



## Governors Corner



### Welcome to the 2025–2027 Biennium

I am excited to begin this new biennium and confident that all of our clubs are already off to a strong start. As we embark on another meaningful club year, our first priority is **membership**. Our International President, Chris Devlieger, has set a clear challenge for us: **each member should bring in one new member this year**.

Naturally, the question becomes—**how?** How can smaller or aging clubs attract new members while still dedicating time to service projects and fundraising? The answer lies in our **purpose** and the **mission** of Altrusa.

### Altrusa International's Mission Statement:

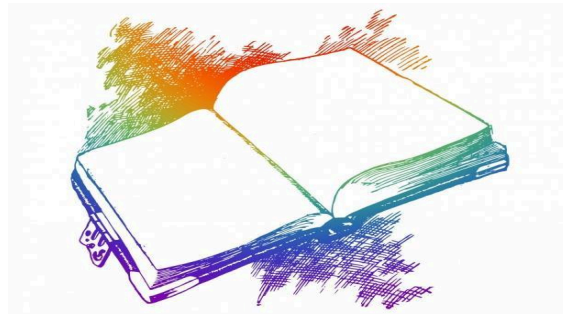
*To improve communities worldwide by providing service, developing leadership, fostering international understanding, and encouraging fellowship through an international network of dedicated volunteers.*

To grow, begin by reflecting on these questions:	Next Step
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who in your community is making a difference through service?</li><li>• Who are the strong leaders in your area?</li><li>• Which individuals or organizations support international service?</li><li>• Who is fostering fellowship through community involvement?</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reach out to these individuals and organizations.</li><li>2. Attend their events—or events where they will be present.</li><li>3. Offer to assist with community activities.</li><li>4. Invite them to participate in your service projects.</li><li>5. Extend a personal invitation to one of your meetings.</li></ol> <p>And finally, ask the simple yet powerful question: <b>“Would you like to become an Altrusan?”</b></p>



The Altrusa International Board decided to continue collaborating with Days for Girls for the next Biennium. This pairing is an excellent way for your club to have an international project. Your club can assist in hands-on service with a chapter in your area or through donations. At the 2025 69th Annual Conference, our district assisted the local Spring Valley chapter via a chapter in the Eastern Sierra area to assemble approximately 300 kits. Altrusans really do rock!

## **Altrusa International Literacy Challenge One Book at a Time, Part III**



President Chris is continuing Past President Kathy's book challenge and we want you to be a part of it. President Chris firmly believes that literacy is the number one focus for Altrusa and we want to continue to enhance that commitment. Our ultimate goal is to enhance the lives of others ONE BOOK AT A TIME! The challenge is for Altrusans to distribute 1,000,001 books throughout the world and/or devote 500,000 literacy service hours to our communities during the 2025-2027 biennium. So how can you participate?

To get to the Altrusa International Service Page click <https://login.altrusa.org/service/>.



## Convention-Quebec City!

Bonjour!

Quebec City was magical. The 59th International Convention was fascinating and renewing. Connecting with fellow Altrusa members from all over the world creates magic. New ideas and friendship flowed through the entire convention. I encourage all members to attempt to attend at least one convention. It is so worth it!

This year's convention we had 14 District Eleven members attend. Here are some of the members

### ***Take Aways***

To retain members, share thanks, celebrate successes, recognize members efforts and milestones, plan fun events, be flexible with members time and talents- *Past Governor, Pat Zoller (San Diego Club)*

Being my first convention a highlight is the variety of workshops offered to help the clubs grow and be successful. I was able to meet with past governors from different districts and gain a vast amount of information- *Kimberly Painter (Santa Maria Club)*

I enjoyed both keynote speakers and the most inspirational speaker was Tim Sutter from Sutter Foods - *Val Higgs (Eastern Sierra Club)*

How important it is that we stay connected with each other. We build wonderful relationships that are so easy you fade when you don't see each other but every two years. I love to learn from other members and grow my own Altrusa knowledge- *Past Governor, Carol Latham (Anaheim Club)*

Pat Young (Tucson Club) was my hero for making the trip. Reuniting with Altrusans from other Districts along with buying chocolates from the New Zealand clubs- *Leslie Johnson (Anaheim Club)*

My favorites were reuniting with friends I met at other conventions and making new friends-

*Ann Banwell (Tucson Club)*

## Bylaw Changes



At the 59th International Convention, the following Bylaws were amended. These amendments will be updated in the District Eleven Bylaws, which are located on the District Eleven website. Please update the following amendments if your club has its own club Bylaws.

### Section 1. Members

The members of International shall consist of Active members, **Young Adult members**, Emeritus members, Honorary members of Altrusa Clubs (hereinafter referred to as "Clubs") in good standing, Affiliate members and Life members. Membership is open to individuals who are of good character and endorse the purposes and principals of Altrusa.

### Section 2. Active Members

Except as herein provided, community members who are of good character and who subscribe to the principles and purposes of Altrusa International, Inc. may be invited to become Active members of an Altrusa Club.

### Section 3. Young Adult Members

**Young Adult members are those Active members who are age 30 and younger and are eligible for a 50% reduction in international dues from the regular rate. Any member not willing to document their date of birth will be charged the full regular rate.**

### Section 1. Power to Amend

The power to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the members entitled to vote at Convention, subject to the laws of the State of Indiana, and to the provisions of the Articles. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to adopt, alter, amend or repeal.

### Section 2. Notice

At least ~~sixty (60)~~**forty-five (45)** days prior to the date of such Convention, notice shall be given to membership of any proposed amendments to Bylaws to be placed before the Convention Body.

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## Fall Area Workshop

Come one, Come all!



Register Now!

# LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

**Saturday, September 27**

10am Strategic planning  
12pm Lunch  
1pm Succession planning

**Marriott Phoenix Chandler**  
1600 South Price Rd, Chandler AZ 85286

**REGISTER NOW**

**\$50**

Hotel rate  
\$159 / night  
Deadline  
September 5  
DistrictEleven.Altrusa.org

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International District Eleven

Website

<https://districteleven.altrusa.org/news-events/2025-leadership-workshops/>

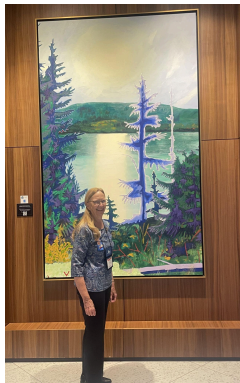
Registration

<https://altrusadistricteleven.regfox.com/2025-altrusa-district-eleven-leadership-workshops>

Hotel

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1752078251098&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

## Convention Pictures





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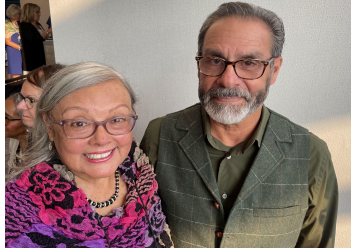
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*Au Revoir!*