board and delegates before conference. At Conference the Board will call for a vote of support from elected delegates present on conference to move forward with the latest version of proposed changes.
Nominating Committee Election

Delegates will vote for the Nominating Committee Members to lead our 2021 District Board Nominations process for the 2021-2023 biennium. It is time once again to elect our District Twelve Nominating Committee. Delegates from each club will have the opportunity to vote on the nominating committee members for the 2021-2023 Biennium. Candidates must be an active Altrusan and must have served as President of their club. Nominating Committee candidate information and their club affiliation will be shared with you shortly. District Secretary Dyane Nauman dyanebn@centurytel.net will send Delegate and Alternate registration forms soon. The completed registration forms must be received by Secretary Dyane no later than April 15th.

Conference Program: Online or in print? Your choice!

Because so many people have iPhones and iPads, you have a choice of downloading a free paperless copy of the District Conference program or paying $5 when you register for conference to reserve a traditional paper program that you can pick up at registration. Make sure you indicate your choice when you register!

Attractions & Things to Do in Olympia

The evergreen city of Olympia and capital of Washington sits at the southern end of Puget Sound, where the Deschutes River meets saltwater, and the glaciated slopes of Mount Rainier rise in the distance. A compact and bustling city with an array of grandiose government buildings, Olympia appeals to residents and tourists with first-class museums, bountiful farmers markets, and a lively waterfront district.

Other fun places to visit and things to do in Olympia include catching entertainment at the Capitol Theater, watching wildlife at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, and simply strolling the Capitol Lake shoreline. In the surrounding areas of Olympia, the world-renowned Mount Rainier and Olympic National Park are a short drive away and provide stunning natural attractions.

Click on links below for information about just a few Olympia attractions, or visit Experienceolympia.com or TripAdvisor.com for more ideas!

- The Olympia Farmers Market
- Mount Rainier National Park
- Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
- Capitol Lake
- Mima Mounds
- Olympic National Park
- Olympic Flight Museum
- Bigelow House Museum
- Puget Sound Estuarium
- WET Science Center
- Capitol Theater

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<td>• Mamie L. Bass Service Award</td>
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<td>• Gwladys Brewster Outstanding Altrusan Award</td>
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<td>APRIL 1</td>
<td>DELEGATE/ALTERNATE NAMES</td>
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<td>For every 15 paying members (or portion thereof), a Club is allowed 1</td>
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<td>Delegate for voting and 1 Alternate as a backup.</td>
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<td>To ensure proper credentials, every club should submit the names of</td>
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<td>their duly elected delegates and alternates to District Twelve</td>
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<td>Secretary Dyane Nauman at <a href="mailto:dyanebn@centurytel.net">dyanebn@centurytel.net</a></td>
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<td>APRIL 15</td>
<td>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE</td>
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<td>$275 (US) for full 3-day registration if paying by US check, bank</td>
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<td>draft, or money order. Includes 7 meals plus participation in all</td>
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<td>events (except Thursday night’s Pre-Conference Event). If this is</td>
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<td>your first Conference, indicate this for a $50 discount. Extra</td>
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<td>fees apply if paying by credit card or after April 15. Single-day</td>
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<td>registrations and meals for guests are also available. NO REFUNDS</td>
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<td>“Hands On Children’s Museum” $55</td>
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<td>APRIL 17</td>
<td>HOTEL RESERVATIONS with preferred rate close; call 1-800-733-5466</td>
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<td>MAY 1</td>
<td>EMBRACING MEMORIES SUBMISSION DEADLINE</td>
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<td>The lives of Altrusans who have passed away over the last year will</td>
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<td>be honored. Submit names to Bettina Schempf at <a href="mailto:bettina_schempf@yahoo.com">bettina_schempf@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>MAY 7</td>
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Reminder - You will need a valid U.S. passport to get entry into Canada if you are a US citizen. Time to start planning now!