



DISTRICT SERVICE BULLETIN

“Call to Conference” February 2024

DISTRICT ELEVEN

CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEVADA, SONORA MEXICO, HAWAII



This is a “Call to the Races”
– Altrusans refer to it as,
“Call to Conference”

Courtyard Marriott Oxnard Ventura
May 2 – 4, 2024



GOVERNOR APRIL’S MESSAGE

Many of our members look forward to Conference every year. It is an opportunity for our district members to come together to conduct official business and hold elections as needed. It helps newer members to learn, understand and appreciate Altrusa’s principles, ideals and programs and reminds seasoned members why they continue to love being an Altrusan.

We get to recognize, celebrate, and reward our clubs and members for the achievements they have accomplished over the previous year. We participate in workshops and meetings to help our clubs and leaders learn new things and get inspired. We share ideas for successful and fun service projects and fundraising.

We catch up with long time Altrusa friends and we expand our circles of friendship and service within Altrusa. But most of all we enjoy our time together and we have FUN!

The District board members have been busy planning and preparing for this year’s conference and are excited to see you all in Oxnard, CA in May.

This District Service Bulletin is full of details to help you and your clubs prepare to attend the conference. Be sure to follow the directions in the flyers and articles and note deadlines to:

- ❖ Register for the conference,
- ❖ Make reservations for your hotel accommodations,
- ❖ Sign up your club for a table at Marketplace,
- ❖ Submit an ad for the Program Handbook,
- ❖ Turn in Award Entries.

Be sure to review the Conference Checklist on page 11.

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68th ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN CONFERENCE

ALTRUSANS ARE ALWAYS WINNERS



*Antoinette Thorburn,
President, Oxnard, CA Club*

Get on Your Mark,
Get set,
Go!

to Altrusa District Eleven 68th
Annual Conference!

We will have almost
guaranteed sunny skies and beautiful weather
here on May 2-4th awaiting you at the Courtyard
by Marriott Oxnard/Ventura.

So, fellow Altrusans let's get together to
do what we do best; enjoy rekindled friendships,
recertify our common goals and objectives with
outstanding speakers and planned workshops,
and recognize each other's accomplishments of
Altrusa's expressions of good will for all mankind.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2024

(Subject to Change)

THURSDAY, May 2

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Board Lunch
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. District Board Meeting
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. Registration & Delegate Check-in
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. Expeditors Orientation
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Meet & Greet

FRIDAY, May 3

- 8:00-11:15 a.m. Registration & Delegate Check-in
- 8:00-11:15 a.m. Foundation/Hospitality Room Set-up
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Presidents' and Treasurers' Forum
- 10:15-11:00 a.m. District Chairs Meeting
- 10:15-11:00 a.m. First Timers Meeting
- 11:15-11:30 a.m. Flag and Banner Procession Line-up
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies and Awards Lunch
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. Memorial Service
- 2:30-3:45 p.m. Workshop – Service and Literacy
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Workshop – Communications
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Marketplace and Friday Fun Night

SATURDAY, May 4

- 6:30-7:30 a.m. Fun & Fitness for the Foundation
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Past Governors' Breakfast
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Registration & Delegate Check-in
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. Delegate/Alternate Instructions
- 9:00-10:50 a.m. Opening Business Session
- 11:00-11:45 a.m. ASTRA Presentation
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. Foundation Luncheon
- 1:45-3:00 p.m. Workshop – Leadership/Membership
- 3:15-3:45 p.m. Closing Business Session
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. International Representative's Reception
- 5:45-6:00 p.m. Banquet Procession Line-up
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. Governor's Banquet and Closing
- 8:30-9:30 p.m. Governor's Reception

SUNDAY, May 5

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. District Board Meeting – District Chairs
- 10:15-1:00 p.m. District Board Meeting Continued

ALTRUSANS ARE ALWAYS LEADERS



*Karin Moon, President,
San Buenaventura, CA Club*

The race is on! Put on
your fancy hats and get your
bets ready for the Altrusa
District 68th Conference!

Come feel the ocean
breezes and enjoy the many
features Ventura County has to offer May 2-4
at the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard/Ventura. Let's
celebrate and have a fun filled 2 days with old
friends and new friends, recognize our
accomplishments and set news goals. Get
inspired and excited by great presenters and
workshops. Together, as Altrusans, we can learn
and look for opportunities to serve our local,
national, and world needs.

*Celebrate and Participate in Random Acts of Kindness
Week – February 13-19, 2024*

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LINDA SMITH



Dear Altrusans,
My favorite time of year is fast approaching! I love Conference time. This is a great opportunity to us to gather as Altrusans to celebrate our accomplishments for the past year, see friends we haven't seen since the last Conference, and a chance to make new Altrusa friends.



I encourage all Altrusans to make an effort to attend a District Conference. The Districts all have great workshops on not only Altrusa topics, but many Districts also offer other topics as well. This is a chance for you to get new service project ideas, find out about other club fundraisers, and gather new ideas for membership recruitment and retention. Keynote speakers are always inspirational so do not skip out on those presentations. Soak it all in!

Each District will have an Altrusa International Representative (either an officer or director) in attendance at their Conference. I encourage you to take the time to visit with them. They are there to share not only share about Altrusa but also to meet you and share any concerns you may have with the International Board. I send best wishes for an outstanding Conference.

Altrusans R.O.C.K. – Creative Opportunities, Create Kindness
Linda K. Smith
President, Altrusa International, Inc.



*“Today give a stranger one of your smiles.
It might be the only sunshine they see all day.” – Jackson Brown Jr.
A simple random act of kindness.*

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Penny Daugherty, Altrusa International Director, District Eight, Mexico, MO

Penny has been a member of Altrusa International of Mexico, MO since 2001. She is the Office Manager and Vice President of KXEO/KWWR Radio where she has been employed since 1999. She is married to Michael and together they have four children: Katelyn Daugherty, Sarah Hollenberg, Logan Daugherty, and Logan Meeks, as well as four beautiful granddaughters.

In addition to a busy work life at their family-owned radio station, grandchildren, and Altrusa, Penny and Michael enjoy traveling when time allows. They both volunteer on various service boards and committees in her hometown, including the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce, Audrain County United Way, and Audrain County Relay for Life.

Penny started serving at the District level of Altrusa as a Communications Chair in 2008, was elected to a Director position on the District Eight Board in 2011, and eventually made it to Governor from 2019 to 2021. She is now in her first-year as International Director. She credits Altrusa as playing a big part in helping build her self-confidence and become a more effective leader. She has been encouraged by the way that many Altrusa clubs have embraced the “Days for Girls” project and hopes that mutual service projects and events will help bring our clubs closer together, gain more publicity, and attract new members that we can share the Altrusa bond with.

Penny is thankful for the support and friendships she has made over her years on the Board and attending Conferences and Conventions. She looks forward to seeing those familiar faces on Zoom sessions, visiting clubs, at Conferences and at International Conventions. This will be her first visit to District Eleven, even though she has already worked alongside a few of the District’s members. Please feel free to introduce yourself and get to know her while she is here.

AWARDS INFORMATION

The following is a list of awards and the names and addresses of the members coordinating the awards. The postmark deadline for all entries is **March 1st**. E-mail applications are recommended. Altrusans are doing amazing things which leads to bettering their communities: service projects, literacy projects, leadership training and mentorship of young people through ASTRA. Conference gives us an opportunity to recognize these accomplishments with special awards.

Club presidents were mailed information on submitting entries for the awards, but we all know how busy they are. **YOU CAN HELP** by offering to complete an application. Your president will thank you forever!

Application information can be found on our District Eleven website, <https://districteleven.altrusa.org/member-resources/> Deadline is **March 1st**.

CONFERENCE SONG

(The tune is Camp Town Races)

*Altrusa members sing their song
Doodah doodah,*

*Conference last two days long
Oh doodah day,*

*Come to Oxnard, hat pinned on
Doodah doodah,*

*Going home with my money all gone
Oh Doodah day,*

Going to party all night, going to learn all day,

*Making many lifelong friends
All along the way,*

*See you in Oxnard come this May
Doodah doodah,*

*Drink mint julep on Derby Day,
The Altrusan way,*

*Going to party all night,
Going to learn all day,
See you in Oxnard come this May
Oh Doodah Day.*

<p>Marilyn Atwood Award Governor April Smith Email: aprilaltrusa@gmail.com Marilyn Atwood Award</p>	<p>Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Shauna Stokes Leadership Chair Email: sstokes55@mac.com Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Award</p>
<p>Mamie L. Bass Margee Neer Service Chair Email: 1neerhope@gmail.com Mamie L. Bass Service Award</p>	<p>ASTRA Melinda Aguirre ASTRA Chair Email: melinda.aguirre@yahoo.com ASTRA Service Award</p>
<p>Letha H. Brown Glenda Hogg, Literacy Chair Email: grbh@cox.net Letha-H. Brown Award</p>	<p>Years of Membership Beverly Mueller Membership Chair Email: bevmjewel@gmail.com</p>

REGISTRATION FORM – MAIL IN

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – Altrusa District Eleven 2024 May 3-4, 2024 – Courtyard by Marriott, Oxnard CA

Full Name: _____ Preferred First Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Altrusa International of _____

DEADLINE: April 1, 2024
Late Fee: \$25

Current Status ending 5/31/2024 - Circle all that apply:

District Board District Chair Past Governor International Rep First Timer
Current/Incoming Club President Current/Incoming Club Treasurer Lamplighter ASTRA

IMPORTANT: SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ATTENDING MEMBER

<u>FULL REGISTRATION FEE – ENTIRE CONFERENCE</u>	\$200.00	\$ _____
Includes Friday/Saturday Luncheons, all Sessions, Saturday Evening Banquet		
<u>DISTRICT BOARD/INT'L REP REGISTRATION FEE</u>	\$0.00	\$ _____
Includes Friday/Saturday Luncheons, all Sessions, Saturday Evening Banquet		
<u>PARTIAL REGISTRATION</u>		
Friday Only – All Sessions, Workshops, and Luncheon	\$75.00	\$ _____
Saturday Only – All Sessions, Workshops and Luncheon	\$75.00	\$ _____
(DOES NOT include Saturday Evening Banquet)		

I plan to attend the Presidents/Treasurers Forum on Friday, May 3, 2024, 9am-10am Circle: Yes
I plan to attend the First Timers Workshop on Friday, May 3, 2024, 10:15am-11am Circle: Yes

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT-Off to the Races! # _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____
Cash bar, music by DJ, and "horse" races

GUEST MEALS

Friday – Luncheon Only (Guests)	# _____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Saturday – Luncheon Only (Guests)	# _____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Saturday – Banquet (Guests and Members)	# _____ @ \$65.00	\$ _____

PROGRAM HANDBOOK no charge digital copy e-mailed to registrants prior to Conference. Printed program may be ordered here # _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

LATE FEE: REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 1, 2024 \$25.00 \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK (your check is your receipt) \$ _____

Mail check and registration to: Conference Registration Chair
C/O Altrusa of Eastern Sierra
P.O. Box 1795, Bishop, CA 93515

Make check payable to:
Altrusa International
District Eleven

**Refund requests handled by District Board post-Conference

TO REGISTER & PAY BY CREDIT CARD: www.districteleven.altrusa.org **REGISTRATION**

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET MEAL CHOICE – Indicate number of meals ordered:

Tri Tip _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, including vegetarian requests for luncheons:

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Conference Registration District Eleven 2024

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE APPLICATION

The Judy Tharp Conference Attendance Fund was created in 2014 by the longtime Indian Wells Valley member to assist members, especially first-timers, with the costs associated in attending conference. Awards are \$200.00 and are not transferable. If not used, the award must be returned. Please submit the below information no later than April 1 to:

Judy Tharp, 1047 N. Inyo Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Name of Requesting Member: _____

Name of Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Please indicate how a grant would affect your ability to attend District Eleven Conference:

Date Reviewed: _____ Approved (Y/N) _____ Date applicant notified: _____

Comments: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

COURTYARD[®]
BY MARRIOTT

Oxnard Ventura

600 E. Esplanade, Oxnard, CA 93036
805-988-3600

Altrusa District Eleven Conference

April 30 – May 3, 2020

\$189.00 Standard Guest Room Rate

Two queen beds or one king bed

(Plus, applicable taxes and Tourism Fees)

Breakfast Not Included

Rooms include mini fridge, microwave, coffee/tea maker,
complimentary wireless internet.



*There are a limited number of Disability Accessible Rooms, so reserve early.
Building C next to the patio terrace, where some of the conference activities
will be held, has two floors but no elevator.*

Hotel Tower provides elevator access.



The Bistro Courtyard Oxnard is open for Breakfast and Dinner and is ideal for refreshing breakfast choices and Starbucks coffee beverages in the morning, and a variety of dinner, beer, and wine choices later in the day.

Complimentary Self-Parking

Check-in is 3:00 p.m.

Checkout is 12:00 p.m.

The hotel will hold rooms at these rates until April 10, 2024

To make Reservations and receive the Altrusa group rate

Call Sofia Hernandez, 805-278-5067

Online Reservation Link:

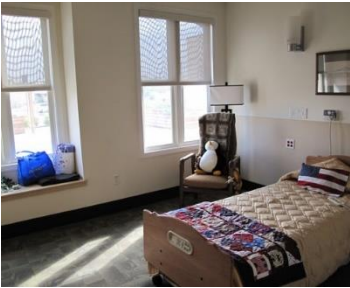
[Book your group rate for Altrusa International District 11](#)

**If you need help or have a special request, contact
Sofia Hernandez, 805-278-5065**

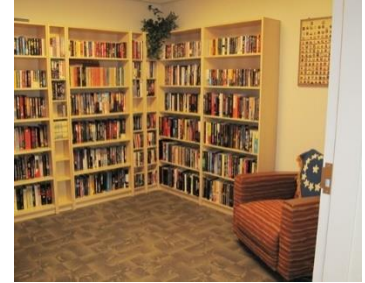
CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

Donations to benefit Veterans Home of California, Ventura

This year's community service project to benefit the Ventura area will be to bring donations for the Ventura Veterans Home. Here is a list of what is currently needed at the residential care facility:



**Sweatpants & Sweatshirts
Sizes M, L & XL,
Microwave Popcorn,
Word Puzzles:
Crosswords and Sudoku,
Art Materials and Supplies:
canvases, brushes,
Acrylic paints-all primary colors,
Curling Ribbons: red, blue, white, black,
Balloons-all primary colors,
Pillows,
Jigsaw Puzzles.**



CONFERENCE MEMORIAL SERVICE INFORMATION

Each year District Eleven holds a Memorial Service at the Conference to acknowledge District Altrusans who have passed away in the last year. District Clubs may honor deceased members at the special memorial by filling out and sending in this form along with a photo.

Email the following information to April Smith at aprilaltrusa@gmail.com

Name of Deceased Member:

Altrusa Club:

Member Since:

Optional Date of birth or year:

Date Deceased:

Offices or positions held:

Please submit a digital photo in jpg. format.

Provide a short bio any memories you would like share (you may use an additional page):

PROGRAM HANDBOOK ADVERTISING 2024

Email the following information to April Smith at aprilaltrusa@gmail.com

Deadline April 1, 2024

Name: _____ Club: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please specify size and amount to be paid:

\$125 Full Page Ad – Size 6" w x 9" h (approximately)

\$80 ½ Page Ad – Size 6" w x 4" h (approximately)

\$40 ¼ Page Ad – Size 6" w x 2 ½" h (approximately)

\$30 Business Card Ad

Email digital print ready copy in either a JPEG or Word format to aprilaltrusa@gmail.com or contact April to discuss design and format. Call or text 619-395-2151.

Electronic Program Handbooks will be emailed to all district members in color. Purchased printed programs distributed at the conference will be in black and white.

Checks payable to Altrusa International District Eleven

Mail checks to:
District Treasurer, Andrea Shallcross
C/O Eastern Sierra Club
P.O. Box 1795
Bishop, CA 93515

Pay Online at:
[Conference Program Advertising District Eleven 2024](#)

CONFERENCE MARKETPLACE APPLICATION 2024

Email information below to Antoinette Thorburn, Oxnard Club, a.thorburn@yahoo.com
Proceeds benefit YOUR Altrusa Club. Share your talents with fellow Altrusans and generate funds for your club. Knit? Sew? Bake? Build? Craft? Let your creativity show!

Marketplace Fee: \$10

Deadline: April 1, 2024

Add a \$10 late fee for all applications postmarked after April 1st

Name: _____ Altrusa Club: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Items to be sold: _____

Checks payable to Altrusa International District Eleven

Mail checks to:
District Treasurer, Andrea Shallcross
C/O Eastern Sierra Club
P.O. Box 1795
Bishop, CA 93515

Pay Online at:
[Conference Marketplace District Eleven 2024](#)

PRESIDENTS' & TREASURERS' FORUM

“Warming up for the Races”

Friday, May 3 ~ 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Incoming and Outgoing
Club Presidents and Treasurers

Governor April, Governor Elect Hillary,
and District Treasurer Andrea



Invite you to attend an informal meeting to spend time with other presidents and treasurers and discuss all the fun and challenges of leadership in your clubs.

Presidents & Treasurers Virtual Workshops will be held after Conference. Dates and times will be provided soon.

FIRST TIMERS ~ “Preparing for the Maiden Race”

Friday, May 3
10:15-11:00 a.m.

**Hillary Sloan,
Governor Elect**



We're excited to have you join us for the first time at this year's

conference! Our annual District Conference provides opportunities to meet and build friendships with members across the District, learn strategies and be inspired by ideas that you can take back with you to your local club, and give to your heart's desire. See our First Timers conference tips and website for more details.

CONFERENCE TIPS

for First Timers

Registration & Dress Code

- Mark that you're a **First Timer**
- You can attend one (**Partial**) or both days (**Full**)
- You can **bring a guest** – just pay for their meals
- **Judy Tharp Scholarship** available
- Book your **hotel room** by **March 31**
- **Business casual** & Banquet **cocktail attire**



Networking & Friendships

- **Thursday** night Meet & Greet
- **Friday:** First Timers meeting, Fun Night, & Marketplace
- **Saturday:** Tammy Fournier Fun & Fitness, & International Representative's & Governor's Receptions before & after Banquet

Learning Opportunities

- **Communications:** Winning habits for internal & external communication
- **Service & Literacy:** Strategies to engage all members in service
- **Leadership & Membership:** How to work your way up or around Altrusa leadership, attracting new members, & retaining active members

Giving Opportunities

- **Altrusa International Foundation**
 - Silent auction
 - Tammy Fournier Fun & Fitness
 - Foundation Luncheon
- **District:** Awards Luncheon
- **Service project:** Donate items for veterans



districteleven.altrusa.org/conference

PAST GOVERNORS' BREAKFAST ~ "Winners Circle"

Saturday, May 4 ~ 7:30-8:30 a.m.



Calling all past Governors! We would be honored to have you join us for the "Winners Circle" breakfast in the hotel Executive Board Room. Please order and purchase your breakfast in the hotel lobby and ask them to deliver it to the Executive Board Room. Given your commitment to Altrusa, I think this would be a great time to share your accomplishments and tell us how Altrusans promoted your theme when you were the governor. The Governors breakfast is a perfect occasion to socialize with other like-minded governors who strive to grow Altrusa, so please attend. Altrusans are always winners!

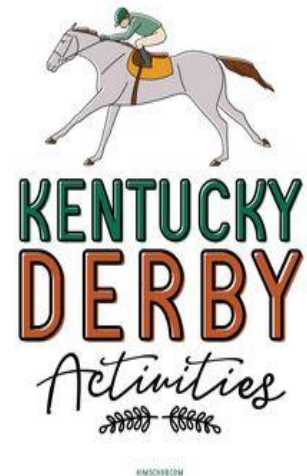
**Melinda Aguirre,
Immediate Past Governor**



FRIDAY FUN NIGHT ~ Marketplace and then "Off to the Races" Friday, May 3 ~ 5:00-8:00

Join us Friday evening, May 3rd as you will have the opportunity to do some shopping at the Marketplace where District Clubs will have an opportunity to sell fun and creative items to help raise money for their own clubs.

Then, we are "Off to the Races." The night will bring us horse racing, hat and fascinator contest with prizes, beverages (no host **CASH ONLY bar**) and sweet and savory appetizers. Oh, and a DJ so we can Boogie the night away. Cost is \$35 for a fun filled night with Altrusa friends. There will also be a chance to donate to the Altrusa International Foundation by betting on your favorite horse. Friday Night social is always something to look forward to every year. We get to visit with other Altrusans from District Eleven. This year make it a point to talk to someone you have not met yet and exchange ideas on all things Altrusa. So, bring your dancing shoes, hat/fascinator, and cash. We will use stick horses for the race. Big thanks to Oxnard Club for helping with the Friday Night "Off to the Races" Social!



CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

REMEMBER TO BRING

- ~ Membership Pin
- ~ Check Book & Cash
- ~ Miscellaneous Altrusa Pins
- ~ International Foundation Donations
- ~ Kentucky Derby Hat
- ~ Club Banner
- ~ Club Displays
- ~ Marketplace Merchandise
- ~ Veterans Home Donations
- ~ Your Smile and Desire to Enjoy and have Fun!

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

SERVICE & LITERACY WORKSHOP

“Call to the Post”

Getting All Your Members Excited and Ready to Participate in Service and Literacy Projects

Service Chair
Margee Neer



Involvement in Service and Literacy projects is one of the best parts of being an Altrusan. Members, however, have various levels of involvement they can provide. What strategies can clubs use to develop projects that members with different levels of time, ability, interest, energy, and access can still participate in? How can club leaders best incorporate the Altrusa value of Flexibility in service projects so that all members can find ways they can contribute.

Literacy Chair
Glenda Hogg



This workshop will look at strategies for increasing participation of more members in service and literacy projects in our clubs. A variety of strategies will be presented and shared. Please bring your ideas and success stories to contribute. We will also explore the International Service Resource: “100+ Service Project Ideas that can be Completed in an Hour” and do a hands-on project together.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

“Good Habits Prepare Winners”

Communication Chair
Kathy Girard



You wouldn't go to the racetrack without studying your daily racing form first. Looking at the odds always helps to place a winning bet. Then again, some just jump in and place a bet on the long shot. In written communications within your club, you can bet your emails, President's messages, and newsletter will be a WINNER if you do your research first. Develop good habits and use the International Website and their resources. They have PICK SIX to help us navigate all this racing lingo. Help your club WIN, PLACE, and SHOW on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and in the news. Come review your betting strategies and have a winning Trifecta.



LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

“Training and Growing Championship Stables”

Leadership Chair

Shauna Stokes



Membership Chair

Beverly Mueller



New Club Building Chair

Michelle Bell



At the conference we will be presenting a roundtable workshop on leadership and membership. We will start off the workshop with leadership and then go into membership. The leadership portion will be interactive, with members at each table sharing if they have been, or want to be, a club committee member and/or chair, club officer or District chair or officer. We want to generate ideas to inspire members to consider leadership positions, what it means to be a leader, and how to work your way up or around, gaining knowledge and experience. Start small and think big re: LEADERSHIP.

The membership portion will focus on discussing and brainstorming ideas on how to grow our clubs, retain our members and build new clubs. We hope participants will share ideas of fun and successful membership events and creative ways to attract new members.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Central Coast:	Maria Castillo Darlene Wilowiec
Chula Vista:	Elsie Aguirre Gloria Parra Jessica Quilantan-Velasquez
Golden Valley:	Janell Provost Katherine Ramos Frances Vasquez
Oxnard:	Jennifer Lewis Esther Marquez Chloe Morgan
Tucson:	Gwen Gallegos Suzanne Dana
West Valley:	Candy Mayhew

“Training the Ponies” ~ ASTRA Clubs

ASTRA Chair

Melinda Aguirre



We have various ASTRA clubs in District Eleven and the majority are thriving. ASTRA is a wonderful addition to your Altrusa club. ASTRA members can help your club with fundraising, social events and much more since they are younger and creative. Guess what? ASTRA members can become future Altrusa members. Everything you need to know about ASTRA is on the astra.altrusa.org website. I have listed below the information you need to know now.



- 1. ASTRA Graduation Cord Request:** Congratulations to your graduates. Allow them to represent their participation in ASTRA with cords to wear over their gowns as they walk across the stage at graduation. Cords are provided free of charge. Please request at least 2 weeks prior to date of graduation. Please complete and submit form to Altrusa@Altrusa.org.
- 2. Altrusa International Foundation Scholarships:** the opportunity to recognize high school senior ASTRA members and ASTRA members who are currently attending college who have grown through service in ASTRA. A winning applicant will have demonstrated exemplary Altruism within his or her community. Applicants must have applied to an institution of higher learning (college, university, tech school, etc.) which they will be attending within seven months of the **March 15** deadline for application. The application is designed to help the applying ASTRA member exhibit their growth in Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility and Achievement through service to their community and sponsoring Altrusa Club. Up to four scholarships will be awarded annually for high school students and four scholarships for college students in the following amounts: • Two \$2,000 each • Two \$1,000 each.
- 3. ASTRA SERVICE AWARD:** The ASTRA Club Service Award has been established by Altrusa International and sponsored by Altrusa International Foundation to encourage ASTRA Clubs to actively participate in service projects designed to meet specific needs in the local community or within their own school community. This award is an opportunity for Altrusa International to recognize outstanding ASTRA Clubs for their achievements in service. Award submissions are due to Melinda Aguirre, ASTRA District Chair, by March 1; email melinda.aguirre84@yahoo.com.
- 4. 2023 ASTRA Club Annual Report:** Completing this survey should only take about 3- 4 minutes. To move between pages, use the "Prev" and "Next" buttons at the bottom of the survey. Please collect any information needed prior to starting the survey. You will know the answer to most questions but need to report how many service projects the club worked on and how many community service hours ASTRA members had for the year (approximately). Please submit this online by June 1st.

Self-Awareness is beneficial to the future of ASTRA Students. When students join ASTRA, they have opportunities to learn more about themselves, their goals, and their strengths. They will find out what they are good at. This is where the sponsoring club comes in to play. Altrusa Clubs become mentors to the ASTRA members. Together they can decide projects they want to volunteer for in the community. Some of the Altrusa Clubs in District Eleven offer scholarships to the graduating ASTRA members.

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2024-2026 NOMINEES

Nominating Committee Report *by Sue Larkin, Chair 2022-2024*

The District Eleven Nominating Committee duly elected in 2022 and consisting of Charlotte Perry of Altrusa of San Diego; Kathy Telleria of Altrusa of the Central Coast; and Sue Larkin of Altrusa of the West Valley have submitted names of members to appear on the ballot for election at the 2024 District Conference. Names submitted for the District Nominating Committee for 2024-2026 are Belinda Berry, Altrusa of Long Beach; Helyn Sloan, Altrusa of Chula Vista; and Katy Walton, Altrusa of Reno-Sparks. These members will be listed on the ballot for the purpose of electing a Chair for the committee. The person receiving the most votes will be named the Chairman. Also nominated is Past Governor Melanie Hodges of Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County. Melanie will be running for District Eleven's nominee for Foundation Treasurer. If successful, she will be placed on the Convention Ballot in 2025 to represent District Eleven on the International Foundation Board of Trustees.

Thank you to the District Eleven Board of Directors and to the Presidents of each club in 2022-23 and in 2023-24 for your help in our search for nominees. Thank you to the nominees for stepping forward to serve your Altrusa District Eleven members. Their photos and bios are below:



Belinda Berry, Altrusa of Long Beach, CA

Belinda has been an active member of the Long Beach Club since 2004, filling all Board positions several times over. She taught Middle School English for 15 years and continues to substitute teach, tutor, and volunteer for two other community-based nonprofits. Spending time with her family, traveling, enjoying concerts, writing, enjoying living by the beach and helping others fulfill her quest for learning, growing, and finding a glimmer of joy each day.



Helyn Sloan, Altrusa of Chula Vista, CA

I've been a member of Altrusa International of Chula Vista, Inc. for 18 years. In those years I've held the offices of Parliamentarian, Secretary, Vice-President, Club President and Foundation President. I have also served on the Nominating Committee, Co-Chair for our Ways & Means Committee and Membership Chair for our Club.

As well as serving in the various positions for my Club I have also served on the District Eleven Board as Director, Communications Chair, Membership Chair, Service Chair and Nominating Committee Chair.

Serving at both the District and Club levels I have had the privilege of meeting many of our District Eleven members and feel I'm in a great position to help our District find the best possible candidates for the District Eleven Board positions.

Thank you for your consideration as a member of the District Nominating Committee.

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Helyn Sloan

Kathy Walton, Altrusa of Reno-Sparks, NV



Katy Walton has spent most of her life doing public and community service. She has been an active Altrusan for almost 25 years. In 1984, she joined the newly formed Eastern Sierra Altrusa club in Bishop. Katy held almost every office, including President. During this time, she was also elected Director and then Second Vice Governor of the District Eleven Board, serving for eight years. In 2005, she retired from her public service position as Deputy District Director of Planning for Caltrans and moved to Montana with her husband. There she volunteered in her community and wrote several public improvement grants, receiving National and Regional awards.

In 2017, Katy moved to Reno, Nevada, after the death of her husband to be close to her family. She heard that an Altrusa club was forming in the area, and immediately joined in to help it organize. Altrusa of Reno-Sparks chartered in October 2020, where Katy had served as Director on the Board during those first four years.

Besides Altrusa, Katy has been a Toastmaster for 23 years, in The Daughters of the American Revolution for 12 years, and an Elk for 10 years. She volunteers everywhere she goes.

Katy holds several higher educational degrees, culminating to a Master degree in Management. She taught Computer and Management classes for the University and local college in Bishop for 15 years.

District Nominee for International Foundation Board Trustee 2025-2027

Melanie Hodges, Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County



Melanie Hodges joined Altrusa in 1996 in pursuit of her passion for community service. Her journey includes holding all officer positions in her local club and its Foundation, and serving as Membership Chair, Director, Second & First Vice Governor, and Governor Elect for District Eleven. She led District Eleven as its Governor from 2017-2019.

After serving on the District Eleven Board she worked with the Altrusa International Leadership committee during the 2021-2023 biennium.

Melanie has extensive experience coordinating fund raising events for her club foundation, which includes working with others to draft a manual for use in planning and implementing a successful fund raising event.

Melanie currently holds the position of Treasurer for the Altrusa International Foundation of San Luis Obispo County.

She wishes to continue her community service by representing Altrusa District Eleven on the Altrusa International Foundation Board.



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

2ND Vice Governor & Int'l Foundation Liaison – Koni Shaff

The mission of Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. is to empower and support Altrusans as they serve and strengthen their communities.

Keep an eye out for those who are making a great impact in your community.

Nominate them for the Anna H. Settle Award by **May 15, 2024**.

Cycle Two grants for the Altrusa International Foundation! Submit Applications to Dr. Kantrice Rose at foundation@altrusa.org by **March 15, 2024**. For Service Project grants, you may apply for ONE grant per year (either cycle one or cycle two, not both) for a maximum of up to \$4,000.

Other grant opportunities include:

- Individual Education grant (may not apply for club and individual grant in same fiscal year)
- Club 21 Program grants for Cycle Two – Children's Camps
- Newly Chartered Club grant (one-time within one year following the charter date)
 - may also apply for a club grant in the same fiscal year,
 - \$4,000 maximum per fiscal year applies to combined charter grant & club grants.

2nd Vice Governor, Koni Shaff, is available for support on filling out and submitting your applications. Grant guidelines and criteria at [Grants Programs and Awards – Altrusa International Foundation](#)

CONFERENCE FUNDRAISING - District Eleven Goal is \$12,000

6 FOR 60 GIVING CAMPAIGN – In celebration of **Altrusa International Foundation's 60th anniversary**, the Foundation launched a 2-year campaign last year. Cumulative gifts from June 1, 2023 will be eligible for Lamplighter recognition and Debby Weber awards. They are encouraging gifts at the following six (6) levels, which will receive a commemorative ribbon at convention:

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| ➤ \$60 - Light Blue | ➤ \$560 - Dark Blue |
| ➤ \$160 - White | ➤ \$860 - Maroon |
| ➤ \$260 - Teal | ➤ \$1,060 - Gold |

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AT CONFERENCE

There will be several fun and exciting ways to raise funds at Conference:

- ❖ Tammy Fournier Fun & Fitness
- ❖ Silent Auction & Raffle
- ❖ Friday Night - Off to the Races (donate on behalf of your favorite horses & jockeys)
- ❖ Club 21 donations & renewals (\$21 for Individual or \$210 for Club)

See Foundation Request Donation Form on the next page or sign up online at:

[Conference Fun & Fitness District Eleven 2024](#)

Of course, there is always an opportunity to give at our Foundation Luncheon. We'll have donation envelopes on the table for your convenience! There are many ways you can give: Cash, Check, or Credit Card payments through Mobile Cause: <https://foundation.altrusa.org/donate/> Text "AltrusaFdn" to 41-444, or by Zelle – send to foundation@altrusa.org

If you want to get a head start on giving, here is the link to our campaign page:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/DISTRICT/team/DistrictEleven>

Thank you for your support & generosity - See you at Conference!

FOUNDATION DONATION REQUEST 2024 & TAMMY FOURNIER FUN & FITNESS FOR THE FOUNDATION

District Eleven will hold a Silent Auction and Raffle at the District Conference to raise funds for the Altrusa International Foundation. Your donation(s) will be displayed either in the Silent Auction or as one of the Raffle items. Your donations and generosity will make it possible for more Altrusa Clubs to receive an International Foundation Grant to support their own projects. Thank you for your support.

Description of Donation: _____

Approximate Value of Each Item: \$ _____

PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 1ST

Deliver your donation to the Foundation Room before Opening Session on Friday morning.

Join us for the TAMMY FOURNIER FUN & FITNESS

Check the Conference Program Handbook for time and where to meet. If you would like to ask friends, family, co-workers, etc., to sponsor you, just fill out the sponsor pledge at the bottom.

_____ Yes, I want to participate and make a pledge of \$ _____

_____ I'll be there in spirit, but I will still be snoozing. Here's my pledge of \$25.

FILL THIS SECTION IN FOR BOTH YOUR FOUNDATION DONATION & THE FUN & FITNESS

Name: _____ Altrusa Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEDGES: I agree to sponsor _____ as a participant for the benefit of the Altrusa International Foundation.

Name and Pledge	1. _____	\$ _____
	2. _____	\$ _____
	3. _____	\$ _____

Please include payment. Make payable to *Altrusa International Foundation* and mail to:

Koni Shaff

1341 Via Del Carmel
Santa Maria, CA 93455

For More Information Contact me at:

Phone: 805-570-8417 (text or leave msg)
konster.monster@comcast.net

You may also sign up and make your donation online at:

[Conference Fun & Fitness District Eleven 2024](#)



NEW DISTRICT ELEVEN WEBSITE

1st Vice Governor
Daneille Robello



New District Website

districteleven.altrusa.org

ABOUT

- District service area
- List of District Board members

CLUBS

- List of clubs organized by state
- Club pages have meeting info, links to social media, e-mail, etc.

NEWS & EVENTS

- Archive of DSB & Governor's Newsletters
- Conference

ASTRA

- International page
- Advisor & club info
- International newsletters
- Service award & scholarship applications
- Graduation cords request form
- New club toolkit

FOUNDATION

- Donate
- Grant recipients list & applications
- Anna H. Settle Award application
- Local club foundation forms & resources
- The Impact newsletter

MEMBER RESOURCES

- Service award applications
- Foundation applications & reports
- International service report forms
- District Revitalization Incentive Form

MEMBER LOGIN

- International resources
 - Toolkits & reports
 - Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award application
 - Leadership docs

Username: altrusan
Password: MamieBass1955

DISTRICT ELEVEN NEW WEBSITE WORKSHOP

All District Members are invited to a Zoom Meeting on

Saturday, March 16, 2024 ~ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join 1st Vice Governor, Danielle Robello to find out about all the great features and information on the how to navigate the District's new website and where to find things. Zoom link will be sent the week prior.

DISTRICT ELEVEN RECENT BOARD BUSINESS

At the District board meeting in January an important issue was discussed and a motion was approved about restructuring the number of board members needed to conduct district business. Here is a review of a policy change that will go into effect for the next biennium.

DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF OFFICERS RESTRUCTURE

Recently the Director of the District Eleven Board resigned from her position. We were sorry to lose her, but we understood and respected her decision. This resignation brought up some questions and concerns about the structure of District Eleven’s Board of Officers. Sometimes when things happen it opens opportunities to think about making changes. Before the board decided how to handle the resignation of a board member, we did research on how to proceed and also it gave us the opportunity to find out more about the composition of other district boards in Altrusa.

It was interesting to find out that not all District Boards are formatted the same way. Of course, there are certain officers that are required but there is also flexibility to establish the best combination of officers for each unique district. Some districts have as many as ten board members and some have as few as seven. Until this biennium we had conducted district business with nine board members.

Our Altrusa organization has experienced a lot of changes since the Covid Pandemic. We have been challenged to accept new ways of doing things. One of our current challenges is increased costs and we have had to be more conscious of how we spend district money without having to increase dues. This biennium’s District Board and leadership team has embraced these challenges and are open to exploring new options.

After a lot of discussion and consideration the District Board has decided they will NOT fill the vacant Director position on the 2023-2025 Board. They have also approved changes to District Eleven Policies to restructure the composition of the District Eleven Board. Additional changes will also include the elimination of the appointed position of Parliamentarian. The duties of the Parliamentarian will be assumed by the Immediate Past Governor. Also, to make the transition easier for the newly elected Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer will serve an additional one-year term on the board in an advisory role as a non-voting member to train and assist the Treasurer with duties and responsibilities. This new policy will go into effect for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Here is the new policy with changes in italics that has been approved by the District Board:

ARTICLE 4 – DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. District Board

1. District Board is composed of: Governor; Governor-Elect; *Vice Governor*; one Director; Treasurer; Immediate Past Governor, serving as Leadership Trainer and Parliamentarian with a vote as *Immediate Past Governor*; and *non-voting members, Outgoing Treasurer, and the appointed position of Secretary.*
2. *The outgoing District Treasurer will remain on the District Board for an additional year after their elected term, in a non-voting position, to train the newly elected District Treasurer and assist in the transition. Board meetings will be attended only as needed.*

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF DISTRICT ELEVEN

Be sure to email Kathy Girard, Communications Chair, kathy.girard3@gmail.com or Governor April your photos, flyers, invitations, etc. to help your clubs promote your events and activities.

ALTRUSA DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

DISTRICT BOARD

Governor	April Smith	San Luis Obispo Co	aprilaltrusa@gmail.com
Governor Elect	Hillary Sloan	Chula Vista	hillarysloan74@yahoo.com
First Vice Governor	Danielle Robello	Chula Vista	drobello.altrusa@gmail.com
Second Vice Governor Foundation Liaison	Koni Shaff	San Luis Obispo Co	konster.monster@comcast.net
Treasurer	Andrea Shallcross	Eastern Sierra	andrea@shallcrossassociates.com
Secretary	Sandy Pfefferkorn	San Diego	pfefy50@gmail.com
Parliamentarian	Carol Latham	Anaheim	lathamaltrusa@yahoo.com
Immed. Past Governor Team Liaison	Melinda Aguirre	Central Coast	melinda.aguirre84@yahoo.com

DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ASTRA	Melinda Aguirre	Central Coast	melinda.aguirre84@yahoo.com
Communications	Kathy Girard Gail Swain	San Diego Eastern Sierra	kathy.girard3@gmail.com gailrmswain@gmail.com
Service	Margee Neer	Eastern Sierra	1neerhope@gmail.com
Membership	Beverly Mueller	San Buenaventura	bevmjewel@gmail.com
District Service Bulletin/DSB	April Smith	San Luis Obispo Co.	aprilaltrusa@gmail.com
New Club Building	Michelle Bell	Coachella Valley	Bellmichelle4089@gmail.com
Leadership	Shauna Stokes	Chula Vista	sstokes55@mac.com
Literacy	Glenda Hogg	Chula Vista	grbh@cox.net
Webmaster	TBD		

CLUB LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Immed. Past Governor – Melinda Aguirre	Anaheim, Coachella Valley, Monterey, Reno/Sparks, Eastern Sierra
Governor Elect – Hillary Sloan	Glendale, Long Beach, Oxnard, San Buenaventura, San Diego North County Coastal
1 st Vice Governor – Danielle Robello	Central Coast, Golden Valley, San Diego, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo County
2 nd Vice Governor – Koni Shaff	Chula Vista, Indian Wells Valley, Southern California (Virtual), Tucson, West Valley

