



DISTRICT SERVICE BULLETIN

FALL 2024

DISTRICT ELEVEN

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GOVERNOR APRIL'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are now looking forward to fall, which includes many great Altrusa projects and fundraisers. My summer started out great and I was able to enjoy

spending time with family and friends, unfortunately at the end of the summer my condo was involved in a fire, and I was displaced from my home. I have been able to share what is going on with many of you when I visited district clubs in the past few months.

Life continues to provide me with challenges and as always, I try to remain optimistic, focus on the positive, and count my blessings. I am so grateful that no one was hurt. I was very fortunate that my unit only sustained water damage and all my personal possessions, furniture and appliances were salvaged. They are telling me the rebuilding process for my condo four-plex may take up to a year. Luckily, I have a mobile home in a senior trailer park in Pismo Beach that I inherited from my mom that I will be able to live in until I can return to my condo.

Thank you to all of you for your support, thoughts and prayers. One constant in my life over the last several years has been my Altrusa family, who are always there for me.



On a positive note, I have had the opportunity over the last few months to visit many of our district clubs. I really enjoyed learning more about all the great projects and events our clubs are involved with, seeing everyone and meeting a lot of new members. Please see some of the photos on page 17 that were taken at these club meetings and events.

I am sorry to have to report that the Monterey Peninsula Club members have decided to disband the club after 60 years of service to their community. I know we will miss the members, especially Noreen Irwin, a 50-year member, who attended the conferences.

There is a lot of good information in this edition of the DSB with important deadlines coming up. I am excited that our clubs are continuing to initiate new members, and I just wanted to remind everyone that dues fees are only 1/2 from December 1st through March 31st.

Most of our clubs are getting ready for "Make a Difference Day" on October 26th and I am confident that there will be some great projects out in all of our communities.

*"Life is not about surviving the storm...
But learning to dance in the rain."
Author Unknown*

Ripples.

When you create a difference in someone's life, you not only impact their life, you impact everyone influenced by them throughout their entire lifetime.

No act is ever too small.
One by one, this is how to make an ocean rise.

Danielle Doby / tinybuddha.com

INFORMATION FROM ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL



Greetings fellow Altrusans!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second year of this biennium. I am so proud of the work all of you did to ensure the success of our first year, including a growth in membership over 2022-2023. Let's keep it up and also show a positive growth for this year. Watch for membership incentives later in the Altrusa year.

I am enjoying seeing all of the back-to-school projects on Facebook. You all are making such a great difference in all of your communities. Thousands of school children will have not only supplies but clothing for this school year. Because of your efforts they will have success!

Congratulations to all the club who achieved Distinguished Club status for the 2023-2024 year. Let's all work hard to increase the number of clubs recognized in 2024-2025. I look forward to celebrating your successes at the Convention in Quebec City.

Thank you to all who completed the survey about attending Convention. I am impressed by how many of you plan to attend. Plans are well underway for an exciting time for all of you, including a Canadian-specific special event on Friday night. We plan to R.O.C.K. the Tartan in Quebec so start searching now for your favorite tartan plaid.

If you have not already done so, please enter your club's Acts and Kindness and book donations for 2023-2024 and don't forget to add those you are doing or 2024-2025. Let's see how many acts we can accomplish between now and May 31, 2025. I'm seeing lots of book donations on Facebook, so please enter those so we have an accurate total of your club's generosity.

I know the District Nominating Committees are geared up to present a great slate of candidates for each District's Board. Please consider saying "yes" when asked to serve. Other than becoming an Altrusan, saying yes to serving on the Board was one of the best decisions I have ever made. You will make lasting friendships with those you serve with on the Board. I know I did!

I wish you all well as your Fall Workshops (for those Districts that have them). I hope you have great attendance, fellowship and fun as we continue to serve Altrusa!

Let's continue to R.O.C.K.!
Linda K. Smith, President
Altrusa International, Inc.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Grant Program Cycle 2 deadline is March 15, 2025

Service Project Photos: The International Foundation is asking clubs for photos of service projects that have been funded with grants from the Foundation. Please send them to foundation@altrusa.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR JUNE 1st – August 31st 2024

Chula Vista:	Sofia Bordson	Reno/Sparks:	Sarah Mahmoud
Golden Valley:	Gina Gluyas Natalie Montoya Jasmin Narez Teresa O’Sullivan	Santa Maria:	Diana Farrell-Page Janelle Wahl
Indian Wells Valley:	Gina Noble	West Valley:	Ann Engle Philomena Lambie

GOVERNOR ELECT TRAINING



Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect

I had a wonderful time attending the Governor-elect training in Kanas City. It was a wonderful experience to be around so many leaders. I am very excited about my biennium. Thinking back on my leadership journey, I have had many influences that shaped my identity. I am blessed to have so many strong individuals who challenged me. I was a child who always doubted my abilities and lacked confidence. I could have been more brilliant than others. I was not worthy of being seen. These thoughts are the horrible narrative I had for myself. And in the last couple of years, I found my worth and my confidence to enhance my leadership skills. One of my biggest supporters is Aaliyah members. Aaliyah created pathways for me to excel and leadership. Helyn Sloan told me, " Altrusans will never let you fail." Remember this! I encourage all our club members to use these words to become leaders they know they are.

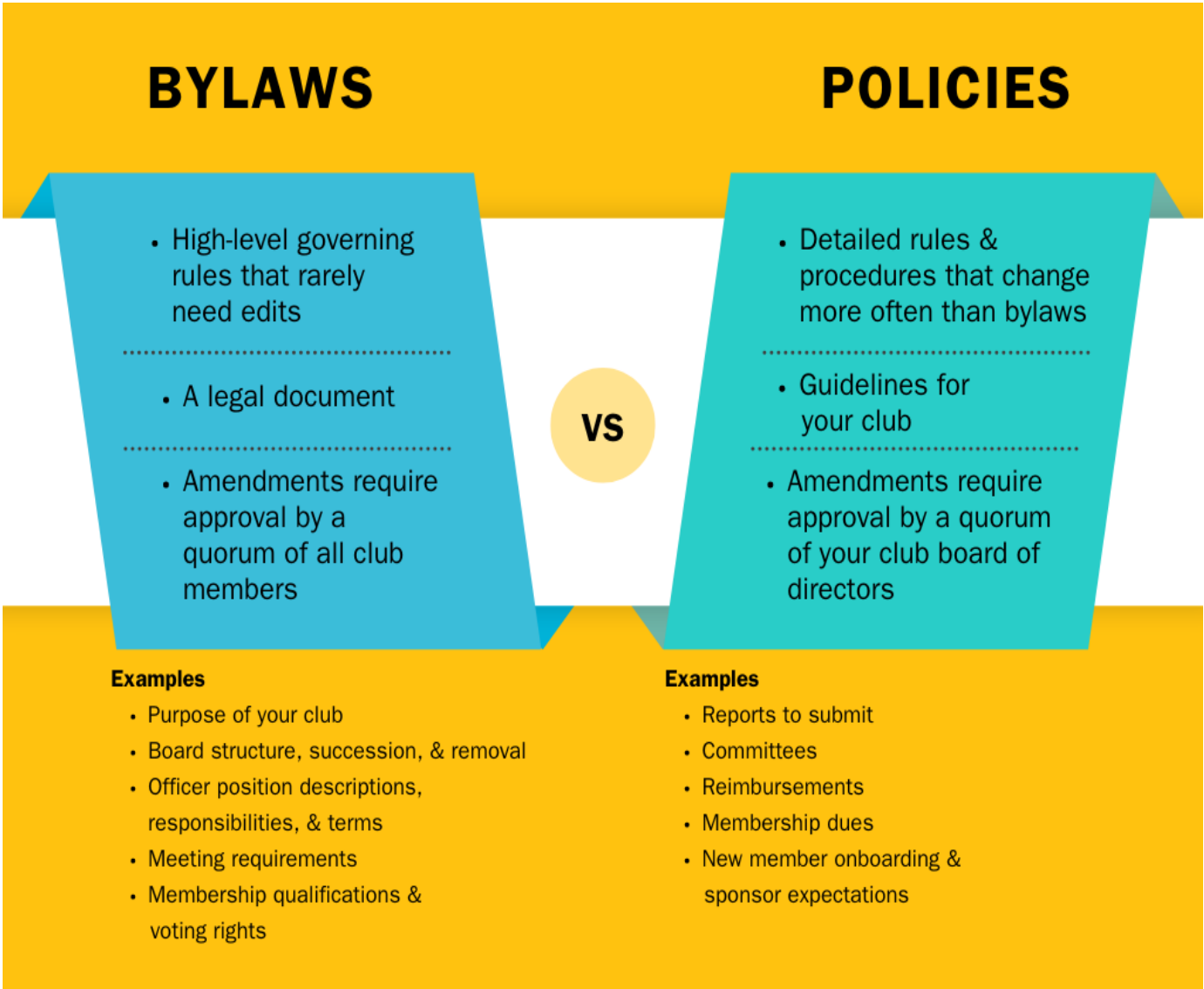


BYLAWS AND POLICIES



Danielle Robello, 1ST Vice Governor

It's important to keep your club bylaws and policies updated and relevant to current times and circumstances while also thinking about the long-term. Can't find your club's bylaws or policies? You can start fresh with a [bylaws template](#) from Altrusa International, ask another club for a copy of their policies and edit them to fit your club's processes, or use [Altrusa International Official Policies](#) as a structural template.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BRR CHANGES



Koni Shaff, 2nd Vice Governor

konster.monster@comcast.net

Phone: 805-570-8417

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR BRR CHANGES IS JANUARY 1, 2025!

Do you or your club have any proposals for changes or additions to the Bylaws of Altrusa International? Submitted proposals will be presented at the 2025 District Eleven Conference, scheduled for May 1-3, of 2025.

Submitted proposals will be provided in the Call to Conference District Service Bulletin (DSB) edition that will be available in February of 2025. All District Eleven members will have the opportunity to review these proposals and discuss them at their club level. Conference Delegates will be responsible for representing their clubs during the voting process for these proposals. All proposals approved during the District Eleven 2025 Conference will be submitted to Altrusa International for consideration at the International Convention in 2025.

District Officers, District Committee Chairs, Past Governors, Clubs, and individual members are invited to submit proposals for change or additions to Bylaws, Resolutions, or Recommendations (BRR) to Koni Shaff, District Eleven 2nd Vice Governor, District BRR Chair, no later than **January 1, 2025**.

Each proposal presented should include the following:

- *a history with background and rationale;*
- *an implementation date;*
- *a list of other bylaws or policies affected by the proposed bylaws, resolution, or recommendations;*
- *the fiscal impact, if any;*
- *and the suggested motion.*

If you or any members of your club would like to make one or more proposals to be considered by the voting delegation at District Eleven Conference, please email them to me no later than **January 1, 2025**. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me. Please share this information with your Board of Directors, committee chairs, and club members. Thank you!

“Democracy is a slow process of stumbling to the right decision instead of going straight to the wrong one” - Anonymous

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS



Chair – Helyn Sloan
Altrusa of Chula Vista

CALLING ALL DISTRICT ELEVEN ALTRUSANS!!

It's time to request recommendations for nominations for District Eleven Officers to be elected for the 2025-2027 biennium. Elections will be held at our May 2025 Conference in San Diego, California. Per the newly updated District Eleven By-Laws & Policies, nominations are being solicited for the offices of **Governor Elect, Vice Governor, Director and Treasurer.**

To be eligible for election to any District Eleven office, the nominee must be, at the time of nomination and election, an active Altrusa member in good standing. And, **except Treasurer**, a person must have served or be serving a full term as Club President.

To be eligible for election to the office of **Governor Elect**, the candidate shall have previously served a term (more than half of a two-year term) as a member of the District Eleven Board.

To be eligible for **District Treasurer**, a person must have served or be serving as Treasurer at the time of election and must have good accounting knowledge or experience.

If you would like to see the District Job Description for any of these positions, please let me know and I will email you a copy.

We urge you to take part in this very important process. Nomination forms have been sent to each Club President and must be returned to the Nominating Committee by email or post marked no later than November 30, 2024. If you would like to be considered for a District Eleven Board office, please make sure you let your Club President know. The Nominating Committee will rely on your recommendations in preparing a slate to be submitted to the District Eleven Board of Directors for their approval at the January 2025 Board Meeting, and as approved, published in the Call to Conference issue of the District Service Bulletin.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Helyn Sloan, Chair at 619-507-8805. Serving as an Office on the District level is an honor, and we encourage all District Eleven members who meet the qualifications to consider serving.

District Eleven Nominating Committee,

Helyn Sloan, Chair – Altrusa International of Chula Vista
Belinda Berry – Altrusa International of Long Beach
Katy Walton – Altrusa International of Reno/Sparks

Information for Clubs about Debit vs. Credit Cards

Debit Card Coffee or Credit Card Tea?

This article appeared in the last Altrusa International Compass and was put together by Bettina Schempf, Treasurer, Altrusa International, Inc. & Angela Beck, Governor, Altrusa District Six.

“Should my Club use a Debit Card or Credit Card”? It is similar to asking “Do you like Coffee or Tea?” It is a matter of financial taste. Debit Cards allow one to spend directly from a checking account, while a Credit Card charges a preset credit line to pay off later, potentially with interest. When one swipes or taps a card, a pin is needed for a Debit Card while a Credit Card may require a signature. Beyond the technical differences, Debit Cards and Credit Cards differ in one significant way: rewards. Credit Cards come in many varieties, but many Credit Card holders use them because they offer cash back. So, which should your Club choose? Both Debit and Credit Cards make payments easier. So, here is our advice:

Debit Cards are a great way to increase the flexibility of payments. They generally operate with the same authorizations as signatories to your accounts and are easy to set up. If a person is authorized to sign checks on the account, those same people can get a Debit Card as authorized signers for the Club’s checking account. They cannot be tied directly to a savings account.

Credit Cards use a different set-up process as they are secured by the Credit Card network. Because the Club is an entity, not a person, they generally need an individual(s) to be the guarantor(s) and uses the credit strength of the guarantor(s) for a preset credit limit. That makes them less flexible for Clubs and might mean that past leaders are acting as guarantor(s) for many years later, if they are no longer in a leadership position or even an Active Member, so this might not work well for your Club.

For both Debit Cards and Credit Cards, your Club should use the same authorization procedures for payments as you use for check or cash reimbursements or payments. Also, help guard against unauthorized use of either a Debit or Credit Card in these few ways. When using your Debit Card, try to choose “Credit” to receive the benefit of MasterCard or Visa’s liability protection, not all merchants will allow this use. Monitor your account to know exactly what is happening with your Card by logging into online account services with your bank. Turn on alerts for Internet purchases, ATM transactions and set transaction limits, so all Card transactions above a certain amount will be declined.

We hope that this has given you a bit of insight on these two options for your Club. Whether it is Debit Card Coffee or Credit Card Tea, it will ease your Club’s payments in the future. Please feel free to reach out to either one of us for specific guidance or additional information.

Sources:

<https://www.bankrate.com/credit-cards/building-credit/credit-card-vs-debit-card/>

<https://www.oldnational.com/personal/services/debit-mastercard/#FAQ>

COMMUNICATIONS

USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CLUBS

There are many useful tools online or on cell phone apps that can make club processes more efficient and effective. Below is a list of some reliable tools that you can consider using in your club.

Scheduling:

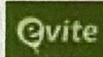
Doodle Poll



Do you need to schedule a meeting on a date and time to get the most members available to attend? Rather than send a bunch of emails to members to find out their availability, try using Doodle Poll. You add multiple potential date and time options that work for you then email the doodle poll link to your group to find out what date works best to schedule your meeting... and it's free. doodle.com/en/polling-tool

Events / Event Sign-ups:

Evite



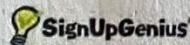
Evite is a website that enables you to create and send invitations (or eCards) for various occasions using themed templates or by creating your own designs. After creating your invitation, you can email them to your guest list and manage responses. Offers free or paid options. www.evite.com

Eventbrite



This online tool allows anyone to create a custom event page and sell tickets to your event through this website. You can set up the site to get individual registrations and payments on your own event page, offer promo codes, post the event information online and monitor registrations. www.eventbrite.com

Signup Genius



SignUpGenius is an online software tool that helps you create and manage signups for events and volunteer coordination. You create a customized signup sheet with the dates and times, share the link with prospective volunteers, and have them sign up for the shift that works for their schedule. There are free and paid plan options. www.signupgenius.com

Google Sheets

Google Sheets is a free online application that enables users to create, update and modify spreadsheets (such as sign-up sheets), sharing the data with others. Google Sheets is similar to Excel worksheets, but is a cloud-based application that makes it easy to collaborate with others. Can be accessed online or as an app. workspace.google.com/products/sheets



Surveys, Forms and Files:

SurveyMonkey

Do you need to survey your members or a community group? SurveyMonkey is an online platform that allows you to access many types of templates or create your own survey from scratch with questions and a variety of response options, email it or post it to get responses from individuals, then it summarizes your responses to review. Offers free or paid plans. www.surveymonkey.com



Google Forms

Create free online forms and surveys using Google Forms. Similar to Survey Monkey but on a more limited scale in terms of number of questions allowed, number of templates offered, and lack of analysis. Works well for forms; not as convenient for surveys. www.google.com/forms/about



WeTransfer

This site offers a simple way to send your large files and photos by email to anyone. On the website, you attach your file and enter the email addresses of recipients. Click "transfer" and your file is emailed for you, even if it's too large to send with a regular email. Files of up to 2GB can be emailed for free. A paid plan allows you to send larger files. wetransfer.com



Designing:

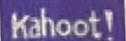
Canva

Canva is an online design tool that helps you create



flyers, invitations, social media posts, PowerPoint-like presentations, and more. You can use their templates or create your own design from scratch. There are a huge variety of fonts, colors, elements, and fun components to try. Canva also has useful YouTube instructional videos to help guide you through your creation. Each District Twelve club is allowed to have one designated person who can use the District Twelve Foundation Canva account at no charge to your club. Club Presidents can email Sarah Johnson at sarahmjohnson1475@gmail.com to let her know who your Canva club contact is. www.canva.com

Fun online activities:



Kahoot!

Kahoot! lets you create, share and play learning games or trivia quizzes using a laptop and individuals' cell phones. Participants can join a game with a pin and answer the questions on their own devices, with results shown on a shared screen. The screen will show the correct answers and who is accumulating the most points. This is easy to use and can be a very fun activity during a meeting. Offers free or paid plans. Contact Debbie McBee at mmcbeed@aol.com for assistance. kahoot.com

Documents and storage:



Dropbox

Dropbox is like an old-fashioned metal file cabinet, but online. It is a place where you can store, access and share your documents and files. You can upload documents into folders in Dropbox and have them just accessible to you or you can share access with others. Because documents are stored in the cloud, you can access your Dropbox files from your computer, cell phone or tablet. Dropbox has a limited free "Dropbox Basic" version, or paid subscriptions begin at about \$12/month. www.dropbox.com

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USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CLUBS continued

ChatGPT

Chat GPT is an AI (artificial intelligence) chatbot that can answer questions, assist you in composing emails, articles and documents, and more. You can access ChatGPT on your computer or via an app on your iPhone or Android device. ChatGPT is free. openai.com/chatgpt



ChatGPT

Altrusa specific resources:

Altrusa GroupTally

GroupTally is an online membership management database used by Altrusa International. Each Altrusa member can access their own profile to update contact information and their roles held in Altrusa. The information in your profile (eg. your email address) is what is used for Altrusa International communications and is important to keep updated. GroupTally also has a membership dues component that the treasurers use to record and track dues payments. altrusagrouptally.com

Altrusa District Twelve website

Altrusa District Twelve has a public home page and a "Members Only" site that provides a wide range of information, documents, applications, workshop recordings and other resources to members. Visit altrusadistricttwelve.org to access the website. Go to top right corner to log in as a member. Email District Webmaster Courtney Barclay at cookiecoup@gmail.com for questions or login issues.



Altrusa International website

Altrusa International maintains a website for members with a vast array of information on membership, leadership, service, communications, and more club resources. Log in with username: **altrusan** and password: **MamieBass1955** at www.altrusa.org

Resources through cell phone apps:

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is a free messaging and video calling app used by billions of people in almost every country around the world. It allows you to send and receive video and voice calls, text messages, photos and more with just a wi-fi connection. There are no fees and no data plan subscription. While this is typically an app that you download onto your cell phone, there is also a desktop computer version available. www.whatsapp.com



WhatsApp

GroupMe

GroupMe is a free group text messaging app that works on iPhones, Android phones and through the web via email or Facebook. This Microsoft app allows small or large groups of people to send private or group messages through the app without showing your personal contact info. Anyone can send a message viewable by anyone else in the group. Download the GroupMe app or visit groupme.com



TurboScan

Rather than use a scanner on your printer, you can use an app on your cell phone to scan and send multi-page documents, receipts, notes, photos or other printed materials using your phone camera. Documents can be emailed through the app to yourself or others as a PDF or JPEG file. Easy to use and very accurate clean scans. Apart from personal use, this is a great option to use for scanning all the pages in a District Award application. Download the TurboScan app on your cell phone or visit play.google.com/store/apps/details/TurboScan_scan_documents_re?id=com.piksoft.turboscan.free&pli=1.



ClubRunner

ClubRunner

Our District Twelve ClubRunner subscription allows each member to download the free ClubRunner app on your cell phone. Password protected just like our District website, the app allows you to access the member directory, view meeting details, email or call members from any club in our district, view the District website home page and learn more about upcoming events.

Try some of these great resources to make your Altrusa to-do's easier to accomplish!

Borrowed from District Twelve August 2024 DSB

LITERACY



District Service Chair – Glenda Hogg

We are three months into our new club year, and I surely hope every club has started their projects for this year and included a literacy portion even if it is small. I know for sure my own club has added a literacy element to every project. It doesn't take much to put a smile on a child's face with a book or an activity and this extends to all age groups as well.

As I said a year ago there are all types of literacy if you just look a bit closer at what you are trying to accomplish. I know my own club is recognizing and helping middle school students learn about drones. Yeah, those weird looking flying machines you may have seen flying around. I for one am not very literate on these things so I am planning to spend a couple of days helping out the kids and having them teach me more about them. One is never too old to learn something new.

And while your clubs are at it please keep track of the books you hand out and the service hours you put in by using the form on the International website under Service. It's called One Book at a Time. It only takes a couple of minutes of your time.

Also on the website is the Service Project Database. If you haven't tried using it you should. You can share your projects by answering a few questions and even better you can use it for new ideas to try. Again it's simple and easy to use.

At last year's Conference we had about 10 entries for the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award. I would love to have that number beat in 2025. The process looks ominous, but it really isn't if you divide it up between a couple of members. It's definitely worth your time and effort. All you need to do is just **"GO FOR IT!"**

Hope to see many of you at the 2025 Conference in San Diego.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE



District Parliamentarian
– *Carol Latham*



Basic Principles

1. Parliamentary procedure exists to facilitate the transaction of business and to promote cooperation and harmony.
2. All members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations. The majority has the right to decide. The minority has rights which must be protected.
3. A quorum must be present for the group to act.
4. Full and free discussion of every motion considered is a basic right.
5. Only one question at a time can be considered at any given time.
6. Members have the right to know at all times what the immediately pending question is, and to have it restated before a vote is taken.
7. No member can speak until recognized by the chair.
8. No one can speak a second time on the same question as long as another wants to speak a first time.
9. The chair should be strictly impartial.

Handling a motion.

Three steps by which a motion is brought before the group

1. A member makes a motion.
2. Another member seconds the motion.
3. The chair states the question on the motion.

Three steps in the consideration of a motion

1. The members debate the motion (unless no member claims the floor for that purpose).
2. The chair puts the question to a vote.
 - A. The chair restates the question.
 - B. The chair takes the vote:

"All in favor of the motion, say aye." "Those opposed, say no."

3. The chair announces the result of the vote. A complete announcement to include:
 - A. Report on the voting itself, stating which side prevailed (and giving the count if a count prevailed).
 - B. Declaration that the motion is adopted or lost.
 - C. Statement indicating the effect of the vote or ordering its execution.
 - D. Where applicable, announcement of the next item of business or stating the question of the next motion that consequently comes up for a vote

Source: Dr. John A. Cagle, Parliamentarian of the Academic Senate and Professor of Communication at California State University, Fresno
<http://www.csufresno.edu/comm/cagle-p3.htm>

Words & Terms

- o **Abstain:** not voting one way or the other
- o **Adjourn:** ending the meeting
- o **Adopt:** to okay or accept
- o **Agenda:** an outline of items to address at a meeting
- o **Amendment:** adding on to a motion, usually to improve it, enlarge its intent, or to make it more understandable
- o **Appeal the decision of the Chair:** to question the Chairperson's decision and ask the group to change it
- o **Appoint:** to place someone in a job or position
- o **Bylaws:** the rules a group has agreed to follow and the goals of the organization
- o **Caucus:** getting together outside the regular meeting to decide on plans, position, policy and/or people to nominate
- o **Chair:** the position held by the meeting's leader
- o **Committee:** a group that reviews and reports on a special task given to them by the larger membership; a committee may recommend actions to be taken based upon its findings
- o **General consent:** approval by the group. If even one member objects, a vote must be taken.
- o **Majority opinion:** the decision of more than half the voting members
- o **Minority opinion:** the position held by less than half of the voting members
- o **Minutes:** official record of a meeting
- o **Motion:** a member's proposal for action
- o **Nominate:** to recommend a person for election to office
- o **Pending:** still up in the air and undecided
- o **Personal privilege:** calling attention to something having to do with the well being of the people at the meeting, such as asking to have a window opened
- o **Point of information:** asking for more information before making a decision
- o **Point of order:** correcting a mistake that is against the rules of the organization
- o **Pro tem:** temporary
- o **Proxy:** permission given, usually in writing, by one member for another member to vote in his or her name
- o **Orders of the day:** calling for the group to get back to the agenda or the main business of the meeting
- o **Question:** a motion that is under discussion with a vote to be taken on it
- o **Recess:** taking a short break
- o **Rescind:** to take back or withdraw
- o **Resolution:** usually a policy statement being suggested to the group for approval
- o **Second:** support for a motion; before a group can handle a proposal, it must know that two people want to have it discussed
- o **Standing Committee:** a committee that goes year round such as a program planning committee
- o **Suspending of the rules:** discussing something without sticking to the rules of the meeting
- o **Veto:** to turn thumbs down on a motion or idea

69th Altrusa International District Eleven Conference



Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA
May 1-3, 2025



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Altrusa of Tucson Summer Reading at Boys and Girls Club

About 20 youths, 2nd to 6th grade, dropped in to read with Altrusans in the comfy book club room that Nigel, the Steve Daru Boys and Girls Club manager, reserved for us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for a six-week period in June and July 2024. Some kids came only a few times, and some sought us out week after week, when they were in town. We had to be flexible, as we never knew exactly who would come to see us or what their reading interests were, although one young reader enjoyed anything and everything in print! The most popular books were *Down Girl* and *Sit, Maniac Magee* and *Interrupting Chicken*. The Reader's Theater and *Elephant and Piggie* books encouraged reading expression and fluency. The Boys and Girls Club is enthusiastic about our continued efforts to help readers during the school year. We will also offer actual tutoring, thanks to our Altrusa auxiliary friend Stacie, who has a doctorate in reading. Tucson Altrusa members can sign up with the Service Committee before September 3, 2024.



Altrusa of Southern CA Virtual



We started out the new club year full of energy and service to our communities. On July 17, our members participated in the 2nd annual National School District Back to School Resource Fair hosted by the National City Police Department at Olivewood Elementary School. To prepare for this event, we collaborated with the San Diego Club in our *For the Love* project collecting clothes for 450 families to have a free back to school shopping experience.



On August 9, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony for our first Little Free Library at Palomar Elementary Community School to inspire readers and expand book access. Principal MacDonald gave everyone a warm welcome, Chula Vista Elementary School District Superintendent Dr. Reyes and Chula Vista

Mayor John McCann delivered inspiring messages to the students, and local author María Dolores Águila donated a few copies of her book, *Barrio Rising*, to our library.



On August 10, we expanded *Project Hope* to the U.S. and delivered 1,071 items to Bridge of Hope families in transition. Donations included clothes, shoes, menstrual products, reusable water bottles, band aid kits, and toiletries, valued at approximately \$7,800.

In September, we held our first membership mixer. We took a train to spend the day in San Juan Capistrano visiting the mission and had dinner in Old Town San Diego.



SOCKTOBER

Donate socks for students in the South Bay of San Diego

Drop off locations through Thursday, October 31

National City

Chula Vista

Amazon Registry

LinkTr.ee/AltrusaSCA

Mail To
President Julie Robello
601 E Palomar St #C-355
Chula Vista, CA, 91911

Benefiting students from:



This month, we will be getting our hands dirty building beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, hosting our second annual *Socktober* donation drive, labeling books to give away, and attending the International Network of Hearts gala. We look forward to another great year full of service and memorable moments. To see what our Southern CA Virtual Club is up to, visit LinkTr.ee/AltrusaSCA.

Altrusa of Long Beach



Altrusa of Oxnard

Santa's Little Helpers



SAVE THE DATE!

Altrusa Club of Oxnard, Inc. presents its 26th Holiday Show!

- WHEN:** Join in the celebration on **Saturday November 9, 2024**
- WHERE:** Courtyard by Marriott, Oxnard Time: 10:30-2
- WHY:** To raise scholarship funds for Ventura County college students
- WHAT:** Luncheon will be served and Holiday themed Christmas trees, baskets and wreaths will be on display for your pleasure and chance to win! Tickets \$50.

Please come join us for a day of fun and community spirit. Renew friendships and make new ones!

Email event chair Joy Prainito at jfpnvfp@yahoo.com or Maggie Doherty at magidoherty@aol.com .

Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County

ALTRUSA Int'l Foundation of San Luis Obispo County, Inc.
15th Annual
Celebration of Trees - "Evergreen Dreams"
Saturday November 16, 2024



South County Regional Center
800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA
Happy Hour 5pm - Dinner at 6:30pm
Delicious Plated Dinner/Dessert (Vegetarian Option)

If you wish to bring your own wine; subject to \$20 corkage fee
Advanced ticket sales ONLY – NO tickets will be sold at the door
Ticket Deadline: Monday, October 21, 2024

Ticket Order Form

(Includes admission & dinner - tables of 10)

Altrusa Contact:

Name: _____ Name(s) of guest(s) with whom
you'd like to sit: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone# _____ Email: _____ Check
for Vegetarian Option _____

of Tickets _____ X \$110 = \$ _____ Total I do not plan to attend but
would like to donate \$ _____

Visa/MC # _____ Name on
card: _____ Exp. Date ___/___/___ CRV _____

Signature of cardholder: _____

Cardholder's zip-code _____

Please make checks payable to:
Altrusa Int'l Foundation of SLO County, Inc.

and mail to:
Altrusa Int'l of San Luis Obispo County, Inc
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Pismo Beach, CA 93448

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(you will see our unique logo during the process)
Please include your name and phone #

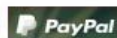
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*Note: Pay to friend or family, NOT as
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Contact: **Margaret at (805) 619-0237 by text or leave message /**
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Ticket Number(s): _____

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