

**69th Altrusa International
District Eleven Conference**



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

**Conference Program
Handbook**

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, May 1

12:00-4:00 p.m.	District Board Meeting with Lunch – Stamps
3:00-7:00 p.m.	Registration & Credentials – Breezeway in front of Presidio Ballroom
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Expeditors Orientation – Breezeway in front of Presidio Ballroom
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet – Presidio Ballroom

FRIDAY, May 2

8:00-11:15 a.m.	Registration & Credentials – Breezeway
8:00-11:15 a.m.	Foundation/Silent Auction/Exhibit Room Set up – Presidio Ballroom
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Presidents' and Treasurers' Forum – Garden Ballroom
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Outgoing District Chairs Meeting – Garden Ballroom
10:30-11:00 a.m.	In-coming District Chairs Meeting – Garden Ballroom
10:15-11:00 a.m.	First Timers Meeting – Stamps
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Flag and Banner Procession Line up – Foyer near Garden Ballroom
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies, Guest Speaker and Awards Luncheon – Garden Ballroom
2:15-2:45 p.m.	Memorial Service – Garden Ballroom
3:00- 4:30 p.m.	Days for Girls Hands-On Project – Garden Ballroom
4:30-6:30 p.m.	Presidio Ballroom open for Foundation Silent Auction
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Marketplace – Garden Ballroom
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fun Event – Terrace Garden
6:30 p.m.	Friday Fun Line Dance Instruction begins

SATURDAY, May 3

6:30-7:00 a.m.	Tammy Fournier Fun & Fitness for the Foundation – Garden Ballroom
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Past Governors' Breakfast – Stamps
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Registration & Credentials – Breezeway
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Delegate/Alternate Instructions – Garden Ballroom
8:45-10:45 a.m.	Opening Business Session – Candidate Statements – Garden Ballroom
	VOTING WILL OPEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BUSINESS SESSION – Breezeway
	IF TIME PERMITS THE FOUNDATION ROOM WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE MEETING UNTIL 11:00 am
11:00-11:45 p.m.	ASTRA Presentation – Garden Ballroom
12:00-1:45 p.m.	Foundation Luncheon – Garden Ballroom
2:15-3:15 p.m.	All Conference Workshop – Membership/Leadership – Garden Ballroom
3:30-4:15 p.m.	Closing Business Session with Conference Reviews and Call to Conference - GB
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Club Photos – See Schedule – Terrace Garden
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Reception – Breezeway
6:15-6:30 p.m.	Banquet Procession Line-up – Foyer near the Garden Ballroom
6:30-8:30p.m.	Governor's Banquet and Closing with Parliamentarian Proclamation – GB
8:30 p.m.	Governor's Reception – Chula Vista Club – Garden Ballroom

SUNDAY, May 4

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

GOVERNOR'S WELCOME



I am excited to welcome everyone to District Eleven's 69th District Conference and see all your "Altrusa SMILES" I can't believe my term as the District Governor is coming to an end. I have been busy and have worked diligently and reliably on district business, and I have enjoyed my time serving the district and have especially enjoyed visiting a lot of our district clubs this past year. I am excited to see our new Governor, Hillary Sloan, installed at our Saturday night banquet and looking forward to seeing the direction and goals she will be working on during her term.

I have to thank and commend the fantastic District Officers and Committee Chairs. They have been a great team to work with and I know I could not have had such a successful and satisfying term without them. Please take time to read all of our annual reports that are included in this handbook to see how dedicated these leaders are and how much of a difference they make in our district.

I hope you enjoy the conference this year. We have been working conscientiously to prepare and present an informative and fun experience, and the Altrusa Clubs of Chula Vista and San Diego have been enthusiastically working to make sure everyone has a great time. You will get the most out of your time by attending meetings, workshops, activities, and special events. I hope you are inspired, rejuvenated, and motivated and I hope you will take back to your club all the information and ideas from this conference.

Please take time to meet and visit with our Special International Guest, Beverly Hardy. A special thanks to our Immediate Past Governor and International Director Melinda Aguirre from the Central Coast Club who will be acting as the International Representative at this conference and sharing information and news from the International President.

This year's Conference Theme is the "Altrusa SMILE" and we have planned events and activities to help you to learn new ways to *SERVE* in your community, *MENTOR* those experiencing their first district conference, be *INSPIRED* and also *INSPIRE* others with your own experiences as an Altrusan. Continue to *LEAD* with your commitment and enthusiasm and of course *ENJOY* this precious time we have together.

So be sure to use your Altrusa **SMILE!**

April Smith, Governor



SPECIAL ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL GUEST



Please welcome **Beverly Hardy, Altrusa Past International President, 2019-2021**. Many of you may remember Beverly from our 2018 District Conference in Tucson, Arizona when she was our Altrusa international Representative and was serving as the International President Elect.

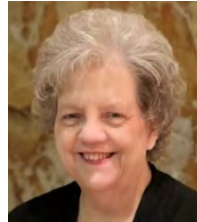
Beverly has been an Altrusan since 1994, holding offices in the Altrusa of Starke, Florida Club. She served on the District Three Board, including Governor, and on the International Board of Directors as the International Treasurer, then President Elect and installed as the President of Altrusa International in 2019.

Beverly recently moved from Florida to Tiburon, California near San Francisco to be closer to her son and his family after losing her husband. She plans to become a District Eleven member. Since there are currently no Altrusa Clubs in Northern Coastal California, Beverly is enthusiastic about starting a new club near her new home.

I am excited to welcome her to our 2025 District Conference and also welcome her as a new District Eleven member. Please help me make her feel at home.



Altrusa International President’s Message



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Dear District Altrusans,

On behalf of myself and the Altrusa International Board, I welcome you to your District Conference. Whether this is your first Conference or you are a seasoned Conference attendee, I hope you have a great experience.

Please take advantage of all Conference has to offer. Your District Board, host club or clubs, and Conference committee have worked hard to create a great Conference. You may be tempted to skip out for shopping, to take a nap, or just do something else, but if you do you will miss out on some great speakers and workshops.

I hope all of you make several new Altrusa friends during this Conference. Some of my best friends are Altrusans I met at District Conference more than 30 years ago. Had it not been for Altrusa, I would not have met these dear friends. My wish for all of you is that you can make lasting friends through your Conference experience,

I always leave conferences energized and with new ideas. I hope you all do, also. I encourage you to find a project idea, new fundraiser, or membership ideas that you can share with your club.

Please make an effort to meet and visit with your Altrusa International Representative. She is there to share information with you, meet with your Board and report back to the International Board about any concerns you may have. As the representative to your District, we want to meet each of you.

Thank you for all you are doing In your communities. Please continue to engage in our kindness and book challenges for this biennium.

Altrusans R.O.C.K. – Recognize Opportunities, Create Kindness!

Yours in Altrusa service,

Linda K. Smith, President
Altrusa International, Inc.



Altrusa International Executive Director’s Message

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Welcome to 2025 District Conferences,

District Conferences are here! This year I’ll have first-hand experience as my staff, and I attend District Five Conference. I’m excited to witness and participate in the event, not only for the fun, but also for the opportunity to gain an insight into what Districts do to organize and serve their clubs.

I’m looking forward to working with our incoming Governors. Please give them your support while also considering lining up behind them to become your District’s next Governor. The leadership opportunities in Altrusa are plentiful, and the International Board is here to help each of you succeed in any role you’d like to pursue.

As we prepare for Conferences this year, we are also preparing for our International Convention, which is quickly approaching. Don’t miss out on a trip to the beautiful Quebec City to visit with friends and make new ones, to network, and to attain some invaluable knowledge along the way. Be on the lookout for more information about booking your stay and registering for Convention. Hope to see you there. Enjoy Conferences!

Thank you,

David Mena

Executive Director
Altrusa International Inc.





Altrusa International Foundation Chair

Greetings!

On behalf of the International Foundation Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you to the 2025 District Conference and thank you for your generosity in supporting the Foundation. Conference is an exciting time where we get to immerse ourselves in Altrusa by connecting with friends, making new friends, learning about service projects, sharing ideas, and learning more about the Foundation.

It is our pleasure as the philanthropic partner to the Association, to provide funding for each of the international awards including the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Awards, the Letha H. Brown Literacy Awards, Mamie L. Bass Service Awards, and the ASTRA Service Awards. The Foundation also provides the funding for the ASTRA Scholarships. Congratulations to all of the Clubs that are recognized for their good work through these awards.

The Foundation provides resources to first responders in areas where a disaster has occurred. This year, the Disaster Relief program has helped local communities address needs as a result of hurricane flooding and wildfires including housing assistance, meals and other emergency services.

For over 60 years, the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. has supported our Clubs throughout the world. Through the grants process, Clubs are provided with the financial resources to support their service projects, as well as funding provided to multiple children's camps through Club 21 donations.

This year we are introducing a new award at the Quebec City Convention. The Wilma B. Hogan Award is to recognize an Altrusa Club service project that has been in operation for a minimum of five years, has demonstrated success, shown growth and development over time, and plays a role in providing community service. For more information, please go to Altrusa International website @ www.altrusa.org.

Your Foundation District Liaison is an excellent source of information. The Liaisons provide resources to local clubs and are also the major contact for fundraising at conferences. Through the hard work of these individuals, monies are raised to support all of the Foundation's activities. We thank them for their hard work.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Foundation. We wish you a successful, exciting, and fun Conference.

Karen Robinson, Chair

Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.

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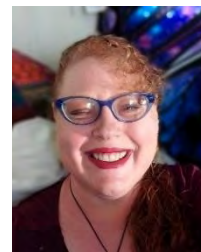
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Conference Coordinators:	April Smith, Governor Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect
Conference Treasurer:	Andrea Shallcross, District Treasurer
Registration Chair & Committee:	Margee Neer & Eastern Sierra Club
Ceremonies Coordinator:	Sandy Pfefferkorn, District Secretary
Opening Ceremonies:	Chula Vista Club
Friday Fun Night:	Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect
Marketplace:	Carol Latham, Parliamentarian
Swag Bags Committee:	Chula Vista Club
Program Handbook Editor:	April Smith, Governor
Hospitality Committee:	San Diego and San Diego North County Coastal Clubs
Centerpieces:	Chula Vista Club
Fun & Fitness:	Koni Shaff, 2 nd Vice Governor & Int'l Foundation Liaison
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Elections Committee:	Chair – Cici Wynn San Luis Obispo County Club Jan Riggins San Diego North County Coastal Club Pat Upton Chula Vista Club
Memorial Service:	Kathy Girard San Diego Club
Expediter Coordinator:	Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect
Expeditors:	Members of the Chula Vista Club
Conference Photographer:	Lisa Clark Anaheim Club
Conference Evaluations:	Danielle Robello, 1 st Vice Governor

**THANK YOU TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATING
THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE**

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT US:

**Members of the Altrusa of Chula Vista Club
for donating and putting together
this year's Swag Bags.**



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PRE-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 1, 2025

12:00-4:00 p.m.	DISTRICT BOARD MEETING April Smith, Governor, Presiding	Stamps
3:00-7:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS CHECK-IN FOR DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND PAST GOVERNORS	Breezeway
3:00-7:00 p.m.	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN	Presidio BR
5:00-5:45 p.m.	EXPEDITERS ORIENTATION Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect	Breezeway
6:30-8:00 p.m.	MEET AND GREET Hosted by Altrusa San Diego Club	Presidio BR

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, May 2, 2025

8:00-11:15 a.m.	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS CHECK-IN FOR DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND PAST GOVERNORS	Breezeway
8:00-11:15 a.m.	FOUNDATION & HOSPITALITY ROOM SET-UP Silent Auction – Raffle – Exhibits	Presidio BR
9:00-10:00 a.m.	PRESIDENTS & TREASURERS FORUM April Smith, Governor Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect and Andrea Shallcross, District Treasurer	Garden BR
10:15-10:30 a.m.	OUTGOING DISTRICT CHAIRS MEETING	Garden BR
10:30-11:00 a.m.	INCOMING DISTRICT CHAIRS WILL JOIN April Smith, Governor & Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect	
10:15-11:00 a.m.	FIRST TIMERS MEETING Danielle Robello, 1 st Vice Governor	Stamps
11:15-11:30 a.m.	FLAG AND BANNER PROCESSION LINE-UP Sandy Pfefferkorn, District Secretary	Foyer Garden BR

11:30-12:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Garden BR

April Smith, Governor, Presiding

Invocation	Deacon Kevin Pfefferkorn, The Secret Place Deliverance & Healing Ministries
Presentation of the U.S. Flag	Lina Cestero, Chula Vista Club Navy Veteran, Boatswain's Mate Second Class
Pledge of Allegiance	April Smith, Governor
National Anthem	Kathy Girard, San Diego Club
Parade of Flags & Club Banners	Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect
Chula Vista Club Welcome	Glenda Hogg, President, Chula Vista Club
San Diego Club Welcome	Pat Zoller, President, San Diego Club
Greetings from the City of Chula Vista	Mayor John McCann
Special Speaker	Beverly Hardy, Altrusa International Past International President
Message from Altrusa International	Melinda Aguirre, Altrusa International Director

12:00-1:30 p.m.

AWARDS LUNCH

Garden BR

Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect Presiding

Grace

Marilyn Atwood Award	April Smith, Governor
Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Award	Shauna Stokes, Leadership Chair
Conference – Club Attendance Award	Margee Neer, Registration Chair
First Timer's Award – Club & Individual	Danielle Robello, 1 st Vice Governor
Club Membership Growth	Beverly Mueller, Membership Chair

Years of Membership Recognition

Anaheim

Denice Gilb	35
Reon Boydston-Howard	20
Lisa Clark	20
Laurie Ruhnke	5
Leslie York	5

Chula Vista

Irasema Quilantan	15
Betty Waznis	15
Lisa Johnson	10
Carmen Richardson	10
Kathy Lightbody	5
Helen Nosal	5

Eastern Sierra

Cheryl Underhill	20
Joanne Parsons	15

Glendale

Carole Jouroyan	50
Mary Brady	10
Ed Zayas	10

Indian Wells Valley

Mary Boyer	45
Denise Potts	25
Ann Norris	20
Marjorie Shults	20
Terry Ratcliff	10

(Continued next page)

Monterey Peninsula

Jean Moritz	20
Arva Seltzer	20

Oxnard

Lisa Van Atta	30
Kinyanjui Kombani	15
May Berry	10

Reno/Sparks

Kris DeRose	5
Billie Guajardo	5
Andrea McCarthy	5
Liz McFarland	5
Barbara Monroy	5
Lynn Short	5
Monica Teves	5
Katy Walton	5

San Buenaventura

Mary Harrison	25
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San Diego

Nansea Wolff	20
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San Diego North County Coastal

Brenda Smoot	10
Judy Hanson	5
Marilyn Stark	5

San Luis Obispo County

Madelyn Koontz	5
Beth Lorenzo	5

Santa Maria

Sally Czarnecki	55
Sandra Sylvester	25
Sandra Frazier	15
Maria Marino	15
Ann Torrez	15
Dawn Young	15

Tucson

Adrienne Kleiboemer	20
Elsa Nelson	10
Cindy Mansfield	5

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Eastern Sierra	40	San Diego North County	15
Reno/Sparks	5	Santa Maria	65
San Diego	95		

SPONSORSHIP PINS

Presented by Beverly Mueller, Membership Chair and
Beverly Hardy Altrusa International Director

Announcements

Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect

2:15-2:45 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Garden BR

Kathy Girard, Communications Chair
See Photos and Memorials on page 31

3:00-4:30 p.m. ALL CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT Garden BR
“Altrusa & Days for Girls”
 Margee Neer, Service Chair with
 Glenda Hogg, Literacy Chair & Chula Vista Club and Kathy Girard, San Diego Club

Altrusa has had a history of support and partnership with Days for Girls for many years. We each have a mission to empower women and girls. At this District Eleven Conference we will have the opportunity to work together to make a difference in the lives of women and girls around the world and here in the United States. We will be partnering with the San Diego Days for Girls Chapter for a hands-on project, sorting, inventorying and packing DfG kit components to prepare them to be used. We will hear an update on the project and how Altrusa is contributing through Altrusa Cares.

5:00-6:00 p.m. MARKETPLACE Garden BR

5:00-6:30 p.m. Foundation Room Open Presidio BR

6:00-7:30 p.m. FRIDAY FUN NIGHT Terrace Garden
“Altrusa Honky-Tonk”
 Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect will oversee the fun along with
 Line Dancing Instructor, Laura Wooldridge (Governor April’s sister)
 Wear your western attire if you brought it!

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Saturday, May 3, 2025

6:30-7:30 a.m. TAMMY FOURNIER FUN & FITNESS Garden BR
 Koni Shaff, 2nd Vice Governor, International Foundation Liaison
Sandy’s Exercise Wake Up by Sandy Pfefferkorn

7:30-8:30 a.m. PAST GOVERNOR’S BREAKFAST Stamps
 Melinda Aguirre, Immediate Past Governor

8:00-8:45 a.m. REGISTRATION Breezeway
 Credentials Check-in for Delegates and Past Governors

8:30-8:45 a.m. DELEGATE & ALTERNATE INSTRUCTIONS Garden BR
 Carol Latham, Past Governor, District Parliamentarian

8:45-10:45 a.m.

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION
April Smith, Governor, Presiding

Garden BR

Roll Call for Club Delegates – Sandy Pfefferkorn, District Secretary

Instructions for Club Banquet Table Assignments and Head Count Form

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP — March 1, 2025
Eligible Delegates for Voting

Club Name	Active Members	Delegates	Alternates
Anaheim	15	1	1
Central Coast	21	2	2
Chula Vista	33	3	3
Coachella Valley	7	1	1
Eastern Sierra	29	2	2
Glendale	9	1	1
Golden Valley	27	2	2
Indian Wells Valley	26	2	2
Long Beach	9	1	1
Oxnard	18	2	2
Reno/Sparks	25	2	2
San Buenaventura	6	1	1
San Diego	17	2	2
San Diego North County	9	1	1
San Luis Obispo County	28	2	2
Santa Maria	45	3	3
Southern CA Virtual	10	1	1
The West Valley	12	1	1
Tucson	21	2	2
TOTALS	367	32	32

Adoption of District Conference Rules – Carol Latham, Past Governor, Parliamentarian

DISTRICT ELEVEN CONFERENCE RULES 2025

The following rules of order, based on the bylaws of District Eleven, Altrusa International, Inc. and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall be observed at all business meetings at the 69th Conference.

1. The voting body shall consist of the District Officers, the regularly accredited Delegates, Past Governors, and affiliates who were Past Governors and are present. All are entitled to one vote.
2. All votes shall be cast in person. No vote by proxy shall be permitted.
3. A majority of the registered members who are entitled to vote at a meeting shall constitute a quorum, and the act of the majority of the members at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members of District Eleven.
4. Delegates shall wear the Delegate's Badge at business sessions and must sit in the section reserved for the voting members. Alternates may sit in the general audience section unless voting in the absence of the delegate, in which case the alternate shall sit in the delegates section. A member registered as an alternate can, upon clearance from the Credentials Committee and signed off by the Governor Elect, be transferred from Alternate to Delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings. She/he shall remain the delegate for the remainder of the Conference.
5. Only members of the voting body may introduce motions and vote, but all registered members may participate in discussion. There shall be a two (2) minute limit on debate.
6. Any member wishing to make motions or participate in discussions shall rise, address the chair, state her/his name, local club, and wait for recognition before speaking.
7. All main motions shall be in writing, signed by the mover and seconder, and given to the District Secretary before the close of the session.
8. No member may speak a second time on the same question until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity.
9. No motion to reconsider a vote shall be made, except at the session at which the vote was taken or no later than the session of the following day.
10. No motion shall be required for accepting a standing committee report, unless there are recommendations.
11. All debate must remain germane to the Motion and may be reiterated vocally by the Governor or presiding officer.
12. All cell phones are to be turned off or in vibrate/silent mode during all sessions.

Adoption of Conference Program – Carol Latham, Past Governor, Parliamentarian

Registration – Margee Neer, Registration Chair

REGISTRATION REPORT 2025

	POSSIBLE	REGISTERED
Total Clubs	19	_____
Total Members	367	_____
District Board (Includes Immediate Past Governor)	6	_____
Past Governors (Does not include Immediate Past Governor)	7	_____
International Guest	1	_____
Total Registrations		_____
First Timers		_____

Credentials – Bea Goyette, Credentials Chair

CREDENTIALS REPORT 2025

	POSSIBLE	REGISTERED
District Board Officers (Includes Immediate Past Governor)	6	_____
Past Governors (Does Not Include Immediate Past Governor)	7	_____
Total Club Delegates	32	_____
TOTAL Verified for Voting	45	_____
TOTAL CLUB ALTERNATES	32	_____
CLUBS CREDENTIALLED	19	_____

Financial Report – Andrea Shallcross, District Treasurer

Altrusa International District Eleven, Inc. Statement of Financial Position by Fund as of 04/18/2025

Account #	Account Name	General Fund	Tharp Scholarship	Conference Fund	Revitalization Fund	Total All Funds
Assets						
1003	Bank of America Corporate Checking	28,976.66	130.00	13,184.31	7,500.58	49,791.55
1075	Prepaid Conference Hotel Advance Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1080	Prepaid Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	271.26	0.00	271.26
	Total Assets	28,976.66	130.00	13,455.57	7,500.58	50,062.81
Liabilities						
	Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equity						
3000	General Fund Balance	28,976.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,976.66
3101	Judy Tharp Conf. Scholarship Fund Balance	0.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
3102	Conference Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	13,455.57	0.00	13,455.57
3103	Revitalization Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.58	7,500.58
	Total Equity	28,976.66	130.00	13,455.57	7,500.58	50,062.81
	Total Liabilities + Total Equity	28,976.66	130.00	13,455.57	7,500.58	50,062.81

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Altrusa International District Eleven, Inc.
Statement of Activities by Fund for the period of 06/01/2024 to 04/18/2025

Account #	Account Name	General Fund	Tharp Scholarship	Conference Fund	Revitalization Fund	Total All Funds
Income						
4105	Annual Members Dues	9,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,125.00
4110	Half-Year Members Dues	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
4115	Late Fees	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
4301	Conference Registrations-Full	0.00	0.00	12,400.00	0.00	12,400.00
4302	Registrations-Fri Only	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	90.00
4303	Registrations-Sat Only	0.00	0.00	270.00	0.00	270.00
4304	Conference Late Fees	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
4306	Guest Lunches	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
4307	Guest Banquet	0.00	0.00	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
4308	Program Advertising	0.00	0.00	590.00	0.00	590.00
4309	Printed Program	0.00	0.00	312.00	0.00	312.00
4310	Marketplace Table Fees	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	80.00
4311	Friday Night Event Tickets	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00
4315	Club Conference Fees	0.00	0.00	950.00	0.00	950.00
	Total Income	9,155.00	0.00	18,817.00	0.00	27,972.00
Expense						
5005	Officer & Chair Expense - Meetings & C	3,106.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,106.37
5010	Officer Expense - Club Visits	1,328.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,328.66
5140	Governor Elect Expense	268.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	268.40
5,325.00	Catering	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
5750	Judy Tharp Scholarships Granted	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
6400	Registration Supplies	0.00	0.00	90.17	0.00	90.17
6425	Swag Bags and Contents	0.00	0.00	271.26	0.00	271.26
5720	Accounting Fees/Software	534.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.60
5725	Bank Fees	-1.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1.05
5740	Office Supplies	70.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.05
5785	Club Building	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
	Total Expense	5,307.03	1,400.00	6,361.43	300.00	13,368.46
	Net Income (Loss)	3,847.97	-1,400.00	12,455.57	-300.00	14,603.54
Summary						
	Beginning Fund Balance	25,128.69	1,530.00	1,000.00	7,800.58	35,459.27
	+ Other Fund Balance Movements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	+ Net Income / (Loss)	3,847.97	-1,400.00	12,455.57	-300.00	14,603.54
	= Ending Fund Balance	28,976.66	130.00	13,455.57	7,500.58	50,062.81

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Altrusa International District Eleven, Inc.
Budget: Year to Date for the period of 06/01/2024 to 05/31/2025

Account #	Account Name	Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income				
4020	Donations to Tharp Fund	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
4105	Annual Members Dues	9,125.00	8,500.00	625.00
4110	Half-Year Members Dues	25.00	200.00	(175.00)
4115	Late Fees	5.00	50.00	(45.00)
4301	Conference Registrations-Full	12,400.00	0.00	12,400.00
4302	Registrations-Fri Only	90.00	0.00	90.00
4303	Registrations-Sat Only	270.00	0.00	270.00
4304	Conference Late Fees	50.00	0.00	50.00
4305	District Fundraisers	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
4306	Guest Lunches	400.00	0.00	400.00
4307	Guest Banquet	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
4308	Program Advertising	590.00	0.00	590.00
4309	Printed Program	312.00	0.00	312.00
4310	Marketplace Table Fees	80.00	100.00	(20.00)
4311	Friday Night Event Tickets	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00
4315	Club Conference Fees	950.00	950.00	0.00
Total Income		27,972.00	11,850.00	16,122.00
Expense				
5005	Officer & Chair Expense - Meetings & Conference	3,106.37	5,000.00	(1,893.63)
5010	Officer Expense - Club Visits	1,328.66	1,200.00	128.66
5050	Nominating Committee	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
5110	Governor's Expense - Other	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
5140	Governor Elect Expense	268.40	850.00	(581.60)
5310	Club Conference Fees Disbursed	0.00	950.00	(950.00)
5325	Catering	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
5750	Judy Tharp Scholarships Granted	1,400.00	800.00	600.00
6400	Registration Supplies	90.17	0.00	90.17
6425	Swag Bags and Contents	271.26	0.00	271.26
5700	Website Administration	0.00	280.00	(280.00)
5720	Accounting Fees/Software	534.60	550.00	(15.40)
5725	Bank Fees	(1.05)	25.00	(26.05)
5730	Postage	0.00	75.00	(75.00)
5740	Office Supplies	70.05	175.00	(104.95)
5760	Taxes & Licenses	0.00	20.00	(20.00)
5785	Club Building	300.00	1,250.00	(950.00)
5790	Miscellaneous	0.00	125.00	(125.00)
Total Expense		13,368.46	11,850.00	1,518.46
Net Income (Loss)		14,603.54	0.00	14,603.54

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**Altrusa International District Eleven, Inc.
2025-2027 Two-Year Proposed Budget**

Altrusa International District Eleven, Inc. 2025-2027 Two Year Budget For presentation at 2025 District Conference			
	BUDGET 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027	2 YEAR BUDGET
INCOME			
Dues			
Annual Dues	9,250.00	9,250.00	18,500.00
Semi-Annual Dues	100.00	100.00	200.00
Late and Other Fees	50.00	50.00	100.00
Conference			
Conference Registrations-Full	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
Registrations-Friday Only	180.00	180.00	360.00
Registrations-Saturday Only	180.00	180.00	360.00
Conference Late Fees	50.00	50.00	100.00
Guest Lunches	200.00	200.00	400.00
Guest Banquet	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Program Advertising	600.00	600.00	1,200.00
Printed Program	420.00	420.00	840.00
Marketplace Table Fees	100.00	100.00	200.00
Friday Night Event Tickets	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Club Conference Fees Paid	950.00	950.00	1,900.00
Other			
Judy Tharp Fund Donations	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
TOTAL INCOME	31,130.00	31,130.00	62,260.00
EXPENSES			
Board			
Officer & Chair Expense - Meetings & Conference	4,500.00	4,500.00	9,000.00
Officer Expense - Club Visits	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Governor Convention Registration	450.00	-	450.00
Governor Expenses - Other	300.00	500.00	800.00
Governor-Elect Expense	850.00	300.00	1,150.00
Workshop Expense	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Conference			
Hotel Catering	14,500.00	14,500.00	29,000.00
Hotel Audio-Visual	1,400.00	1,400.00	2,800.00
Registration Supplies	100.00	100.00	200.00
Swag Bags and Contents	300.00	300.00	600.00
Lodging - Intl Rep, Board	2,200.00	2,200.00	4,400.00
Lodging - Chairs	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
Honorariums	150.00	150.00	300.00
Conference Awards	150.00	150.00	300.00
Workshop Expense	350.00	350.00	700.00
Judy Tharp Scholarships Granted	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
Nominating Committee	-	25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	150.00	150.00	300.00
Other			
Website Administration	300.00	300.00	600.00
Accounting Fees/Software	550.00	550.00	1,100.00
Postage	75.00	75.00	150.00
Office Supplies	175.00	175.00	350.00
Convention Foundation Auction Items	150.00	-	150.00
District Awards- Service, Literacy, Intl, Astra	200.00	200.00	400.00
Club Building	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	130.00	135.00	265.00
Tax and Licenses	20.00	-	20.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,600.00	30,660.00	62,260.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(470.00)	470.00	-

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Helyn Sloan, Nominating Committee Chair

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT BOARD 2025-2027

For the Office of District Eleven Governor Elect



Danielle Robello, Southern CA Virtual Club – Region 3

I have been an Altrusan since 2016. My home club is Chula Vista, which greatly helped me develop my leadership skills and introduced me to the inner workings of Altrusa International. Since then, I joined the Anaheim Club and chartered the Southern CA Virtual Club. As an Altrusan, I've had the opportunity to serve in many board and chair positions for local clubs and foundations and train new leaders. While serving on the District Board as Director and First Vice Governor, I helped clubs with grant writing, service projects and partnerships, and social media. I also supported our fundraising for the International Foundation at conferences, set up our district's new website, and managed our district's policies and revisions. As a member of the Altrusa International Service Committee, I handled communications, created and published newsletters, spearheaded the rechartering of a club in District Ten as their liaison, and led the revisions process for project awards and development of a District Service Chair Manual. What I've most enjoyed this past biennium is visiting other clubs, initiating new members, participating in their service projects, and learning about the different ways we all serve our communities. I would love the opportunity to be your Governor Elect so I may continue to help our clubs and members grow as leaders in service.

For the Office of District Eleven Vice Governor



Koni Shaff, Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County Club, CA – Region 2

My husband of 50 years and our furry children have called Santa Maria, CA home since being stationed at Vandenberg AFB in 1975. We took a 3-year "vacation" while stationed at Hickam AFB, Hawaii and then returned to California in 1986. My hobbies include reading, card-making/scrapbooking, fair-weather golfing, bunco and Pickle Ball. The saying that you are busier when you retire is definitely true! The past 4 years have flown by; I love having more time for Altrusa (Pickle Ball) and visiting my family in Arizona.

Back in December 1996, a coworker invited me to help with Altrusa of Cinco Ciudades Holiday Families project and I was "hooked", becoming an Altrusan in March 1997. As a new member, I was lucky to have Juandell Christian as a mentor. Over the years I have served my club as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Foundation Secretary, Director and President. I also served in District Eleven positions as Service Chair, Nominating Chair and currently Second Vice Governor. I have been privileged to have Past District Eleven Governors Judy Sorensen and Melanie Hodges, along with Governor April Smith, as members of my club; their strong leadership and mentorship have provided me with support and friendship in their own unique ways, helping me to become the Altrusan I am today.

I have chaired membership, service and fundraising committees and currently am the Literacy Co-Chair in my club Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County. I enjoy supporting other Altrusa club events and fundraisers when I can, as well as participating in regional workshops and District Conferences. I am a firm believer that ALL ALTRUSANS should attend the District Conference – a fun and inspiring experience to learn what it means to be an Altrusan and celebrate amazing people who are making a difference!

The past 2 years serving on District Eleven Board as Second Vice Governor has been a great learning experience. I especially enjoyed acting as liaison to Altrusa International Foundation with fundraising activities at District Conference. It's been an honor to serve District Eleven.

For the Office of District Eleven Treasurer



Lina Cestero, Altrusa of Chula Vista Club, CA – Region 3

My name is Lina Cestero. I am currently a member at Altrusa of Chula Vista. I am currently a Clinic Director for a Medically Assisted Treatment Program for individuals in our community that suffer with addiction. I have a true passion for helping my community one life at a time and by doing that it is helping our youth get their parents back involved in their lives. In my leadership positions, I have led several community drives to help the youth in our community. I have sat in several positions within Altrusa including Club Treasurer, Club Vice President, and Foundation Vice President and Treasurer. Additionally, when Altrusa of Chula Vista hosted Conference I sat as the Conference Treasurer, which helped me learn a lot about what I need for this position. Prior to volunteering with Altrusa, I volunteered to sit on several other boards with my son's school, baseball leagues, Band, and Hockey Team. I love not only helping my community of all ages but all of Altrusa Members in any way that I possibly can. Thank you for your consideration in accepting me as District Eleven Treasurer.

For the Office of District Eleven Director



Michelle Bell, Altrusa of Coachella Valley Club, CA – Region 1

I became a member of Altrusa International of Anaheim in 2004 with the goal of making a positive impact in the community. I later co-founded both the Altrusa of San Diego North County Coastal and Altrusa of Coachella Valley clubs.

I currently serve as the District Eleven New Club Building Chair and have held leadership roles in my local clubs, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Communications Committee Chair, and an active participant in various other club committees.

With a strong passion for community service, I am dedicated to making a meaningful impact by leading and participating in projects that create positive change, one initiative at a time. I hope to continue my community service by representing my club at the district level.

Call for Nominations from the Floor – April Smith, Governor

Candidate Statements

Voting Instructions – April Smith, Governor

Conference Announcements – Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect

10:50-11:00 a.m.

VOTING

Breezeway

If required Delegates, District Board, and Past Governors need to Vote by 11:00 a.m.
Unless otherwise instructed

11:00-11:45 p.m.

ASTRA PRESENTATION & AWARDS

Garden BR

Melinda Aguirre, Immediate Past Governor – ASTRA Chair
ASTRA Club of Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria
ASTRA Club of Jag Kitchen, Southwestern College, Chula Vista
Enjoy hearing from members of the ASTRA Clubs

12:00-1:30 p.m.

FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

Garden BR

Koni Shaff, 2nd Vice Governor, Foundation Liaison Presiding

Centerpieces provided by Altrusa of Chula Vista and are for sale at the end of this lunch.

Inspiration Melanie Hodges, International Foundation Trustee San Luis Obispo Co.
Grace Leslie Johnson, International Foundation Trustee Anaheim Club

LUNCH

Information about Altrusa International Foundation

Disaster Relief Grants

Altrusa of Glendale – Barbara Crawford
Altrusa of San Diego – Pat Zoller

Service Grants

Altrusa of Anaheim – Leslie Johnson
Altrusa of Coachella Valley – Michelle Bell
Altrusa of Eastern Sierra – Andrea Shallcross
and Margee Neer
Altrusa of the West Valley – Leslie Fountain

Silent Auction & Raffle Winners

Conference Announcements – Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect

2:15-3:15 p.m.

ALL CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Garden BR

"Encouraging Leadership and Regaining Membership" – Leadership & Membership

Leadership Chair Membership Chair New Club Building
Shauna Stokes **Beverly Mueller** **Michelle Bell**

We will start off the workshop with an "ice breaker" activity and then have interactive leadership and membership sections. Altrusans will come up with ideas at their tables, write them on big sheets, and report out their top answers. All of the responses will be compiled and sent out to club presidents after conference to share with their club members.

3:30-4:15 p.m.

CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION

Garden BR

April Smith, Governor, Presiding

Final Reports

Election Results	April Smith, Governor
Marketplace	Carol Latham, Parliamentarian
International Foundation Report	Koni Shaff, 2 nd Vice Governor
Conference Evaluations	Danielle Robello, 1 st Vice Governor
Remarks From International	Melinda Aguirre, International Director
Conference 2026	Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect
Conference Announcements	Hillary Sloan, Governor Elect

CONFERENCE 2026
 May 1-2, 2026
HOSTED BY
DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD



REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS

Post Conference Workshops
 (These workshops will be conducted via Zoom
 Club Presidents and Treasurers will be emailed meeting information and Zoom link)

Club Treasurer’s Workshop TBD
 Presenters: Andrea Shallcross, Past District Treasurer
 And Newly Elected District Treasurer

Club President’s Workshop
Saturday, June 7th 2:00 p.m.
 Presenter: Hillary Sloan, District Governor
 Danielle Robello, Governor Elect

5:00-5:45 p.m.

CLUB PHOTOS

Terrace Garden

Thanks to Lisa Clark, Anaheim Club for being our Conference Photographer

Please Arrive 5 minutes prior to your time.

(Two or three Clubs with smaller attendance may be asked to arrive at the same time but each club will be photographed separately.)

TIME	CLUB
5:00 pm	Long Beach and Glendale and West Valley
5:05 pm	Anaheim and Oxnard and Reno Sparks
5:10 pm	Golden Valley and San Buenaventura and Southern CA Virtual
5:15 pm	Santa Maria and Central Coast and San Diego North County Coastal
5:20 pm	Indian Wells Valley and Tucson
5:25 pm	Eastern Sierra and San Diego
5:30 pm	Chula Vista
5:35 pm	San Luis Obispo and Coachella Valley
5:40 pm	District Chairs and District Board
5:45 pm	Group Photo

5:30-6:15 p.m.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

Breezeway

Cash Only Bar

6:30-8:30 p.m.

GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

Garden Ballroom

April Smith, Governor, Presiding

Processional Introductions

Carol Latham, Parliamentarian

Final Comments & Grace

Beverly Hardy, Past International President

DINNER

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Mamie L. Bass Award

Margee Neer, Service Chair

Letha H. Brown Award

Glenda Hogg, Literacy Chair

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM INTERNATIONAL

Melinda Aguirre, International Director & Past District Governor

GOVERNOR’S FAREWELL ADDRESS

April Smith, Governor

INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Helyn Sloan and Alana Wilson, Altrusa of Chula Vista

Remarks by Hillary Sloan, Governor 2025-2027

COURTESY RESOLUTION

Carol Latham, District Parliamentarian, Past Governor
and Eleanor Roosevelt Award Recipient

BENEDICTION

Hillary Sloan, Governor

8:30-9:30 p.m.

GOVERNOR’S RECEPTION

Garden Ballroom

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

9:00-10:00 a.m.

**DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Including New District Chairs**
Hillary Sloan, Governor, Presiding

Stamps

10:15-1:00 p.m.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING CONTINUED

Thank you for attending and safe travels home!

AWARD ENTRY SYNOPSES

ASTRA SERVICE AWARD

HYGIENE BAGS FOR HOMELESS EMERGENCY SHELTER

ASTRA Club of Allan Hancock College – Sponsored by Altrusa of the Central Coast Club, CA

Our service project was to create hygiene bags for the Good Samaritan Homeless Emergency Shelter. Our goal was to have students make 30 bags filled with toothbrushes, tube of toothpaste, bar of soap, washcloth, shampoo and pair of socks so when the homeless stayed at the emergency Shelter they were given a kit that they could take with them. The students purchased some of the items and put the kits together during their meeting. This made an impact on the homeless residents and the students themselves.

SCARVES FOR SENIORS

ASTRA Club of Pioneer Valley High School – Sponsored by Altrusa of Central Coast Club, CA

The student's goal was to make sure senior citizens at the low-income adult daycare center, Wisdom Center, had scarves to keep them warm while traveling to and from the center. To be able to wear in the center because it gets cold, and seniors get cold while sitting for a long time. Twenty Student's made 36 colorful no-sew fleece scarves during their lunch. Our ASTRA advisor showed us how to measure and cut the scarves. The seniors loved them!

SERVING THE CHILDREN AND SENIORS IN THE SMALL TOWN OF GUADALUPE, CA

ASTRA Club of Righetti High School – Sponsored by Altrusa of the Central Coast Club CA

ASTRA Club of Righetti High School volunteered their time to serve the community of Guadalupe, a small agricultural town with many underprivileged families. Our club has acknowledged the need for engaging and enriching opportunities, and we have worked on multiple projects to bring educational, creative, and social activities to children and seniors in that community. Our goals include promoting a sense of community, providing resources that promote literacy and creativity, and making sure that ASTRA members give back to a town that many of them call home. Through book drives, reading events, and crafting activities with seniors, we have made a lasting impact while strengthening our club's bonds with the Guadalupe community.

DR. NINA FAY CALHOUN AWARD

RANCHERA DE LA HERMOSA ORPHANAGE

Altrusa International of Anaheim, CA

The club partnered with the orphanage to provide the best home possible for orphaned and abandoned children in Baja Mexico. They are nurtured in family groups while changing the trajectory of their lives and breaking the cycle of poverty and abuse. They discover their educational and vocational aptitudes and are provided with a platform of training and education. The goal is to assist the children in growing into independent, highly functioning adults.

Phil Collum Reading Corner

Altrusa International of Chula Vista, CA

The club established a reading corner/room at an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, for 50 abandoned and orphaned children who live there. The club purchased new Spanish language books along with colorful, welcoming furnishings. Members set up the reading corner, and installed the furnishings. The reading corner honors the city's late Assistant Police Chief Phil Collum and his dedication to the underserved children of Mexico.

MAMIE L. BASS SERVICE AWARD

HUB OF HOPE

Altrusa International of Anaheim, CA

Altrusa International of Anaheim partnered with Pathways of Hope's HUB of HOPE to provide food, personal items and books to Orange County residents that are homeless, disadvantaged Community members, handicapped, under privileged children, seniors, students and any families or adults struggling financially by offering canned goods, cereal, dried beans, peanut butter, cooking supplies and other items.

BRINGING CHRISTMAS TO HOPE VILLAGE

Altrusa International of the Central Coast, CA

Christmas is a time of hope, so it only seems logical that Altrusa Central Coast provide support to Hope Village residents in order to help lift the spirits of those in our community making positive changes for a better future. The heartwarming responses from the Hope Village residents ensure that this will be an ongoing project for our club.

GRANT-A-WISH FOR TEACHERS

Altrusa International of Chula Vista, CA

Early literacy fosters lifelong learning. The Grant-A-Wish for Teachers project, led by the Altrusa Club of Chula Vista, fulfilled teacher requests for books and educational materials in low-income schools. During Kindness Week and National Young Readers Week, the initiative engaged 90% of members, secured funding from the Chula Vista Altrusa Foundation, and partnered with the Bonita Optimist Club. More than 100 students benefited. Our stories appeared on the club and kindness websites, social media, club newsletters and *Hometown News*, spreading kindness and boosting community engagement. Teachers and children expressed gratitude through cards and drawings.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Altrusa International of San Diego, CA

The objective of our service project was to recognize the sacrifices our military family members make in support of the free world and to look for ways in which we could, in turn, support members of the armed forces, their spouses, children and our veterans. To accomplish this goal, we identified areas in which we could provide this support by reaching out to military medical centers, YMCA, Fisher House and other organizations that focus on armed forces personnel, both active duty and veterans in San Diego, CA.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE L.A. FIRES

Altrusa International of Southern CA Virtual, CA

What started as a small act of kindness to support another organization's disaster relief efforts became the forefront of Altrusa International's power and strength to uplift and rebuild Los Angeles communities. In partnership with multiple community organizations and Altrusa Clubs across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, we donated \$34,000 worth of basic needs, household and cleaning supplies, pet food and supplies, toys, and classroom and school equipment and supplies to serve the 200,000 people impacted by the fires in L.A. and help rebuild a school serving 114 children in Pasadena.

DECORATED PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS

Altrusa International of the West Valley, AZ

For our Make-A-Difference Day project, club members decorated USPS boxes that will be used to send care packages to our military men and women serving throughout the world. We partnered with a local organization, Packages from Home, for this project. Each member decorated 2-5 boxes on their own time. It was amazing to see our members' creativity and feel the sense of community and patriotism as we assembled the boxes. When the colorful boxes were delivered, we were given a tour of their facility. The staff was impressed with our club and our service to the community.

LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD

VOICES AND STORIES

Altrusa International of Anaheim, CA

Altrusa, Anaheim Public Library, and the Anaheim and Centralia Elementary School Districts collaborated to create an in-curriculum creative writing project to enable all the fourth grade scholars to improve their writing and reading skills by providing a fun and less structured learning format.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Altrusa International of the Central Coast, CA

Altrusa of the Central Coast partnered with the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County to help with Picnic in the Park. Members helped with setting up tables at specific sites, meeting the food delivery trucks, distributing lunches at that site and providing books for the children participating. They made sure each child sanitized their hands before taking their lunch.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS FLYING HIGH WITH DRONES

Altrusa International of Chula Vista, CA

"Middle Schoolers Flying High with Drones" successfully engaged and excited young students, especially girls, to explore the drone industry through a camp and competition held at one of South San Diego's neediest schools. Through daily camp participation and engagement, Altrusans showcased the importance and benefits of community service.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR LITERACY

Altrusa International of San Luis Obispo County, CA

Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County provided 2,671 children's books to a health clinic "Little Library", a food pantry library cart, and 9 community events, plus 105 books to a VA clinic.

READ TO THE PONIES IN THE PARK

Altrusa International of West Valley, AZ

"Read to the Ponies in the Park" project promotes literacy to low-income children by creating a unique and fun day in the park where children receive free books, are able to pet, interact with, get their picture taken with and read to miniature therapy horses that are decked out in glitter ribbons and hair dye. Altrusans provided the books and chatted with the adults about what Altrusa is.

Memorials

Lives well lived. They will be missed.

Marguerite (Maggie) Sweeden – Altrusa International of Glendale, CA

09/04/1938 – 09/25/2024



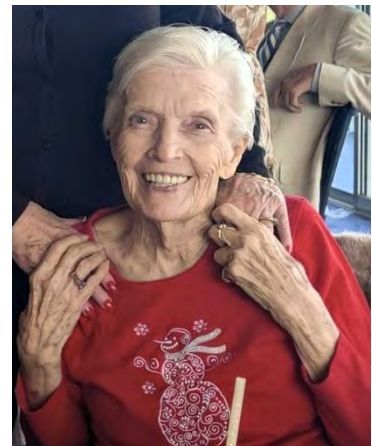
Dear sweet Maggie was such a fun Altrusan. She was always ready to dress up and be an inspiration during our yearly summer socials. She was a dedicated member since 2011 and served as the Secretary and as a Director. She tried taking on as much responsibility as she could handle while being the primary caregiver for her paraplegic son. Maggie is sorely missed by all of her friends and family.

Rose Waring – Altrusa International of San Diego, CA

Previous Membership – Altrusa of Escondido and San Diego North County Coastal

11/14/1936 – 2/11/2025

Rose was born in 1936, married at 18, and soon went with her military husband to Germany, where she had two children, and upon transferring back to the states resided in Seattle, Washington. In 1983 Rose started working for a very high-end jewelry store in Seattle and was promoted to store manager. A first for a woman to be so honored. Transferring to San Francisco, she quickly became manager at the store within the St. Regis hotel. A move to Las Vegas followed and she was soon promoted as the first female Sales Rep for the company and worked all over the state of California.

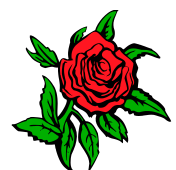


Rose belonged to and was an officer in many professional business organizations in California and the Western Region. An eventual move to Escondido followed where she barely survived a house fire which destroyed her home and caused her to have respiratory issues for the rest of her life. Rose joined Altrusa of Escondido 42 years ago and held many board positions. When it disbanded, Rose helped form the North County Coastal Club and later joined the San Diego Club. Rose was the North San Diego County Project Linus coordinator for many years. Rose also joined Toastmasters and held many officer positions in that organization. She was a mentor to many young people and helped them achieve business success. Rose was a published author and a lifelong member of the National Poet Society.

Rose knew good communication was the key to everything.

Rose will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

*“Wherever a beautiful soul has been,
there has been a trail of memories.”*



DISTRICT ELEVEN PAST GOVERNORS

Phoebe Day+	Santa Barbara	1930-1934
Evelyn S. Collins+	Los Angeles	1957-1959
Anetta James+	National City	1959-1961
Margaret Albert+	Tucson	1961-1963
Frances Gibson+	Glendale	1963-1965
Bernadine Wierson+	Stockton	1965-1967
Letha H. Brown+	San Diego	1967-1969
Helen Folsom+	Long Beach	1969-1970
Lani De Pippo+	Pasadena	1970-1971
Ida Mae Kerr+	National City	1971-1973
Verona Bordok+	Barstow	1973-1975
Millicent James	Santa Maria	1975-1977
Phyllis K. Smith+	Whittier	1977-1979
Charlotte McDerment+	Tucson	1979-1981
Rhoda W. Crowley+	Sacramento	1981-1983
Roberta Ross+	Oxnard	1983-1985
Florence Callagy+	San Diego	1985-1987
Dawn Channel+	Arcadia	1987-1989
Juandell Christian+	Cinco Ciudades	1989-1991
Luella Draves+	Antelope Valley	1991-1993
Debrah Elliott	Arcadia	1993-1995
Helen Kamas+	Santa Maria	1995-1997
Carol Cole+	Los Angeles	1997-1999
Barbara Lindquist	Ventura	1999-2001
Patricia Young	Tucson	2001-2003
Carol Latham	Anaheim	2003-2005
Beau Stocking	Arcadia	2005-2007
Leslie Fountain	Sun Cities	2007-2009
Ann Bauman+	Los Angeles	2009-2011
Sandi Miller	Santa Maria	2011-2013
Denice Gilb	Arcadia	2013-2015
Judy Sorensen	Cinco Ciudades	2015-2017
Melanie Hodges	San Luis Obispo Co.	2017-2019
Pat Zoller	San Diego	2019-2021
Melinda Aguirre	Central Coast	2021-2023

District Eleven Board Reports 2024-2025

April Smith – Governor

The best part of this past year was the opportunity to visit numerous clubs and either attend a special event, a fund raiser or a club meeting. I really loved seeing many members that I have known through the years and also meeting many newer members. I am so impressed and inspired by what all our clubs are doing to serve their communities.

I also fulfilled my duties as District Governor by monitoring district activities and working on district items and I have attended monthly Governor Council meetings to stay up to date on Altrusa International details and information. I have conducted meetings and prepared agendas as needed and also assisted other district officers in meetings and workshops. I have overseen the publications of the DSB, written and distributed Governor's Newsletters, and shared Club Newsletters with the district leaders.

I have worked with the board on preparing for the 2025 District Conference and worked with the district chairs on preparing workshops for the conference and also conducting the selection of conference awards.

I am excited to continue to work with the District Board for the next biennium as the Immediate Past Governor and taking on the duties as the District Parliamentarian.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have been the District Governor, and I am so fortunate and thankful to have been able to share this experience with such a fantastic Board of Directors, District Chairs and Club Presidents.

Over these past two years I feel like my life has been a rollercoaster. Thank you all for your support, love and kindness as I travelled through the ups, downs and sharp curves, not only as the District Governor, but in my own personal life. It has been a wild ride but I think I'm ready to get off!

Hillary Sloan – Governor Elect

This year, I attended Altrusa International Governor Elect monthly meetings, which assisted me in gaining knowledge and collaborating with other district Governor Elects. During the last two years, I have formed a bond with my fellow governor-elects, which I will cherish forever. Last summer, I was grateful to attend the 2024 Governor-Elect training in Kansas City, MO, where I met all my Governor-Elect counterparts, the current International board, and the International Foundation board.

In this biennium, I attended Coachella Valley's charter ceremony, and the District board had a regional workshop in Reno for the Reno/Sparks club. I traveled to Long Beach to initiate a new Altrusa member and to West Valley in Surprise, AZ. This last year, April Smith, Danielle Robello, and I traveled to AZ to work with the West Valley to find a venue for the 2026 conference. I am excited and looking forward to being your 2025-27 District Governor.

Danielle Robello – 1st Vice Governor

I started the new club year working with the Central Coast's ASTRA Club of Allan Hancock College to implement an international service project, attending the President's Workshop, and helping the Reno/Sparks Club get a star placed on the map of the Altrusa International website. Through the club year, I maintained and updated the District website, created a website manual to help future website managers, trained the incoming website manager, connected the Reno/Sparks Club with a potential new project partner honoring deceased veterans, prepared for this year's conference, and visited the Santa Maria and Central Coast Clubs. I also assisted Governor Elect with searching for a 2026 conference venue and provided feedback on the strategic plan for the next biennium.

I hope to continue serving our district as Governor Elect to build relationships with and provide more support for our Arizona and Nevada clubs. I also aspire to work with all club presidents to ensure their club's sustainability and growth.

This past biennium, I most enjoyed seeing the way other clubs run, building new friendships, and being inspired by their service projects.

Thank you, Past Governor Melinda Aguirre, for being my guiding light on the Central Coast! ♥

Koni Shaff – Director

I attended all in-person and zoom District Board meetings, International Foundation liaison zoom meetings, resolved 2023 lamplighter issue, attended other District zoom workshops, submitted DSB & Governor Newsletter articles, received/reviewed one BRR change, attended or supported multiple District Eleven clubs' fundraisers, attended Club Presidents zoom meeting, attended District Board meeting to discuss 2026 Conference, and assisted Glendale Club with International Foundation Disaster Relief Aid grant (3 clubs received grants of \$2,500 each for California wildfire victims). Currently working on plans for 2025 District Eleven Conference in San Diego, where I am confident it will once again be a great success and enjoyed by all.

I look forward to supporting Governor to be Hillary and the new 2025-2027 District Eleven board in whatever capacity is needed, continuing to learn and grow in Altrusa, visit more clubs in our District, and prepare for our 2026 District Eleven Conference.

I have learned so much, and yet there is more to learn! I have thoroughly enjoyed my duties as International Foundation Liaison and look forward to the challenges and rewards of the next biennium. District Eleven Altrusans are amazing - we truly make a huge difference in our communities. Let's Go!

I am grateful for our awesome District Eleven Board and proud of what we accomplished. I am thankful for the support of all District Eleven Altrusans who jumped in to help at our 2024 Conference (and will do so again at our 2025 Conference). THANK YOU!

Andrea Shallcross – Treasurer

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES OF MY OFFICE:

- 1) deposited district funds to the bank and paid district obligations,
- 2) maintained the books of the district on Aplos online accounting software,
- 3) attended all board meetings,
- 4) set up the budget for the coming biennium, adding district conference to the budget,
- 5) learned how to set up online registration on RegFox!!!
- 6) reconciled dues reporting from Group Tally,
- 7) assisted club treasurers with Group Tally and other issues,
- 8) hosted annual Treasurers' Workshop on Zoom

I will continue to serve on the district board for one year in an advisory role only, providing transition training to the incoming treasurer, as needed, and prepare a manual for the district treasurer position.

It's always an inspiration to witness Altrusans in action – I once heard the comment from a non-Altrusan that "Altrusa could run a small country!" – and it's true! I'm hopeful that we can start more Astra clubs, as these young people are our future!

Thank you to Governor April for her leadership, organizational skills, and friendship over the past two years. Congratulations and good luck to Governor Hillary as she brings CLARITY and vision to the next biennium. Thank you to my home club of Eastern Sierra for taking on the Conference registration for the biennium. They make it look so easy!

Melinda Aguirre – Immediate Past Governor/District Trainer

I have held the office of Immediate Past Governor for the last two years and in that time, I have had the privilege of overseeing and guiding strategic direction, policies, and contributed to the decision-making process. At times I helped ensure effective board governance by monitoring the board's management and financial performance. I provided oversight to ensure the board operated within legal and ethical boundaries and actively participated in meetings, committees, and discussions.

I enjoyed serving on the District Eleven Board these past 10 years. My term is up, and I will miss the camaraderie I shared with the board. I devoted a considerable amount of my time to this organization with a kind and loveable heart. Everyone has a gift, and I felt mine was to bring my life experiences with a mix of commitment and integrity, and ensuring board decisions aligned with long-term goals. I feel Altrusa Board members act as ambassadors for the organization, representing its mission and goals to the community. This involves promoting the organization's work, building relationships and helping to fundraise for the Altrusa Foundation. I realize that we are ALL ambassadors for a good cause.

Thank you everyone for joining me on this Altrusa Journey. It was nice getting to know everyone in District Eleven. I formed bonds and relationships with many of the clubs and especially the board members. Thank you to the past governors who served as mentors when I got stuck and needed help. I did learn that the key to being on a board is to always be willing to learn, commitment, integrity, accountability and leadership. It was a fun ride, and I look forward to my next adventure!

Carol Latham – Parliamentarian

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Parliamentarian for the second term of the 2023-2025 biennium. During this time, I have been able to provide articles for the DSB, parliamentary guidance in meetings, attend the 2024 Conference, workshops presented by the district and had fun 'horse-racing'.

During the biennium I have had the opportunity to guide and advise clubs when they encountered challenging situations, had questions or wanted a greater understanding of parliamentary procedure and guidelines. Together we learned and grew in our understanding. I hope that in the process they discovered that parliamentary procedure was something that made the conduction of the club and board business easier and more productive.

Thank you to the clubs and members who reached out to me for guidance. Your trust is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the entire district board led by our Governor April for making the task of parliamentarian a relatively easy one.

It's important that you know and recognize that the District Eleven board is hard working and composed of members who are very dedicated to serving all of our district.

The conclusion of the biennium ends my service on the district board. Thank you.

District Eleven Committee Chair Reports 2024-2025

Melinda Aguirre – District ASTRA Chair

As the ASTRA Chair I helped shape the vision of the ASTRA Clubs in District Eleven. I regularly reviewed Club strategies and explored potential areas of improvement to ensure they aligned with each club's objectives. I tried to communicate and collaborate with the other ASTRA club chairs to ensure the organization's success. I acted in the best interest of the clubs and tried to commit and engage other Altrusa Clubs to work together in starting new ASTRA clubs in our district. I Attended ASTRA International workshops and meetings quarterly. I did try to contact the ASTRA Chairs to see if they needed help.

I loved being the ASTRA Chair. I once met Dr. Willa who started an ASTRA Club, on the college level in the San Diego area and was encouraged to look into the ASTRA Club organization. Dr. Willa mentored me by telling me stories of her ASTRA adventures and how students needed to learn to give back by volunteering their time to a good cause which got me into starting ASTRA Clubs in the Central Coast. The young people are our future and also our future Altrusa members. I will still serve on ASTRA Committee as a co-chair for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Thank you, fellow Altrusans and Governor April for giving me the opportunity to serve in what I like best, ASTRA Clubs.

Kathy Girard – District Communications Chair

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS COMPLETED:

- Attended pre and post conference meeting in May, 2024
- Attended and presented Communication Workshop at May 2024 Conference.
- Summarized and reported findings of the President’s survey regarding clubs’ preferred means of communication with members.
- Attended all Zoom meetings hosted by Governor April Smith regarding Communications and Conference Planning.
- Attended the Board/Governor’s Spring Zoom Meeting
- Post weekly or bimonthly to the District Facebook page including events occurring within our district, clubs, and messages from International.

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS CURRENTLY WORKING ON:

- Continue to solicit information from District Clubs to post to the District Eleven and Altrusa Service Facebooks pages.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE:

- “Friend” all District Eleven Club’s Facebook pages to “Share” their club activities on the District Facebook Page.
- Reach out to all club presidents with instructions as to how their club may submit a post to District Eleven’s Facebook page with permission from the administrators.
- Continue to attend district meetings and support the Governor as needed.
- Continue to post to the district Facebook page

Shauna Stokes – District Leadership Chair

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS COMPLETED:

- Wrote article for Summer Edition of the District Service Bulletin (DSB) about the outcomes from the Leadership and Membership Workshop at District Eleven conference
- E-mailed all club presidents in May 2024 and January 2025 re: ideas generated from 2024 Leadership and Membership Workshop at District Eleven conference
- Attended January 25, 2025 Zoom District Chair meeting
- Communicated via email with Julie Stratos, member of the Altrusa International Leadership Committee and liaison to District Eleven
- Wrote article about upcoming Leadership/Membership Workshop for the 2025 Spring DSB.
- Took care of 2025 Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun awards process (receipt of applications, getting three judges, sending in scoring results and synopses to District Governor, getting certificates)
- Held two Zoom meetings with Bev Mueller and Michelle Bell to discuss and brainstorm ideas for our Leadership/Membership Workshop for District Eleven Conference

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS CURRENTLY WORKING ON:

- Prepare for Leadership/Membership Workshop for District Eleven Conference
- Hold another Zoom meeting with Michelle and Bev to finalize our presentations for the upcoming workshop.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE:

- Presentation of Leadership/Membership Workshop at District Eleven Conference
- Writing article for Summer Edition of the District Service Bulletin (DSB) about the outcomes from the Leadership and Membership Workshop at District Eleven conference

Glenda Hogg – District Literacy Chair

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES:

- Prepared entries for the Letha H. Brown Literacy Awards in 2024 and 2025
- Recruited judges for the awards for both years.
- Helped the Service Chair with the Service Workshop at Conference 2024.
- Encouraged my home club to enter for the award in both years.
- Explained to new members what the award was.
- Answered emails from other clubs on the award process.
- Wrote articles for the DSB
- Helped design the award certificate for this award and the Mamie L. Bass award

REFLECTIONS OF MY TERM AS A DISTRICT CHAIR:

I really enjoyed my time as chair of this committee. It doesn't seem like a ton of work until it's time to get the award entries ready. You just have to jump in and do it. It would be nice if all of the award certificates were available on the District Website and fillable with year changes.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, THANKS OR GRATITUDE:

I would like to thank Governor April for having confidence in me to handle this assignment. Many thanks to Shauna Stokes, Leadership Chair, in designing the certificates and being available to run ideas by. Thanks to Margee Neer for taking on the task of preparing the workshops and allowing me to help.

Beverly Mueller – District Membership Chair

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES:

- I answered questions on Membership and what the new members could use material wise.
- Presented certificates for longevity of members and clubs and presented at conference.
- Helped present conference workshop.

REFLECTIONS OF MY TERM AS A DISTRICT CHAIR:

- I was not able to do what I wanted to do and I was not able to visit other clubs.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, THANKS OR GRATITUDE:

- If a Membership Chair wants to visit other clubs, I recommend they make a schedule at the beginning of the term. Then contact the clubs to make sure the schedule works for them. The clubs will not contact you to schedule a visit.

Michelle Bell – District New Club Building Chair

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES:

- Conference Workshop collaboration with Leadership and Membership Chairs in 2024 and 2025.
- Supporting the start-up of a new Altrusa club in Tiburon, California.
- Continue to attend district meetings and support the Governor as needed.

REFLECTIONS OF MY TERM AS A DISTRICT CHAIR:

- Serving as the New Club Building Chair for District Eleven has been both an inspiring and rewarding experience. One of the most fulfilling aspects of this role was guiding the early stages of club development—sharing Altrusa's legacy of service, mentoring emerging leaders, and witnessing the spark of possibility turn into momentum. This role has deepened my appreciation for the dedication and vision shared by Altrusans across the district.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, THANKS OR GRATITUDE:

- I am grateful for the collaboration, support, and shared purpose that define our work together. It has been a privilege to serve, and I remain committed to Altrusa’s growth and impact moving forward.

Margee Neer – District Service Chair


SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES:

- Submission of 4 articles to the DSB
- Conduct Conference Workshop in 2024 in collaboration with Literacy Chair to Learn about Service from our fellow Altrusans
- Will conduct Conference Hands-On Workshop related to Days for Girls 2025
- International Service Meeting x 3
- Days for Girls International Meeting
- Completion of International Service Survey
- District Chair Meeting and Planning for Conference workshop
- Mamie Bass District Service Award judging and completion x 2
- Increase in service and acts of kindness submissions to International

REFLECTIONS OF MY TERM AS A DISTRICT CHAIR:

The time has passed quickly and some of the things I would have liked to accomplish, I was not able to. I think it is important to set those goals and intentions early. As is often the case, I feel in many ways that I received more than I gave as the Service Chair for District Eleven. It is always a privilege to hear about the amazing work that is being done by our clubs in communities around our district. We hear about some of that service at our conference, however there is much more occurring in each community and so many members that we never get the chance to meet or acknowledge. I would like to express my gratitude for being able to serve in this position and encourage you all in the difference you are making every day.

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THANK-YOU GOVERNOR APRIL FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO DISTRICT ELEVEN!

You have had a BIG impact while steering the District Board as they made policy changes for clarity, efficiency and cost savings. We will continue to carry-on with your SMILE motto of Serve-Mentor-Inspire-Lead-ENJOY. Altrusa of SLO County is so PROUD of you!



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Rose Waring
1936 - 2025

Escondido, North County Coastal, & San Diego Clubs
were all enriched by her infinite knowledge of
Parliamentary Procedure and wisdom
regarding Communication.

Rose will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Altrusa Grace

For this food before us spread,
For our steps in safety lead,
For Thy favor on our way,
Lord, accept our thanks today.

Altrusa Benediction

May we go forth with high ideals,
To serve throughout the land.
Be true to all Altrusa aims,
Until we meet again.

Altrusa Collect

Our Heavenly Father,
Surrounded by blessings,
May we learn to bless;
Reaping the fruits of Patriotism,
May we love our country more;
Members of a worldwide community,
May we cherish our neighbors everywhere;
Grateful to Thee,
May we show our gratitude,
by efficiency and service.

HOTEL MAP – MEETING ROOMS

