FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Change is in the air! The nip of Autumn is upon us in the Northern Hemisphere and the warming Spring in the Southern. It is an exciting time to be an Altrusan! The Power of One resulted in our membership going in the right direction during the last biennium thanks to the efforts of many of you who sponsored new members. This is only the beginning of the Altrusa resurgence. We need the membership growth to be Organization-wide; from the smaller Districts to the Clubs-At-Large. I am challenging you to Double your Service – Double your fun! Membership growth is critical for the health of Altrusa and it’s critical to the communities we serve; think how much more you could accomplish; how many more lives you’d be able to touch if you could grow your club. Next time you invite friends to a meeting, ask them to bring another friend or a relative. When you initiate new members, ask them to invite someone to join in the celebration and watch them become an Altrusan!

The Membership Development Committee has been busy providing ideas for your Clubs’ growth, and the Committee members have been in touch with your District’s Membership Chairs to find out how they can help. I would like to see the Clubs that have been successful with recruitment retention and revitalization get in touch with nearby Clubs that might be struggling. I want to see new clubs being built to fill in voids between two or more existing clubs; remember there is strength in numbers. The more Clubs we have, the better known we become and the more women and men in our communities will look to join us. I need you to help me write the Altrusa Symphony, so, contact your District’s Membership Development Chair and let her/him know of your needs so we can help them help you. Communication is key and works best when it’s two way!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLUB!

Altrusa International of The Chisholm Trail was chartered on July 11, 2015. Welcome messages and gifts can be sent to Club President Brandy Firebaugh at 3513 SW HK Dodgen Loop, Suite 203, Temple, TX, 76502.

In Altrusa Service,

Silvia D. Silverman
President
Altrusa International, Inc.

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In Memoriam: Stella T. J. Nyhan

Past International President Stella T. J. Nyhan died peacefully in her home Monday August 31, 2015 at the age of 102. Stella was truly “A Woman before her time.” Professionally, she was the first official Secretary of the Irish Textile Industry as the only woman director within the Federation at that time. She was the first international member to serve as Altrusa International’s President from 1987-1989. She also served as Chairman of the Altrusa International Foundation from 1989-2001. Stella was a member of the Dublin, Ireland Club for over 50 years. Altrusans across the world remember her fondly and can send condolences to her family online at http://www.fanagans.ie/Online-Book-of-Condolence/6026/?do=message&267_Name_of_deceased=STELLA%20NYHAN.

Club Annual Report and Distinguished Club Award

While there were many technical problems with the Club Annual Report last year, this year it cannot be automatically prefilled. Significant resources have been allocated to try to resolve these problems, unfortunately to no avail. Therefore, the Club Annual Report is being provided for manual completion as a Word document. It is on the website at http://members.altrusa.org/Club/Club-Annual-Report-Current.aspx. It must be submitted by December 1, 2015.

This form is an independent document, meaning you must save it locally (i.e. to your computer) while you are working on it. Please submit the completed report, including self-scoring, by email to altrusa@altrusa.org or mail to 1 N. LaSalle St, Suite 1955, Chicago, IL, 60602, posted no later than December 1, 2015. The April 1, 2015 Membership report may be found at http://members.altrusa.org/Committees/StandingCommittees/MembershipDevelopment/Reports.aspx. You may also review your 2013-2014 Club Annual Report at http://members.altrusa.org/Club/Club-Annual-Report-Past.aspx.

The return to a manual reporting process is for this year only. President Silverman will be appointing a task force to review the Club Annual Report content and process. Thank you for your patience.
To help mark the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, iconic monuments, buildings, landscapes, museums, bridges, and other landmarks across the globe will be lit up blue – the official color of the United Nations – on UN Day, October 24, 2015. Join the UN in the global celebration and choose blue on October 24th by lighting up a landmark in your community.

As part of this international event, images and videos of the lighted structures will be part of press and social media outreach, and will be seen by millions of people around the world. We are also asked to get involved and take action by sharing their "Choose blue" images using the hashtag #UN70.

To learn more about this celebration, please read the open letter sent by the Chief or NGO Relations and Advocacy section: http://goo.gl/kRXroU.

Reminder to Local Club Foundations:

Submit 2014-2015 annual reports and Directors & Officers payments by October 30. Please click here for the annual report. Completed forms can be emailed to foundation@altrusa.org or mailed to the International Foundation office.

Call Shawna Kaiser at (312) 427-4410 with questions.


Summary and detailed membership reports are available on the Altrusa website at http://members.altrusa.org/Committees/StandingCommittees/MembershipDevelopment/Reports.aspx.

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### Membership Report as of August 31, 2015

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Disaster Relief Fund


The Disaster Relief Fund enables Altrusa to respond immediately to the trauma of natural disasters with swift, direct aid anywhere in the world.

This program provides an opportunity for Altrusa Clubs worldwide to address the unmet needs of a community following a disaster.

Please click here to contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund.

We are thankful for your support.

Please contact Shawna Kaiser, Foundation Administrator, for further information.

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