

# GOVERNOR'S GAVEL



## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

*Look for something positive in each day, even if you have to look a little harder.*  
(author unknown)

As I reflect on the past six weeks there have been some up and downs in my life both personally and with Altrusa. In early February (on the day we arrived in Florida for a month of warmth and relaxation), my youngest sister passed away. Although she was not in good health, this was not expected.

In mid-February Rebecca Riley, District Six Treasurer resigned. The District Board accepted her resignation effective immediately with appreciation for her service. The Board is in the process of appointing a new treasurer, but in the meantime, dues for any new members should be sent to me at my home address which is 3501 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN 47304. Please note that half year dues must be paid and processed before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In late February, I received the word of the passing of Becky Ray, fellow Altrusan, District Board Member for eight years and a friend. I was glad that I was able, along with Linda Barb, Past District Governor, to represent the District at her visitation and funeral service in Lexington.

The District Six Board made the decision on March 12<sup>th</sup> to cancel our District Six Conference scheduled for April 17-19, 2020 in Champaign, IL. However, we have business we need to conduct; therefore, we are scheduling a conference call for the delegates the morning of Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Some of the items to be considered at that time are the proposed bylaws, elections, and budget. The candidates for the nominating committee and the budget are found on pages 4-6 of this issue of the *Governor's Gavel*. The proposed bylaws were in the February *In Touch*. **Let us remember that Flexibility is one of our brand drivers.**

In Altrusa service,

District Six Governor



*A Symphony of Leaders in Service*

## CLUBS IN THE NEWS

### Altrusa, HRC Continue Partnership for Dolly Parton Imagination Library

#### *As Work on New Facility Progresses*



*Executive Director Jonathan Burns, Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties (HRC) is pictured with Dolly Parton Imagination Chair Elaine Fayhee (l) and Paris Club president Melinda Randolph. The Club recently celebrated their 17-year association with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library*

Executive Director Jonathan Burns of the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties (HRC) recently spoke to the Altrusa Club of Paris at the Link Art Gallery about the upcoming transition of some HRC services and offices to the new Paris Community Hospital Building under construction adjacent to the hospital. Burns presented diagrams of the new building and discussed relocation of services.

Altrusa and HRC continue their partnership for providing books to Edgar County children from birth to age five through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. HRC provides the IRS 501(c)(3) status and the space, and Altrusans provide the enrollment, record keeping, mailing lists, and direct contact with the Dollywood Foundation.

In 2019 alone, local Altrusans donated 7,953 books to young children in the county; they gave a total of 120,797 books between 2002-2019.

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I am pleased to announce that DeKalb-Sycamore Altrusa Club has officially changed their name to **Altrusa International of DeKalb County, IL, Inc.** President Joy Gulotta has spearheaded this effort by developing new club bylaws and completing the Incorporation process.

**Congratulations** to the following clubs who are celebrating anniversaries this month:

- ⇒ Chartered in 1961, **Macomb, IL** is celebrating 59 years as a club.
- ⇒ **New Albany, IN** is celebrating 95 years as a club serving their community.
- ⇒ Celebrating 70 years as a club is **Springfield, IL.**



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

The International Service and Development Committee would love to see videos of Altrusa clubs actively serving their communities. They are asking that you take videos of your members doing service projects in your communities, then posting them on your social media sites.

The flyer on the right describes this challenge. Most of us have cell phones that can easily take and share videos. If you have difficulty with this, contact District Communications Chair Sue Creighton at [sscreighton44@gmail.com](mailto:sscreighton44@gmail.com) or 574-269-1170.

*We would love to see many  
District Six postings!*

### ALTRUSA VIDEO CHALLENGE

Studies show that social media posts with photos get more engagements than posts with just words, so just **imagine the impact of video**. The International Service and Development Committee would love to see videos of Altrusa clubs actively serving their communities. Many Altrusans carry smart phones with the ability to record video and post to social media at their fingertips. A simple 30-45 second video showing Altrusans hard at work and having fun, in the name of community service, could aid your club with name recognition, brand awareness, and member recruitment.

Whether posted on Facebook, Instagram, or Youtube, we'll be looking out for these hashtags:  
#altrusavideochallenge  
#altrusaservice  
#altrusadfg  
#altrusasos

So please be sure to tag your videos accordingly and don't forget to wear your Altrusa t-shirts, hats, or aprons! Should your video include members of the public, secure a signed photo release before publishing your video (photo release forms are available at [altrusa.org](http://altrusa.org)). Selected videos will be featured in a compilation video that will be shown at the 2021 International Convention and featured on the International website.

If video isn't your thing- please tag your posts with photos with the hashtags listed above!

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CAMERA  
Altrusa

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**MOVE OUT OF YOUR  
COMFORT ZONE.**

you can only grow if you are  
willing to feel awkward  
and uncomfortable  
when you try something **NEW.**

- Brian Tracey



## CALL TO CONFERENCE ADDENDUM



### Candidates for District Six Nominating Committee



**Karen Crawford**

**Altrusa International of Lexington, KY Inc.**

Karen has been a member of the Altrusa Club of Lexington since 2008. During that time, she has served as President (2 terms), Vice President, and Club Treasurer. Karen has been active on various club committees. She has served as Membership Co-Chair and Service Co-Chair with focus on community service projects. In addition, she has served multiple times as the Chairperson for their annual Mighty Moms project, where our Lexington club provides a weekend of fun activities for Mothers of medically fragile children. She is currently serving as Immediate Past President.

Professionally, she has been employed by Lexmark International, Inc. for the past 28 years. Most of her career has been in the Supply Chain area focusing on customer service, product planning, and forecasting. She is currently a business analyst in Commissions.



**Christine DeVlieger**

**Altrusa International of DeKalb County, Illinois**

Chris has been a member of Altrusa International of DeKalb-Sycamore since January 2003. Chris served on many committees and held various offices in her club, including Club President (2007-2009). She has served on the District Six Board as Secretary (2005-2009), Second Vice Governor (2009-2011), First Vice Governor (2011-2013), Governor-Elect (2013-2015) and as District Governor (2015-2017). At the International level, Chris was involved in several committees before she served as International Director (2017-2019) and currently as International Treasurer. In observance of Altrusa's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Chris became a Lucente Lamplighter in 2017.

Outside of Altrusa, Chris has been a human resources professional for over 30 years. Most recently Chris became a Certified Dream Manager, so yes – Chris gets paid to help her employees dream. She also is Ramsey Solutions Preferred Coach and certified facilitator for Real Colors. Chris teaches Financial Peace University and holds classes for employees to obtain their U.S. citizenship.

Chris volunteers and/or serves on numerous boards in her community – Feed My Starving Children, Kishwaukee United Way, Kishwaukee Area Human Resources and as a lunch buddy for Family Service Agency.

Chris and her husband, Steve, have been married over 30 years. They have two children: Jordan (27 years) and Emily (24 years) who is also an Altrusan. In her free time, Chris enjoys gardening, shopping at flea markets and estate sales for antiques and Christmas items, reading and traveling. This year Chris' travel plans outside of her home state include Wisconsin, Florida, District Fourteen in Puerto Rico, District Seven in South Dakota, Ireland, Scotland, Las Vegas and Iowa.



## CALL TO CONFERENCE ADDENDUM



### Candidates for District Six Nominating Committee



**Jill Falls**

**Altrusa International of Fox Valley, Illinois, Inc.**

Jill has been an Altrusan since 12/2003. She has held all Board positions except for Secretary. She was Club President 2012-13 & 2013-14. She was Altrusan of the Year in 2008, Nominating Committee Chair since 2015 and also current Club Foundation Treasurer. She was Auction Chair or Co-Chair for 12 years and 2015-2017 District Long Range Strategic Planning Chair.

Jill Retired from a career in Banking of 43 years in 2015. Finishing her career as a Retail Branch Manager and Operations Officer. She spends time in Texas with 3 grandkids. Also, she is proud to have a daughter, Heather, a sister and Mom in the same Altrusa Club, and has attended several Conferences with her daughter, Heather. She has also participated in two Conventions.

### **2020 District Six Conference is Cancelled**

**Based on our concern for the health and well-being of our members the District Six Board has decided to cancel the 2020 District Six Conference scheduled for April 17-19. This decision was not made lightly, but with the emergencies declared by the Governor of Illinois on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the U.S. President on March 13<sup>th</sup>, it certainly seemed to be the right decision. We have been able to negotiate with the hotels and conference center in Champaign to hold the 2021 conference there on May 7-9.**

**Since there is business that needs to be conducted by our delegates, we are scheduling an electronic meeting of these individuals and award nominees on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, which was the day of our business meeting during conference.**

**A more detailed report has been sent to all club presidents to share with their members.**

**In Altrusa Service,**

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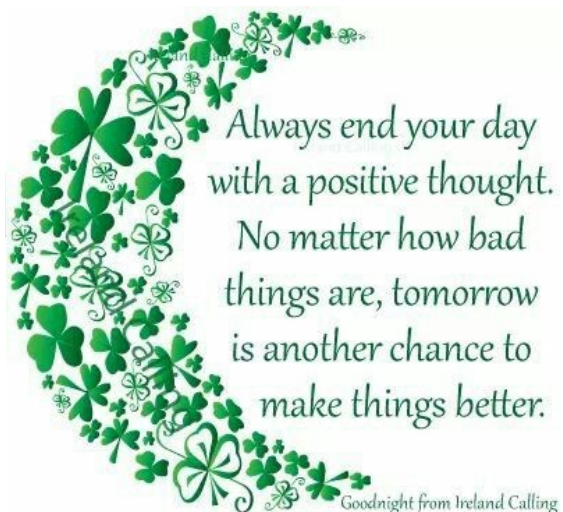
**District Six Governor**





Altrusa International, Inc. – District Six  
Proposed Budget for 2020-21

|  | YTD<br>January<br>2020 | 2019-2020<br>Budget | Difference        | 2020-21<br>Budget  | Notes on 2020-21 Budget  |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <b>INCOME:</b>   |                        |                     |                   |                    |  |
| Membership Dues  | \$8313.00              | \$9,300.00          | (\$987.00)        | \$8250.00          | Based on maintaining membership as of 1/31/2010  |
| Membership Dues - Affiliate Members                                | \$155.00               | \$140.00            | \$15.00           | \$155.00           |  |
| Interest from (CD/MMF)   | \$478.18               | \$400.00            | \$78.18           | \$475.00           | Returned to CD's   |
| Supplies from Doc Morgan Sold                                      | -                      | \$1,000.00          | (\$1000.00)       | \$1,000.00         | An in and out for Altrusa Store  |
| Conference Advance   | -                      | \$1,000.00          | (\$1000.00)       | \$0.00             | No longer needed – pay from Conference Account   |
| Conference Fees  | \$460.00               | \$550.00            | (\$90.00)         | \$490.00           | Same as for membership dues  |
| From Conference Account to Pay CC                                  | \$10,000.00            |                     | \$10,000.00       | \$10,000.00        | Continue to earn reward \$\$   |
| Silent Auction/International                                       |                        | \$0.00              |                   | \$2000.00          | Need to run this through District Account  |
| Credit Card Rewards  | \$175.00               | \$0.00              | 175.00            | \$175.00           | From use of District CC  |
| Contributions  | \$0.00                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00            |                    | Remove from budget   |
| Miscellaneous – Int. Dues from Terre Haute                         | \$770.00               | \$150.00            | \$620.00          | \$0.00             | Any income is a bonus!   |
| Reserve to Balance   | \$0.00                 | \$818.00            | \$818.00          | \$1920.00          | Reserve to balance budget  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  | <b>20,351.18</b>       | <b>\$13,358.00</b>  | <b>\$6993.18</b>  | <b>\$24,895.00</b> |  |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>   |                        |                     |                   |                    |  |
| Club Visits  | \$1057.83              | \$1,700.00          | (\$506.75)        | \$1800.00          | Based on assigned visitors   |
| Conference Expenses  | \$0.00                 | \$4,765.00          | (4765.00)         | \$5000.00          | Based on costs and location  |
| Club Building  | \$0.00                 | \$500.00            | (\$500.00)        | \$400.00           |  |
| Website  | \$0.00                 | \$100.00            | (\$100.00)        | \$0.00             | No longer needed   |
| Conference Advance   | \$0.00                 | \$180.00            | (\$180.00)        | \$0.00             | No longer needed – see above   |
| Print, Duplicate, Postage, Supplies                                | \$0.00                 | \$50.00             | (\$50.00)         | \$50.00            |  |
| District Board Meetings  | \$1202.30              | \$1,390.00          | (\$187.70)        | \$1750.00          | Based on costs and location  |
| Int'l Conv.: Gov. & Board  | \$1540.21              | \$2,400.00          | (\$859.79)        | \$1200.00          | 1/2 - to be carried over to 2021-22 budget<br>1/2 to be carried over to 2021-22 budget |
| Governor Elect Planning/Training                                   | \$800.00               | \$800.00            | \$0.00            | \$400.00           | An in and out for Altrusa Store  |
| Supplies for Resale  | \$0.00                 | \$1,000.00          | (\$1000.00)       | \$1000.00          | 1/3 – carry over – pay in 2023   |
| Officer Bond & Insurance   | \$314.00               | \$313.00            | \$1.00            | \$105.00           | Showing practice   |
| CC Payment of Conference Fees                                      | \$10,000.00            |                     |                   | \$10,000.00        | Same as above  |
| Silent Auction/International                                       |                        |                     |                   | \$2000.00          | Remove from budget   |
| Contributions to International Awards                              | \$0.00                 | \$0.00              |                   | \$175.00           | District Awards  |
| Int'l Dues - Affiliates  | \$60.00                | \$110.00            | (\$60.00)         | 110.00             | Currently two affiliate members  |
| Return of International Dues to Terre Haute                        | \$770.00               |                     |                   |                    |  |
| Interest from CD's to Principle of CD's                            |                        |                     |                   | \$475.00           | Returned to CD's   |
| Miscellaneous  |                        | \$0.00              |                   | \$0.00             |  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>   | <b>\$15,158.76</b>     | <b>\$13,358.00</b>  | <b>\$1,800.76</b> | <b>\$24,895.00</b> |  |
| Account Balance (Merchants Bank)                                   |                        |                     |                   | \$9,221.60         | As of 1/31/2020  |
| 5 Yr Worry Free CD (matures 7/2/2020) - rate is 1.99 (Mutual Bank) |                        |                     |                   | \$6,644.63         | As of 12/31/2019   |
| 7 Month CD (matures 09/02/2020) - rate is 1.75 (Mutual Bank)       |                        |                     |                   | \$21,614.08        | As of 12/31/2019   |
| <b>Total Net Worth</b>   |                        |                     |                   | <b>\$37,480.31</b> |  |



**REMINDERS FOR THE MONTH**

**United Nations Days**

- ◆ April 7—World Health Day

## NEW MEMBERS

### JANUARY

|               |                                |   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Bedford       | Judi Early<br>Phyllis Stickles | Sponsors: Mary Barnes and Fannie Lee<br>Sponsor: Becky Bailey |
| DeKalb County | Elaine Cozort                  | Sponsor: Joy Gulotta  |

### FEBRUARY

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| Champaign-Urbana | Jeniece Mitchell   | Sponsor: Holliday Thompson   |
| DeKalb County    | Darlene Driscoe<br>Veronica Riestra<br>Madelin Stagnito<br>Laura L. Zavala | Sponsors: Chris DeVlieger and Julie Lamb<br>Sponsors: Chris DeVlieger and Julie Lamb<br>Sponsors: Chris DeVlieger and Julie Lamb<br>Sponsors: Chris DeVlieger and Julie Lamb |
| Evansville       | Andrea Kiesel<br>Jean Reising  | Sponsor: Jeannie Kiesel<br>Sponsor: Jeannie Kiesel   |
| Muncie           | Sarah Allison  | Sponsors: Janice Engstrom and Beth Kroehler  |

## DECEASED MEMBERS

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|------------|---|
| New Albany | Wanda Parr, Emeritus Member passed away January 13, 2020. Wanda was a 25 year member of Altrusa, served for a number of years as club treasurer, chair of various club committees and attended several district conferences.                    |
| Lexington  | Rebecca (Becky) Ray, Emeritus Member passed away February 24, 2020. Becky was a 14 year member and the immediate past District Treasurer. She had served on the district board for eight years. She was a past president of the Lexington Club. |

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