

THE ALTRUSA COMPASS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Welcome to the first Compass of the biennium! What an exciting time we had in Kansas City. Everything went without a hitch thanks to the hard work of President Ilona, Association Manager Sandy and the staff at the International Office, the members of District Eight, the Greater Kansas City Club and of course Jane and Sue, the Hart-Land sisters.

There was lots of time to visit with longtime friends and make new ones, to sight see and to enjoy some great KC jazz and barbecue. The three keynote speakers were awesome, two of them agreed to also conduct all Convention workshops!

Your International Biennium Committees are already working to connect with District Committee Chairs to collaborate on achieving the biennium goals. The Committees worked hard to make the Convention presentation fun! For those of you unable to attend, each Committee was free to find the best way to get their ideas across, and they did it with flourish! Check out the [video presentation](#) put together by the Communications Committee, listen to the song "Heroes" used by the Leadership Development and Training Committee and download the [bookmarks](#) they created- YOU are a hero too! The ASTRA Committee announced the name of scholarship recipients, the Membership Development Committee led us on a cheer spelling ALTRUSA and the members of the Service Program Development Committee kicked up their heels Ricketts style to Everything Old is New Again. International, District and Club Committee Chairs want to make sure that members are engaged. We have lots to accomplish and will need all of you to succeed.

All the Committees are integrally intertwined, the Chairs understand the importance of maintaining communication among themselves, not one Committee taking precedence over the other but collaborating towards our common goals. The biennium goals are ambitious but attainable, and from what I've seen on social media since Convention makes me optimistic about the prospect of attaining them. We will be working on increasing our membership, starting at least one new ASTRA Club in each District, chartering new clubs in every District and creating new Clubs at Large. Let's not forget also that we want Altrusa to be recognized around the world as THE organization to belong to. Under President Ilona's Power of One Initiative, Altrusa had a net gain in membership for the first time in twenty five years; now I am asking you to double your service - double your fun. Let's keep the trend going!



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In Altrusa Spirit,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ilona", written over a light blue horizontal line.

CONVENTION NOTES FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT ILONA KERBY

Altrusans *Jazzed it Up* at Convention 2015 in Kansas City! While convention is now a fond memory I hope that Altrusans returned to their clubs and shared what an inspiring, uplifting and energizing experience they had. The feedback via email, surveys and in person has been wonderful to get as it is overwhelmingly positive long with some great suggestions for future conventions. An often shared comment from many attendees was that they appreciated the excellent line-up of speakers and the positive energy they helped to generate. We were so fortunate to secure quality speakers that so generously donated their time and talents to Altrusa by reducing and/or waiving their speaking fees. A special thanks goes to Dr. Patricia Sulak for donating money from her book sales to the Altrusa International Foundation - that is a true Altrusan!

Altrusans from around the globe showed their generosity and commitment to literacy in their response to the literacy service project. The book collection goal was met and exceeded and the Ronald McDonald House and Habitat for Humanity were the thankful recipients of the donated books! It is a wonderful tradition to 'give back' to the community where our conventions are held. I'd like to thank the members of Altrusa International of Greater Kansas City for all their work on this project.



Special thanks go to the Convention Co-Chairs Sue Hart and Jane Hart, the Host Club of Greater Kansas City, our host District - District Eight, Registration Chair Governor Brenda Smith, Function Coordinator Linda Smith and all the District Eight Altrusans who served on either the Host Committee or other committees as well as the International Staff for all the work that went into assuring that the convention ran smoothly. We got great feedback from those who went on the trolley tours and learned so much about the unique history of Kansas City. Thank you Greater Kansas City for making sure that Altrusans got the opportunity to absorb the sights, sounds and history of your city!

I believe we set the bar for our 100th anniversary Convention and got the excitement started so thank you all for your part in a successful convention! I look forward to seeing you in Nashville in 2017!



In Altrusa Service,

Ilona Kerby
Immediate Past President

The 2015-2017 International Board of Directors

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Convention Statistics

Total Voting Body Certified: 247

- ◆ Delegates – 159
- ◆ Past International Presidents – 7
- ◆ Board Members – 9
- ◆ Past Governors – 59
- ◆ Governors – 13

Clubs Represented: 135

Districts Represented: 14

Total Registrations: 336

Convention photos are available on Facebook and on the International Website!



Past International Presidents share a smile before the Installation Banquet on Monday night of the 54th Altrusa Convention. Top Row (L to R): Zaida Perez Mendez, Donna Johnson, Judy Atkinson, Dona Garretson, Phyllis Corman. Bottom Row (L to R): Linda Nichols, Barbara Ann Hughes, Norma Hiner, Alexinia Baldwin.

MAMIE L. BASS TO ATTEND NASHVILLE CONVENTION

We are pleased to announce our first special guest booked for the 55th Altrusa Convention is Past President Mamie L. Bass! A few of you may have noticed that her spirit briefly attended part of the Kansas City Convention. She was so impressed, she has requested and been granted a more visible role at our next Convention in Nashville.

UNITED NATIONS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

September 8, 2015 has been designated as this year's International Literacy Day by the United Nations. The theme is "Literacy and Sustainable Societies." Literacy is a key driver for sustainable development. Literacy skills are the prerequisite for the learning of a broader set of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values, required for development, such as health and agriculture, serves as an enabling factor in the promotion of literacy and literate environments.

For more information on worldwide events and for posters in six languages, please visit: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/literacy-day>.

CALHOUN AWARD CRITERIA UPDATED

The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award criteria has been revised to align with the Mamie L. Bass and Letha H. Brown Awards. The award will recognize a club's single international service project and will not be based on yearlong activity planning. The new award submission form with the updated criteria is posted on the website and can be viewed by going to <http://members.altrusa.org/Index.aspx>.

Reminder: Fall grant applications are due September 15th. [Please click here](#) for details and forms. All Altrusa Clubs are eligible this cycle!



The Altrusa International Foundation’s Club 21 Program distributed more than \$22,000 last year. That’s \$12,500 more than in 2013-2014!

This is possible because of you. Thank you for giving countless children and families the opportunity to receive the support and fun memories they need during a difficult time in their lives.

This is a reminder to send club-level membership for the year. If your Altrusa Club would like to join, [please click here to make the \\$210.00 donation](#). First timers will receive a medallion for their Altrusa Club banner.

For photos and brochures on the Club 21 Program, [please login and take a look here!](#)

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