

As I am preparing for the 2021 District Six Conference and writing this column, I am doing so with mixed emotions. My biennium certainly has not been what I envisioned as we started this journey in April 2019. Early on, everything was normal with club visits, conference calls with club presidents, and Champaign-Urbana had an exciting District Six Conference planned for April 2020. We had even sent out the 2020 *Call to Conference*, but then came early March and COVID-19. From that point, everything has been different. Last spring, the District had a conference call to conduct the business of the district and to present the various awards. We had hoped this would only be a temporary blip on our plans, but soon realized there was going to be a new normal for Altrusa.

Had you heard of Zoom before 2020? I checked and Zoom has been around for 10 years, but has become a primary means for meetings, work, and social gatherings within this past year. Fortunately, many have been able to use it to have our club meetings, do club visits, do fundraising, conduct our business for clubs and the district through Zoom. Your District Six Board is now putting together our 65th District Six Conference on May 7-8, 2021 to be held via Zoom. Our goal is to make it as much like an in-person conference as possible. We have even built in a couple of short social times. Please review the *Call to Conference* which is sent with this *InTouch* for the details of the conference.

Since travel is not required and the registration fee is very low, we hope that we will have several clubs and members participating in the conference. It is my plan to have every club represented on the program and 100% attendance of clubs to the 2021 conference.

We are also planning a special activity on April 11, 2021 to celebrate Altrusa's birthday. This will be a Zoom event that will give you the chance to try out Zoom if you haven't used it or feel a little uncomfortable Zooming. The invitation is included, so you can get the date and time on your calendar, but the invitation will be sent to you again about a week before the event.

It has been my privilege to have served as your District Governor for this biennium. Over the past four years, I have had the opportunity to visit every club in District Six, although a couple were by Zoom, and meet all the great Altrusans.

In Altrusa Service



Governor Sue



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Report of actions taken by the District Six Board at the January 16, 2021 board meeting:

- Approved the minutes of the November 10, 2020 and December 15, 2020 board meetings.
- Approved the \$25.00 registration fee for the 2021 District Six Conference.
- Approved the purchase of a subscription of Pro Zoom for use by the District and the clubs.
- Approved a slight modification to Galesburg proposed District Six Service Grant.
- Approved a \$50.00 donation to the International Foundation in memory of Nancy Heal, District Six Secretary.
- Decided to hold club officers' leadership training workshops in April 2021 instead of the District Six 2021 Conference. The specific date will be announced by Governor-elect Jan Fritz.
- Approved (by email) the appointment of Bev Herzog as Credentials Chair for the District Six Conference.
- Approved (by email) the appointment of Elaine Wolf as Elections Chair for the District Six Conference.

Report of actions taken by the District Six Board at the February 17, 2021 board meeting:

- Approved the minutes of the January 16, 2021 board meeting.
- Approved for presentation to the body of delegates at the 2021 District Six Conference the 2021-22 Proposed Budget.
- Approved the following theme for the 2021 conference and the 2021-23 biennium: **Focus on the Future. Choose to Serve!**
- Approved the plan to have door prize drawings at the Friday opening session, Saturday's general session and closing session. Door prizes will be \$25.00 gift certificates from Doc Morgan.
- Agreed to the proposed plan to have a Zoom birthday party to celebrate Altrusa's 104th birthday on April 11, 2021.



NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL

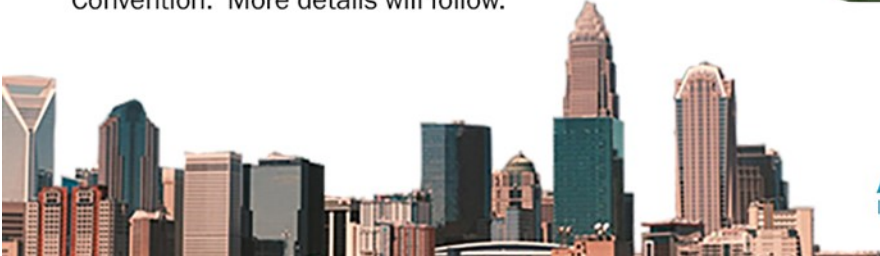
Due to current travel restrictions brought on by Covid-19/Coronavirus, and this unprecedented time of travel uncertainty, it is no longer feasible to continue plans for a 2021 International Convention in Quebec City, Canada. We are pleased to announce that our new 2021 International Convention destination will be:

Charlotte, North Carolina

July 28-31

Travel with us to the Queen City, the home of NASCAR, which boasts great food, rich history, trails, botanical gardens, and even whitewater rafting.

Please note the date change as well. Much time and consideration has gone into finding ways to keep Altrusans safe while avoiding the cancellation of our International Convention. More details will follow.



The Call to the International Convention came out this week to all members. Please see this for additional information about the convention in July.

REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

Club Presidents Zoom Meeting – March 2nd and 9th where our topic will be working with clubs on using Zoom in preparation for the District Six Conference in May. Club delegates and others planning to attend the Zoom conference in May are invited to attend. Check with your club president regarding meeting times and the Zoom link.

March 15, 2021 – Applications for the second round of Altrusa International Foundation Grants are due. The grant awards are up to \$4000.00 for projects that would be completed between May 15, 2021 and May 15, 2022. Additional Information and application are available on the Foundation website. You can access this through the Altrusa International website at www.altrusa.org.

April 11, 2021 – Altrusa International's Birthday – Plan to join District Six on Zoom for a District Six Birthday Party. See the invitation in this *In Touch*. Clubs should also plan to celebrate Altrusa birthday in April.

*You're
Invited*

Zoom Birthday Party

Celebrating 104 Years of Altrusa

April 11, 2021

5:00 – 6:00 PM (Eastern)/4:00 – 5:00 PM (Central)



Indianapolis, IN—1917
Lafayette, IN—1922
Lexington, KY—1923
Muncie, IN—1924
Terre Haute, IN—1924
Kokomo, IN—1925
New Albany, IN—1925
Paris, IL—1925

Pekin, IL—1925
Galesburg, IL—1945
Elgin, IL—1947
Bedford, IN—1949
Champaign-Urbana, IL—1950
Springfield, IL—1950
Fox Valley, IL—1951
Jeffersonville, IN—1956

Macomb, IL—1961
Quincy, IL—1961
Decatur, IL—1962
DeKalb County, IL—1962
Evansville, IN—1970
Warsaw, IN—1974
Canton, IL—1975
Hamilton County, IN—1989

**Join your fellow Altrusans for a fun time of visiting
and toasting 104 years of Altrusa in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky!**



<https://bsu.zoom.us/j/3927702334?pwd=Und5RII4UWo3VTZYdmVEYjI1bnNKUT09>

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New Members

January

Muncie, IN

Michele Owen
**Sponsors: Shannon Bryan and
Brenda Williamson**

February

Champaign-Urbana, IL

Brandi Clements
**Sponsors: Monica David and
Robbie Edwards**

Elgin

Linnea Forney
Sponsor: Nancy Gerner

Deceased Members

Lucille Allen, Indianapolis, IN died on December 21, 2020. Lucille has been an Emeritus member since 1988. She became an Altrusa member in June 1971. She would have been a 50-year member this year.

Wanda McGinnis, Past District Six Governor died on June 29, 2020. Wanda was an Emeritus member. (In checking past DSBs I found that I had not included her passing.)

Phyllis Stickles, Bedford, February 12, 2021. Although she had only been a member for one year, she had volunteered for a number of their service projects and had been slated to be the recording secretary in 2021-2022.

UPCOMING UNITED NATIONS DAYS TO OBSERVE



March 8 - International Women's Day

March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

April 7 - World Health Day

April 22 - International Mother Earth Day

May 15 - International Day of Families

