



Jan Fritz

2021-2023 District Six
 Governor

CALL TO CONFERENCE ISSUE

On behalf of the Board, I would like to invite all District Six Altrusans to the 67th District Six Altrusa Conference in Muncie, IN on April 21-23, 2023. We will be having the Conference at the Courtyard Muncie at the Horizon Conference Center. The Conference co-chairs, Anne Condran and Nancy Norris along with their Conference committee members, have been working hard to make this weekend exciting and a time for sharing with other Altrusans.

District Six training for presidents, secretaries and treasurers will again be held by Zoom in May. We are trying a few new concepts this year at Conference. There will be no tours before Conference, but your Conference co-chairs have invited several local vendors from the downtown area to bring their items to the Convention Center. You will be able to shop without leaving the building and then sit at tables and talk with other Altrusans. This year we are also trying something new on Saturday afternoon following our Foundation luncheon. That change will be to have an All-Conference Workshop on membership. Hope you will all enjoy these changes and be able to share lots of your clubs' activities and thoughts on membership.

We are honored to be welcoming International Director, Bettina Schempf, who will be with us during our Conference. I encourage each of you to meet her during our dinners, reception and in the hospitality room.

I urge all clubs to send at least one or two representatives to Conference. The friendships you make and the knowledge you take home is invaluable! Included in this *Call to Conference* is the registration form along with information to make hotel reservations.

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MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear District Six,

We are just a few short weeks away from Conference Season and I hope your plans are already in the making to attend your upcoming event. Conference is a time to find out what's happening around your District, to celebrate accomplishments, network with others, spend time with old friends, and make new friends all while doing the work of the District. I know your District Governor and your Host Conference Committee have put many hours in developing an event that you will not want to miss. You will return to your clubs renewed, re-energized, and eager to do the work of Altrusa which is *Service to Others Leading to a Better Community*.

I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you're doing in your communities as you strive to live up to the mission of this wonderful organization. Never doubt that you are making a difference, and never forget that **...United We Can Achieve Much!!**

Kathy Folley
International President
Altrusa International, Inc.





We are excited to welcome you to the 67th Annual District Six Conference at the Horizon Convention Center downtown Muncie, Indiana. Your District Board of Directors along with the Muncie club is looking forward to a fabulous conference. Our theme is *Picture Yourself* and we have several fun and interesting changes this year.

On Friday, there will be afternoon shopping—vendors setting up in the convention center. The Parade of Club Banners and District Awards will be during Friday evening’s opening session and then we will end the evening with music from a “famous” Muncie DJ.

Saturday brings more changes and fun! We will start the day with our annual business meeting. Our lunch program will focus on the International Foundation and a special live auction. Later that afternoon, we will have one All-Conference Workshop. We will wrap up the evening with our installation banquet.

Sunday morning, we will have a memorial service, a wonderful breakfast buffet and call to conference and convention, concluding at 11:30am.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and to learn more about each of the clubs in attendance. We hope you enjoy your stay in Muncie. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Courtyard Muncie available to attendees so work with other members of your club to make your plans now to carpool and share hotel rooms.

See you in April!

Anne Condran and Nancy Norris
2023 District Six Conference Co-Chairs



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL BOARD VISITOR

International Visitor

Bettina Schempf, Director 2021-2023

**Home Club: Altrusa International of Corvallis, Oregon,
District Twelve**



Bettina has been an Altrusan since 2007 after she moved to the United States. She has served in many club leadership roles and was a member of the District Twelve Board in various roles from 2015 to 2021. She served as District Governor from 2017-2019. She currently also serves as District Webmaster and member of the District Leadership Committee. Bettina enjoys supporting members, clubs and club leaders in different ways. She likes meeting Altrusans from other clubs and districts during workshops, conferences and convention.

Professionally, Bettina's career has included financial management, project management and general management positions in for profit and not for profit organizations. Since 2013 she has been the Executive Director of a large non-profit serving the community with early childhood, child abuse prevention, mental health and pediatric occupational therapy services. After completing a business degree in English, French and German in Frankfurt, Paris and London her working career started in Berlin, Germany and took her to Wellington and Auckland in New Zealand from 1993 to 2006 before moving to Corvallis, Oregon with her husband Jeff in 2006. Bettina also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children and served as the president and treasurer for UNICEF New Zealand for 5 years. In her private time, she enjoys cycling and hiking with her husband both locally and internationally and playing with her Golden Retriever Cadence. She can also be frequently found with a good book or puzzle, especially when the weather is inclement outside.



2023 DISTRICT CONFERENCE TIPS

Before Conference:

- Send in your registration form and money to Cathy McConnell – see registration form for details.
- Reserve your room. We will be staying at the Courtyard Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, IN. Call 765-287-8550 and ask for the in-house reservations. Let them know it is for the Altrusa Conference and give them the dates. The rate will be \$120 a night during the conference.

Bring to Conference:

- Club Banner
- Altrusa Pin
- Silent Auction Donation (proceeds to go to International Foundation)
- Service Project – Bring books for children or adults. These will be given to the local YWCA. They have a free library on their property as well as temporary housing. These women would all love having additional books to be able to read to their children while they are living in the YWCA housing.
- Basket/items your club would like to raffle or sell at the Shop 'N Swap. Please let Anne Condran know if you need a half table or a full table by emailing her at acondran@comcast.net.

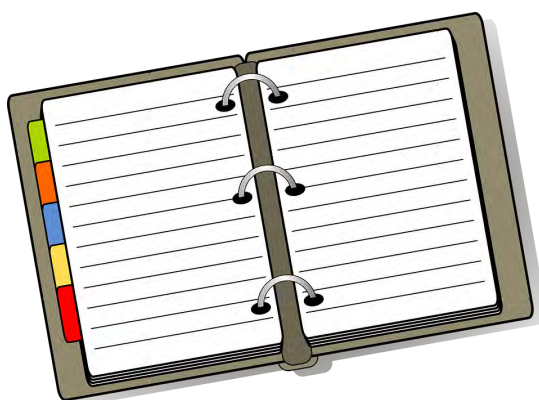


Conference Information to Assist in Your Planning

1. Plan on shopping in the afternoon with local vendors in the lobby of the Convention Center.
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.
4. Clubs may bring items they sell and/or have raffle baskets to earn money for their administrative funds.
5. Friday evening is the **Opening Session** of Conference and will include the following:
 - a. Reception to meet our International Visitor, Bettina Schempf. Bettina is an International Director and is from District 12.
 - 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
 - ii Governor's Award
6. After the Friday dinner, we will have a fun evening with lots of entertainment! Then the hospitality room will be open in the hotel.
7. Saturday will include:
 - a. First-Timers' Workshop in the hotel hospitality room.
 - b. Business meeting and election of the District Six Board for 2023-2025.
 - c. All conference workshop on membership.
 - d. Last opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items and shop in the Swap 'N Shop and Altrusa Store.

Conference Information to Assist in Your Planning

8. Saturday evening will be the **Conference Banquet and Installation** where you will have the opportunity to dress up and enjoy conversation with other Altrusans. Exciting entertainment is planned for us. We will conclude the evening with conversation and celebration of Angela Beck our new Governor 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. Presentation by the International Director Bettina Schempf, including information on the 2023 International Convention in San Antonio, TX.
 - d. Memorial Service.
 - e. Call to 2024 District Six Conference.
10. **Registration Deadlines:**
 - a. **Conference:** Early Conference Registration postmark deadline is **March 24, 2023.**
 - b. **Hotel:** We have a block of rooms at the Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center for a price of \$120. Reservations need to be made prior to March 24, 2023. Please call the hotel at 765-287-8550 and ask for the in house reservations. Tell them you are with Altrusa and the dates.
11. Club Presidents will get details on the number of club delegates and alternates from the District Six Secretary in February.





LIVE AUCTION for Altrusa International Foundation

The Altrusa Club of Indianapolis donated this 1921 membership pin and rare 1929 ring to the Altrusa District Six Foundation Auction to raise money for the Altrusa International Foundation. The ring and pin were given back to the Indianapolis Club by the niece of Minnie C. Hardegen. Minnie was a 1917 Charter member of the Indianapolis Club, attended the first National Altrusa Conference and served as Club President in 1935.

This pin was the first Altrusa pin made in 1921 by Indianapolis jeweler Walk and Sons. The pin is white and blue enamel on a 5/8" diameter ten-karat gold shield. The first pin was produced until 1940.

This ring was introduced in October 1929. It is made white and blue enamel mounted on a ten-karat white gold base with open work ornate filigree mounting.

The design of the first pin and ring has Patriotism, Efficiency and Service on the outer blue band, shows the Northern Hemisphere of the world as viewed from the North Pole. The word Altrusa is included on a horizontal band across the center. Altrusa's motto has not been included on jewelry since 1940.

Because the pin and ring are unique and quite rare they are being offered through a live auction at the District Conference Foundation luncheon. District six *Altrusans who cannot attend the conference can participate in auction through proxy bidding.* Send your proxy bid with a friend who is attending the Conference or proxy bids must be made to Anne Condran at acondran@comcast.net before April 10, 2023.



FOUNDATION AUCTION

Start 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 by providing grants, disaster relief assistance, and support programs for children affected by disease and disabilities. By donating, 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, simply write a check, payable to Altrusa International Foundation, and ask another member who plans to attend the Conference if they will take it with them.

In celebration of International Foundation's 60th anniversary, the Foundation has launched a 2-year campaign of 6 for 60 with suggested donations of \$60, \$160, \$260, \$560, \$860, and \$1060. These donations will be recognized with a different colored ribbon.

Karen Brunson
District Six Foundation Liaison
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Weekend Timeline

Thursday:

6:00 - 9:00 Pre-Conference District Six Board Meeting—Green Room

Friday:

9:00 - 11:00 Pre-Conference District Six Board Meeting—Green Room

11:00 - 5:45 Registration and Credentials—Hotel

11:00 - 5:45 Set up Swap and Shop, Exhibits, and Service project - Convention Center

1:00 - 3:30 Meet and greet in hospitality at Hotel

3:30 - 5:45 Shop Muncie booths in Convention Center Lobby (this is a one-time only event)

4:30 - 5:45 Swap 'N Shop open-Convention Center

6:00 - 6:30 Reception for International visitor—Lobby/Cash Bar—Interurban

6:30 - 8:30 Opening Session and Awards—Interurban

8:30 - 9:30 Entertainment-DJ and Dancing—Interurban

9:30 - 10:00 Hospitality open at Hotel



Saturday:

	Breakfast on your own
7:30 - 8:30	First Timers Meeting- Continental Breakfast—Hospitality Room—Hotel
8:00 - 12:00	Registration and Credentials-credentials closes at 9:00—Hotel
8:00 - 8:50	Swap 'N Shop, Silent Auction, and Altrusa Store open
8:30 - 9:30	Hospitality Room open—Hotel
9:00 - 9:30	BRR, Budget Briefing, Candidates Forum—Interurban
9:30 - 10:45	Business Meeting—Interurban
11:00 - Noon	Swap 'N Shop, Silent Auction, and Altrusa Store open
Noon - 1:30	International Foundation Lunch—Interurban
1:30 - 3:30	Hospitality Room open—Hotel
1:30 - 2:30	Last Chance: Swap 'N Shop, Silent Auction, and Altrusa Store open—Convention Center
2:30 - 4:30	All Conference Workshop—Interurban
4:30 - 6:15	Club Photos by Appointment
6:00	Reception—Interurban
6:30 - 9:30	Dinner—Interurban
	After Dinner Hospitality Room open—Hotel

Sunday:

8:30 - 9:00	Ecumenical Service—Convention Center Lobby
9:15 - 11:15	Breakfast, Memorial Service, Call to Conference and Convention
11:15 - 1:15	Post-Conference District Six Board Meeting—Green Room

Registration Details

NOTE: Gluten Free, Vegan and Vegetarian meals are available at Chef's choice to substitute for special diets. Please specify specific dietary restrictions: _____

Full Conference Registration includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, Sunday breakfast and all conference materials.

_____ Received with a postmark date ON or BEFORE March 24, 2023 \$ 205.00
 _____ Received with a postmark date AFTER March 24, 2023 \$ 255.00

Please check meals attending and select your meal entrees and whether you want to attend the events listed below.

_____ Friday Dinner: Pizza Party Buffet (A variety of pizzas, including cheese pizza will be available)
 Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian
 _____ Saturday Lunch: Bourbon Glazed Chicken Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian
 _____ Saturday Banquet: Roasted Chicken Grilled Flank Steak
 Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian
 _____ Sunday: Breakfast Buffet

Total Full Conference Registration	\$ _____
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PARTIAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION includes a program fee and conference materials. Meals must be purchased separately, as they are NOT included in the partial registration.

Program Fee \$ 200.00

Check meals attending and meal entrée choices

_____ Friday Dinner: Pizza Party Buffet Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian \$22.00
 _____ Saturday Lunch: Bourbon Glazed Chicken Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian \$30.00
 _____ Saturday Banquet: Roasted Chicken Grilled Flank Steak Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian \$44.00
 _____ Sunday: Breakfast Buffet \$23.00

For meal reservations received with a postmark date AFTER March 24th add \$10.00 per meal attending \$ _____

Total Partial Conference Registration	\$ _____
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NON-ALTRUSA MEMBER GUEST (Must be attending with a member who has a full conference registration)

Guest's Name _____

Check meals the guest will attend and meal entrée choices

_____ Friday Dinner Pizza Party Buffet Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian \$22.00
 _____ Saturday Lunch: Bourbon Glazed Chicken Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian \$30.00
 _____ Saturday Banquet: Roasted Chicken Grilled Flank Steak Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian \$44.00
 _____ Sunday: Breakfast Buffet \$23.00

Total Non-Altrusa Member Guest Registration	\$ _____
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To cancel your reservation and receive a refund (less \$25.00 non-refundable fee), a written request must have a postmark of no later than **March 24, 2023**. 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:

Cathy McConnell
 2002 East Mulberry
 Evansville, IN 47714
 Phone 812-499-3637
 Email: cathymcconnell52@gmail.com

Make checks payable to Altrusa District Six Conference

Your registration to the District Six Conference grants permission for the district to use photos in which you appear.

Conference Hotel Information

The 2023 conference offers rooms at the Courtyard Muncie at the Horizon Conference Center for \$120 a night. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel room reservations.

Conference registration fee does not include your room at the hotel.



These rates include free parking. Check in time is 3 PM and check out time is noon.

How to reserve your room:

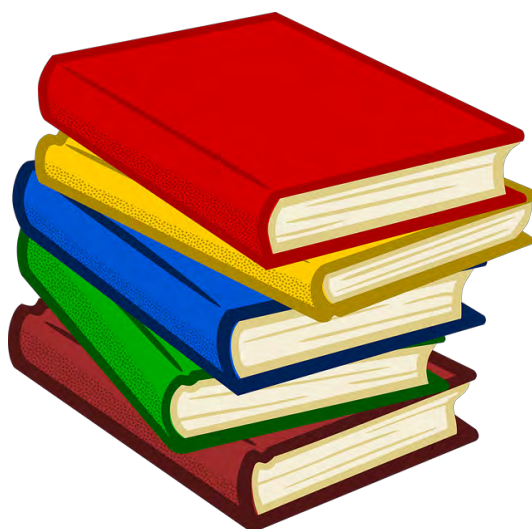
Call 765-287-8550 and ask for in house reservations. Tell them you are with the Altrusa conference and give them the dates.

Reservation cut off date is March 24th.

DISTRICT SIX 2023 SERVICE PROJECT

BOOKS FOR YWCA

This year's District Service Project is Books for Muncie's YWCA!



Altrusans are encouraged to bring adult or children's books for the YWCA's free library.

The books will count toward the International President's 1 Million Book Giveaway!



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 **Anne Condran** if you plan to participate and whether you will need an entire six foot table or just half. Anne needs to know **before March 30th** at acondran@comcast.net.



REMEMBERING PREVIOUS GOOD TIMES



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



Call to Order:

The 66th District Six Conference Business Meeting was called to order by District Six Governor Jan Fritz, Quincy, IL at 9:36 a.m.

Governor Jan introduced the Board and welcomed attendees to Conference.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Nancy Norris, Muncie, IN led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Conference Program:

Vice Governor Jill Deege, Quincy, IL announced the following corrections and changes to the program.

Additional corrections were accepted from the floor:

- Pg. 7 - Correct the Lexington club's state to KY.
- Pg. 7 - Correct the Muncie club's state to IN.
- Pg. 7 - Total Past Governors Allowed is 11.
- Pg. 7 - Total Votes Allowed is 62.
- Pg. 9 - Add Foundation Coordinator Natalia Lopez to the list of Altrusa International Foundation Board of Trustees.
- Pg. 18 Under Club Service Workshop the correct spelling is Molly Harty.
- Pg. 18 Opening Session and Awards dinner will be held in the Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers room.
- Pg. 18 Flag Ceremony: the correct name is Anne Wharff.
- Pg. 18 Pledge of Allegiance: the correct information is Lisa McCollough, Paris, IL.
- Pg. 18 Greetings by International Visitor: the correct city / state is Salina, KS.
- Pg. 19 Pledge of Allegiance: the correct information is Nancy Norris, Muncie, IN.
- Pg. 19 Rules of Conference: the correct city / state is Muncie, IN.
- Pg. 19 Financial Report: the correct city / state is Evansville, IN.
- Pg. 19 Summary of Audit Committee: the correct city / state is Evansville, IN and the following text should state: Audit for 2021-2022 will be completed with the audit for 2022-2023.
- Pg. 19 Adoption of Budget: the correct city / state is Evansville, IN.
- Pg. 20 Report from International: the correct city / state is Salina, KS.
- Pg. 20 Lunch and All Conference Speaker will be held in the Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers room.
- Pg. 20 Car Maintenance: text should say . . . will give basic tips . . .
- Pg. 21 Reception will be held in the Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers room.
- Pg. 21 Altrusa Grace: the correct information is Nancy Norris, Muncie, IN.
- Pg. 21 During the Dinner: after the Drawing for raffle prizes there will be a Drawing for a First Timer Bingo Card winner by International Visitor Linda and Immediate Past Governor Sue. Immediately following that; Membership pins will be awarded.
- Pg. 21 After dinner Hospitality will be held at the Homewood Suites.
- Pg. 22 Breakfast will be held in the Fighting Illini/Cornhuskers room.
- Pg. 22 International Board Update: the correct city / state is Salina, KS.
- Pg. 23 Under Call to Order the text should begin: The 65th District Six Conference . . .
- Pg. 34 Under Governor's Award 2009 the club is Champaign-Urbana, IL.
- Pg. 34 Under Governor's Award 2019 the club is DeKalb County, IL.
- Pg. 34 Under Rookie of the Year Award 2003 the correct name is Amy Svob.
- Pg. 34 Under Rookie of the Year Award 2006 the correct state is KY.
- Pg. 34 Under Rookie of the Year Award 2009 the correct name is Barbara Bergdolt.
- Pg. 34 Under Rookie of the Year Award 2011 the correct state is KY.
- Pg. 34 Under Rookie of the Year Award 2015 the correct name is Martie Lennane.

- Pg. 35 Under Expenses, Conference Expense the footnote reference 1 should be removed.
- Pg. 36 Displays/Exhibits the correct name is Carol Colburn.
- Pg. 38 Under Leadership Development the second word should be presidents (vs president's) and the first word of the second sentence should be spelled Leadership.

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

Rules of the Conference: Parliamentary Advisor Mary Burford, Muncie, IN read the rules of the Conference as found on page 28 of the program book. In this reading she included an additional rule that had not been included in the printed program:

13. The Conference schedule may be adjusted as needed to meet the needs of the Conference body.

Motion 2: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Conference rules as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Roll Call: District Secretary Cathy Rady, Fox Valley, IL conducted the roll call. An attendee from each club responded if any members were present. Sixteen clubs were present.

Report of Registration: Bev Herzog, Champaign-Urbana, IL, Conference Registration Chair presented the Registration Report:

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| • International Representative – 1 | • Full Registrations – 77 |
| • District Officers – 6 | • Partial Registrations – 0 |
| • Past Governors (not board members) – 6 | • Guests - 2 |
| • Total Clubs Registered - 16 | • Total Registrations – 79 |

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

Credentials Report: Bev Herzog, Champaign-Urbana, IL, Conference Credentials Chair presented the Credentials Report:

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| • Delegates allowed - 45 | • Board of Directors allowed - 6 |
| • Alternates allowed- 45 | • Past Governors allowed - 11 |
| • Delegates present - 30 | • Board of Directors present - 6 |
| • Alternates present- 16 | • Past Governors present - 6 |

Total votes allowed - 62 of which 42 are present

Number required for a majority - 22

Number required for a 2/3 majority - 28

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

Approval of 2021 Business Meeting Minutes: District Secretary Cathy Rady, Fox Valley, IL, offered to read the 2021 Business Meeting minutes as found on Pages 23 - 27 of the Conference Program. Conference body agreed this was not necessary.

Motion 5: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 65th District Six Conference Business Meeting, conducted via Zoom on May 8, 2021, as printed, and corrected in the Conference program. **MOTION APPROVED.**

SYNOPSIS OF BOARD ACTIONS: The synopsis was presented by District Secretary Cathy Rady, Fox Valley, IL as printed on Page 31 of the Conference program.

Two additional Board actions were then added, having been approved at the Pre-Conference Board Meeting on April 21, 2022:

- Approved disbanding of the Kokomo, IN Club due to non-payment of membership dues for the 2021-2022 year and their failure to return signed club disbanding forms even after repeated contacts and with no reply from them.
- Approved disbanding of the Terre Haute, IN Club due to non-payment of membership dues for the 2021-2022 year and their failure to return signed club disbanding forms even after repeated contacts and with no reply from them.

Correspondence: The correspondence was read aloud by District Secretary Cathy Rady, Fox Valley, IL. These included the letters received from International President Kathy Folley, Interim Executive Director David Mena, International Foundation Chair Leslie Johnson, International Foundation Executive Director Shawna Veldhuizen and Past Governor Doris Kowalski.

Governor's Report:

Governor Jan thanked the District Six Board and Committees for all their work during the past year. This year's Governor's report will be sent out to all members in a future IN Touch.

Audit Report: District Six Treasurer Cathy McConnell, Evansville, IN discussed the status of the District Six Audit Committee Report:

This year we do not have a report from the Audit Committee. The 2021-2022 audit will be completed along with the 2022-2023 audit.

Budget: District Six Treasurer Cathy McConnell, Evansville, IN presented the 2022-2023 District Six proposed budget as listed on page 35 of the Conference program.

Motion 6: On behalf of the District Six Budget Committee, it was moved to adopt the 2022-2023 budget as published and corrected in the Conference Program. **MOTION APPROVED**

Report of the BRR Committee: On behalf of the BRR Committee, Past Governor Anne Wharff, Springfield, IL presented the BRR recommended changes as listed on pages 29 and 30 of the Conference programs. These changes only include the changes implemented by International and do not require a vote.

Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business.

New Business: There is no new business.

Report of the International Representative: Altrusa International President-Elect Linda Smith presented an update on actions of the International Committees as well as items that International wanted to share with attendees at each District Conference.

- ASTRA: activities were paused during the pandemic but are now resuming. We have a new club in Puerto Rico and additional clubs are beginning to form. It may be easier to form a community-based club than one that is connected with a school.
- Communications Committee is focused on staying up to date on the latest technology. A PowerPoint tutorial is now available on the International website's Events tab. A club Facebook page is an effective way to publicize your club and share its information with the community.
- Leadership Committee: is preparing to hold Governor-Elect training at the 2023 Convention in San Antonio. They are also reviewing and updating the long-term Strategic Plan.

- Membership Committee: membership numbers are down. Clubs who have resumed holding meetings should try to reengage with former members who left during Covid shutdowns. A new club has formed in Puerto Rico and some others are in process. The Club Building manual is being updated. Clubs-at-large are formed in areas that have fewer than ten (10) clubs and are therefore ineligible to form a District. The at-large club in Bangalore, India has been very active and is doing wonderful service projects.
- Service Committee: is encouraging clubs to participate in International's Literacy Challenge by donating 500 books and/or participating with 500 literacy service hours. A Google link is available on the International website to record contributions. Committee is working to update the website's toolkit. Days for Girls is a signature project where club participation is encouraged.
- UN Committee - was unable to meet during Covid restrictions. Now, two years later, we are able to attend events there. Altrusa is one of the few service organizations that is classified as an NGO (Non-Government Organization) by the United Nations.
- Efforts are underway to standardize the policy for records retention at International, District and Club levels. A retention schedule is being developed to document what items we do or do not need to keep.
- Group Tally - members are reminded that they can update their own information in Group Tally; past offices and updates to their email address. Clubs also need to update the list of current club officers.
- Club Annual Report; this report provides valuable information for our organization so all clubs, even those below charter strength, are strongly encouraged to complete this report.
- Altrusa International office discovered through its biennial audit that there was misappropriation of association funds. The situation has been contained and safeguarded. Steps have been taken to ensure that this can never happen again. David Mena has stepped in to serve as the Interim Executive Director.
- A new employee, communications assistant Malcolm Brown, has been hired to assist David.

Election Instructions: Governor Jan called on Elections Chair Mary Burford, Muncie, IN to give instructions for this year's voting. This vote is to determine which member of the Nominating Committee will serve as its Chair. Voting will take place immediately following the Business Meeting. Delegates, voting members of the Board and Past Governors are eligible to vote.

Recess: The Business Meeting recessed at 10:47 a.m.
Business Meeting resumed at 1:11 p.m.

Election Results: Elections Chair Mary Burford, Muncie, IN announced the result of this year's election:

Rebecca Mercier, Lexington, KY has been elected as Chair of the District Six Nominating Committee.

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

Motion 8: It was moved and seconded to destroy the election ballots. **MOTION APPROVED**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Jan Fritz, District Six Governor

Cathy Rady, District Six Secretary

**CALL TO
CONFERENCE**

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for Altrusa International-
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