

THE ALTRUSA COMPASS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Join the excitement as Altrusans jazz it up in Kansas City in July 2015! The Westin Crown Center is the perfect location to start your adventure exploring the many treasures of the city: the vibrant City Market, 15 blocks of amazing shopping and dining opportunities at the Country Club Plaza, live jam sessions at 18th and Vine Jazz District, incredible art in the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art or the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Kansas City Zoo, Union Station, Riverboat Casinos, the Sea Life Aquarium, Legoland and wonderful Kansas City BBQ.

These are only a few of the great attractions in Kansas City! Come early and stay late to enjoy the all the city has to offer! In addition to the keynotes, workshops, elections, and general business of convention there will be time Saturday and Sunday afternoon/evening to participate in the sights, sounds and flavors of Kansas City with your Altrusa friends.

Let's meet up in Kansas City!

Sona A. Kerby



Register now at <https://altrusa.webconnex.com/2015Convention>

Registrations made now through March 15th will be given the Early Bird special rate of \$365. Registrations made March 16th through June 15th will be at the regular rate of \$385. Late registrations, made after June 15th, will be charged \$424. Single day registrations are available at \$100 per day, meals not included.

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CONVENTION ACCOMODATIONS



Hotel reservations for the **Westin Kansas City at Crown Center** can be made online through our group booking site, <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AltrusaInternational>, available through June 13th.

To help you enjoy all that Kansas City has to offer, group room rates are available from Saturday, July 11th through Saturday, July 25th.

JOIN US SATURDAY JULY 18TH FOR ALTRUSA'S **SECOND LINE PARADE**

This grand adventure plays loosely on a New Orleans Jazz tradition of Second Line Parades. Dancing and twirling umbrellas, hats, or handkerchiefs are all part of the festivities. It's sometimes referred to as a funeral parade without a body – just groups/communities getting together for fun, camaraderie, food, beverages, shopping, etc.

Kansas City has so much to offer and much of it is very near the Crown Center Area. So like the ribbons of our logo, we will flow out through the area. The Power and Light District alone has more than 50 unique and captivating restaurants, bars, shops, and entertainment venues.

There is truly something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

To ensure everyone can enjoy the activities, motor vehicles (shuttles and/or vans) will also be available for the parade. The only information requested in the registration is to get a count of riders. There is no cost for this event. It's a pay-as-you-go adventure.



SPRING INTO CONFERENCE SEASON 2015

From Quebec to Invercargill, Altrusans will gather for District Conferences in April and May. It's a time to renew friendships, do business, share ideas, learn new things, participate in service projects, support the Foundation, and have Altrusa FUN.

Each District Conference is unique so be sure to visit your District Web Site for District specific information.

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FOUNDATION UPDATE

Spring Grant Deadline

Don't forget to send your grant applications to the International Foundation at foundation@altrusa.org by **March 15th**! Please [click here to access applications and guidelines](#).

2015 District Conferences

The Altrusa International Foundation will have fundraisers at District Conferences. Silent auctions and raffles are part of the fun. Contributing auction items, bidding, buying tickets, and joining Club 21 are just some of the opportunities you may have at your Conference to support the Foundation.

Remember all funds go to support programs of the Altrusa International Foundation. Thank you for your generosity.

IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR AWARD ENTRIES

"We make our communities better through leadership, partnership and service."

What better way to confirm this than to show other members and Clubs what we have achieved in our communities through Award entries?

- Select your project(s) to share
- Check judging criteria
- Choose award(s) to enter
- Designate a member or team to compile your submissions

Get working now to put in an entry for a Service, Literacy, or International Relations Award for 2015.

ASTRA STRIKES A NEW CORD

New this year, we have graduation cords available for any graduating ASTRA members to wear with their caps and gowns during the graduation ceremony. These cords will serve as recognition of their ASTRA membership and service. The cords are red and silver and will be mailed out to ASTRA Clubs upon request.

ASTRA End of Year Club Activity Reports are due to the International office no later than April 1st. This report is one way for ASTRA Clubs to be recognized for their outstanding service within their community. From these submissions, five ASTRA Clubs will be randomly selected. The International Foundation will then provide a \$100 donation in each Club's name to the project/organization of their choice.

Be sure to submit ASTRA scholarship applications to the International Office by March 15th!

End of Year Club Activity Reports, scholarship application forms, and other resources can be found online at <http://members.altrusa.org/Committees/StandingCommittees/ASTRAClubs/ASTRAResources.aspx>. If you have any questions or wish to request cords, please contact Adriana Mena at the International Office, via email at adriana@altrusa.org or by phone at 312-427-4410.

The Altrusa Compass, our monthly newsletter, is intended to provide members with a brief summary of timely information. International Bylaws and Policies, as well as Procedure Manuals that provide greater detail are available under the Publications tab at www.altrusa.org.

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