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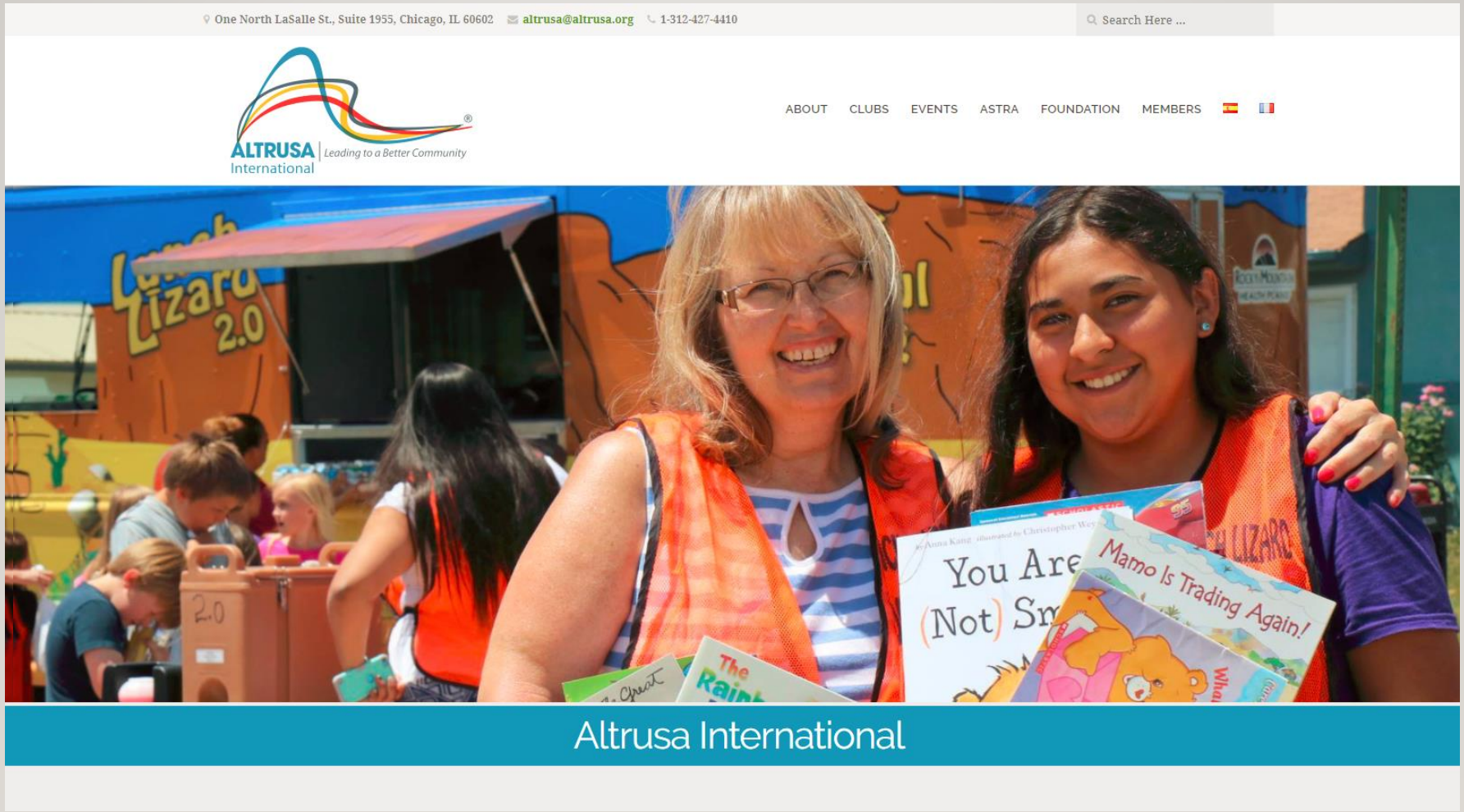
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NAVIGATION MENU

WE BELIEVE…

LEADING TO A BETTER COMMUNITY

We believe that everyone is able to make a positive difference to the world around them. We can each volunteer our time, or donate our money, towards worthy causes. Our individual efforts are small, but they matter.

We can achieve even more when we bring people together. For over 100 years Altrusa clubs have collected members from varying occupations and lifestyles, all sharing an interest in community service.

We enjoy the friendship, fun and satisfaction that comes from working together for the benefit of others. Each club develops a program that is tailored to local needs, undertaking a variety of hands-on service and fundraising projects each year. One of our shared goals as an organization is to improve literacy, which we believe is the key to opportunity.

Through Altrusa activities we develop our leadership skills in a supportive environment. We welcome new ideas and aim to provide enough flexibility so that our members can give their time in a way that works for them.

TESTIMONIALS

Why choose Altrusa?

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I like that we can give of our talents, time or treasure. Some service organizations only focus on one of them.

Deanna Sargent, Altrusa International of Ames, Iowa, USA

★★★★★

The simplicity and the ease with which Altrusans serve made me choose Altrusa.

Parvathy Viswanath, Altrusa International of Madras, India

★★★★★

With Altrusa it is flexible with what you've got going on in your life, to help out more sometimes and less at other times when you're busy.

Fiona Davies, Altrusa International of Queenstown, New Zealand

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

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International Service Project

Days for Girls

Altrusa International, Inc. and Days for Girls have come together in partnership to improve the lives of women and girls internationally.

Days for Girls (DfG) is creating a world with dignity, health, and opportunity for all, through sustainable menstrual care solutions and health education. They envision a world where girls can attend school, pursue opportunities and succeed even when they have their periods.

Together Altrusa and DfG can provide girls and women in the world with essential health education, sustainable and affordable feminine products, break the silence of shame, and change the narrative to one of celebration and pride. Individual Altrusa clubs can support DfG through online fundraising, collecting supplies for kits, connecting with local DfG chapters, or sewing for kits.

The DfG movement has reached more than one million girls and women and counting. Altrusa International will help to reach "Every Girl, Everywhere, Period."

DAYS FOR GIRLS INTERNATIONAL | DONATE

ALTRUSANS IN ACTION

ALTRUSA AT THE U.N.

Active in Service

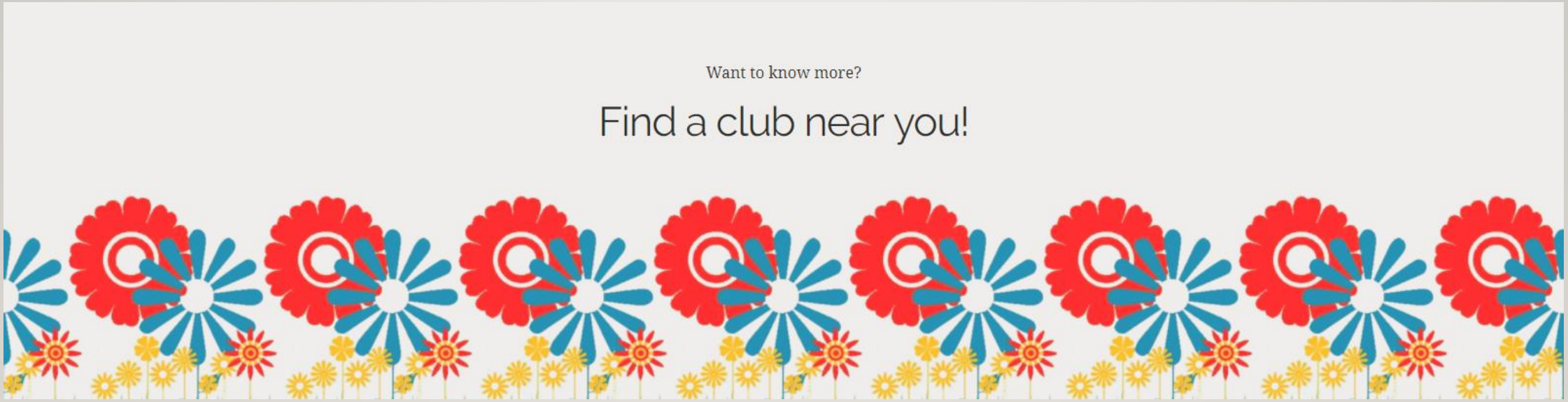
Altrusa at the United Nations

Since 1946, Altrusa has held observer status at the United Nations (UN). In 1978, our UN membership was upgraded to the level of an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in consultative status with ECOSOC (the Economic and Social Council). In this capacity, we join together with other NGOs, forming a community of NGOs called CONGO (Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations), empowered to attend and participate in UN briefings and conferences related solely to global economic and social concerns.

In each biennium, the International Board appoint representatives to attend and monitor United Nations meetings and briefings. Altrusa's representatives attend weekly briefings conducted by DPI/NGO (the UN Department of Public Information for NGOs). In addition, they can and do serve on the many NGO committees formed to further the improvement of the human condition worldwide.

Leading in Literacy

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?



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About

History

Altrusa International was founded in Nashville, Tennessee in 1917, originally as Altrusa Institute. During that time, a record number of women were going to work during World War I, and there was a need for women's civic organizations. Dr. Alfred Durham began organizing clubs throughout Nashville, TN, Louisville, KY, and Dayton, OH, before he moved on to Indianapolis, IN, where he met Mamie L. Bass.

Mamie L. Bass had served as the Superintendent of the Women's Division of the United States Employment Services, and was a partner in her brother's architecture firm. While she admired Dr. Durham's Institute, Bass felt that Altrusa could serve a higher purpose. In June 1918, when Altrusa held its first convention in Indianapolis, Mamie L. Bass's vision became reality. The Altrusa Institute became a classified service organization for women.

In 1935, Altrusa became international when the first club in Mexico was organized. Since that first step over US borders, Altrusa moved into Puerto Rico, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, India, Korea, Russia, Ukraine, Ireland, Great Britain, Bermuda, Canada, and New Zealand.

In 1946, Altrusa sent its first representative to the United Nations. In 1962, Altrusa International established the Altrusa International Foundation. In 1966, the organization established ASTRA.

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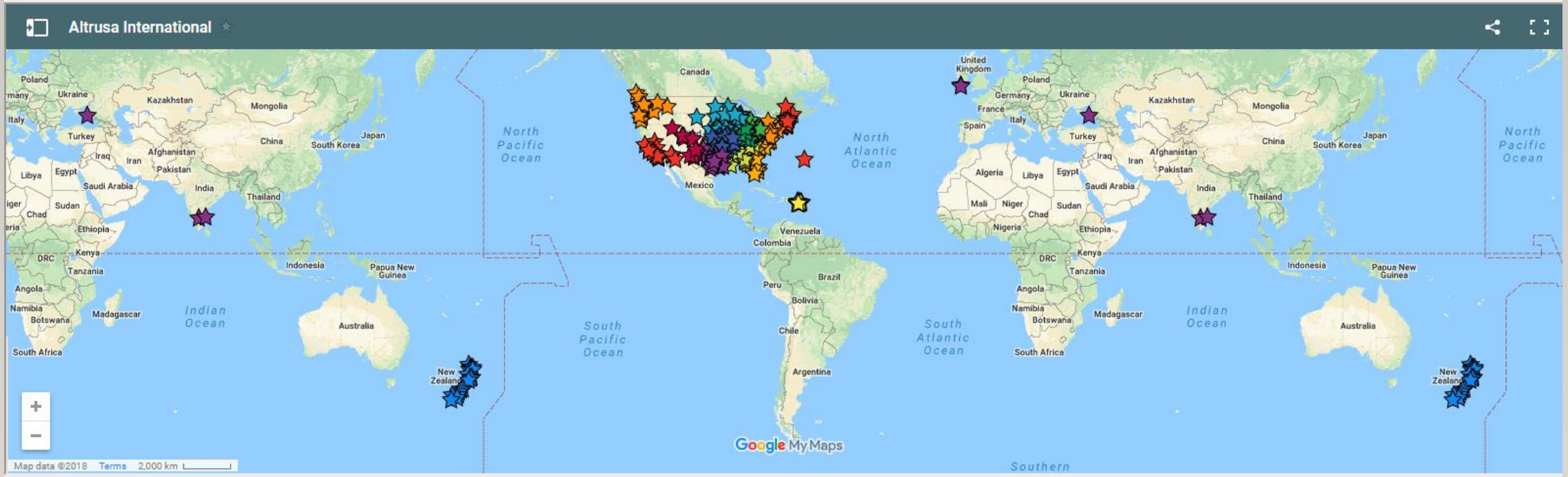
Clubs

Altrusa is a network of clubs that each serve their community. Our clubs are free to determine their own service projects and fundraising efforts, tailored to local needs.

The members of our clubs, known as Altrusans, are energetic, service-minded people of all ages and ethnicities. Most of us are women, as Altrusa was founded in 1917 as a women's organization, but we have welcomed men to our membership for over a decade.

To learn more about Altrusa, find your nearest club on the map below.



Altrusa Districts

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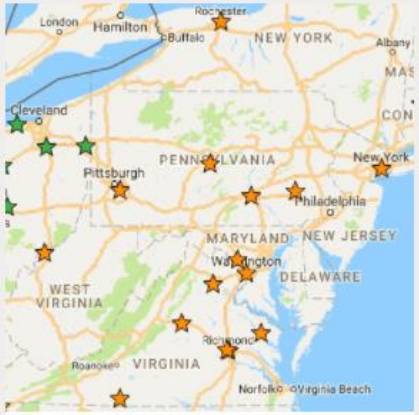
Maine, Massachusetts,
New Hampshire, Quebec

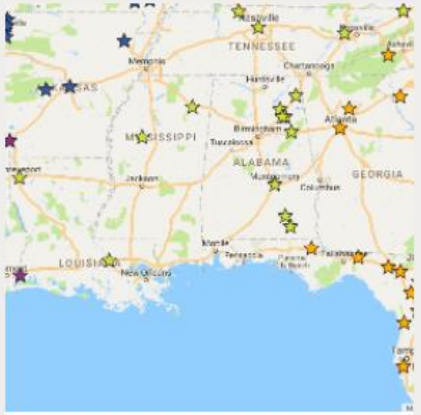


District Two

Pennsylvania, New York,
District of Columbia,
Virginia, West Virginia,
Maryland

District Three

Florida, Georgia,
North Carolina,
South Carolina



District Four

Alabama, Louisiana,
Mississippi, Tennessee

Charter a Club

If you can't find a club in your area, we'd be thrilled to help you start one!

We know that it may seem daunting to start from scratch, but you won't be alone. We have an International New Club Building Committee who are dedicated to mentoring people like you. Our existing resources will help you to advertise Altrusa in your community, share information about our organization, determine the service needs of your area, launch new projects, teach you the ins and outs of Altrusa, and ultimately charter your club. We will support you, so that you can inspire others to join you in service.

Whether you're a confident or aspiring leader, please reach out to us at altrusa@altrusa.org

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Events

Each year, each District of Altrusa International holds a conference for the members in that area. These events are an opportunity for fun, educational workshops, networking, sharing, skill building, electing leadership, and celebrating our accomplishments.

Altrusa conferences run through April and May annually. The current schedule is shared below, with links to respective District websites for more information.

Every second year, Altrusa International holds a convention for the entire membership, with a similar purpose to District Conference but on a larger scale.

The next Altrusa International Convention is 17 – 20 July 2019 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

District Conference Schedule

District One Conference
27 - 29 April 2018 | | Portland, ME

District Two Conference
19 - 22 April 2018 | | Hagerstown, MD

District Three Conference
4 - 6 May 2018 | | Lake Mary, FL

District Four Conference
13 - 15 April 2018 | | Oak Ridge, TN

District Five Conference
27 - 29 April 2018 | | Wilmington, OH

District Six Conference
20 - 22 April 2018 | | East Peoria, IL

District Seven Conference
27 - 29 April 2018 | | Omaha, NE

District Eight Conference
27 - 29 April 2018 | | Lawrence, KS

District Nine Conference
20 - 22 April 2018 | | North Dallas, TX

District Ten Conference
4 - 6 May 2018 | | Tucumcari, NM

District Eleven Conference
18 - 20 May 2018 | | Tucson, AZ

District Twelve Conference
18 - 20 May 2018 | | Eugene, OR

District Fourteen Conference
4 - 6 May 2018 | | Ponce, PR

District Fifteen Conference
4 - 6 May 2018 | | Ashburton, NZ

Altrusa Together

UN INTERNATIONAL DAYS OBSERVED

UN International Days

February 20 World Day of Social Justice
March 8 International Women's Day
April 7 World Health Day
May 15 International Day of Families
June 6 World Environment Day
August 12 International Youth Day
September 8 International Literacy Day
September 21 International Day of Peace
October 16 World Food Day
October 24 UN Day
November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
December 10 Human Rights Day

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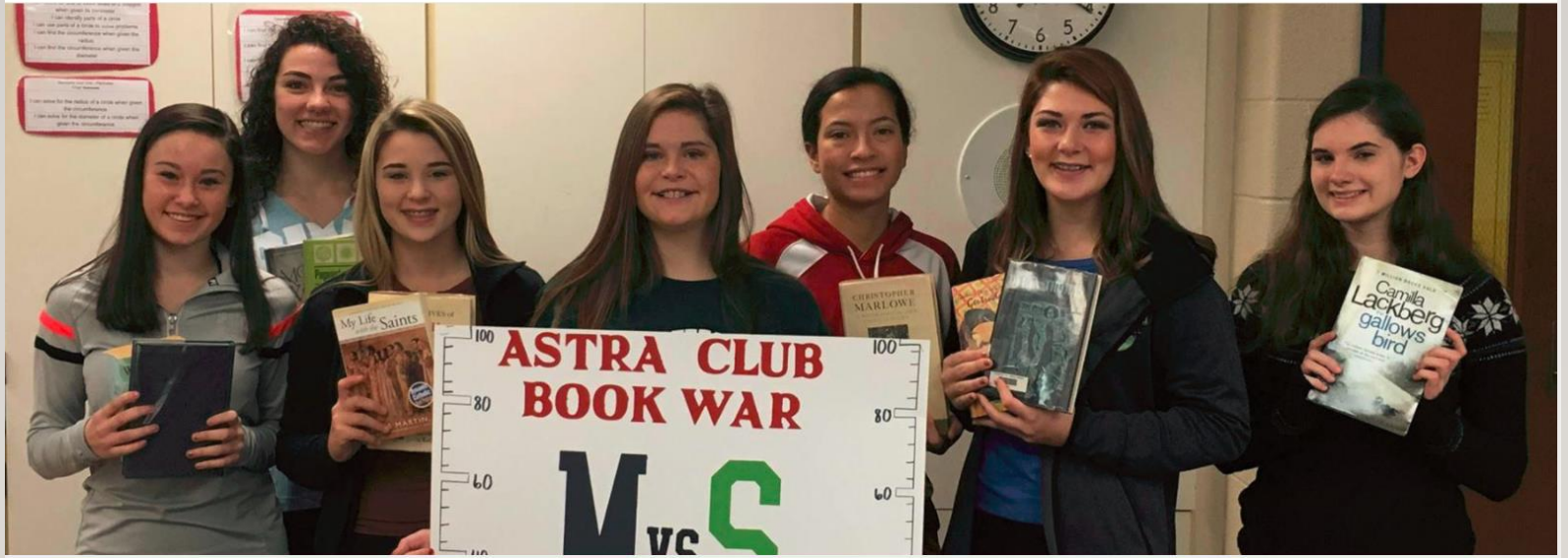


ASTRA

Are you a young person who wants to make a difference in your community?

In ASTRA we believe that age is no barrier to being able to improve the lives of others. No matter how old you are, you have the power to create positive change!

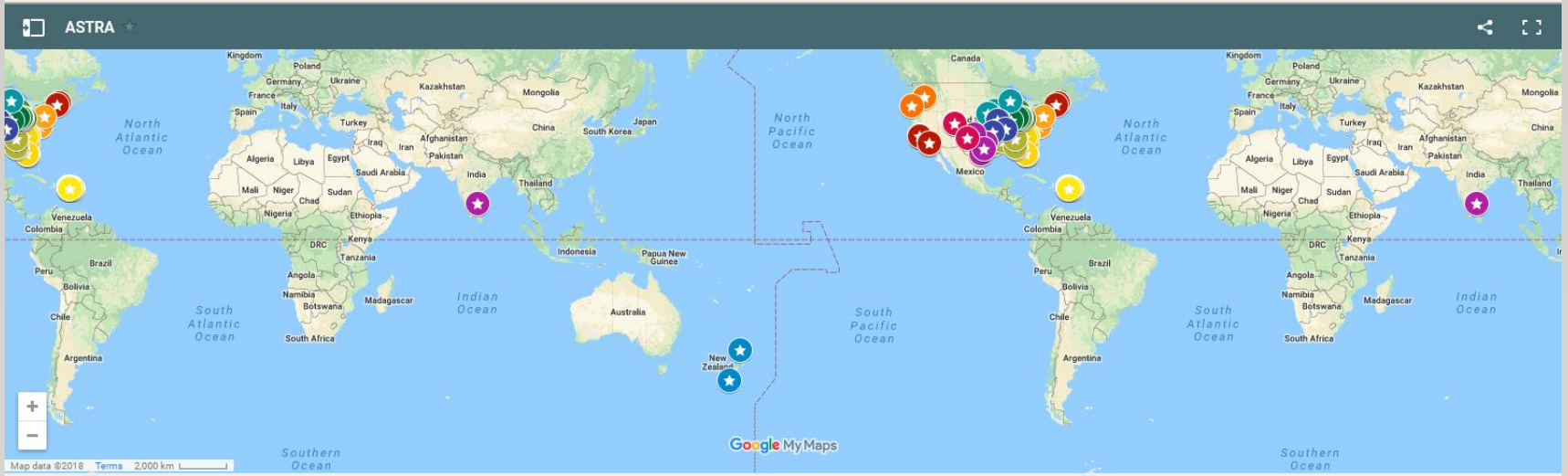
ASTRA provides community service opportunities for youth, so that you can use your time and talents to help people. In ASTRA you will form lasting friendships, develop your leadership skills, and interact with other local volunteers on projects of lasting benefit.

An Altrusa club acts as the sponsor for an ASTRA club, which are usually connected to a school. ASTRA includes a wide age range from middle school and high school, to college students. Altrusa International supports ASTRA by recognizing their service through awards, providing scholarships, and issuing graduation cords.

ASTRA is an acronym that summarizes what we are about. We use our **ABILITIES** to **SERVE** our community. We participate in **TRAINING** that improves our leadership skills and take **RESPONSIBILITY** for our work together. Our members are proud of **ACHIEVEMENTS** that make a real difference to our world.

Around the World

To learn more about ASTRA, find your nearest club on the map below.



Charter a Club

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Local Altrusa member awarded $1,000 grant

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Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6110418 and Amazon donates to Altrusa International Foundation Inc.

Support your Altrusa Foundation with a gift that gives back to your communities.

This year, the Altrusa International Foundation will...

- distribute Disaster Relief Funds to support residents left devastated in the wake of recent natural disasters
- support students with $10,000 in ASTRA academic scholarships
- provide children's camps with $10,000 in Club 21 Program grants to give children a fun and safe place to be a kid while they battle disease and disability
- distribute $12,000 from the Club 21 Program to international projects supporting communities in Ghana and Mali with healthcare education and services
- acknowledge Altrusa Clubs with Letha H. Brown Literacy, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations, and Mamie L. Bass service awards
- celebrate and support Altrusa Clubs with $100,000 in community service grants

Thank you for your support.

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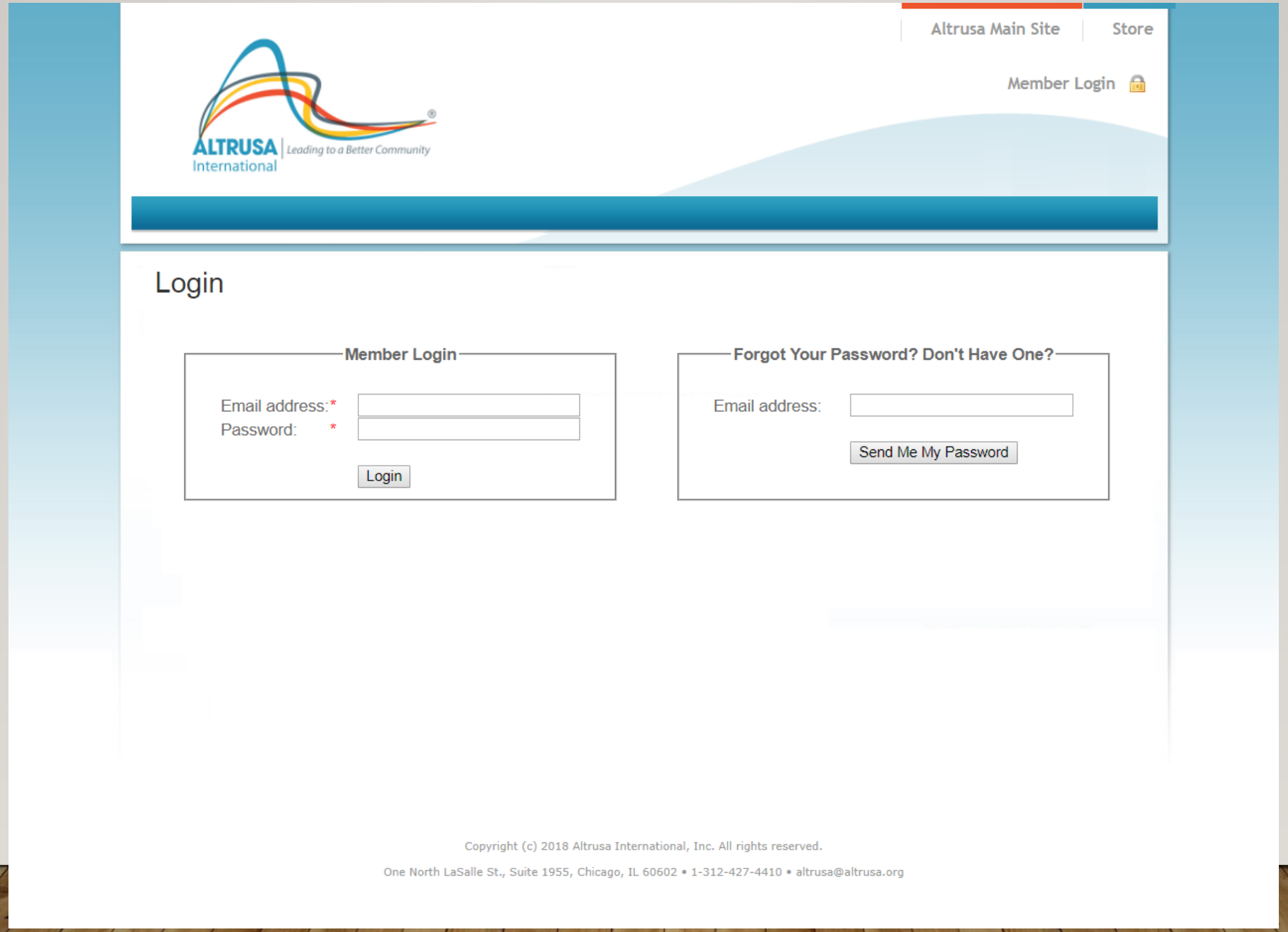
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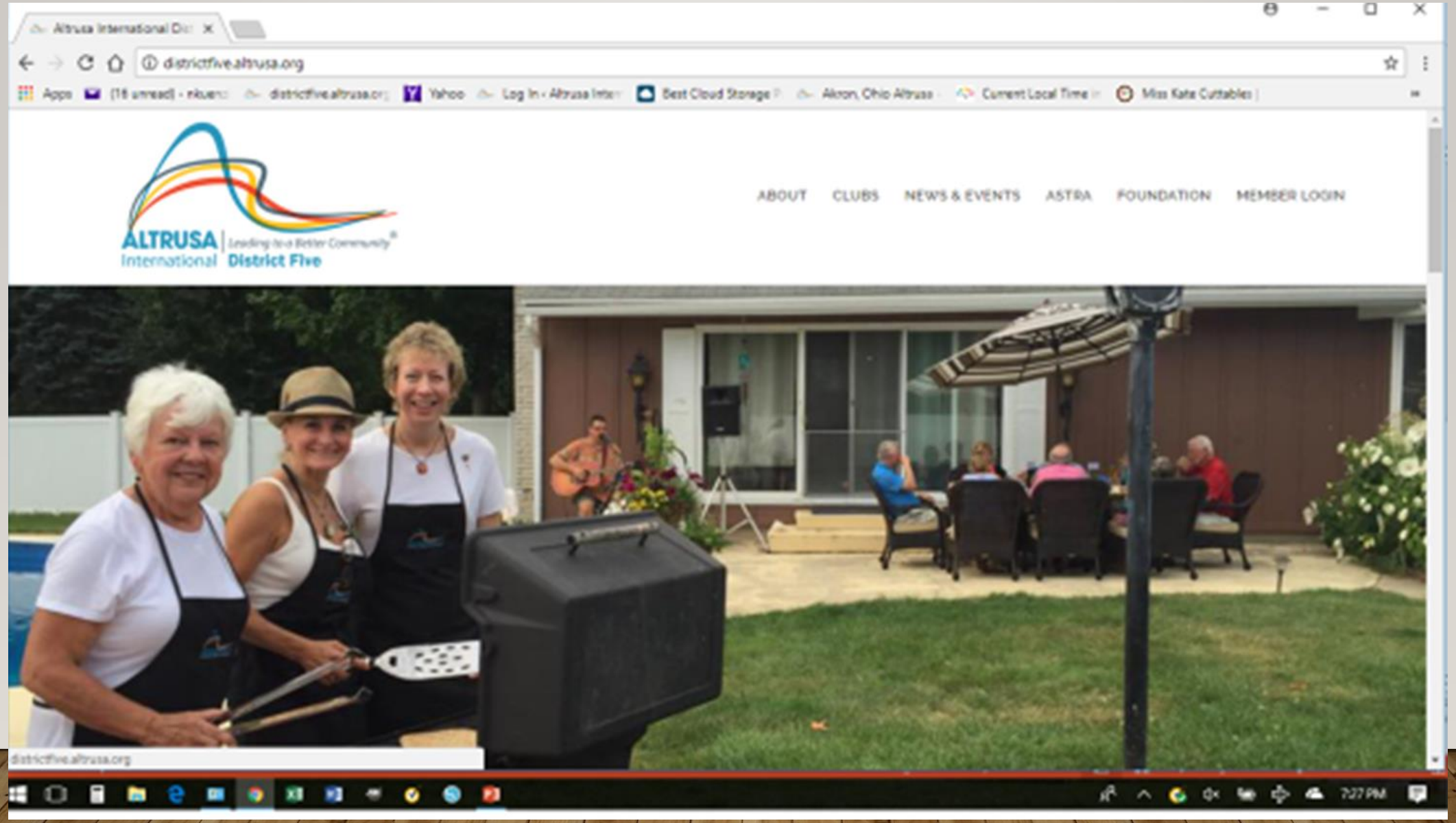

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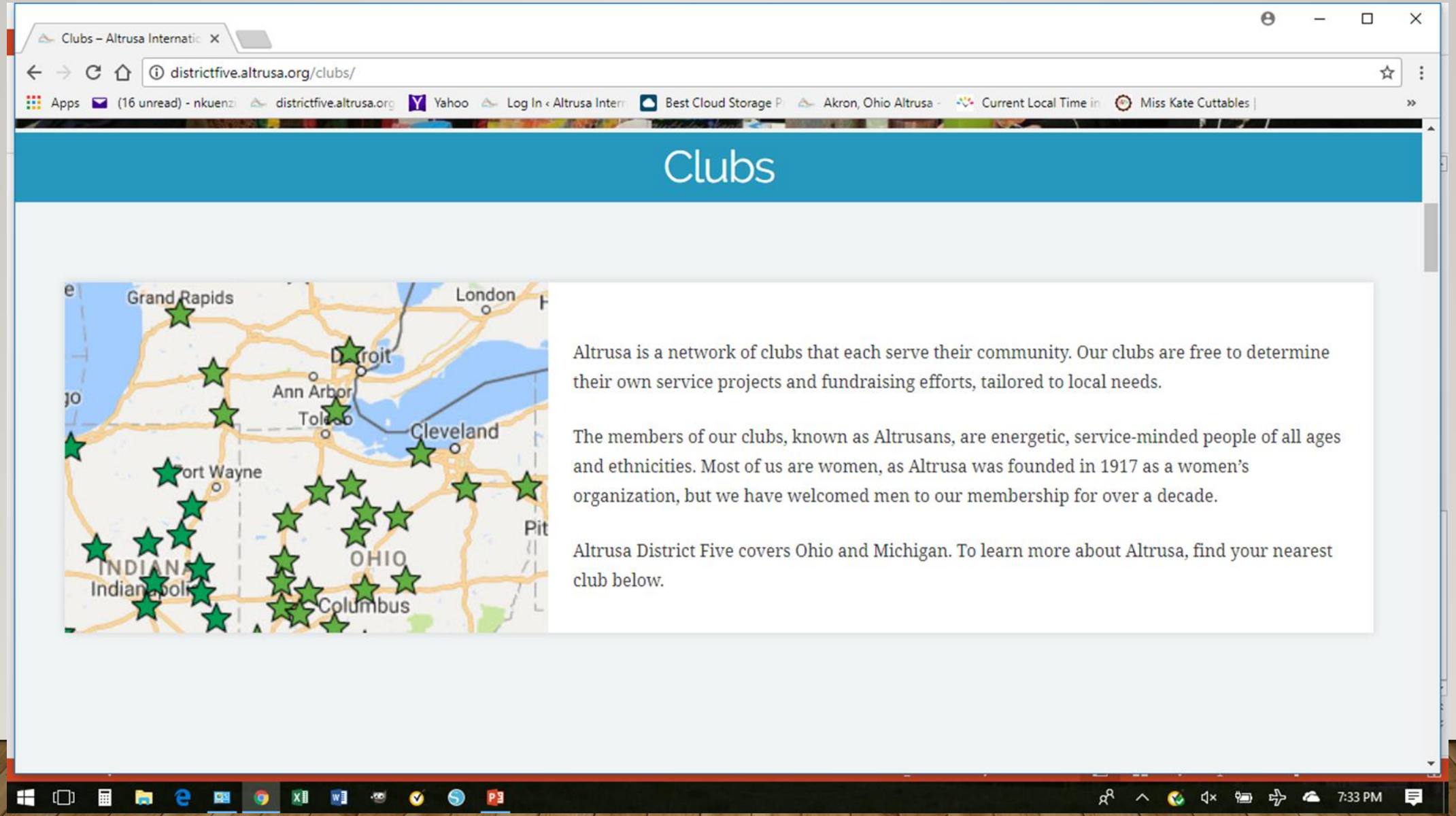

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Michigan

Battle Creek

Branch County

Grand Rapids

Greater Birmingham

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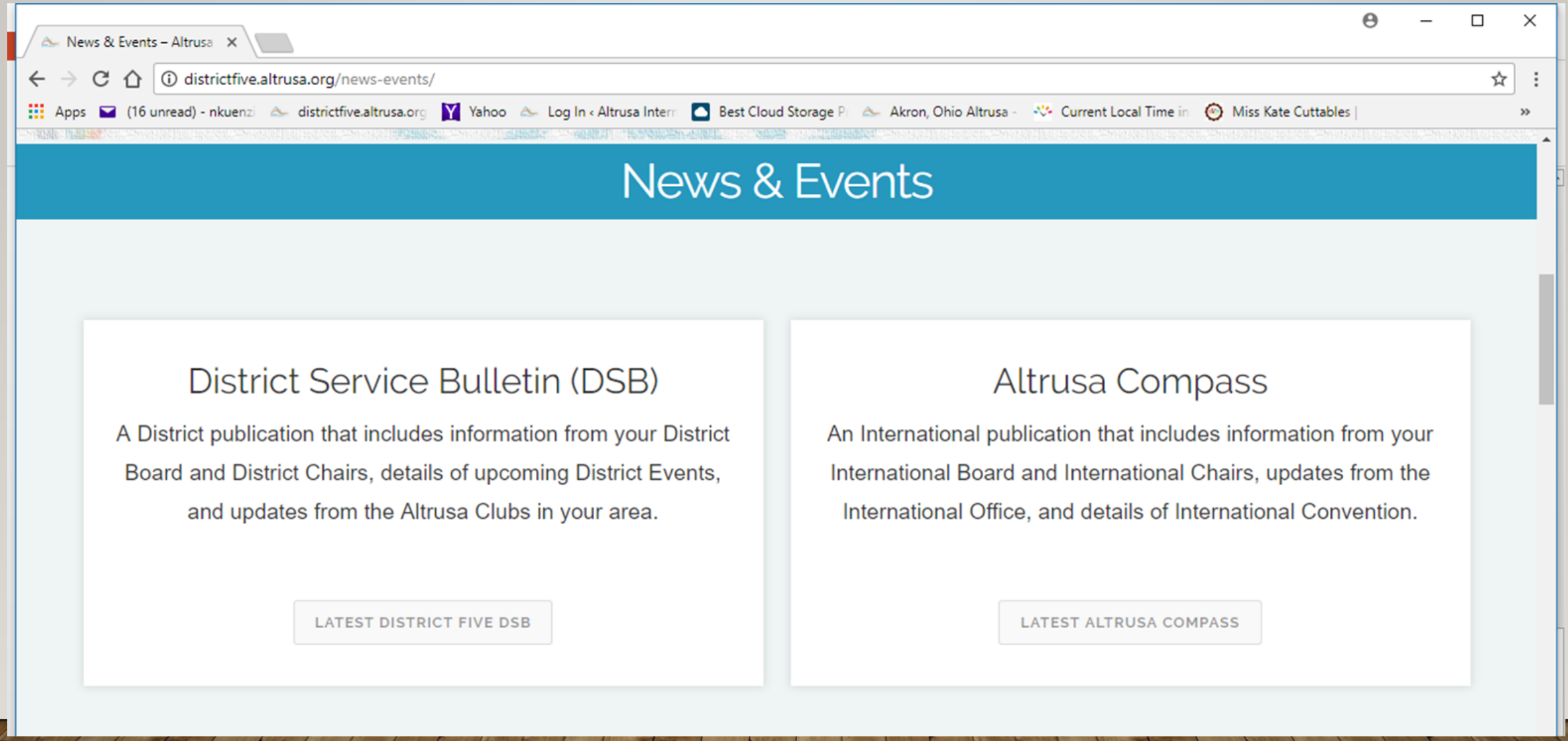
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LATEST DISTRICT FIVE DSB
Altrusa Compass
An International publication that includes information from your International Board and International Chairs, updates from the International Office, and details of International Convention.
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District Conference

Held annually in Spring, our District Conference is an opportunity for fun, educational workshops, networking, sharing, skill building, electing leadership, and celebrating our accomplishments.

The next District Five Conference will be held April 27 – 29, 2018.

This conference is hosted by the Highland County OH club and the event will take place at the Roberts Centre, Wilmington, OH.

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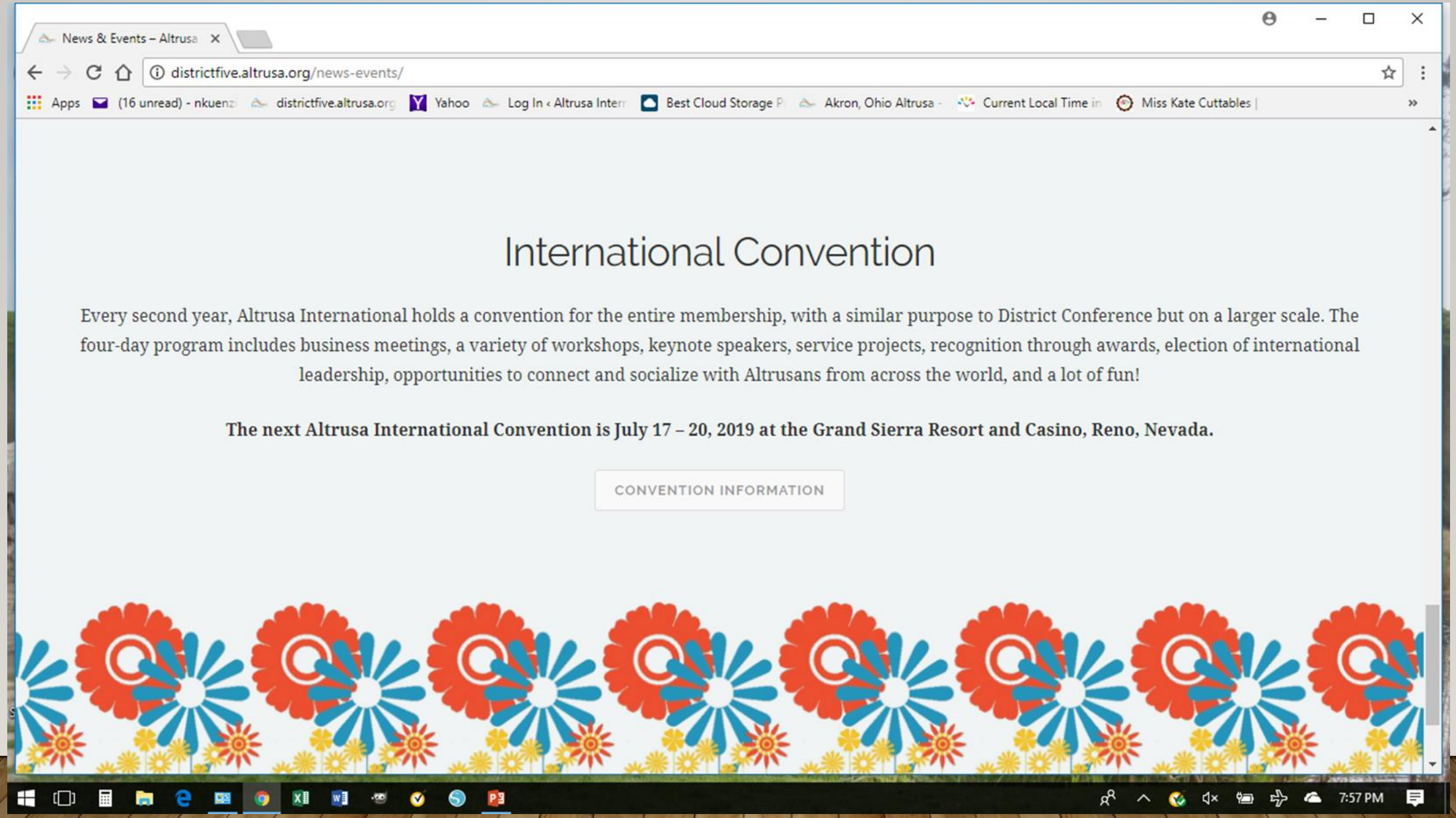
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International Convention
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The next Altrusa International Convention is July 17 – 20, 2019 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada.
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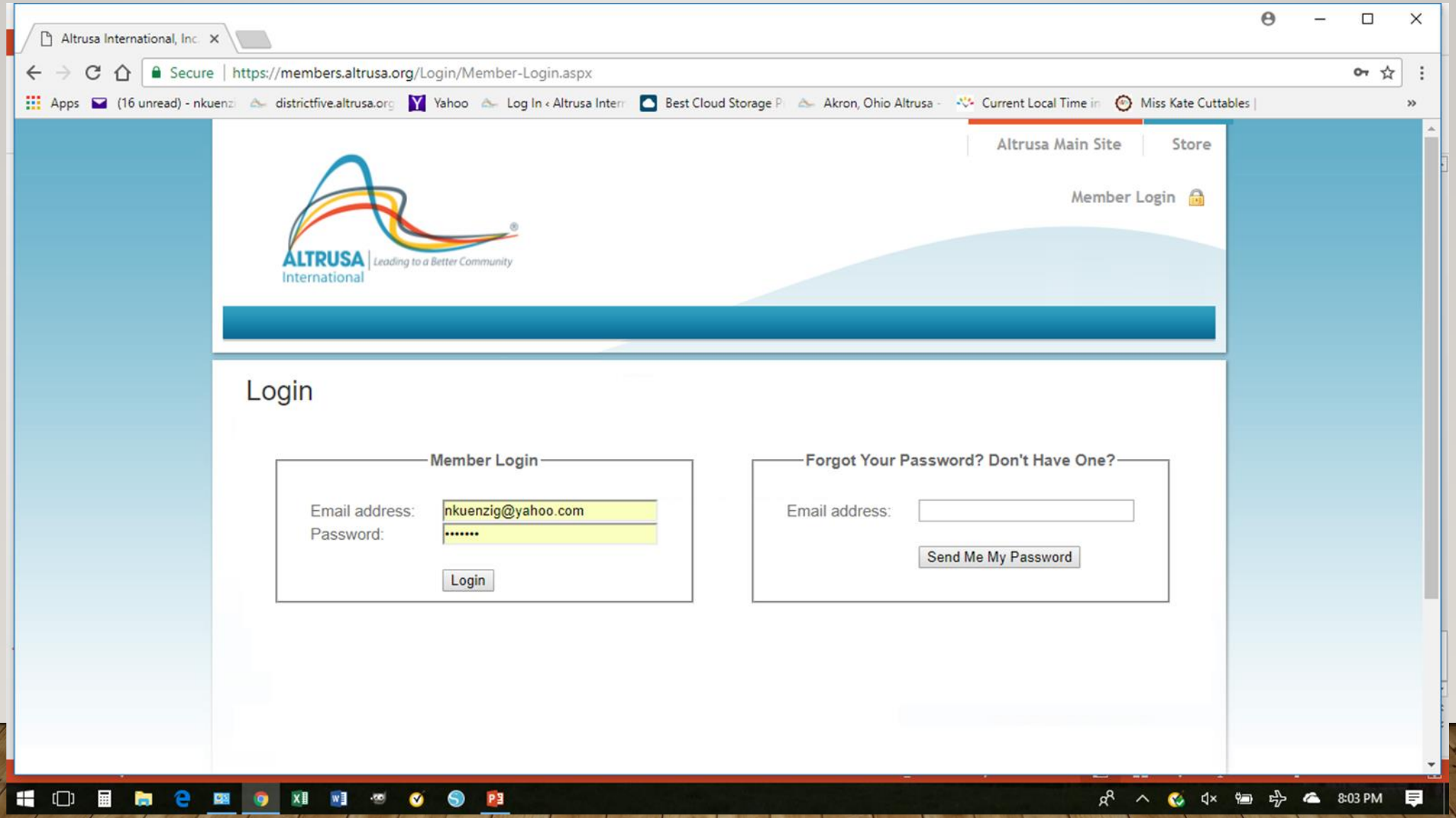

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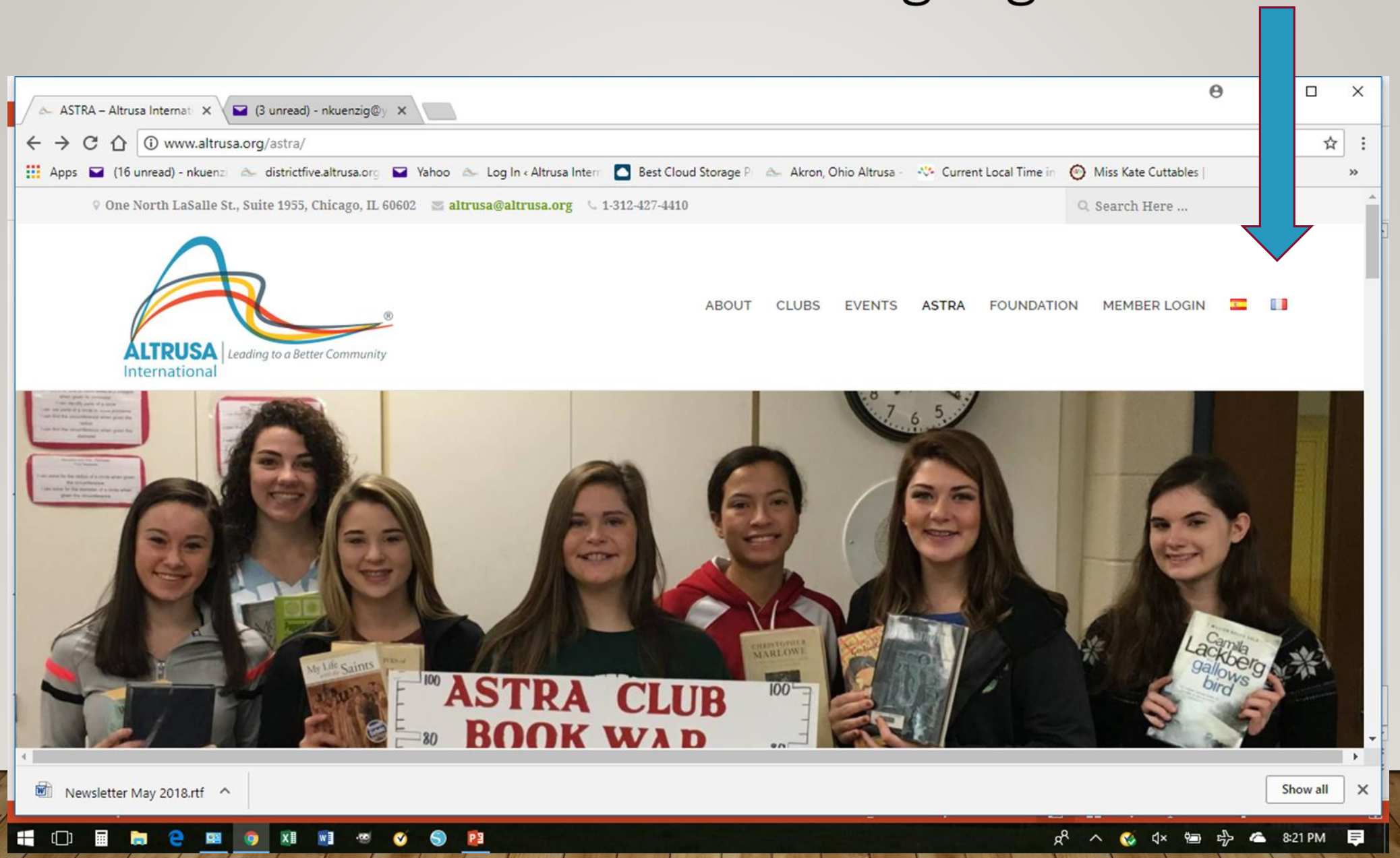

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