



Governor's Letter

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Spring is here! I know we're still wearing winter coats and snow is occasionally falling, but spring flowers are up and birds are singing and there's robins hopping around my yard. AND we just had our first in-person conference in two years! Yes, spring is here.



I hope those of you who went to conference enjoyed it. I know I did, and I was pretty nervous going into it. If it hadn't been for some great board members and chairs, I probably would have messed up royally. But that's the great thing about Altrusa. Together we are strong and can do so much more than we could ever imagine.






And together, hopefully like spring, the season of rebirth, our District will have rebirth as well. This year we will, and must, focus on membership and growth. The Youngstown club, I believe, coined the phrase, "Each one reach one," and that's what we must do. If every member in every club were to bring in just one new member this coming year, we would have well over 1,000 members in our District. No club would be under charter strength, and all of our clubs would have renewed vitality.

I'm sure many will say, "I just don't know of anyone" or "All of the people I know are already in Altrusa," or "I ask people, but they always say no." I understand. Most of my friends are Altrusans and as I'm retired now, I don't meet a lot of new people. But that's not really an excuse for any of us, myself included. I know people in church, and I can strike up a conversation in the grocery store or the garden center or the bank. We just have to think "membership" all of the time, not just when we're at an Altrusa meeting or doing a hands-on project.

Ask. Invite someone to a social or a meeting or to help on a hands-on project. Ask and ask and keep asking. Because if we don't, Altrusa will wither away and with us all the good we do for our communities and the world.



With the new club year approaching quickly, here are some reminders:

-  Club Annual Reports are due June 1.
-  Appoint Audit Committee to audit books for past year.
-  Finalize plans for annual meeting and installation of new officers.
-  Send our bills for local, District, and International dues.
-  Update names of new officers and committee chairs in Group Tally.

Together we will grow . . .



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While conference may be over, your District Board will continue to work. First up is the June DSB. And while we may take a break in June or July, officers will be contacting club presidents to arrange for club visits, training videos will be developed and placed on the District's YouTube channel, upcoming conference contracts will be worked on, and District chairs will be contacting clubs in each of their areas. Our Communication Co-chair, Peggy Rowan, will be working on updating the shared Google Drive so that you will be able to access forms, policies, and other helpful information. We will continue to have President Zoom meetings, and more than likely, the Board and Chairs will meet via Zoom once or twice before the mid-year Board meeting In October. While it is work, we have a lot of fun and truly enjoy the friendships we've developed this past year.

Think you might like to know more about volunteering at the District level? Contact us. You'll find it very rewarding.

Your District Board and Chairs are here to help in any way we can. Please contact us.

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