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International President's Message

Welcome to the first issue of the Compass for the 2017 – 2019 Biennium. This issue will focus on our celebrations at Convention with a special guest writer Immediate Past President Silvia Silverman.

Over the coming biennium you will receive the Compass each quarter and it will feature updates from our program committees and task forces, a calendar of activities for the next quarter, updates on new materials featured on our website, and information on our next Convention in Reno in July 2019.

As we reach out to our membership we will be delivering “talk topics” via Facebook Live and Free Conference Call for our members and we will let you know the dates/times and topics for the coming quarter in the Compass. If you have any topics you would like to discuss please let us know at president@altrusa.org This will be a chance for Altrusans to talk and share with other Altrusans on a variety of issues that members, clubs and districts face. The Facebook Live videos will help us not only provide live access to information sessions but also create a bank of videos for Altrusans to use at club meetings, training events, and Conferences.

At the Installation banquet, I issued a challenge to all the members present to take a rose from the center piece at their table and pass this to a new member that they sponsor during the biennium. If each member does this then there will be over 500 new members joining the organization. But what if every member of our organization takes responsibility for sponsoring one new member? Well that would double the size of our organization in the space of two years. Is this possible? – Yes, it is! We just need to reach out into our communities and ask people to join this wonderful organization which has a proud history of more than 100 years of service in communities worldwide.



Leanne Milligan
International President 2017-2019



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In memory of...

It is with sadness that we would like to advise that Past International President Barbara J. Chinn has passed away. Barbara served as International President from 1999 to 2001. Altrusa is very much the richer for the years of leadership and service she has provided to Altrusa at all levels of our organization.

International Updates

Website Updates

Currently we are working on upgrading the website – in the member section you will find the contact details for our International team under the Leaders tab. E-mail aliases have been set up so you don't have to update your newsletter distribution lists every two years. Updated letters for New Members have been placed in the New Member Tool Kit, and the Convention 2017 photos and workshop presentations have been placed under Publications. If you have forgotten your password please e-mail Altrusa@altrusa.org or call the International Office for assistance.

Award Forms

At the Pre-Convention Board Meeting the Board approved some small modifications to the forms for the Mamie L. Bass Service Award, Letha H. Brown Literacy Award and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Awards. These changes provide clarification regarding the inclusion of supplementary materials and the provision of the project Executive Summary/Synopsis. Revised Award entry forms will be available on the website by the 1st of September 2017.

Member Sponsor Awards

For the past four biennia we have run a program recognizing sponsors of new members on a cumulative basis with the “number pins”. Unfortunately, during this time, our membership numbers have continued to decrease. It has been decided that this program is to be discontinued. The Board is considering other options for promotion and recognition of recruitment and retention in the coming months and if you have ideas please submit them to President@altrusa.org.

Communications from the International Office

Periodically the International Office sends out mass e-mails to distribute information, remind members of events or deadlines, and often to provide resources. We try to keep our lists as updated as possible, but on occasion you will receive an e-mail that was not intended for you or for a group you are no longer a part of; “Club Presidents” for example. Please do not hit the unsubscribe link, since this will stop ALL communications from International. Instead send us an e-mail at Altrusa@altrusa.org to let us know there has been an oversight. On the other hand, you may *want* communications that are no longer getting to you because you have unsubscribed in the past, or perhaps you never received them to begin with; simply send us an e-mail and we will make sure you are subscribed.

Updated Bylaws and Policies

We are currently working on revising the bylaws and policies after the Convention BRR sessions and Convention Board meetings. When they are ready we will send an e-blast to all Club Presidents and Governors and update the Website version. Key changes that were made during the Convention BRR sessions included:

17-01 Changing International Bylaws to allow one district to have two elected members on the Board at any one time during any term (although they cannot be from the same club), with the change effective after the conclusion of the Convention.

17-02 Election of Officers and Directors – approved the change to allow election by unanimous consent if there is only one candidate for an office and there is no objection by delegates

17-03 Approved provisions to extend the period of time in which an application for Emeritus status may be made.

17-04 Charter Strength has been lowered to 15 and numbers of delegates allowed at Conference and Convention are now calculated on the basis of 15 members and further lots of 15 members.

17-05 The Appointment of the International BRR committee has been aligned with that of other International Committees

17-06 The requirement under bylaws to prepare a double slate has been removed. Any guidance on the preparation of the slate is now in International Policies.

17-07 A change to the International policy regarding the setting of International Dues has been made to provide flexibility for the International Board to be able to lower dues as part of a membership incentive program.

17-08 District Bylaws were amended to provide a uniform “Name” whether districts are incorporated or not.

17-09 Amended District Bylaws to allow Districts more time to determine and notify Clubs of the number of delegates/alternates that they are entitled to at Conference.

17-10 Amended Club Bylaws to provide for the existence of Virtual Clubs

17-11 Amended Club Bylaws to allow Virtual Clubs to develop a process for the election of Officers and Directors so that this can be done anonymously.

17-12 Amended Club Bylaws so that Invitation shall be extended by the Club.

17-13 Approved the change to International Bylaws to remove the requirement for a Clubs at Large Committee and that this function will be assigned to the International Membership Development Committee.

Convention Highlights - The Immediate PIP's Impressions

Silvia Silverman

Where to begin. It took a cast of hundreds to put the event together. Some of the stars were last minute stand ins; others, volunteered to help others who volunteered to help, working in the background. Altrusan principles and values shining throughout! To thank everyone who helped make the Centennial Convention a success would take up more space than this publication would allow. The cast of characters is long, and credits well deserved. I thank all of you for helping to make this Convention a blockbuster!

The Convention exceeded all expectations. When I walked into the combined banquet/meeting rooms for the first time, the expanse of tables took my breath away. Just thinking that a few hours later the rooms would be filled with Altrusans ready to make history, ready to carry on the legacy of our founders was overwhelming. I don't mind admitting that I got emotional and teary eyed more than once over the course of the Convention.

Having two members of our India Clubs at Large, Bangalore and Madras, as well as several members of our Quebec Club represented was a thrill. Welcoming a record number of first timers (192) was very exciting, they did an



outstanding job singing at the Birthday Party! (Thank you Bev Herzog and Phyllis Corman) The pride of the members as they represented their clubs in the Parade of Banners (Thanks Phyllis) was evident in all, from the 90-day club to the original 100 year clubs; what a sight- a sea of banners waving high! World-class author Sheryl WuDunn shared stories from her book "A Path Appears" (autographed copies are still available at the International Office) about making a difference around the world; it was an inspiring experience. Of course 600 Altrusans and friends at the Grand Ole

Opry standing up and cheering when Altrusa was recognized for 100 years of services was incredible! If you were unable to make it or want to relive the broadcast, check the Opry's archives for the July 22nd broadcast - <http://wsmonline.com/archives/grand-ole-opry/>. Judging the finalists of the cocktail/mocktail competition was a blast (Thanks Donna & Marty Johnson, Tammy Boyd, Cindy Jennings & Anneke Fleming), as was Dancing through the Decades (Thank you, Centennial Task Force).

The all-convention sessions were outstanding, lots of great information to share! Let's all make use of the marketing tools that were presented and grow our clubs. We learned a lot about Altrusa's history through the Ball State Archives presentation (thank you Anne Condran, Brandon Pieczko & LaNita McKinney), and the inspiring video provided by Holly McCoy. Electronic voting was introduced for the first time at the convention; we had many volunteers checking credentials and manning laptops and tablets to provide help to voters. I believe it was a resounding success. Another highlight for me was the presentation from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; many of our clubs will be partnering with it. Showcasing the generosity of Altrusans were the Convention projects; we collected markers, books, and monetary donations for Book'em and the Books from Birth Foundation. The last two things that were a highlight for me - the democratic process in action. We managed to get through an extensive agenda of bylaw changes, great

civil discussions, no rubberstamping here! Finally, an awesome installation ceremony. A beautiful ceremonial feathered cape adorned our new President. The new Board members were honored by receiving their officer pins from Past International Presidents. This was followed by the Kiwi men performing a Haka in honor of our new President. To complete the ceremony, it was my pleasure to pass the gavel to Leanne. I know she will use it wisely, and my Club President, Carol James, passed on the banner of the President's Home Club to Rosalie Rea, President of the Te Awamutu Club. I know they will display it as proudly as we have.



In closing, I wish Leanne as much luck, love and support as I have had during my two years in office. With you "Reaching Out" to help, I know she will have a great Biennium!

“Keeping our History Alive”

Anne Condran, Altrusa Centennial Historian
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Altrusa International Digital Records

The BSU Media Medial Repository now has the International Records digitalized and on-line at <http://libx.bsu.edu>. Want to see the original Altrusa Principles printed in 1921? Go to the link above and type in SPEC-091-B20-F035-001_Front-Cover.pdf. Just copy and paste this link in the search engine on the home page of the Digital Records. Enjoy browsing our history at the BSU Digital Archives.



The Mystery of Mamie's Middle Name

In 1937 Mamie Bass wrote a letter to Altrusa Headquarters stating; “my name is Mamie L. Bass, a matter I regret but owing to the sentiments of my parents, I have never been able to do anything about it.” Two genealogy records are on file at the Indiana State Library, which verifies her middle name as Luella. Mystery solved and we now know our first President was Mamie Luella Bass.

Altrusa Service

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Altrusa International is about service; service to our local communities, service to our country and service to the world.

During this biennium clubs will have more opportunities to share with each other the amazing service projects they are doing. Some of the opportunities coming include a new service project database and a Service focused Facebook group. The Service committee is also working to give you a more user-friendly and streamlined Service Manual. Our President and International Board wanted to have an International project that all Altrusans could support. The Service Committee is excited to announce the International project for the coming biennium is Days for Girls! Along with President Leanne, we are currently in talks with Days for Girls to identify the ways individual clubs can support the program. We also want Altrusa International to be identified as a major sponsor of their program and providing Altrusa more visibility.

Days for Girls offers a unique, combined approach to service delivery. They bring together volunteerism and social enterprise to reach women and girls in the last mile. Days for Girls' mission fits well with Altrusa International's mission and work in literacy and education. Days for Girls is dedicated to creating a more dignified, and educated world through providing lasting access to feminine hygiene solutions and health education.

As it turns out, a number of Altrusa clubs already support and donate to DFG; monetarily or with materials. Our goal is to have our partnership with DFG in place by January 2018. We encourage you to visit DFG website, www.daysforgirls.org, to learn more about the program and hear the stories from the women and girls whose lives have been changed because of DFG. Clubs are not required to participate in this service project but it is an option and will help build Altrusa's name recognition.

If you attended the convention and have service projects to submit for the database send the requested information to Altrusa.Montrose@gmail.com; at the top of the email body please write, “To Diane.” More information will be coming out soon about the database. Don't forget to join the Altrusa Service group on Facebook.

A Message from the International Membership Committee

Beverly Luedke, Chair

membership@altrusa.org

The 2017-19 Altrusa International Membership Committee presented two innovative workshops during the July International Convention in Nashville. Workshops on “Diversity and Changing the Club Culture” and “Versatility, Flexibility and Virtual Clubs” were presented to the Convention attendees by Committee members Norma Teuton, Sylvia Clark, Ingrid Christianson, Beverly Luedke and International Director Robin Hall. Over 200 Altrusans attended the workshops. The information shared with the membership focused on ways of leading the organization back into positive membership growth, which has been in significant decline over the past 10 years. In the past decade we, Altrusa International, have lost 25 percent of our membership. However, over the next biennium, it is our goal to grow the membership to 1000+ stronger. Workshop handouts and PowerPoint presentations of the two workshops will be available on the Altrusa website in the near future.

Since convention, the International Membership Committee has been busy developing strategies to share with the organization. All fourteen Governors have shared their thoughts about membership concerns and possibilities with the committee. The District Membership Chairs have been given the information they need to grow their Districts into stronger and more impactful ones.

“Let’s share our gift of Altrusa.”



At Convention’s Installation Banquet, President Leanne challenged everyone in attendance to take a rose from one of the banquet tables and share it with an incoming new member in their own community. Over 600 roses left the Banquet that night to the far corners of the globe. It is the intention of the International Membership Committee to help President Leanne, her Board and the Program Team take Altrusa International to new membership levels, growing Rose Gardens throughout the country and the world and making a difference wherever we are and wherever we go.

Over the next few months, we are asking our members to share the GIFT and Privilege of Altrusa by asking the question “Would you like to know more about Altrusa?” Or more importantly, “Would you like to become an Altrusan?” You might be surprised by the answer!!! We Altrusans are privileged to be part of a very special Family and we should no longer keep it a secret.... let’s share our GIFT of Altrusa.

Convention Award Winners

MAMIE L. BASS SERVICE AWARD

First Place (Tie)

Altrusa International of Te Awamutu, NZ: Twelve Days of Service (2016)

Altrusa International of Muncie, IN: Snack Attack

First Honorable Mention

Altrusa International of Branch County, MI: Altrusa Teen S.H.A.R.E.

Second Honorable Mention (Tie)

Altrusa International of Fargo, ND: Eat, Meet and Serve

Altrusa International of Longview Kelso, WA: Centennial Service Challenge



LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD

First Place

Altrusa International of Pendleton, OR: Literacy Rocks! (2016)

First Honorable Mention

Altrusa International of Lexington, KY: Literacy and Learning at Harrison (2016)

Second Honorable Mention (Tie)

Altrusa International of Eastern Sierra, CA: Don't DUMP the Books

Altrusa International of Oamaru, NZ: WORDS WORK



DR. NINA FAY CALHOUN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AWARD

First Place

Altrusa International of Olympia, WA: Days for Girls

First Honorable Mention

Altrusa International of Tidewater, VA: Dresses for Children in Need (2016)

Second Honorable Mention

Altrusa International of Taieri, NZ: Nepal (2016)

Please visit the [2017 Convention](#) page under the Publications tab on the website to view each project entry and more photos from the Awards Luncheon.

Convention Award Winners (continued)

Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award

Maxine Durst

Altrusa International of Roseburg, OR

50 golden years of humanitarian epitomizes Maxine Durst. A mark of a true Altrusan!

Selfless, innovative, and an energetic leader who inspires everyone she works with in any project. Maxine is thorough and always looking for the root cause in solving a problem. She has an aura of perfection that affects people and results in success with every job her hands touch on. Maxine, a gentle leader, works with a caring and joyful heart.



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Important Dates

September 8 International Literacy Day

September 21 International Day of Peace

October 1 International Day of Friendship

October 16 World Food Day

October 24 UN Day

October 28 Make a Difference Day

November 16 International Day of Older Persons

November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

In honor of Altrusa's Centennial we are encouraging clubs to focus on Vocational Service Projects for Make a Difference Day.

From the International Communications Committee

Facebook Live: Attracting the next generation of Altrusans

When you look around the room at your Altrusa meeting, how many millenials do you see? Where are the next generation of Altrusans and how do you persuade them to join your club?

In this Facebook Live video, a group of young members of Altrusa International of Wellington, New Zealand in District Fifteen will chat about their reasons for joining our organization and offer ideas on how clubs can attract young people.

Mark your calendar!

Saturday, September 23, 2pm PDT | 3pm MDT | 4pm CDT | 5pm EDT

Sunday, September 24, 10am NZDT | 3pm MDT | 4pm CDT | 5pm EDT



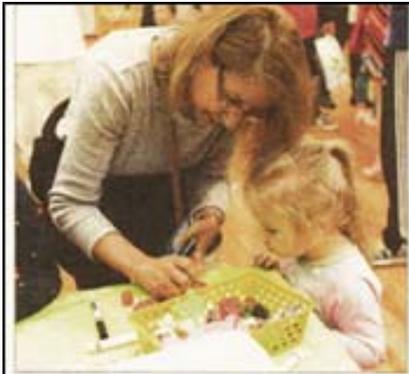
Like the [Altrusa International Facebook page](#), then tune in to watch in September.

Altrusa's Facebook presence is growing, and you can be apart of it. Stay up to date with the Altrusa International Communications Committee, the first of the committees to join Facebook. You can join the group and see updates and information directly from the committee members, and your fellow Altrusans. Be a part of the discussion, click on the link below and join the group today.

Be on the lookout for the rest of the committees as they will have their own groups on Facebook soon.



[Altrusa International Communications Committee](#)



BIRTH LIVES! THE INDICATOR
Julie MacDougall of Youngstown makes a craft with her 3-year-old granddaughter, Savannah, during a "Plant the Seed to Read" event Saturday at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown.

11th annual book festival promotes reading in children

By ELISE MCKEOWN SKOLNICK
Journalist/Photo Editor

YOUNGSTOWN
Several organizations worked together to "Plant the Seed to Read" in children. The goal of the 11th annual book festival is to promote a love of reading, said Patty Zitello of Altrusa International of Youngstown, one of its planning organizations. "All of the ac-

children attend the event at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek MetroParks. Other partner organizations for the free event are the park, the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County and Western Reserve PBS. A variety of organizations, including The Vindicator, Girl Scouts of North East Ohio and the Carnegie Science Center participated Saturday. Storytellers and authors took part, as well. Children could make crafts, enjoy a healthy snack and listen to stories. Nature Cat,

Don't Forget...

- Altrusa Clubs community service grant applications are due to the Foundation office by September 15th, 2017. [Click here for the Grants Program guidelines and application.](#)
- International organizations may submit a grant application for the Club 21 Program by September 15th, 2017. [Click here for the Club 21 Program guidelines and application.](#)
- Local club foundations 2016-2017 annual report forms will be distributed to Foundation Presidents and Treasurers on September 1st. The deadline to return the report will be September 29th, 2017.

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A Reaching Out in Reno

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 -

Saturday, July 20, 2019



Grand Sierra Resort & Casino
Reno, Nevada



WHY RENO?

Stroll and dine at Reno's **R**iverwalk and Arts District

See Top Name Shows and **E**ntertainment

Step back in time at the **N**ational Automobile Museum

Drive around Lake Tah**O**e, one of the most beautiful sites in the U.S.

Wander through the **N**evada Museum of Art

Challenge Lady Luck at the **E**l Dorado Casino

Step back in time in **V**irginia City and pan for gold

Encounter wild life at the **A**nimal Ark

Learn about Nevada at the **D**iscovery Museum

And the best reason of all, **A**ltrusa International's Convention

WHY NOT RENO?