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Together Everyone Achieves More

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The Governor's Message



District Eight Altrusans,

As Governor of District Eight, I am pleased to issue this Official Call to the 55th Annual District Eight Conference. It is the final "spring training" for this triennium. I hope that many of you are planning to attend the annual Conference in Sikeston, Missouri. Sikeston Altrusans have lots of great things planned. Their conference theme, "Celebrating Altrusa in the Bootheel," is sure to provide us with lots of opportunity to enjoy our time in southeast Missouri. Mark April 28-30 on your calendar and join us in Sikeston. Please note that this is a week later than usual because of Easter.

Our District Board and Committee Chairs, along with the Conference Committee, are working hard to plan a great conference for each TEAM member. Take advantage of what Conference has to offer. Are you a new President or Treasurer or secretary for 2010-2011? If so, you don't want to miss Conference as this is your opportunity for special training.

Workshops are being planned. Some of the highlights in addition to those presented by the new 2011-2013 Program Team include:

- How to Host a Conference
- Fundraising Fundamentals

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2011 Conference Chair
and Co-Chair

Chair - Nanette Morris –
msnan@sbcglobal.net

Co-Chair Linda Cravens –
cravenslind2@aol.com

There will be numerous other workshops so attend Conference and see what we have in store for you!

In this Official Call are:

- Conference Registration Form
- Hotel Information
- First Timer Discount
- Tentative Conference Schedule
- Deadlines for Awards Entries
- Conference Service Project Information
- Proposed 2011-2012 District Budget
- And much more!

Our special guest for the weekend will be Zaida Perez-Mendez, International Immediate Past President. Zaida is from San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. Please take time during the weekend to meet Zaida.

Please note that the First Timer discount of \$25 only applies to full early registrations.

I hope all 25 clubs are working on awards entries. This is your time to shine! I hope all of you make the commitment to submit at least one entry. Included in the newsletter are addresses of where to send your entries. There are many opportunities to be recognized, so please enter!

Linda Smith, Governor

District Eight Memorial Service Deadline April 4, 2011

Send a short bio (and photo if available) of any Altrusa member who has passed away since our 2010 Conference to:

Kathy Surratt-States
2910 Henrietta
St. Louis, MO 63104
314-772-5526

Kathy_Surratt-States@ca8.uscourts.gov

[be sure to include the underscore between Kathy and Surratt]

Request for you soda tabs

Judy German, from the Stillwater club, has made a special request to ask District Eight Altrusans to bring collected soda tabs to the conference in Sikeston. She is turning them into St Jude's and has submitted approximately 800,000, so they are doing a push to have 1,000,000 by Jaden's next appointment (which is after conference).

Fifty-fifth Annual District Eight Conference Sikeston, Missouri April 28-30, 2010

Hotel– Drury Inn & Suites,
2608 East Malone Avenue,
Sikeston, Missouri

Meetings – Minor Convention Center
[next door to hotel)

To reserve online, go to
www.druryhotels.com, click on Book it
Fast, then enter group number 2089372.

Or please call 1-800-325-0720 to make
your individual group reservations. Please
specify the Hotel location and reference
your Group Name. Or you can call the
hotel direct at 573-472-2299.

CUT-OFF DATE: Reservations received after
Friday, April 1, 2011 will be provided on a
space-available basis at prevailing rates.

CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT: Hotel check-in is after 3
p.m. on the day of arrival. Hotel checkout is before
11:00 a.m. on the day of departure.

Check out the last DSB for the great amenities
offered by this hotel.

Altrusa International Board Member to Visit Conference

Zaida Perez-Mendez, Immediate Past President, Altrusa International, Inc. from San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, District Fourteen



Currently serving as Immediate Past International President, Zaida served as Altrusa's International President in 2007-2009. She was elected International President-Elect by the Delegates to the 2005 Puerto Rico International Convention for the 2005-2007 biennium. She served as International Vice President during the 2003-2005 biennium. Since 1976, Zaida has been a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, in addition she has served on many committees and held various offices, including that of President of her Club in 1980-1981.

As District Fourteen Governor, she served as a Member of the International Board of Directors in 1999-2001. Zaida also served on the Long Range/Strategic Plan Committee in 1997 and as International Relations Chair in 1991.

On the District level, in addition to serving as District Governor, she held the positions of Governor-Elect and First Vice Governor. She also served as the District Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations Chair and as the District Fourteen Foundation Liaison in 1993-1995.

A member of the Pharmaceutical Association of Puerto Rico, Zaida is also a Coordinator of the Red Cross in San Sebastian and Secretary of the Volleyball Association. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and was President of the Municipal Legislature until 2005.

A widow, with two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren, Zaida is an avid volleyball fan.

Conference, Convention: What's In It for Me?

By Donna Johnson, International President

District Conference is the best time there is to get away with your Altrusa friends for a weekend of fun, learning, and meeting like-minded people. It's an opportunity you shouldn't pass up. I promise, if you go once you'll be hooked. I was.

You'll also have a chance to meet the member of the International Board of Directors who is the International Visitor to your Conference. This year she'll be giving you an informative update on the Revitalization and Rebranding of Altrusa and how you and your club can benefit from it. Perhaps even more important will be the opportunity to talk about some major changes being proposed to the International bylaws having to do with classification of members and eligibility criteria for becoming an Altrusan.

And you don't want to miss this year's International Convention in Rapid City, SD July 22 – 25, 2011. Be the first to see the new Altrusa logo and hear the new tagline. (Bring home a scarf or polo shirt with the new logo and you'll be the envy of all your friends!) Learn how clarity, flexibility and inclusion are key to revitalizing Altrusa and how these three simple but important concepts will help you bring new members to your club.

Wow, exciting times are ahead. Go for it and plan on District Conference and International Convention. You'll be glad you did.

**ALTRUSA
INTERNATIONAL, INC.
FOR DISTRICT EIGHT**

2012 Proposed Budget

Acct #		Proposed FY 2012
INCOME		
18000	Carryover from FY 11	3,000.00
47230	Dues -- All	7,000.00
45030	Interest	1,780.00
	Conference start-up refund	1,000.00
<u>42400</u>	<u>Conference proceeds/Emporia</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
	Total Income	13,980.00

EXPENSES		
60323	ASTRA Award	100.00
	Start-up Bank Charges	30.00
68330	Club Visits	3,000.00
68311	Conference Board Expense	3,000.00
68313	Conference Start-up Fund	1,000.00
68314	District Eight Pins	-
65042	District Service Bulletin	900.00
60900	Governor Elect Training	-
60322	Gov's Distinguished Service Awd	100.00
62100	Governor's Pin	-
68312	Honorarium Int'l Representative	50.00
68320	International Convention	1,250.00
60321	Leatha H. Brown Literacy Award	100.00
65100	Long Range Planning	50.00
60320	Mamie L. Bass Award	100.00
68331	Midyear Board Meeting	2,200.00
65050	New Club Building	500.00
65060	Nominating Committee	-
65000	Office Supplies	50.00
65020	Postage and Delivery	50.00
65070	President's Workshop	100.00
65030	Printing & Reproduction	150.00
65080	Program Planning	-
68090	Revitalization	1,000.00
65121	Surety Bond	50.00
65122	Travel & Accident Insurance	100.00
<u>65041</u>	<u>Website Expenses</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Budgeted Expenses	13,980.00

Remember to Pack.....

Club Banners: We are in a new facility so are unable to hang the banners from the wall. Please bring and we will figure out where to display them.

Silent Auction Items: Bring several items/gift baskets for the Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit the International Foundation. Don't forget your checkbook so you can purchase auction items!

Merchandise for Club Fundraising: This is a great opportunity for you to sell items from your club's fundraising project. Please let Nanette Morris at msnan@sbcglobal.net know if your club will have items to sell so that they can assign a space.

Displays/Exhibits: Each club is encouraged to bring a tabletop display demonstrating their service and literacy projects. Check the District website (www.altrusadistricteight.org) for criteria.

Shopping List: Altrusa items from Doc Morgan will be available for your purchase.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
MEMBERS**

- EMPORIA
 - ALICE ELKINS
 - MARY B. FORSYTHE
 - ADELA C. MAYNEZ
- GREATER KANSAS CITY
 - AMANDA M. BRADLEY
 - SHANNON JOHNSTON
 - BARBARA PHILLIPS
- HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE
 - PAULA EICHER
 - LINDA WELCH
- SALINA
 - PHYLLIS ANDERSON
 - JOOMI BOBBETT
 - BRENDA GUTIERREZ

AWARDS

All information and applications for District Awards must be submitted to the contacts listed below postmarked no later than March 21, 2011.

District Eight's Governor's Distinguished Service Award:

Application/criteria may be found at

www.altrusadistricteight.org

Send one copy to each judge:

Past Governor Peggy Hughes

1306 E. 21st Avenue,

Hutchinson, KS 67502

620-663-8180

peggy@hughes2k.com

Past Governor Joyce Williams

191 CR 350 Road

Bono, AR 72416

870-932-6202

jjwms72416@yahoo.com

Past Governor Alice Ann Simkins

2095 Austin Drive

Fayetteville, AR 72703

479-442-8015

aasimkins@aol.com

Mamie L Bass, Letha H Brown Awards and Dr. Nina

Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

Application/criteria may be found at www.altrusa.com

Send three copies of each award application to:

Pam Doss, District Service Chair

P.O. Box 268

Prairie Grove, AR 72753

479-846-5927

pam@dossworks.com

Note: MLB, LHB and Nina Fay Calhoun awards are judged by non-Altrusans selected from the community at large.

ASTRA Award

ASTRA clubs should follow the criteria found at

www.altrusa.com for their awards entries. Three copies

of the entry should be sent to District Eight ASTRA

Chair for judging:

Jeannie Hicks

3242 Highway JJ

Moberly, MO 65270

660-263-1957

jhtax@mywdo.com

ASTRA (cont.) – winning ASTRA club will receive \$100 from District and also be submitted for International awards

Newsletters *

Send one copy to each judge:

Penny Daughtery, District Communications Chair

1330 Morningside Drive

Mexico, MO 65265

573-581-9030

penny@radiogetsresults.net

Diane Bielanski

3 Ibi Lane

Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

501-915-8944

dbielanski@sbcglobal.net

P.J. Williams

P.O. Box 425

Booneville, AR 72927

479-675-2737

pwilliams@fortsmithlibrary.org

Yearbooks *

Send one copy to each judge:

Penny Daughtery, District Communications Chair

1330 Morningside Drive

Mexico, MO 65265

573-581-9030

penny@radiogetsresults.net

Mary Ann Wenner

1308 E. 56th Avenue

Hutchinson, KS 67502

620-665-7738

wendm@att.net

Charlotte Fisher

11 Roberts Drive

Bella Vista, AR 72714

479-876-5128

fishjc@cox.net

* 2010 Newsletter and Yearbook 1st place winners are not eligible in 2011

55th District Eight Tentative
Conference Schedule
Sikeston, Missouri

First Timers Policy

First Timers to Conference will receive a \$25 discount on the full registration fee provided the registration is received by the April 1, 2011 deadline. There is no discount for late registrations. This discount is available to all First Timers who register for the entire Conference. There is no discount for partial registrations.

Conference Registration Refund Policy

Policy 7, District Conference

- D. Conference Registration Refunds
- (i) Prior to Conference - Registrants will receive a 100% refund of the registration fee only if the request for a refund is received at least ten days prior to the first day of Conference (the Thursday prior to the opening business session). [April 18, 2011 for this Conference]
 - (ii) Any requests for registration fee refunds received after the above deadline must be submitted to the Conference Treasurer or Governor in writing by the deadline published in the "Call to Conference" issue of the DSB, as established by the Board of Directors. The refund must be approved by the District Governor and Treasurer, and is contingent on Conference obligations. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from the registration fee refund.

The deadline established by the Board of Directors is as follows:

"All requests for refunds after April 18 must be submitted in writing to the Conference Treasurer or Governor by the beginning of the post-Conference Board Meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2011."

Thursday, April 28, 2011

12:00-9:00 PM	Registration and Credentials
1:30 PM	District Finance Committee Meeting
2:00-5:00 PM	Pre-Conference District Board Meeting
6:00-7:30 PM	District Board Dinner
8:00-9:00 PM	Welcome to Conference
9:15 PM	Flag Ceremony Practice & Program Team Practice

Friday, April 29, 2011

7:45-8:45 AM	Registration Open
8:00-8:30 AM	First Timers
8:45-11:00 AM	Opening Business Session, including Memorial Ceremony
11:00-11:30 AM	Candidate's Forum
11:45 AM-1:30 PM	Keynote Luncheon & 2011-2012 Program Team Presentation
1:30-5:00 PM	Registration Open
1:30-2:45 PM	All Conference Workshop
3:00-4:00 PM	Workshops
4:00-7:30 PM	Free Time, including dinner on your own
7:30 PM	Fun Night

Saturday, April 30, 2011

7:30-9:00 AM	Registration Open
7:45-8:30 AM	Past Governor's Breakfast
9:00-10:45 AM	Second Business Session & Presentation of Conference Project
11:00-11:45 AM	Workshops
12:00-1:45 PM	Awards Luncheon
2:00-2:45 PM	Workshops
3:00-4:00 PM	Workshops
5:00-6:30 PM	Photo Session
6:00-7:00 PM	Reception honoring Zaida Perez-Mendez, Immediate Past President, Altrusa International
7:00 PM	Governor's Banquet

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:00 AM	Post Conference District Board
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55th DISTRICT EIGHT
 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
 April 28-30, 2011
 Drury Inn and Miner Convention Center
 Sikeston, MO 63801

PLEASE PRINT

Name (s) _____
 Altrusa International, Inc of _____ Phone (H) _____
 Address _____ Phone (work or cell) _____
 City _____ MO _____ Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

I am attending in the capacity of: (please mark all that apply)

- Delegate Alternate District Committee Chair
 Altrusa Member Club President Past/Present Governor
 First Timer District Officer Past/Present Int'l Officer Guest

Full registration of \$100.00 includes conference material, Thursday evening Welcome to Conference, Friday Keynote Luncheon, Friday Fun Night, Saturday Awards Luncheon and Saturday night Governor's Banquet and Reception.

REGISTRATION IS DUE BEFORE APRIL 1, 2011

	Fee	#Needed	Amount
Full registration BEFORE April 1	\$100.00	_____	\$_____
Partial Registration (one day Friday)	70.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration (one day Saturday)	70.00	_____	_____
Late Full Registration AFTER April 1	115.00	_____	_____
Late Partial Registration Friday	80.00	_____	_____
Late Partial Registration Saturday	80.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration without meals	40.00	_____	_____
Extra Meal ticket for Guest			
Friday Keynote Luncheon	15.00	_____	_____
Saturday Awards Luncheon	12.00	_____	_____
Governor's Banquet and Reception	27.50	_____	_____
Total Payment Enclosed			\$_____

No Refunds after April 18, 2011

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALTRUSA DISTRICT EIGHT CONFERENCE

Please complete form and mail with your check to: Melissa Eakins, PO Box 73, Sikeston, MO 63801

Hotel Reservations can be made at the Drury Inn & Suites, 2608 East Malone Ave, Sikeston, MO 63801
 Phone: 573-472-2299. A block of rooms has been reserved until April 1, 2011 for a rate of \$84.00 plus taxes.



CELEBRATING ALTRUSA IN THE BOOTHEEL
 ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF SIKESTON, MO USA



Backpacks for Friday Conference Project

What a necessary project in this day and time. This year, Altrusa of Sikeston has teamed up with the Southeast Missouri Food Bank to provide nutritious, non-perishable, easy to open meals and snacks in backpacks for students in need of meals over the weekends when they may not have any food at home. The backpacks are filled during the week by volunteers and then distributed to the students on Friday. The students return the backpacks on Monday when the whole procedure starts again.

Sikeston has chosen this very worthwhile project for the conference project. The need is for money. Sikeston hopes conference attendees and district clubs will give generously to this project. Please make checks payable to the Southeast Missouri Food Bank - Back Pack program. All donations are tax deductible

To Look Forward to at Conference

Welcome to Conference will be Thursday night at 8:00 PM. We will be Swinging in the Bootheel with the Soggy Bottom Boys. Our keynote speaker at Friday's luncheon will be Neal Boyd. Neal is a winner of Americas Got Talent show on TV. He is a Sikeston native with an amazing voice and an awesome personality. Friday night dinner is on our own but Lamberts Home of the Throed Rolls and Ruby Tuesday are two of the restaurants located a short distance from the Drury Inn and the Miner Convention Center. We will get together at 7:30 PM to get reacquainted, aquatinted, share ideas and enjoy lots of fun and games. And don't forget the reception and dinner Saturday night. This is Diane Eberhard's big night as she is installed as District Eight's new governor.

Watch for the "GIRLS WITH PEARLS". These will be conference hostesses. So if you have any questions or need anything during your visit, please contact one of the GIRLS WITH PEARLS!



Linda Smith, Governor
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Salina KS 67401