Want to learn more about Altrusa? Want to make new friends and reconnect with old friends? Then I have the pleasure of inviting you to the 62nd District Six Conference at Embassy Suites & Conference Center in East Peoria, Illinois. We will join together on the weekend of April 20-22, 2018 for fun, educational workshops, networking, sharing, skill building, celebrating our accomplishments.

We are excited that Altrusa International President, Leanne Milligan will be joining us for our conference! She will be participating in workshops, networking, and will give a presentation about Reno, Nevada, the location of the 2019 Altrusa International Convention.

Spring signifies bringing color back to our world after our long Midwestern winters. Flowers bloom in riots of color, green grass starts to grow, and the sunny blue skies are what brings us back to life! Our theme for this year is Color our World – very appropriate for our annual April conference. We will explore how color effects our lives, from our communication skills to our leadership skills, while also helping us to relax.

This Call to Conference Issue provides you with the information and deadlines you need regarding hotel reservations and Conference registration. We hope you will participate in the Silent Auction to benefit the Altrusa International Foundation and the Conversation Café on Friday evening. Also in this Call to Conference, you will find information on how you can participate in our Conference Service Project – School Supplies to Color Our World.

Fill out your registration forms, book your hotel room, and pack your bags! We look forward to a color filled weekend to learn something new, meet someone new, and I know you will go back to your club full of new ideas! I’ll see all of you in East Peoria.

In Altrusa Friendship! Dana Vierck, District Six Governor
Call to Conference “Color Our World”

You are invited to the

62nd Annual District Six Conference
April 20-22, 2018
East Peoria, Illinois

Register NOW for the District Six Conference!

Registration Deadline: April 8, 2018

Hotel Room Blocks will be released on March 31, 2018.
Welcome to Conference

Your District Six Board of Directors and with assistance from six District Six clubs (Canton IL; Champaign-Urbana IL; Decatur IL; Galesburg IL; Macomb IL; Springfield IL and DeKalb-Sycamore IL) are looking forward to seeing you at the 62nd District Six Conference April 20 - 22, 2018 in East Peoria, Illinois on the Illinois river. Conference convenes at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Resort, East Peoria Hotel & Conference Center. There is a beautiful walking path outside the hotel to get a breath of fresh air. In addition, there is a nice sitting area to watch boat traffic on the river. Hopefully the weather cooperates so we can enjoy the many colors spring brings to us in District Six.

Our Governor and the District Six Board have planned an interesting program of workshops, business and fun for the weekend. Just like a box of 96 crayons, there is a large variety of workshops and activities for you to choose from and color your world with.

Friday night activities kickoff with the popular Conversation Café (see page 13) as well as an introduction to Real Colors®. Participants will complete the Real Colors Personality Instrument: a user friendly, intuitive tool that identifies four personality types common to all people – GOLD, GREEN, BLUE and ORANGE. From the beginning of our Conference throughout the entire weekend, members will begin to see the world from a new perspective...and have fun doing it!

Saturday morning starts off with our annual business meeting followed by our awards luncheon. Then more workshops, a coloring contest, and an evening of fun among friends, including a “live” auction to raise funds for the International Foundation.

Our weekend will come to an end Sunday morning with an all-conference presentation on Real Colors, an update of our fundraising and service project, closing comments from our International visitor before we retire the “colors”.

Come join your Altrusa friends. Make new friends, see “old” ones, learn something new, and celebrate 62 years of Altrusa District Six Conferences.

We look forward to seeing you in April!

Chris DeVlieger & Doris Kowalski
2018 District Six Conference Co-Chairs
About the International Representative for the District Six Conference

Leanne Milligan
International President
Altrusa International, Inc. of Te Awamutu,
New Zealand District Fifteen

District Six has the distinct pleasure of having International President Leanne Milligan from Altrusa International of Longview-Kelso, Washington, District Twelve, as our honored International Representative to our Conference.

Leanne currently serves as our International President. A member of Altrusa since 1994, over the years Leanne has undertaken roles at all levels of Altrusa. She has held many offices in her club, and on the District level, serving as District Governor 2009-2011. Also on the International level, she was a member of the 2001-2003 Bylaws Resolutions and Recommendations Committee and in 2003-2005 chaired the Service Development Committee. In addition, she was a member of the 2009-2011 International Long Range Strategic Planning Committee and Co-chair of the Governor's Council. Leanne has served on the International Board as Treasurer, Vice President and President Elect. In 2016-2017 Leanne is also chaired the Centennial Committee.

Asked why she does so much “stuff” for Altrusa, Leanne replied “it is simple really – I will never be able to give back to Altrusa as much as I have received. Altrusa is a builder of leaders and it has taken me from a shy young woman who wouldn’t say boo to a goose to someone who can stand up in front of an audience and speak. Altrusa and the support of Altrusans in my own club, district and internationally has made me who I am”.

Leanne is a fully qualified Chartered Account since 1994 (equivalent of the United States CPA), working in corporate, public practice and audit sectors in manufacturing, agribusiness, property development, retail and distribution industries. For these past eighteen years, she has been working for Waitomo Petroleum Ltd. as the Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for financial reporting, systems development and strategic/business planning. Leanne is fortunate that she has the support of Waitomo’s Board in giving her flexibility to travel to fulfill her Altrusa duties.

In addition to her other professional interests, she currently serves as the chair of the Board of Trustees for MS Waikato Trust and is a member of the board for the Assistance Dogs of New Zealand Trust.

She has lived in Te Awamutu for the past twenty-four years and is single with one very spoiled cat. She enjoys scrapbooking, card making, and cake decorating, walking, reading if time permits. Her main passion, (some might call it an obsession) is collecting soft toys, with over 7300 in her collection. She is always on the lookout for something she doesn’t have!
Hotel information

Embassy Suites
100 Conference Center Drive
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-0200

Click on the following link to go to the hotel website:

Please make your own reservations.

Registering for the conference does not reserve a room.

Rooms are $129.00 for a King and $139.00 for a double.

Each room key will be your “ticket” for two free cocktails and appetizers Friday and Saturday evening as well as your “ticket” for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Please note there may be an additional $10 fee for more than two occupants.

Room blocks will be released after March 30, 2018.
Candidates for Office

Candidate for International Foundation Trustee

Dana Vierck joined Altrusa International, Inc. of Elgin, IL in 2001. She served and chaired several committees and held various board positions including Club President in 2007-2008, and first Elgin Foundation President in 2013-2015, and is now an Elgin Foundation Director. Her Altrusa District Six service includes Service Chair, B-R-R Chair, 2nd Vice-Governor, and 1st Vice-Governor, Governor-Elect and currently Governor 2017-2019. Dana also has served Altrusa International, Inc. on the International Leadership Development Committee in 2009-2011, International Service Program Development Committee during 2011-13, International Centennial Committee 2015-17, and International Altrusa Mentors Task Force Committee 2017-2019.

Dana previously served as the Development Director for the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra (EYSO). Dana has spent over 17 years as a professional in the non-profit fund development field as Development Manager with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and as Development Director for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. In her development positions, her responsibilities included management of two endowment funds, grant writing, grant management, and grant reporting. Under her management she obtained grants from local private and corporate foundations, state agencies such as the Illinois Arts Council and Illinois Humanities Council, and federal grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Dana has served as President of The Literacy Connection Board of Directors, President of the GFWC Elgin Junior Women’s Club, as GFWC-Illinois District 11 Junior Director, the GFWC-Illinois Junior Organization Board of Directors, and was a member of the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors. She has served as President of Women in Management Fox Valley (WIM), and currently serves as a Board Member of Friends of Lords Park Zoo, Elgin, a Board Member of the Northwest Obedience Club of Illinois, and on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois council.

She is a Lifetime member (53 years) of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., has received their highest volunteer award, The Thanks Badge. She has also been recognized for her non-profit community service receiving the Outstanding Woman of Elgin Award from Elgin Junior Women’s Club, the YWCA Elgin Leader Award for Community Service, and was recognized with the WIM Woman of Achievement Award and the Charlotte Danstrom Award for Non-Profit Service, the Elgin Image Award given to the board of directors of Friends of Lords Park Zoo, and the Hanover Park Township Community Service Award given to the Friends of Lords Park Zoo.

*International Foundation Trustee – Requirements are:* be an active member, experience with charitable corporation or foundation, and service as a Club President. Trustees will be elected at the 2019 International Convention in Reno NV.
Candidates for District Six Nominating Committee (In alphabetical order)

Linda Barb became an Altrusan in 1986 joining the Altrusa Club of Muncie, IN. She has served on many Club committees and the Board of Directors including as President in 1993-1994. At the District level she began Board service in 2005 as Treasurer and served as District Six Governor 2013-15. At the request of Past International President Dona Garretson, she served as Chair of the International Archives Task Force and helped establish the Altrusa International Archives at Ball State University in 2013. She currently serves on the International Leadership Committee 2017-19 as Vice Chair.

Sue Creighton is a member of Altrusa International of Warsaw, Indiana, Inc. and has been an Altrusan since late 1970s. She was Club President from 2012-2015 and has served in all club offices. She served on the 2013-2015 District Six Board and has served as District Six Communication Chair and Facebook Coordinator as well as on the International Leadership and Development Committee. Sue enjoyed a 30-year career at the Sprint Corporation’s United Telephone Company retiring as a Regional Vice President. She recently chaired the Capital Campaign for Warsaw’s Beaman Home Emergency Shelter and Outreach Center for the abused raising the needed $2 million to build their new campus. Beyond Altrusa, her interests include scrapbooking, photography and travel.

Michelle Florea has been a member of Altrusa International of Canton since 2010. She has served as Club President (currently serving her second term), Past President and President-Elect. She has chaired the Membership and Communications committees and started the club’s Facebook page. Michelle served as District Six Co-Chair of Service Program Development in 2015-2017. Michelle works as a Software Support Specialist. She is actively involved with and on the board of Many Lights Theatre in her hometown of Canton.
### Service Project...Coloring Our World

With multiple District Six clubs assisting with Conference this year, our service project includes the collection of various school supplies (see list below). These school supplies will be divided among the six clubs helping with Conference this year to support service programs already in existence or create a new service project within each of their communities.

- 24 count box of crayons
- 12 count box of colored pencils
- 10 count broad line washable markers
- #2 pencils
- Pencil case
- Pink erasers
- Blue, black or red ballpoints pens
- Spiral bound notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- Loose-leaf lined paper (wide or college ruled)
2018 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
April 20 – 22, 2018
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 8, 2018
HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 30, 2018

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS: Please make your own reservations. Registering for the conference does not reserve a room. Rooms are $129 + tax for king suites and $139 + tax for double bed suites per night. There may be an additional $10 per person fee for more than two people in the room.

Rate includes a breakfast buffet each morning and 2 beverages per guest from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Room blocks (special hotel rate) will be released after March 30, 2018.
Embassy Suites, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611 (309) 694-0200
Mention “Altrusa District Six Conference” or the code “RUS” to get the special room rate.

All conference registrations will be confirmed either by email or phone. If you do not receive a confirmation, you may not be registered.

Member Name________________________________________________________________________

Club Name___________________________________________________________________________

Your Address______________________________________________________________

City__________________________________State____________________Zip____________________

Name preferred on name tag____________________________________________________________

Email address for reservation confirmation. PLEASE PRINT.

Best Phone # to Reach You ___________________________________________________________

In Case of Emergency Contact ___________________________________Phone_________________

Special Diet? Please describe__________________________________________

(Request for special diets must be submitted by April 8, 2018.)

Disability? Please share any special accommodations needed: ________________________________

Please check all that apply for the year 2017-18

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______ Delegate  _____ Alternate  _____ First Timer

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

**Full Conference Registration includes Friday evening dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and conference materials (team building activity Friday night, entertainment, audio/visual equipment, etc.)**

Received BEFORE April 8, 2018 is $160.00
Received AFTER April 9, 2018 is $175.00

Please select your lunch and dinner entrees:

| #1 – Friday Dinner                          | Caramelized Salmon | Strawberry Balsamic Chicken |
| #2 – Saturday Lunch                        | Embassy Club Sandwich | Smoked Cheddar Sandwich |
| #3 – Saturday Dinner                       | Spaghetti Squash Primavera | Roasted Pork Loin |

**PARTIAL REGISTRATION (includes meals, workshops and materials for each day)**

| #1 – Friday Dinner $65*                  | Caramelized Salmon | Strawberry Balsamic Chicken |
| (*includes $10 for team building activity) |
| #2 – Saturday Lunch only $35             | Embassy Club Sandwich | Smoked Cheddar Sandwich |
| #3 – Saturday Dinner only $55            | Roasted Pork Loin | Spaghetti Squash Primavera |
| #4 – Saturday Lunch & Dinner $90        | Embassy Club Sandwich | Smoked Cheddar Sandwich |
|                                          | Roasted Pork Loin | Spaghetti Squash Primavera |

**MEAL REGISTRATION for Guests**

| #1 – Friday Dinner $55*                  | Caramelized Salmon | Strawberry Balsamic Chicken |
| #2 – Saturday Lunch only $35             | Embassy Club Sandwich | Smoked Cheddar Sandwich |
| #3 – Saturday Dinner only $55            | Roasted Pork Loin | Spaghetti Squash Primavera |

*add $10 if your guest would like to participate in team building activity

Guest’s Name ____________________________________________

**Make Checks Payable to “Altrusa District Six Conference”**

Grand Total $________________________

To cancel reservation and receive a refund (less $25.00 non-refundable fee), a written request must be received on or postmarked by April 8, 2018. All refund requests are approved by the District Six Board and will be processed within 60 days of the close of District Conference.

Mail Registration form with payment to:
Chris DeVlieger
P.O. Box 52
Kirkland, IL 60146
Phone (815) 544-8310
Email: cdevlieger@icloud.com
Conference Schedule  
Friday, April 20, 2018

12:00pm - 5:00pm  Registration & Credentials

12:00pm – 5:00pm  Set-up for the Altrusa Store/Swap and Shop/Silent Auction

3:30pm - 4:30pm  Workshops

My First Altrusa Conference...Now What?!  
Angela Beck

Women’s Wellness  
TBD

Financial Topic  
Local Peoria bank

Identify Theft  
TBD

4:15pm – 5:30pm  Visit the Altrusa Store/Silent Auction and the Swap n’ Shop

5:30pm – 6:00pm  Cocktail hour (two free cocktails per room key – see page 5)

6:00pm - 8:00pm  Dinner

8:00pm - 10:00pm  Conversation Cafe and Real Colors® activity  
Visit the Altrusa Store, Silent Auction and Swap ‘n Shop.

Conference Schedule  
Saturday, April 21, 2018

7:00am - 8:30am  – Complimentary Breakfast  
(free with hotel room key – see page 5)

8:00am – 9:30am  - Registration

8:00am - 9:00am  Visit Altrusa Store/Swap ‘n Shop/Silent Auction

9:00am - 9:30am  BRR, Budget Briefing, and Candidates Forum

9:30am - 11:00am  Business Meeting

11:00am-11:30am  Voting and Visit Altrusa Store/Swap ‘n Shop/Silent Auction

11:45am - 1:30pm  Awards Luncheon

1:30pm – 2:00pm  Visit Altrusa Store/Swap ‘n Shop/Silent Auction

2:00pm – 3:00pm  Workshops  
The Colors of Leadership (President’s Workshop)  
Dana Vierck & Sue Whitaker

Colorful Communication  
Emily DeVlieger & Rebecca Mercier

IDEAS for Membership  
Nancy Gerner, Nancy Easum & Leanne Milligan

Operating Funds & Fundraising  
Linda Barb (facilitator)
Conference Schedule
Saturday April 21, 2018

3:00pm – 3:30pm  Conference Break

3:30pm - 4:30pm  Workshops
Altrusa Reaching Out as Mentors & Mentees
Bev Herzog

The Color of Money (Treasurer’s Workshop)
Becky Ray & Chris DeVlieger

Strategic Plans
Mary Burford & Leanne Milligan

What’s New with Group Tally and the Website
Sue Whitaker & Neveta Salmons

4:30pm - 5:15pm  Conference Break
Last Chance to Visit the Altrusa Store/Swap ‘n Shop/Silent Auction

6:00pm – 6:30pm  Cocktail hour and Reception Honoring our International Visitor
Leanne Milligan, International President

6:30pm - 10:00pm  Banquet
   Entertainment
   Semenya McCord from the Galesburg IL Club
   Live Auction

Conference Schedule
Sunday April 22, 2018

8:00am - 11:00am  Breakfast
Memorial Service, All Conference Presentation,
Closing Comments from International President
Leanne Milligan and Conference Closing

12:00pm - 2:00pm  Post Conference Board Meeting

Conference Checklist:

Be sure to bring:

➤ Items for the Service Project (see page 8)

➤ Swap-n-Shop items - This is a great opportunity for you to sell items for your club’s service projects.

➤ Altrusa Pin.

➤ Club Banner - Show your club pride by bringing your Club Banner to display during the Conference.

➤ Silent Auction items- Bring an item(s) for the Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit the International Foundation.

➤ Club display items for the Conversation Café.

➤ Club display for the Exhibit area - This is a time to showcase and tell us about your projects.
CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Your club has the missing piece to all of the great things that the clubs in District Six are doing. Join us in the Conversation Café on Friday evening following the opening dinner. Every club attending the 2018 District Six Conference is invited to have a display showcasing their club. You can choose to share a fundraising project, service activity, club newsletter, webpage, yearbook or any combination of these activities. We want every club to participate in the Conversation Café. Each participating club will have ½ of an 8-foot table for their display. Clubs will be encouraged to have a tri-fold poster board and/or other display items. Due to the location of the Conversation Café, electrical outlets are not available.

During the evening each conference attendee will go through the café getting ideas to take back to their clubs and getting their BLANK PUZZLE filled with color. As you go through and visit each display a representative from that club will color in their designated puzzle piece. Completed cards will be turned in for the grand prize drawing.

Sign-up sheets and additional information regarding the Conversation Café will be sent to Club Presidents in early March. Every Altrusa club has something to share so I hope all clubs attending District Conference will participate in this event.

Sue Whitaker, Governor-Elect and Conversation Café Chair
swhitaker@bsu.edu

Swap-n-Shop

District Conference provides a great opportunity for clubs to display and sell fundraising items, or perhaps you have a great raffle item to share. Please notify Anne Wharff if your club plans to participate. Also indicate whether you will need a full 8-foot table or half a table. So to be sure there is enough table space for everything, contact Anne at anne.whaff@gmail.com before April 8th to reserve table space.

Exhibits and Displays

Does your club have a great service project or fundraiser that you want to share with other clubs? Often times the best ideas come from other clubs. This year we will exhibit items during the Conversation Café and afterwards in the hallway outside the workshops and Altrusa Store. See Conversation Café information above.
Altrusa International Foundation
District Six Auction

It's time to start planning for a contribution to the Silent Auction. It would be great to have an entry from each club so that District Six can make a significant donation to the Altrusa International Foundation.

The mission of the Foundation is to aid Altrusans in providing effective service projects and to provide assistance in helping Altrusans improve lives in their communities. To that end, these programs can have a direct impact on Altrusa clubs and on Altrusans individually. From the 2017 District Conference, we contributed $4,049.50 to the Foundation. Let's exceed that this year!

Bring a themed gift basket i.e. gardening, food, travel or something else that your fellow Altrusans can’t resist.

Bring an art object or handmade item. We plan to showcase the talent of Altrusans in District in the Silent Auction at the 2018 Spring Conference. Many of you are already thinking “That leave me out I just do crafts.” Well, those crafts are a work of art and we want your donations. Do you paint or make quilts, greeting cards or jewelry? Do you knit or crochet? Do you paint or do needlework? These are works of art so please consider contributing your art to the Silent Auction.

Actively participate in the silent auction and live auction. Friendly competition among friends is welcome and encouraged.

Help us reach a goal of $5,000 in District Six.

Anne Condran
District Six Foundation Liaison
acondran@comcast.net
765-717-4419
Memorial Form

Your help is needed to ensure the Memorial Service portion of the Conference is meaningful and informative as possible. Please complete and send in for any Altrusans in your club who passed away since last Conference to include them in the Sunday District Six Memorial Service - copy form as needed.

Submit to: Elaine Wolf by 4/8/2018
Address: 2969 Caldwell Lane, Geneva, IL 60134
Email: wolfelaine@comcast.net
Name of Club: Altrusa International of __________________________________________

Name of deceased member ______________________________________________________
Age: ________
Member of Altrusa since: ________ (approximate if unsure)
Contributions to Altrusa and this club include (attach page if needed):
__________________________________________________________________________
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Please include a picture if possible.

Person submitting this form:
Name: ____________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Telephone: _________________________________
Email address: _____________________________
Position in Club ______________________________
Name of member to participate in Memorial Service if known: ________________________
Be Proud at the Conference!

Share your pride of District Six at this year’s Conference!

Limited time to order a stylish piece made to last, year after year. There will be a very limited supply and size available for purchase at Conference, so order below to guarantee that you get one!

It is an extra soft cardigan with full color Altrusa District Six logo embroidered on left chest. Smoky grey color, 5.6 oz. 58/38/4 cotton/modal/spandex. Shallow scoop neck with flattering feminine fit and longer length with 8 buttons dyed to match.

It is small to size; a larger size may be more comfortable for all day wear. This special offering will allow for all sizes to be available for purchase.

ALL Sizes Available:

Small, Medium, Large,

Extra Large, 2X, 3X, & 4X

Prices Vary (see order form)

Orders are DUE & PAID by March 1st!

Order using the attached form.

Cardigans will be ready for pick up only at the Altrusa Store during the Conference. There is not a shipping option! If you have unable to make Conference, someone will need to pick-up on your behalf (part of confirmation email).

Questions? Email Angela Beck, District Six Director, Angela.Beck@oldnational.com or call (765)748-9670
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Form with Payment Must Be Received by March 1\textsuperscript{st}

No Late Orders Accepted. All Sales Final.

Make Check or Money Order payable to: Altrusa District Six

U.S. Mail this Form with Check or Money Order to:
Angela Beck, 107 N Winthrop Road, Muncie, IN 47304

You will receive a confirmation of your order via email upon acceptance. Cardigans will be ready for pick up only at the Altrusa Store at the 2018 Conference.
Business Meeting Minutes

OPENING: The 61st District Six Conference Business Meeting was called to order by District Six Governor Chris DeVlieger, DeKalb-Sycamore IL at 9:38 a.m.

Governor Chris DeVlieger introduced the Board and then asked everyone to stand for the Flag Ceremony. The Flags were carried by representatives from the District Six Distinguished Clubs. Becky Ray, First Vice Governor, Lexington KY led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elaine Wolf, Secretary, Fox Valley IL read letters of greetings from Silvia Silverman, International President and Ida Hill, International Foundation Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Jan Fritz, Second Vice Governor, Quincy IL announced the following corrections and/or changes:

- Pg. 9 – Team Building Activity location was changed to the Golf Academy from the golf course due to inclement weather.
- Pg. 10 – Insert ‘Reading of Correspondence’ between the Pledge of Allegiance and the adoption of the conference program.
- Pg. 10 – Becky Ray is First Vice Governor, not Director.
- Pg. 11 – Michelle Florea is the correct spelling of the membership co-chair, not Flora.

Motion 1: It was moved and seconded to adopt the conference program as presented and corrected. MOTION APPROVED.

RULES OF THE CONFERENCE: Doris Kowalski, Past Governor, Galesburg IL and Parliamentary Advisor offered to read the rules of the conference as found on page 14 of the program book. Conference body agreed this was not necessary. Motion 2: It was moved and seconded to adopt the conference rules as presented. MOTION APPROVED.

Roll Call: District Secretary Elaine Wolf conducted the roll call. Each club responded with the number of delegates and alternates present. Twenty-two clubs were present.

REGISTRATION REPORT: Zathoe Sexton, Conference Co-Chair, Indiana Dunes IN presented the Registration Report.

- International Representative – 1
- District Officers – 7
- District Committee Chairs (not board members or past Governors) – 10
- Past Governors (not board members) – 8
- Guests- 5
- Full Registrations – 72
- Partial Registrations – 21
- Total Registrations – 98

Motion 3: On behalf of the Registration Committee, it was moved to accept the Registration Report as presented. MOTION APPROVED.

CREDENTIALS REPORT: Cathy Rady, Conference Credentials Chair, Fox Valley IL presented the Credentials Report.

Delegates allowed - 53
Delegates present - 36
Board of Directors allowed - 7
Board of Directors present - 7
Alternates allowed- 53
Alternates present- 21
Past Governors allowed - 12
Past Governors present - 8
A total of 51 votes allowed (Majority vote would be 26)

**Motion 4:** On behalf of the Credentials Committee, it was moved to accept the Credentials Report as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**CONFERECE 2016 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES:** The business meeting minutes were presented by District Secretary Elaine Wolf as found on Page 16 of the Conference Program. **Motion 5:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 60th District Six Conference Business Meeting in Carmel IN on April 16, 2016 as printed in the conference program. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**SYNOPSIS OF BOARD ACTIONS:** The synopsis was presented by District Secretary Elaine Wolf. Please refer to page 21 for a summary of the Altrusa District Six Board Actions from April 16, 2016 – March 28, 2017. At our Post-Conference Board meeting on April 16, 2016, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to direct all proceeds from the District Six Board basket to the District Six budget, effective as of the 2017 conference.

At the Fall Board Meeting of August 27, 2016, the following actions were taken

- Approved the 2017 Conference fee of $125.
- Approved the minutes of the Pre-Conference Board Meeting board meeting of April 16, 2016.
- Approved all email votes since April 17, 2016.
- Approved a drawing for one free conference registration for a new Altrusan who became an Altrusan between June 1 and December 31, 2016.
- Reviewed the District Six Strategic Plan and decided it did not need any updates.

At the February Board Meeting (Conference Call) of February 11, 2017 the following actions were taken.

- Approved the minutes of the August 26-27, 2016 Board meeting.
- Approved that in the future the District Governor shall appoint an audit committee composed of three District Six Altrusans to review the financial records of the prior year to be done between June 1 and August 15 each year.
- Approved reimbursement to Quincy of $50 for their incorporation fee.
- Approved expenditure of $375 for under charter grants (needed since it was more than 10% over budgeted amount).
- Approved the 2017 Conference budget.
- Approved the list of committee Chairs for the 2017-2019 biennium as of February 8, 2017
- Approved the appointment of Cathy Rady, Fox Valley IL club, as District Six Secretary for the 2017-2019 biennium.

E-Mail votes taken during the year were:

- Approved the District Six Budget for 2017-2018 for presentation to the conference delegates on January 29, 2017
- Approved Emeritus Status for the following members
  - Arlene McNaught of Chillicothe IL (11/18/2016)
  - LaVerne Speer of Bedford IN (02/20/2017)
  - Betty Hawkins of Evansville IN (03/12/2017)
  - Jacqueline Gladin of Champaign-Urbana IL (03/12/2017)
  - Phyllis Stackhouse of Hamilton County IN (03/25/2017)
  - Dr. Patsy Donn of Muncie IN (03/28/2017)
  - Joan Sturhohn of Quincy IL (04/03/2017)

At the April 7, 2017 Pre-Conference Board Meeting, the following actions were taken

- Approved the appointment of District Six Chairs who were appointed after the February board meeting.
- Approved the selection of Chris DeVlieger, DeKalb-Sycamore, and Doris Kowalski, Galesburg IL, as 2018 Conference Co-Chairs.

**GOVERNOR’S REPORT:** The printed Governor’s Report is on pages 4-5 of the Conference Program and includes the status reports of the various committees. Governor Chris DeVlieger also announced that the contract for the 2018 Conference has been signed with the Embassy Suites in East Peoria IL. We are hoping to have 100 District Six Altrusans at the International Convention in Nashville in July. She is working on setting up Dropbox for the District Six Clubs. She addressed why we have club visits and stated that miles = smiles. Reminded people that others may
not remember what we say, but they always remember how you made them feel. She urged everyone to take home what they learn at conference and remember that leadership roles require one to be the change if you want to see change. For Altrusa to survive another 100 years, we must be flexible and adapt to change. She urged all members to consider serving as a chair or office at the club and/or District level. Utilize the District chairs and board members for guidance in your clubs. They are there to serve you.

**TREASURER AND COMPILATION REPORT:** The District Six Treasurer Sue Whitaker, Muncie presented the Compilation Report, an annual review of the District’s Assets and Liabilities performed by Estep-Doctor and Company. **Motion 6:** On behalf of the Finance Committee it was moved to accept the 2016 Compilation Report of the Financial Statements. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**BUDGET:** The District Treasurer Sue Whitaker, Muncie presented the proposed budget. **Motion 7:** On behalf of the Finance Committee it was moved to adopt the 2017-18 budget as published in the Conference Program on page 15. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The report of the Nominating Committee is found on pages 6-7 of the Conference Program.

For Governor Elect, Sue Whitaker, Muncie IN is the only candidate. Governor Chris DeVlieger opened the floor for further nominations for the office of Governor Elect. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations for Governor Elect were closed.

For First Vice Governor, Jan Fritz, Quincy IL is the only candidate. Governor Chris DeVlieger opened the floor for nominations for the office of First Vice Governor. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations for First Vice Governor were closed.

For Second Vice Governor, Rebecca Mercier, Lexington KY, was nominated. Governor Chris DeVlieger opened the floor for nominations for the office of Second Vice Governor. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations for this position were closed.

For Director, Angela Beck, Muncie IN was nominated. Governor Chris DeVlieger opened the floor for nominations for the office of Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations for Director were closed.

For Treasurer, none were nominated. Governor Chris DeVlieger opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Toni Ellis, Past Governor, Lexington KY, nominated Becky Ray, Lexington KY, for the office of District Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the floor. Nominations for Treasurer were closed.

**ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS:** Governor Chris DeVlieger called on Elections Chair Mary Burford to give instructions to vote. A vote is required according to International By-Laws, even though we have a single slate. There is a bylaws proposal to be voted on at International Convention that will allow acclamation when an office is uncontested. Mary Burford, Elections Chair and Past Governor, Muncie IN instructed delegates the voting would take place in the corner of the meeting room immediately following the business meeting. Delegates, members of the Board, and Past Governors are eligible to vote.

**REPORT OF THE BRR COMMITTEE:** BRR Committee Chair Sandie Moon, Lake County IL announced there were no proposed Bylaw changes to consider.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Governor Chris DeVlieger shared with the delegate body the fact that bylaws do not require an outside audit or compilation report of finances, so the District Board decided to move to an internal audit by appointed audit committee. (See Board Actions above). There was no other new business.

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Altrusa International President Silvia Silverman gave a brief report. Highlights of her report were:

- District Six is providing leadership at the International level. Past Governor Bev Herzog, Champaign-Urbana IL is the chair of the Leadership Development Committee and Governor Chris DeVlieger is a member of that Committee. Angela Beck, Muncie IN, is a member of the Membership Development Committee. Past Governor Toni Ellis is a member of the International Service Committee. Past Governor Mary Burford is a
member of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. Governor Elect Dana Vierck and Anne Condran, Muncie IN are on the Centennial Celebration Committee.

- Everyone should attend the Leadership Fair workshop for tips on how you can serve your club, your District and the International. You can learn about what each office requires. Maybe you would be a good fit.
- Changes at the International Office: Tanika Wilson is now Executive Director. David Mena has replaced Rachel Vandervort as Administrative Assistant. Sandra Holec is the new accounting staff member. She replaces Adrianna Mena. Updates are being made to Group Tally by American Eagle.
- The Leadership Committee has designed a new President’s Handbook. It is available on the Altrusa International website.
- The Service Committee worked with District Four to develop projects for the Convention. We will be collecting books for Book ‘em, a local non-profit foundation. We will also be collecting crayons for Books from Birth Foundation and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Someone from DPIL will be at the Convention.
- The Membership Committee reports that we have lost a few members this year, but not as many as in past years. Ten years ago, we had over 10,000 members. We currently have 8,400. Ideas on how to develop new members can be found on the website.
- Last year’s task force for tiered membership was not well received by the members. This year there is a task force to look at different initiatives, including corporate memberships. We would ask for sponsors from business or clubs at the business, i.e. Altrusa International of IBM instead of Altrusa International of city. They have compiled instructions on how to collect dues over time instead of in a lump sum. There is a new cultural assessment tool on the website to help review our club and decide what is needed to improve the health of our club. (This is a Google doc.) All new postings are being reviewed for gender neutrality. A new idea is virtual clubs. A pilot club will be chosen to implement this once required bylaws changes are made in Nashville.
- New Club Building Committee reports a new club in Frisco TX with one chartering at the end of May in Montgomery County Texas. There is one in Washington state and one in Maryland in information state. There is also a new club in India. The old Bangalore club has stopped paying dues and was officially disbanded by International office. One of the members of that group organized a new group and Silvia was able to attend their charter banquet. Madras India is also looking to start other clubs in their area. Silvia is hoping to have a District in India.
- A policy change was made by the International Board. Only 5 members, instead of 14, will be required to start a new club. She was pleased that District Six had 3 clubs reach charter strength this past year – Indianapolis, Paris, and Springfield. She suggested that we talk about membership on Facebook. It is seen by people who are our friends in other locations. We chartered 8 new ASTRA clubs. Silvia has written to the grads personally, reminding them that Altrusans are great resources in the future—as advisors for life or career.
- The International Board has been very busy. The following Bylaw changes to come before the convention....
  1. Word chair to be replaced with presiding officer.
  2. Uncontested election can be declared as elected by acclamation by presiding officer if ok by the voting body.
  3. Required to provide a double slate. Will recommend a double slate if possible.
  4. Elected officers & directors can be two from the same District. Won’t just apply to the treasurer.
  5. Timing of determining number of delegates & alternates. Will read 60 days before conference...not a specific date.
  6. Membership changes - will remove how clubs invite...but just say the club invites.
  7. Emeritus members - have been members in good standing in the current or previous club year.
  9. Seeking permission to lower dues for purpose of presenting incentives. Raises would still have to go through delegate body.
  10. New definition of what a virtual club is.
- Centennial Celebration – the task force has accomplished a great deal. Coffee table book will not be published until after convention so the photos & text from convention can be included.
- Doc Morgan – we have a new contract awaiting signature. It will give clubs new flexibility on purchase of branded items. Policy 27 will be changed to match the agreement language.
- The 2021 Convention will be held in Quebec City. 2019 is in Reno, Nevada.
• We need people to register for Convention. The cost of additional meals is a little lower than last time. We are looking for sponsors to be recognized during Convention. Contact Tanika Wilson at altrusa@altrusa.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Governor Chris DeVlieger recalled Mary Burford to remind delegates of election procedures. Delegates, Board members and Past Governors are to vote before they leave the room.
• Stop by the Altrusa Store if you want to purchase President’s pins. We have them available this year.
• The centerpiece hats are available in the silent auction.
• Clubs who pre-ordered Centennial merchandise should meet with Governor Chris DeVlieger after the awards luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT: The business meeting was in recess at 11:08 a.m.
BUSINESS SESSION WAS RECALLED TO ORDER AT 1:10 p.m.

ELECTION RESULTS:
  Governor Elect – Sue Whitaker, Muncie IN
  First Vice Governor – Jan Fritz, Quincy IL
  Second Vice Governor – Rebecca Mercier, Lexington KY
  Director – Angela Beck, Muncie IN
  Treasurer – Becky Ray, Lexington KY

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS:
  It was moved and seconded to destroy the ballots. MOTION APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT:
  Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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Christine DeVlieger, District Six Governor   Elaine Wolf, District Six Secretary

Conference Dates

March 30, 2018
FINAL DATE to make your hotel reservations before the hotel block room rate is released.

April 8, 2018
FINAL DATE - Conference Registration due (see registration form in this newsletter)
Conference Registration rate on or before April 8th is $160
Conference Registration rate after April 8th is $175

April 20-22, 2018
District Six Conference, East Peoria, Illinois
Altrusa International District Six
Proposed Budget for 2018 - 2019

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Represented by:
Checking: $5,065.82
5 Year Worry Free CD (matures 6/29/19) - rate is 0.50. $15,418.36
28 Month CD (matures 02/02/19) - rate is 1.64. $20,918.08
Total: $41,402.26

Notes:
1 Interest earned between January 1 – December 31, 2017. The interest was added to the respective CD's.
2 Contributions to International are an in and out based on proceeds from the Silent Auction.
3 Should be enough in checking account at the end of 2017 - 2018 to over the amount needed to balance the budget.
4 Budgeting a portion of Convention Expense in both budget years.
5 Budgeting a portion of Officer Bond & Insurance over three years.
6 Budgeting a portion of Gov. Training & Seminars.