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CALL TO CONFERENCE ISSUE

On behalf of the Board, I want to invite all District Six Altrusans to the 66th District Six Altrusa Conference in Champaign-Urbana, IL on April 22 – 24, 2022. We will be having the Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center as well as the Homewood Suites which is next door. The Conference co-chairs Holly Thompson and Bev Herzog, along with their Conference Committee members, have been working hard planning a fun and exciting Conference.

Attached to this *Call to Conference* is the registration form along with information to make hotel reservations.

The District Board is excited to have our first in-person Conference since 2019. It will be great to see all our Altrusa friends and be able to share information with each other eye to eye. We are honored to be welcoming our International President-Elect, Linda Smith, who will be with us during our entire Conference. You are encouraged to meet her during our dinners, workshops and at receptions in the hospitality room.

It would be great to have all clubs represented at this year's Conference. You will be able to enjoy several workshops, tours, speakers, and a wonderful hospitality room at various times during the Conference. Also, the Shop 'N Swap, Altrusa Store and the Silent Auction will be open during the Conference for you to enjoy.

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Happy to CU Again...Seeing Possibilities

We are truly happy to CU again after not having an in-person conference since 2019. The 66th Annual District Six Conference is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn and at the Homewood Suites in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois on April 22-24, 2022.

Our goal is to make this a fun conference and to celebrate being together again. To add to the fun we will have a Friday Trivia Challenge, an all-conference Scavenger Hunt with prizes drawn on Sunday morning, a chance to get a photo with the famous UI Alma Mater statue (cutout) and props in our selfie booth, and a chance to sign up for a group photo on Saturday night. The New Orleans Jazz Machine will get your blood flowing after dinner Saturday.

The Hospitality room hosted by the CU Club (complete with patio if the weather permits) will be the site of much fun and fellowship. It will be open Friday afternoon for early arrivers to meet and greet. It will reopen for dessert (cake and beverages) after Friday dinner. On Saturday afternoon our cookies and coffee social will be in Hospitality. Saturday night we will toast Governor Jan Fritz who missed out on her in-person installation with wine, beverages, and nibbles.

Our Service Project is Books for Lincoln's ChalleNGe highlighted in this publication - a perfect fit for our Altrusa International focus and a chance to add to your 500 Book Challenge total.

To start off our first day, we have two tours, including a Tea Ceremony at Japan House. Then choose between a make-and-take star lantern workshop and two Altrusa workshops before our evening Opening Session and Awards Dinner.

Saturday begins with our Annual Business Meeting, followed by lunch and our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Nancy O'Brien who oversees the US's second largest collection of children's books, behind the Library of Congress, among her accomplishments. In the afternoon you can learn from a lawyer, a mechanic, or a women's health practitioner or participate in one of three Altrusa focused workshops.

Start Sunday with an Ecumenical Service at 8:30 if you like. At 9:30 we will wrap up with breakfast, a presentation from our International guest Linda Smith, a Foundation update, a memorial service, an invitation to the 2023 Conference in Muncie, and our scavenger hunt prizes drawing.

We are so excited to be seeing you again!

Holly Thompson and Bev Herzog

2022 District Conference Chairs.



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

As Altrusans, we all have the responsibility to keep each other safe from Covid 19 or any disease that is easily transmitted. With that in mind, we will follow guidance from the State and local authorities as well as any policies imposed by the Conference facilities as it relates to Covid 19.

The State is lifting the mask mandate as of February 28th. We ask, however, that each member be responsible for the safety of others. If within 10 days prior to the start of the District Conference you experience any symptoms of Covid such as fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, please take that into consideration and get tested. Again, if you are uncertain if it is Covid, and even if your symptoms have been resolved, please take appropriate steps through testing to ensure that you are not contagious with Covid.

If at the time of the Conference you have symptoms or have tested positive for Covid, please stay home and take care of yourself.

For further guidance as it relates to masks, isolation if positive, testing and related Covid matters, please check with the CDC recommendations for the most current information. We know this information is reaching you two months before Conference and mandates may change since numbers do seem to be going down in many parts of the state.

We will keep you posted concerning changes through your club presidents and during Conference also.



2022 DISTRICT SIX CONFERENCE TIPS

Before Conference:

Send in your registration form and money to Bev Herzog – see registration form for details.

Reserve your room. We will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn or Homewood Suites in Champaign, IL. Ask for Altrusa rates for that weekend. If you make your reservations online, use the code “ALT” to get the \$125 rate for either of the hotels.

Bring to Conference:

Club Banner

Altrusa pin

Silent Auction Donation (proceeds to go to International Foundation)

Service Project – bring books for Lincoln’s ChalleNGe (can be counted toward your 500 book donation for this biennium)

Story board of what your club does in Service Projects (will be on display but are not being judged)

Baskets/items your club would like to raffle or sell at the Shop ‘N Swap



Fun and Excitement Await You!!

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL BOARD VISITOR

LINDA SMITH

International President-Elect 2021-2023

Altrusa International of Salina, Kansas

District Eight

presidentelect@altrusa.org



Linda K. Smith has been an Altrusan since 1990. She has been active on all levels of the organization. She first served as local President in 1992 and completed a second term in 2017. Linda has held most local offices and committee chair positions.

On the District level, Linda has served as New Club Building Chair (2000-2001), Membership Chair (2001), Director (2002-2004), First Vice Governor (2004-2006), Governor-Elect (2006-2008), Governor (2008-2011), and Immediate Past Governor (2011-2013). She has also served several Governors as Parliamentarian. She currently serves as DSB Editor.

On the International level, Linda served as International Service Development Chair (2011-2013), International Nominating Committee Chair (2013-2015), Convention Function Coordinator for the 2015 International Convention in Kansas City, and District Eight Representative on the Altrusa International Centennial Committee. Linda served as International Director for the 2017-2019 biennium and as International Vice President for the 2019-2021 biennium. She currently serves as International President-Elect and will be installed as International President in July 2023.

Linda is single and lives with her twin sister in Salina, KS, where they are both very active in community, state and national organizations. Linda served as President of the local hospital auxiliary for 4 years and continues to serve as Scholarship Chair. She has also been President of two state-wide organizations, served 4 years on a national board, and served a term as Chair of Humanities Kansas. She spends much of her time volunteering to make her community better! Professionally, Linda has worked at the Eisenhower Presidential Library for 50 years.





Conference Information to Assist in Your Planning

1. Come early on Friday to participate in the Friday afternoon Tours and Workshops. See description of these elsewhere in the *Call to Conference*.
2. Registration will be open by 11:00 am on Friday morning.
3. Individually and/or as a club, bring items for the Silent Auction which benefits the International Foundation. See information elsewhere in the *Call to Conference*.
4. There is an opportunity for clubs to participate in the Swap 'N Shop. Some clubs have items they sell and/or have raffle baskets. See additional information in the *Call to Conference* on signing up for table space if you plan to participate.
5. Friday evening is the **Opening Session** of Conference and will include the following:
 - a. Reception to meet our International visitor, Linda Smith. Linda is the International President-Elect from District Eight.
 - b. Flag ceremony and introduction of the District Six Board.
 - c. Parade of Club Banners – Club president or representative will carry in the banner as they are introduced. **Don't forget to bring your club banner!**
 - d. International Awards will be announced:
 - i. Mamie L. Bass Service Award
 - ii. Letha H. Brown Literacy Award
 - iii. Nina Faye Calhoun International Relations Award
 - e. Other Awards or Recognitions:
 - i. Rookie of the Year
 - iv. Governor's Award
6. After the Friday evening dinner, we will have a fun evening of Trivia and the Hospitality Room will be open for dessert and beverages.
7. Saturday will include:
 - a. Business meeting and election of the District's candidate for International Nominating Committee and the District's 2023-2025 Nominating Committee.
 - b. All Conference hands-on Service Project is **BOOKS OF KNOWLEDGE- Donate Books for Lincoln ChalleNGe Academy**. Bring your books with you when you register for conference. On Saturday after the business meeting, conference attendees will put bookplates in all of the books. See additional details about the project and the types of books needed elsewhere in the *Call to Conference*.
 - c. All Conference Speaker: Dr. Nancy O'Brien, during the Luncheon (additional details about this are found on page 18 in this *Call to Conference*).

- d. Other workshop topics such as:
 - i. Basic Car Maintenance
 - ii. Women's Health
 - iii. Panel on Writing International Foundation Grants
 - e. Last opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items and shop in the Swap 'N Shop and Altrusa Store.
8. Saturday evening will be the **Conference Banquet** where you will have the opportunity to dress up and enjoy conversation with fellow Altrusans. Exciting entertainment is planned for us. We will conclude the evening with conversation in the Hospitality Room.
9. The **Closing Session** on Sunday will include:
- a. Buffet breakfast.
 - b. Report from the International Foundation Liaison and results of the Silent Auction.
 - c. Results and prize drawing of scavenger hunt.
 - d. Presentation by the International President-Elect, Linda Smith.
 - d. Memorial service.
 - e. Information on the 2023 International Convention in San Antonio, TX.
 - f. Call to 2023 District Six Conference by Altrusa International of Muncie, IN Inc.
10. **Registration Deadlines.**
- a. **Conference:** Early Conference Registration Postmark Deadline is **March 30, 2022.**
 - b. **Hotel:** We have blocks of rooms in two adjacent hotels - the Hilton Garden Inn and the Homewood Suites. (Note: all conference sessions will be held in the Hilton, while the Conference Hospitality Room is in the Homewood Suites.)
The block of rooms for the conference will only be held and guaranteed at the conference rate of \$125 until **March 22, 2022.** Please note reservations can be made online or by calling the number provided in the Hotel Information found elsewhere in the *Call to Conference*. **Group code** if you place your reservation online is **ALT** for both hotels.

Club Presidents will get details on the number of club delegates and alternates from the District Six Secretary in February.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Happy to C-U Again

Thursday, April 21, 2022

5:00 pm—7:30 pm	Board Meeting —Nittany Lions Room
8:00 pm—10:00 pm	Preconference Board meeting —Nittany Lions Room

Friday, April 22, 2022

8:00 am—11:30 am	Preconference Board meeting —Nittany Lions Room
11:00 am— 5:45 pm	Registration and Credentialing —Conference Registration Desk BOOKS FOR SERVICE <u>Lincoln's ChalleNGe</u> (take to Wildcats/Boiler) Set up for Swap 'N Shop, Silent Auction and Altrusa store—Badgers Room
11 am—5:45 pm	Meet for carpool – Conference Registration Area
12:45 pm	U of I <u>Japan House Tour</u> of gardens and Tea Ceremony
1 pm—3 pm	SECOND TOUR Spurlock Museum
1 pm—3 pm	Meet and Greet —Hospitality in Homewood Room

3 pm Friday – 9:30 am Sunday—Photo Booth w Alma Mater—Boilermakers Room

WORKSHOPS 3:30—4:30

Make n Take PAPER LANTERN	Hawkeye Room
First Timers Workshop	Buckeyes Room
Service Workshop	Hoosier Room

6 pm—6:30 pm	Reception for International Visitor/ cash bar—Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers Rooms
6:30 pm—8:45 pm	Awards Dinner —Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers Rooms Greeting by International visitor; Recognition of past governors and chairs; award presentations; Greetings by Holly and Bev and announcements. TRIVIA FUN!
8:45 pm	Hospitality —Homewood Room for cake, beverages and conversation

Saturday, April 23, 2022

7 am—8:30 am	Breakfast on your own
8 am—Noon	Registration and Credentials open (credentials close at 9 am) - Conference registration desk
8 am—8:50 am	Silent Auction/ Swap 'N Shop Shop/ Altrusa Store —Badgers Room
9 am	BRR, Budget Briefing, Candidates Forum —Golden Gopher/Spartans Rooms
9:30 am—10:30 am	Business Meeting —Golden Gopher/Spartans Rooms Reports, nominations from the floor, old and new business, report by International visitor
10:00 am—11 am	Service Project —Books for Lincoln's Challenge book plates—Wildcats/ Boilermaker Rooms
11 am—Noon	Silent Auction/ Swap 'N Shop Shop/ Altrusa Store —Badgers Room Voting —Golden Gopher/Spartans Rooms

Noon—1:30 pm **Lunch and Conference Speaker**—Dr. Nancy O'Brien curator of world's largest children's book collection—UI Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers room
1:30 pm—3:00 pm **Hospitality** (Homewood Room) - cookies & coffee
1:30 pm—2:30 pm Last chance for **Silent Auction/ Swap 'N Shop/ Altrusa Store**—Badgers Room

WORKSHOPS 2:30—4:15 pm

2:30 pm—3:15 pm—**Car Maintenance**—Hoosiers Room
2:30 pm—3:15 pm—**Stump the Lawyer**—Hawkeyes Room
2:30 pm—3:15 pm—**Strategic Planning**—Buckeyes Room
3:30 pm—4:15 pm—**Women's Health**—Hawkeyes Room
3:30 pm—4:15 pm—**Cyber Security**—Hoosiers Room
3:30 pm—4:15 pm—**Successful International Foundation Grants**—Buckeyes Room

6:00 pm **Reception**—Fighting Illini/Cornhusker Rooms
6:30 pm **Banquet**—Fighting Illini/Cornhusker Rooms
Entertainment—New Orleans Jazz Machine, raffle drawings, auction results
Hospitality —Homewood Room after dinner—11pm (toast to Gov Jan)

Sunday, April 24, 2022

8:30 am **Ecumenical Service**—Spartan/Golden Gophers, Major Susan Summit
9:15 am **Breakfast**—Fighting Illini/Cornhusker Rooms
Closing session—Includes address by International visitor, memorial service, prizes for scavenger hunt, invitation to next Conference



PRECONFERENCE TOURS—Friday afternoon 1:00 pm–3:00 pm



JAPAN HOUSE TEA CEREMONY AND GARDEN TOUR

Altrusans can participate in a tea ceremony, stroll through the gardens, or view the Japanese art. The tea ceremony can only accommodate 25 people, so be sure to register for this tour early.

Visitors may also view many other forms of Japanese art displayed along the walls of this traditionally-styled structure. Cherry blossoms may be blooming.

SPURLOCK MUSEUM

Learn about different civilizations at this museum. The collections represent historic and contemporary peoples from around the world. Roam the galleries and discover art and artifacts from many cultures. A special exhibit, “Sewn in Memory: AIDS Quilt Panels from Central Illinois,” is being featured. The 19 quilt panels have been displayed in Washington D.C. and are personalized with symbols and visual representations of community members who died of AIDS.



12:45 pm

We will meet in the Conference Registration Area to carpool. The transportation company we had planned to use is no longer available, and we have been unable to secure a replacement. Therefore, we will be carpooling.

Both locations are nearby and easily reached from Kirby Avenue which runs in front of the hotel. We will supply maps/routes/parking information for nonlocal drivers.

Please let us know if you can drive or need a ride.

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS—Friday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

FIRST TIMERS

Time well spent for Altrusans who are attending their first District Six Conference...and a great review for those who have been around a while!



MAKE & TAKE PAPER LANTERN

Paper star lanterns are a fun decoration you can hang on their own and even put over a light to illuminate. These are made from your choice of craft paper (mix and match, or pick one pattern), and consist of cutting, folding, and gluing or taping the pieces together to make the 3D star.



Hole punches (sometimes filled with tissue paper on the inside) and other designs may be added. They fold up nicely, so when not in use, they are easy to store.



Supplies will be provided.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE... CHOOSE SERVICE

Great information on the International Projects (Days for Girls & Literacy Biennium Challenge) plus more service Information for your clubs!



SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS—2:15 pm—3:00 pm

BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE



Everything you wanted to know about maintaining your car.

Jon Ross, instructor and faculty chair from the Automotive Technology program at Parkland College will give basic tips on maintenance plus answer your questions about what, why, where and how.

STUMP THE LAWYER

Get answers to simple legal issues during this audience participation session. Attorneys Ellen Beattie and Ruth Wyman will answer your questions.

Ellen is an Altrusan and has been in private practice in Champaign County since 1993. She concentrates her practice in family law, including divorce, custody, child support, adoptions and guardianships. She is a 1993 graduate of Chicago Kent College of Law and a 1982 graduate of the University of Illinois.

Ruth is a graduate of the UI college of law and practices family, real estate, and criminal law among other specialties. She has held several public service positions and has received a Roberta Bishop Johnson Community Service Award and the Champaign-Urbana Area Projects Distinguished Community Advocate Award.



Ellen Beattie

STRATEGIC PLANNING



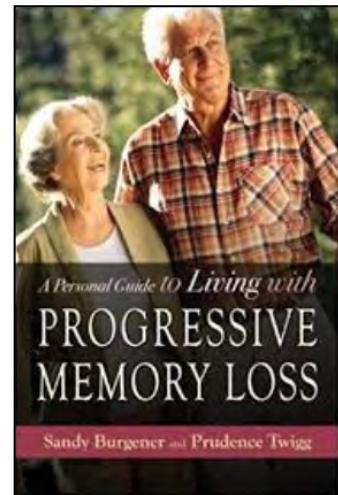
Angela Beck, a member of the Altrusa Club of Muncie and your Governor-Elect, will lead this workshop. A strategic plan does not have to be long or cumbersome. It needs to show your vision and goals for the five different areas: Service, Marketing, Members, Leaders and Member Services. She will share a template that can be found on the International website as well as tips for completing it for your club.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS—3:15 pm—4:00 pm

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Professor **Sandy Burgener's** main research area for the past fourteen years has been identifying variables associated with the quality of life in persons with dementia. In this workshop she will describe common changes in mental functioning inherent in the aging brain. Self-care practices that assist in preserving and/or enhancing brain function and memory based on a summary of current research and practice will also be presented.

Pictured on the right is the book she co-authored.



CYBER SECURITY

Georgette Smith (Altrusa Club of Lexington and a member of the District Six Board) will serve as leader. To implement cyber security tips to protect yourself, you first need to understand what is a cyber attack. During this session, you will learn what a cyber attack is as well as helpful tips to keep your identify, personal information and data secure.

SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS

Dana Vierck (member of International Foundation Board) will share information on writing successful grants. She will also have the new form to be used and tidbits to make your applications successful. District Six clubs who have written successful grants for community projects will explain how they did it.





**REGISTRATION FORM
2022 DISTRICT SIX CONFERENCE
APRIL 22-24, 2022**

Conference Registration Postmark Deadline is March 31, 2022

All conference registrations will be confirmed either by email or phone.

If you do not receive a confirmation, you may not be registered.

By attending, you attest to being fully vaccinated or have tested negative within 48 hours.

Member Name _____ **Number Years a Member** _____

Club Name Altrusa International of

Home Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

First 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? (no additional charge) Please describe

Disability? Please share any special accommodations needed:

Please check all that apply for the year 2021-2022

CLUB **DISTRICT** **INTERNATIONAL**

President Officer Past Intl President

President Elect/ Past Governor International Officer

Vice President
Planning and Development

Secretary District Chairman International Representative

Treasurer Governor International Committee Chair

ASTRA Member Conference Speaker Lamplighter

Lucente

Please check if any of the following are applicable for you:

Delegate Alternate First Timer

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Transportation will be by carpool for the tours. Details will be provided to those who sign up for tours. The University of Illinois requires proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 48 hours to enter all properties, so please

Japan House Tea Ceremony and Garden Tour- University of Illinois- Mark and include \$29 fee per person on page 2 of registration form. Maximum 25. can drive need a ride
 Spurlock Museum, University of Illinois. No charge. can drive need a ride

CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

The 2022 Conference offers sleeping rooms in two adjacent hotels - the Hilton Garden Inn and the Homewood Suites. (Note: all Conference sessions will be held in the Hilton, while the Conference Hospitality Room is in the Homewood Suites.)

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel room reservations. Rooms are being held at each hotel. **Conference registration fee does NOT include your room at the hotel.**



HILTON GARDEN INN **1501 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL**

The Hilton Garden Inn has King rooms at \$125 per night plus tax

HOMewood SUITES **1417 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL**

The Homewood Suites offers one Bedroom King Bed Suites with a pull-out sofa in the living room at \$125 per night plus tax

These rates include free parking. The Hilton Garden Inn has an on-site restaurant which serves made-to-order breakfast. The Homewood Suites room rate includes free breakfast buffet. Check-in time is 3 pm and check-out time is noon at both hotels. There is a McDonalds across the street south, and a diner serving breakfast across the street east. A Walgreens is across the parking lot for last minute or emergency needs. Jarling's Ice Cream is a half block west!!

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM:

Call **1-800-774-1500** and ask for the **Altrusa International 2022 District Conference rate.**

Reserve your room online by typing the hotel name in your browser.

[Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, IL](#) The group code is ALT
[Homewood Suites, Champaign, IL](#) The group code is ALT

THE RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE IS MARCH 22, 2022. Reservations made after this date are subject to availability and the current hotel rate at the time of booking.

DISTRICT SIX 2022 SERVICE PROJECT

BOOKS OF KNOWLEDGE—Donate Books for Lincoln ChalleNGe Academy

Bring Books to the Conference for the Academy's Library

The Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy has requested books to supplement the educational experience while cadets are enrolled in the program in Rantoul. Two of the major eight goals of the program are increasing educational grade levels and setting and achieving personal goals. Having access to books on a variety of subjects will help the cadets achieve these two important goals.

The cadets who attend the program are teenagers who are between the ages of 16-18. They are Illinois residents, citizens or legal residents who have dropped out of high school. They do not have current court cases and must demonstrate that they are drug free. By enrolling in the Academy, the cadets will strive to improve their educational and job skills. Each session is 22 weeks. During this time, they attend structured classes to prepare for the GED test and to increase their general knowledge.

When cadets are not in class, they are given free time. During free time, cadets are unable to read for pleasure or additional knowledge as Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy does not have a library. Cadets only have access to books that are sent by the cadets' families. Having a small library with books which cover a variety of topics would enrich the cadets' lives and encourage them to read for recreation.

Please donate books that are appropriate for teenagers who have a range of reading levels and interests. Any Subject Matter, Fiction, Classic novels, Non-fiction, History, Spanish, Multi-cultural, Current Events, Hobbies, Short Stories, Cooking, Science, Travel, Poetry, Nature, Graphic Novels, Humor, Drama, Gardening, Cars, Sports, Maps, Biographies, Careers, Music, Job Training, Dictionaries, "How To's " , Investing, Genealogy, Magic, Parenting, Family Games, Art, Crosswords, Number Games, etc.*

*Books will be approved by the Lincoln's ChalleNGe staff and will be checked for appropriate content and visuals.

The cadets have provided community service hours by volunteering at the Read Across America Community Celebration which was the recipient of the 2019 Letha H. Brown Literacy Award. For many years, they have set-up tables and chairs and cleaned up after the event. They interact with the children who attend by leading literacy activities, including reading to children.

Here are the cadets in action at Read Across America:



LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Nancy P. O'Brien is Professor and Head of the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As Education Subject Specialist, she is responsible for building and maintaining the collection of education resources in all formats, including children's and young adult books, K-12 teaching material, and university level material. She has been an active co-organizer of the biennial Youth Literature Festival (2008-2019) sponsored by the University of Illinois College of Education and University Library.

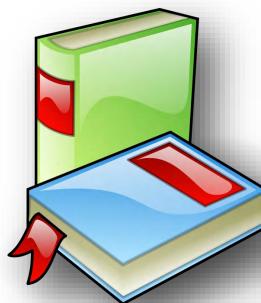
Her research focuses on the history, organization, and management of education and testing resources in libraries. Her interests include the current and historical books that are part of the children's and young adult book collection and the K-12 teaching resources.



Literacy and the Power of Reading

Children who engage with reading benefit through increased vocabulary, learning skills to apply for jobs and become part of the workforce, and gain the ability to participate in civic activities such as voting. Decades ago, some teachers and librarians discouraged students from reading comics and popular books such as the Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew. Now it is recognized that getting children to read anything is an important start – whether it is graphic novels, cereal boxes, or literature.

The University of Illinois Library has the second largest collection of children's books in the U.S., surpassed only by the Library of Congress. The collection dates back to 1800 and newly published material is added each year. The collection is used by teacher education students and students in the library science programs focused on youth services. It includes a wide range of popular and high quality books including many Little Golden Books. The importance of books that reflect the reader will be emphasized, especially in the context of projects working with youth from diverse backgrounds.



FOUNDATION AUCTION

Start your planning for your personal or club's contributions to the International Foundation's Silent Auction. We would like to have at least one entry from each club.

Consider bringing...

- Themed baskets—gardening, travel, food
- Art Work—painting, greeting cards
- Handmade Items—jewelry, needlework, quilted, knitted or crocheted items
- Other treasures or something special from your area

We will also have the popular Luci Lights again this year plus the forms for Club 21 and Lamplighter.

The International Foundation keeps us grounded. Through grants, disaster relief assistance, support programs for children affected by disease and disabilities, Altrusans personally experience the power of "Leading to a Better Community."

If you are a member who cannot attend Conference but would like to donate to the Foundation, write a check, payable to Altrusa International Foundation, and ask another member who is attending Conference to bring it with them.

Karen Brunson
District Six Foundation Liaison
skeeterbutch@gmail.com





SWAP 'N SHOP

The District Conference is a great event at which clubs can sell or raffle fundraising items to benefit their own club. It's fun, too!

Please notify **Shirley Witte** if you plan to participate and whether you will need an entire six foot table or just half. Shirley needs to know **before March 30th** at Shirley26@aol.com



REMEMBERING PREVIOUS GOOD TIMES



We conduct the District's business...and have fun, too!



**Altrusa International District Six
Business Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Saturday, May 8, 2021**

Call to Order

The 64th District Six Conference Business Meeting was called to order by District Six Governor Sue Whitaker, Muncie IN at 9:32 am Eastern time.

Governor Sue Whitaker, Muncie IN introduced the Board and welcomed attendees to Conference.

Approval of Agenda

Sue Whitaker, Governor

Motion 1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the provision the Chair has the option to revise it.

Motion Carried.

Reflection

Priscilla Palmer, Decatur IL

Priscilla recited Altrusa Principle 7.: Altrusa develops true leadership, concerned with accomplishment and not with recognition.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sue Whitaker, Governor

Governor Sue led all attendees in the Pledge.

Rules of the Conference

Mary Burford, Parliamentary Advisor

Mary highlighted some of the rules that pertained specially to Zoom meetings.

Motion 2. It was moved and seconded to adopt the rules and procedures for this virtual Conference of District Six as presented. Motion Carried.

Adoption of the Conference Program

Dana Vierck, Immediate Past Governor

Immediate Past Governor Dana Vierck announced the following corrections and/or changes to the program:

Page 9 – Vicki Martin will be President of Warsaw next year

Page 19 – Martie Lennane of Warsaw will be the presenter instead of Jan Sloan

Page 24 – Lynn Waldrop is the correct spelling

Page 29 – Past Governors registered 7; Full registrations 102; Total Clubs 21.

Last page – CU Conference co-chair will be Bev Herzog instead of Carol Colburn.

Motion 3. It was moved and seconded to adopt the Conference Program with the afore mentioned corrections. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Linda Barb, Secretary
District Secretary Linda Barb, Muncie IN conducted the roll call. Each delegate and alternate responded if present. Nineteen Clubs were present.

Registration Report Angela Beck, Treasurer
Angela Beck, District Six Treasurer, presented the Registration Report.
International Representative – 1
District Officers – 7
Past Governors – 7
Guests – 1
Total Registered – 102
First Timers – 17
Club Officers – 36
Number of Clubs - 21

Credentials Report Bev Herzog, Credentials Chair
Bev Herzog, Credentials Chair, Champaign-Urbana, presented the Credentials report.
Number of Delegates present – 49 (I added the breakdown)

- Club Delegates – 35
- District Six Board – 5
- Past Governors - 5

Number required for majority – 25
Number required for 2/3 majority – 33
Motion 4. On behalf of the Credentials Committee, I move the adoption of the Credentials Report. Motion Carried.

Conference 2020 Business Meeting Minutes Linda Barb, Secretary
The minutes of the April 18, 2020 District Six business meeting minutes are found on pages 31-34 of the Conference Program.
Motion 5. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2020 business meeting minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

Synopsis of Board Actions Linda Barb, Secretary
The synopsis of Board actions are printed on pages 34-36 of the Conference Program.

Correspondence Linda Barb, Secretary
Pages 3-6 of the Conference program include letters sent earlier from Altrusa International President Beverly Hardy, Altrusa International Executive Director Tanika Wilson and Linda Robinson, Chair of the International Foundation.

Governor's Report Sue Whitaker, Governor
The printed report of the Governor is in the Conference Program and will be made available to all members in a future *IN Touch*. Governor Sue thanked the Board and Committees for their work during the past year.

Audit Report

Angela Beck, Treasurer

Elaine Wolf and Cathy McConnell served on the Audit Committee for 2019-20. They validated deposits and checks issued. They also audited the Conference account. No items of concern were found. The District has no outstanding liabilities.

Motion 8. It was moved to approve the audit report as presented.

Motion Carried. (This motion was taken out of order.)

Budget

Angela Beck, Treasurer

Angela Beck, Treasurer presented the proposed budget for the 2021-22 year as printed on page 30 of the Conference program.

Motion 6. It was moved to approve the 2021-22 budget as presented.

Motion Carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Chris DeVlieger, Nominating Committee Chair

Chair Chris DeVlieger, DeKalb County, IL thanked other members of the Nominating Committee for their work, Jill Falls, Fox Valley, IL and Karen Crawford, Lexington, KY. The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for the 2021-23 biennium.

Governor-Elect - Angela Beck, Muncie IN

Vice Governor - Jill DeGe, Quincy IL

Treasurer – Cathy McConnell, Evansville IN

Director - Georgette Smith, Lexington KY

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Motion 7. It was moved by the committee chair to approve the slate of officers as presented for the biennium 2021-23. The motion did not require a second. Motion Carried.

BRR Committee

Heather Miklozek, BRR Chair

The committee continued Club bylaws reviews and reminded all present that Clubs should review their bylaws annually. For reviews in the future please send to the new Bylaws Committee.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

1. The General Session from 1-3 pm this afternoon will include a report from Immediate Past International President Leanne Milligan. Following that will be presentations from all Clubs who received District Six grants last fall.
 2. Following the General Session will be the Memorial Service.

3. The Social hour this evening will precede the closing session and installation of the 2021-23 District Six Board.
4. An electronic survey will be sent to all Conference registrants in the next couple of weeks.

Reflection

Marsha McCormick, Macomb

Marsha recited Altrusa Principle 8: Membership carries with it no obligation to transact business with other members. It makes no promise of returns in any commercial specie. Its rewards are in proportion to the loyalty, the unselfishness and character of the member herself, and the coin of the realm cannot equal its value.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM Eastern time.

Sue Whitaker, Governor

Linda Barb, Secretary

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A large, hand-drawn style text that says "thank you volunteers". The word "thank" is in blue, "you" is in red, and "volunteers" is in blue. A small red heart is positioned above the letter "o" in "you". The background is a light pink and white.