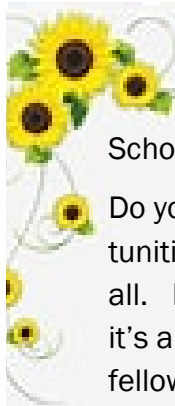


## **Governor's Corner**



School begins and our focus moves to Fall events and projects! Time to Make a Difference!

Do you see a world of opportunities or a world of challenges? I hope that you see more opportunities on a daily basis than challenges but maneuvering through today's challenges will test us all. District Nine Altrusans are serving their families and communities in many ways. However, it's a new world requiring a new way to address even the most routine tasks. Connecting with fellow Altrusans and serving community needs means virtual planning and socially distancing with gatherings altering how projects are executed.

To better serve the district's need for connections, I am reaching out to the Presidents of all District Nine clubs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month to share news from the board or international and make sure that concerns are addressed. During August we shared a PowerPoint presentation on how to assess your community needs and suggested resources to review that should be available for every club. Needs are pretty basic in most places with food prices escalating and families adjusting to virtual aspects in all areas of life.

At convention, Kathy Folley addressed those in attendance and challenged us all to serve "one book at a time" in our projects and outreach programs. Literacy skills become a key to success in many facets of life. Every season of one's life presents challenges or opportunities for reading skills and comprehension to impact our life in a positive way. Children develop stronger motor skills and creativity when read to and taught to read, draw, paint or play music. Teens excel based on their ability to comprehend and build on the basics of mathematical and reading skills. Young adults secure their futures with financial literacy and management skills to manage credit and money. Senior citizens stay socially connected with computer literacy skills to reach out to friends and family. Altrusans change challenges into opportunities "one book at a time."

Making a difference in lives across Texas "one book at a time" and change isolation and stress into connections and joy. Make a Difference in your community and share pictures of how you bring literacy to reality on Make a Difference day on October 23, 2021. Where will you be reading on MADD? Send me a picture to post.

*Your Governor, Mary*

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT – ONE BOOK AT A TIME**

Altrusa International is going big! Be a part of it! Through International President Kathy Folley's **One Book at a Time** literacy project, our challenge is to distribute ONE MILLION books and/or devote ONE MILLION hours of service to our communities in this biennium. Each club is challenged to donate at least 500 books and/or 500 hours of community service over the biennium to someone or some agency as part of this project. Whether it is a book drive, direct purchase, fundraiser where the entry cost is a book, or your own creative idea, it all counts! Some of you are saying, we do that every year! But all of the District Nine Altrusans are asked to step up our game to do more to help eradicate illiteracy and give children and adults a chance to succeed in life.

And we'll have fun doing it! United We Can! Make sure your club is on the honor roll!



Altrusa District Nine will be announcing a district-wide service project prior to Conference 2022. Help us select the best project. If you have an idea for a literacy project, let the District Nine service team know by emailing Frances Dalbey, District Nine Service Chair, at [francesdalbey@gmail.com](mailto:francesdalbey@gmail.com) with a description of the proposed project, including who it will support, how the project will work, how we incorporate it into Conference 2022, whether there is a component that we can all work on together throughout the year, etc. No idea is too small or too large. Be creative! District Nine wants your ideas.

**Let's Read! Today a reader, tomorrow a LEADER.....**By Margaret Fuller

**Navigating the Web....**

- Important websites to know!
  - www.altrusa.org (click Member Login in the upper right)
  - www.login.altrusa.org (go directly to the members area)
  - www.altrusastore.com (purchase Altrusa branded items including pins and banners)
  - www.altrusaservice.org (browser and share your club's service projects)

**Login: Altrusans**

**Password: MamieLethaNina1917**

- Give International some feedback and share your thoughts on improving Altrusa with the Suggestion Box.

2021



International Altrusan

*Racing to Success***INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2021****with DISTRICT NINE highlights****By – Shirley Raymer Governor Elect**

District Nine was “Racing to Success” as we headed to Charlotte, NC for the 2021 International Convention. Although convention attendance was limited, our Mighty Ninth had a good representation with approximately 50 members present. Convention

officially began at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening, July 28 with an international reception followed by the opening banquet. International President Beverly Hardy opened the Fifty-Seventh International Convention with optimism and appreciation for the good attendance. The festivities began with the Presentation of Flags from countries around the world, followed by dinner and a Parade of Banners presented by all the clubs and districts present. The evening concluded with keynote speaker, Celeste Mergens, founder & CEO of Days for Girls, highlighting recent DfG accomplishments and thanking Altrusa for its many contributions.

Business sessions began on Thursday with President Beverly calling the meeting to order followed by a registration and credentials report, adoption of convention rules, adoption of the convention program, a finance committee report and Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations changes.

The Awards Luncheon followed the first business session. The Distinguished Clubs were recognized and listed in the program and New Club Sponsors recognized for recruiting one or more members during the biennium. **District Nine is extremely proud and extend congratulations to SW Dallas County's newly formed ASTRA club for receiving first place for their service project and for Altrusa International of Richardson Inc. placing first for the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award with their “Doing the Kindness Thing Across Borders” project. Finally, the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award, the only award given to an individual member, was presented to District Nine's and DTD's member, Marth Hardwick Hofmeister for her many services to her club, district and international.**

After the Awards Luncheon convention workshops were held followed by the continuation of the business session. The nomination committee presented its report followed by a candidates' forum and lastly election instructions. The day ended with The Inaugural Hofmeister Lamplighter Event.

Martha Hofmeister was honored with a reception and presented with the first Hofmeister Lamplighter pendant. Debbie Mabry and Debby Weber also received this award. Congratulations and a big thanks to each of these tremendously generous ladies for their contributions to International Foundation, as well as all facets of Altrusa!



As we approached the mid-point in our race all had gone smoothly and we looked ahead to the finish with optimism. Friday began with a second opportunity to attend workshops followed by the memorial celebration of life honoring Altrusans who had passed during the biennium. This was a moving and solemn moment for all present. Next came the Foundation Luncheon recognizing the newly elected foundation trustees and thanking members for their generous donations during the “**Altrusa Foundation Spring Back into Things**” donation cycle, April 1 – June 30, 2021. Again, District Nine clubs were in the Foundation winner’s circle. **Temple placed first for the largest total club contributions and was awarded \$1,500 and Garland placed second receiving \$750. Garland also placed first in the largest total club contributions per capita and was awarded \$1,500.** A big “thank you” to all who contributed to foundation during this event! The foundation goal of \$100,000 was exceeded with \$102,161 being donated. Altrusans are very generous! Next International President-Elect, Kathy Folley, presented her 2021-2023 program and introduced her program team for the upcoming biennium. YEAH, District Nine!!!!



With the finish line in sight Saturday began with a final opportunity to gain insight in one of the convention workshops, followed by the final business session with President Beverly calling the meeting to order. Election results were given by Debbie Mabry, election Chair.

#### 2021-2023 International Board of Directors

President – Kathy Folley, Temple, TX, District Nine  
 President-Elect – Linda K. Smith, Salina, KS, District Eight  
 Vice President – Christine DeVlieger, DeKalb, IL, District Six  
 Treasurer – Germaine Vonderhaar, Hamilton, OH, District Five  
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                   Lisa Boyd, Clarksville, TN, District Four  
                   Sue Shitaker, Muncie, IN, District Six  
                   Betina Schempf, Corvallis, OR, District Twelve

#### 2021-2023 International Nominating Committee

Beverly Herzog, Champaign-Urbana, IL, District Six (Chair)  
 Ann Marie Snyder, Merrimack Valley, MA, District One  
                   Brenda Smith, Salina, KS, District Eight  
 Iris N. Ramos Cofresi, Humacao, PR, District Fourteen  
                   Ming-chun Wu, Auckland, NZ, District Fifteen

### 2021-2023 International Foundation Board of Trustees

Phyllis Corman, Centre County, PA, District Two

Karen Robinson, Tampa Bay, FL, District Three

Jane Hart, Greater Kansas City, MO, District Eight

The SOS Luncheon featured keynote speaker Gary Linfoot, retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Five. In his 21<sup>st</sup> combat deployment Gary's helicopter crashed leaving him paralyzed below the waist. He founded Intrepid Concepts and Consulting, LLC and later co-founded the American Mobility Project with his wife, Mari. The focus is on improving the lives of disabled persons with mobility solutions. Gary tested and demonstrated the Robotic Exoskeletons which aids patients suffering with traumatic spinal injuries to stand and walk again. His presentation was very touching and informative. Following Mr. Linfoot's presentation, **a call was extended to the 2023 convention which will be held in San Antonio at the Grand Hyatt, July 19 – 22, 2023. Beverly Luedke, Temple, and Sharon Tremonte, San Antonio, extended the invitation and all District Nine cheered!! We will be host as International President Kathy Folley serves as master of ceremonies.**

The checkered flag waved as convention ended with the Installation Dinner. Past Governor Linda Moore conducted a beautiful installation ceremony installing the International Board with District Nine's own Kathy Folley as International President. Following the installation ceremony District Nine hosted a reception honoring President Kathy and her newly installed board. District Nine raced away from Charlotte with a feeling of exhilaration and pride as we reflected on the recognitions of our Mighty Ninth and look forward to San Antonio for our show of Texas hospitality!!!



## Important Dates



**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2021..WE'LL BE LIVE AND TOGETHER IN THE DFW AREA**

Grant Deadline 09/15/21

Grant Deadline 03/15/22

District Nine Conference 04/29/22-05/01/22

Altrusa International Convention 07/19-22/23





## 2021 Fall Leadership Event

### Rise & Shine - Rise to Lead; Shine with a Plan

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Garland North

5110 North President George Bush Frwy, Garland, TX 75040

Registration/Payment Deadline: **September 24, 2021 at 5pm**

Join us October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Garland, Tx for our **Special Edition Fall Leadership Event**. It's time to reacquaint ourselves IN PERSON and learn a little at the same time!

Topics will include:

- ♦ Fitness Analysis of Your Club
- ♦ Strategic Planning
- ♦ Leadership and Wellness
- ♦ Our True Colors
- ♦ Introduction to our new District Nine website, and
- ♦ Preview of 2022 Conference



Governor Mary Black Pearson will lead the event. Speakers include International Vice President Christine DeVlieger from DeKalb-Sycamore, IL, and our own Past Governor Mary Osentowski, Sharon Tramonte, Patsy Sulak, and Janna Janes.

**Registration Fee: \$50** - Includes lunch on Saturday.

Please include any dietary restrictions in your registration.

Register/Pay online at [District Nine Fall Leadership Event](#)

**Pre-payment (by Credit Card) Required. No Checks. No payment at the door. No walk-ins.**

Need a place to stay? Rooms are available at the hotel at a rate of \$89 per night for either or both Friday and Saturday.

**Call the hotel to make your reservations at 972-495-1144** Reference "Altrusa"



For comments or submissions regarding this issue or future issues of NOMN:

Contact *Mary Black Pearson*, Governor of District NINE

[marybp21@gmail.com](mailto:marybp21@gmail.com)

## Altrusa Foundation Fall Grant Cycle – Applications Due September 15, 2021

Kimberly Kierce, First Vice Governor

Rise to the occasion and Shine with a great project for funding. Don't miss the next cycle of Altrusa International Foundation Grants, applications are due September 15, 2021. Grants request guidelines and the application form were recently updated (January 2021) and are provided on the International website (and see current links are provided below):

Project Grant application:

[https://foundation.altrusa.org/files/2021/02/Project-Grant-APPLICATION\\_January-2021.pdf](https://foundation.altrusa.org/files/2021/02/Project-Grant-APPLICATION_January-2021.pdf)

Project Grant guidelines:

[https://foundation.altrusa.org/files/2021/02/Project-Grant-GUIDELINES\\_January-2021-1.pdf](https://foundation.altrusa.org/files/2021/02/Project-Grant-GUIDELINES_January-2021-1.pdf)

Project Grant follow up form link:

[https://foundation.altrusa.org/files/2018/09/Foundation-Grant-Project\\_Follow-Up-Form.pdf](https://foundation.altrusa.org/files/2018/09/Foundation-Grant-Project_Follow-Up-Form.pdf)

No project is too BIG or small to apply for Foundation funding, which can be from \$250 up to \$4,000. Fund-raising is one of the biggest challenges faced by clubs today. Why not submit your application for consideration? There is Foundation money to award and your club could launch that new project or expand a current one.

Helpful guidelines:

Review the Grant Guidelines criteria thoroughly

Complete the Grant Application Form as the submission cover page, which must be signed by Club President

Grant submission may not exceed 3 pages to answer 10 grant/project-related questions.

Provide well-thought out, detailed and grammatically correct responses to the 10 questions

Provide a detailed budget that balances and matches back to the grant amount requested

Provide a budget narrative explaining other revenue sources (if any), cost estimates and use/justification for said expenses

Attachments will help provide visuals, thereby bringing your write-up to life

On or before September 15, 2021, email the Grant Application submission (cover page, complete narrative, balanced budget detail, and attachments, if any) to [foundation@altrusa.org](mailto:foundation@altrusa.org)

If awarded a Grant, ensure that the project is completed in its entirety and the follow-up report is submitted in a timely manner (one year after awarded) and if grant is not used for its intended and awarded purpose, it must be returned in full to the Foundation that awarded it.

**ClubRunner needs a coordinator for each club. Soon this will be the pathway for all communications for District Nine Altrusans—We need your partnership for building the pathway between District Nine and our Altrusans. Here's how you update your info.**

### Editing your Personal Information on Altrusa ClubRunner Site

1. Go to Altrusa's new home page at <https://altrusadistrictnine.org/>
  - a. Click on Members Only
  - b. Click on Edit My Profile
2. Screen prompts for Username and Password; enter information received from District Nine.
3. Or you can use the option for forgotten password and will be sent an email with your username and a link to reset your password.
  - a. To reset enter your Club, Last Name, and Email Address then click on Submit.
4. Once logged in, click on **blue EDIT** button. Enter needed information. **Please be sure to supply your email address so you receive District Nine updates.** If you enter a phone number, please enter your ten digit number to include the area code.

*FYI - Birthday and anniversary years can only be viewed by Club Executive level or higher.*

*Only Members can see phone and address information.*

Banners designed and produced by fellow Altrusan, Betty Sainz at Multiforms, Inc.



**\*\*Banner is for INDOOR use ONLY \*\***

Normal production time is 3–5 business days after the proof has been approved.

## Altrusa Club Pop-Up Banner (33" x 80") Order Form

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date club organized: \_\_\_\_\_

Club email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club web address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Facebook address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Instagram address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Club/Shipping Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email all information to [bsainz@multiforms.com](mailto:bsainz@multiforms.com)

Additional information required for the banner.

1. Picture of your club logo
2. QR code information—QR codes enable people to interact with your club easily. You can use a QR code to link to an email, text, webpage, Facebook, Instagram. If you want the QR code to go direct to an email or text, you will need to submit the verbiage and the contact information. The QR code will be generated by Multiforms, Inc.



Cost of the banner is \$88 plus freight. An invoice for the banner will be emailed once the pop-up banner ships. If the individual responsible for payment is not the club contact listed above, please submit this information. Payment via check, PayPal, Venmo or Zelle.





## **ASTRA is Altrusa's future. Make your Altrusa Club a part of it all!**

*By Sylvia Zamora, Chair  
ASTRA Committee*

Your District Nine ASTRA Committee is comprised of Laure Bruner (Anderson Co.), Cynthia Castleberry (Anderson Co.), Kaitlyn Glover (SWDC), James Karidis-Schneider (DFW), Sylvia Mendez-Smith (San Antonio), Tucker Saxton (Temple) and Sylvia Zamora, (San Antonio). Each member brings a special talent and ASTRA experience and/or expertise to this committee. The committee members have been zooming all summer planning exciting activities, events and workshops for both ASTRA members and Altrusa Clubs.

In accomplishing their biennium goals, the District ASTRA committee has been working closely with other Altrusans and district committees. It is a "district" team effort promoting and growing ASTRA in District Nine. Debbie Mabry, Chair of Membership has worked with the ASTRA committee by providing guidance and support. Janna Janes has done a phenomenal job working on the District Nine ASTRA webpage - Check it out! Betty Sainz, District Marketing chair, is assisting with the creation and development of District Nine ASTRA brochure and of course special thanks to all of the existing ASTRA/Altrusa advisors who are working with our ASTRA members.

At the International level, District Nine is represented by Traci Squarcetti (Temple) on the International ASTRA Committee. Traci is very knowledgeable about ASTRA matters, and we are so happy to have her in our district to answer any questions we may have. District Nine really supports ASTRA!

Some of our clubs have already started working in their community by providing many summer service projects. Other ASTRA Clubs will be starting when school begins. This is an exciting time for ASTRA in District Nine, and we want you to be a part of it.

### **Do you know . . .**

- How many existing ASTRA Clubs we have in District Nine?
- That we have two new ASTRA Clubs in formation currently?
- That one of our very own District Nine ASTRA Clubs won First Place in the International ASTRA Service Award competition at Convention in July?
- That this biennium is the first time we have an actual ASTRA student serving on our District Nine ASTRA Committee?

Like I said before, we have lots of exciting things happening with ASTRA. To keep you in the know, Governor Mary Black Pearson is highlighting ASTRA Clubs in every issue of News of Mighty Ninth. ASTRA Clubs will be sharing with us their amazing community work.

If you are interested in sponsoring an ASTRA Club in your community, please have a representative from your club attend the upcoming ASTRA workshop in October.

## **ASTRA Rocks!**



# ASTRA IS AMAZING!

**ASTRA is the future of Altrusa. ASTRA members grow and become potential Altrusans. Is your club interested in learning about sponsoring and forming an ASTRA club? Join us for a short workshop that will give you the step-by-step instructions for your Altrusa club to sponsor an ASTRA club.**

**When: Sunday, October 17th @ 3:00PM**

**Where: Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86346310670?pwd=NC9YcTMwOTgwRFdJbUFONkJoWWWh3QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 4631 0670

Passcode: 465781



The San Antonio Club is in the process of developing an ASTRA Community Base Club. We met in early August 2021 with Chair and Co- Chair. Three of the ASTRA students joined us and we discussed our goals, service projects and meeting dates. During this meeting the students assisted us in preparing the Binders with all the required information and forms for parents and student review. We will be sending out letters to parents and potential students that have expressed interest in joining the ASTRA Club of San Antonio. Our next meeting is on September 26, 2021.





# ASTRA In Service

Astra's Austin making blankets for "Emergency Bags" to support a local foster agency in Round Rock, Texas



Austin ASTRA girls decorated canvas bags and filled them with all the key supplies to throw a birthday celebration, including, birthday banners, cake mix, candles, and table decorations.



ASTRA UMHB held Big Fair and gave away "Community" Coffee pods. 74 students signed the interest list. Then, our first meeting was held and we completed a project for Families in Crisis that was planned pre-covid. We stuffed 30 purses with goodies for the women that stay at the center.



# MEMBERSHIP ACCELERATION



**DISCOVERY**  
GROWTH



**POWER**  
VITALITY



**LEARNING**  
STRENGTH

**Save  
the  
Date**



**Save the Date!**

**Monday, September 27, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Quarterly Club Membership Chair Meeting**

The Discovery and Power teams will be presenting at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Chair quarterly meeting. The Power team will go through the power model survey to determine where a club's strengths and opportunities are for increased vitality.

Following the Power Model Survey, the Discovery team will show us where our untapped markets of potential members can be found and how to increase the inclusivity of our clubs.

The presentation is geared toward Membership Chairs but it is very important each club have at least one representative in attendance.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89600028844?pwd=V3BHZ0dMQ3haTXU0RWtqYlp5VEIDZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 0002 8844

Passcode: 059035

## eMembership

*by Angela Franklin*  
Team Leader

We are the eMembership Team for District Nine. We fall under the Membership Development committee which Debbie Mabry and Sharon Tramonte co chair.

Our team members are Laure Bruner from the Anderson County Altrusa Club, Angela Case from the Temple Altrusa Club and Angela Franklin from the Greenville Altrusa Club.

We are looking at how the District Nine Altrusa members can be more involved electronically with their clubs as well as looking at different ways to keep a member if they move away and there is no club in their area. We are defining what an eMember might be and looking at different scenarios to see what the outcome might be for not only members who move, but members of disbanded clubs that want to stay involved with Altrusa.

Our team will be asking clubs if they are going to keep on doing their meetings in person and offering Zoom to the members who can't attend, or see if there is another way to keep the members informed of what is going on in the club they are a part of. So be on the look-out for a survey for the club presidents. We are excited to see what we can come up with to help keep District Nine growing and keeping their members.





## CARE AND CONCERN

Please keep the following District Nine Altrusans in your thoughts:

**Isabel Uranga**, North San Antonio, who had successful foot surgery in June.

**Vicky Cohen**, Waco, who had a serious injury to her arm in early July and is beginning physical therapy on August 16.

**Debbie Davenport**, North San Antonio, who became ill in Charlotte immediately before Convention.

Linda Gomez-Whitener and Adrienne Whitener were in Charlotte, too, and accompanied Debbie to urgent care, notified Debbie's husband at home and stayed at Debbie's side. THANK YOU LINDA AND ADRIENNE! Debbie is now at home resting and doing better.

**Rita Newman**, North San Antonio, whose grandchildren have COVID 19.

**Laure Bruner**, Anderson County, who had knee replacement surgery on August 25.

**Sheila Winton**, Pampa, and her daughter, **Kayli Williams**, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy and will have surgery in November. Please include Kayli's husband, children, Sheila's husband and the rest of Sheila's family.

Please email Linda Hurt at [hurtlj@aol.com](mailto:hurtlj@aol.com) if you would like to raise up a member through our district-wide Care and Concern list. To honor needs for privacy, please check with the person whose name you plan on submitting and, if possible, forward an email from that Altrusan indicating that she/he is willing to be placed on the list. If forwarding an email is not possible, please ensure that you have received approval from the Altrusan or his/her family first.

## YOU HAVE SOMETHING WE WANT!

### CALLING ALL PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS . . .

### FORMATION OF PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

As a Past President, you have a wealth of knowledge and experience which District Nine clubs would like to tap into. Many smaller clubs don't have many past presidents, so District Nine is establishing a Past Presidents' Council who will assist in training new club presidents, be on-call to answer questions during the year, write columns about specific topics related to being a club president, etc. Be at the forefront of this new District Nine initiative. Please contact Linda Hurt ([hurtlj@aol.com](mailto:hurtlj@aol.com) or 817 706-7003) if you are interested in learning more about the Presidents' Council and to sign up for this important piece of building leadership in our clubs.



## Tech Corner

### MOBILE PAYMENT

BY SHARON TRAMONTE

Sometimes called “Digital Wallets”, these payment apps allow you to pay money to family, friends, businesses, or on-line retailers using your smart phone. These apps are linked to a bank account, credit card, or debit card.

In 2017, Zion Market Research identified that 50% of consumers said they pay for goods or services using an app. By 2019, that number increased to 90%!

Most digital payments were through an app downloaded onto a smartphone.

Probably the most buzzworthy mobile payment option is peer-to-peer (P2P) payments, as exemplified by Venmo. But there are plenty of other options! Peer-to-peer payment services are apps or app features that allow you to send money to other people — often by searching for their phone number, email address or username — quickly and usually for free.

There is no way to cover all the pros and cons of every mobile payment app. But we will look at two of the most popular apps for P2P payments – Venmo and Zelle. Both apps work similarly; however, there are some important differences.

**Venmo** is a subsidiary of PayPal. The fundamental difference between Venmo and Zelle is that you hold a balance in your Venmo account (Zelle transfers money directly between bank accounts). If you don’t have funds in your Venmo account, it will draw from your linked debit or credit card.

Pros: Accepted anywhere PayPal is accepted, linked to debit or credit cards, which are further linked to a bank account, sending and receiving cash is effortless,

Cons: There will be up to a 3% fee if your credit card is tapped for funds, cancelling a payment that has already been sent is not possible, Default privacy setting shares your payment history with the world, opting for an instant transfer can cost you an additional 1% fee

**Zelle** payment network launched in 2017 as a mobile banking feature for participating banks. The fundamental difference with Venmo is that Zell moves money directly between bank accounts.

Pros: if sender and recipient are both signed up, transfers only take minutes, Zelle says it has multiple security features relying on authentication and monitoring features plus if you use Zelle through your bank’s mobile or online dashboard it is FDIC insured

Cons: does not allow you to use a debit or credit card, cancelling a payment once submitted is impossible, your bank may have associated fees

Bottom Line: Zelle and Venmo are both popular choices for sending and receiving money among friends, family and other individuals you know and trust. They work similarly in many respects — but they also have some important differences. Before deciding to use either of these P2P apps, it’s important to carefully weigh each platform’s features, fees and limitations. And remember, you’re not locked into using only one app. You can always pick and choose your preferred way to transfer money, depending on the situation.

Zelle vs. Venmo At-A-Glance	Zelle	Venmo
Must sign up to use	Yes	Yes
Send & accept P2P payments	Yes	Yes
Can use credit cards for payments	No	Yes
Can use to purchase goods	No	Yes
Can keep money in account	No	Yes
Charges fees	Depends	Depends
FDIC insured	Yes	No
Can share activity on social networks	No	Yes
Cost	Depends on your bank	Free up to 3%



## Preserve Your Club's History

*by Debbie Mabry*

*District Nine Membership Chair*

Several months ago, I was looking through articles from old copies of the International Altrusan for research for an "Inspiration" for the International Convention. As I was reading through the many pages of stories of projects and programs from 80 to 100 years ago, I was overcome with a sense of thankfulness that I was able to go to these documents and learn about our history. Without these old issues being properly archived, much of this history would probably have been lost. Our club's history is also a valuable asset to our future generations of Altrusans and needs to also be properly archived.

An **archive** is an accumulation of historical records in any media. They are collections of documents selected for permanent preservation because of their value as evidence, or documents that tell our story for generations to come. Archiving for our clubs involves three components: What, Where and Who.

**WHAT** records are important for clubs to keep (archive) for future retrieval? The National Council for Non-Profits suggest clubs archive the following:

- The club charter document
- Club Articles of incorporation and substantiating documents
- Minutes of the board, club and foundation meetings – this is the official record of your club and foundation actions
- Audit reports or tax returns, if available

Additionally, the Membership Acceleration Learning team suggests club archive:

- Annual President's reports – these usually give a very good overview of the club year
- Yearbooks – a record of who was a member of the club in any given year.
- Fundraising information – general reference materials for future years.
- Files on your ASTRA club or a new club building project, if applicable.
- Club photographs of events and leaders – historical value
- Personal Altrusa scrapbooks – historical value

**WHERE** should a club keep their archives? Clubs are keeping their records in libraries, storage rooms as well as member's homes. Regardless of where they are being kept, they need to be carefully stored and managed to protect and preserve.

Sometimes collections are kept in locations such as local archives, museums, libraries, universities, schools or businesses. The Archives for Altrusa International are housed both physically and electronically at the library at Ball State University and are available for all member's use.

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The archives for District Nine have been held in the library Archives at Texas Women's University in Denton for many years.

To decide where your club should keep their archives, check with your local library to see if they offer this service to non-profit or community service groups. They may have a specific system of storage that you will need to follow. It is important to organize the content in something like "banker's boxes" with the contents on both the inside and outside of the box.

There will also be archiving abilities on the new Clubrunner program for any information that can be digitally stored. Digitally stored information can also easily be kept in multiple locations and may be able to be accessed electronically by members. Stay tuned for a workshop on how archiving can be done by your club on the Clubrunner system.

**WHO** in your club should be responsible for archiving your records? There is not any position on the board or in the club that has this responsibility. If your club has not previously archived any of your information, this might need to be an ad hoc committee to make an archiving plan of action to get started. If your club is already archiving, perhaps the board can designate one of two board positions to be responsible to make sure the materials are put in the archives at the close of each year, or to digitalize the information for the club website.

It is also important to share what is in your archives with the club members by a brief report each year, or

To access the Altrusa International Archives at Ball State University, visit <https://archivessearch.bsu.edu/repositories/7/resources/3285>

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#### "Policy Corner

### **Elections, Religion and Campaigning**



#### the Nuts and Bolts"

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As Election Season approaches, it behooves every Altrusan to review and become familiar with our International, District and Club By-Laws regarding political campaigns. Of course, every American wants to vote and should exercise that right. Altrusa members are no different. However, caution must be taken to protect our clubs. Every level of our organization prohibits this. For example, International By-Laws Sec III (right at the top!) state as follows:

*International as a body shall at no time endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor shall it take any action on partisan or religious questions, or on legislative matters without the prior approval of the International Board of Directors.*

Club Foundations have similar verbiage:

*The Foundation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.*

But we are passionate women who are dedicated to our communities and our country. So why is it not permissible? The answer is in the Tax-Code. You know, the folks who have set out the parameters for tax exempt status. The status which allows us to make purchases for community projects tax free! We all know this makes our budgets go just a bit further.

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Here is their position.

*Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention  
by Section 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Status*

*Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.*

And there it is. We could lose our tax-exempt status! But certainly, there are ways to still help in the process without penalty- and there are. For example, we can spend monies to present public forums or print voter education guides if they are non-partisan. Activities that encourage people to participate in the electoral process, such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, are allowed if conducted in a non-partisan manner.

On the other hand, activities with evidence of bias that (a) would favor one candidate over another; (b) oppose a candidate in some manner; or (c) have the effect of favoring a candidate or group of candidates, are strictly prohibited.

So, get involved, hold public events and 'get out the vote' gatherings. Just do it with fairness in mind.

And while we are on the subject of "fairness." Let's talk a bit about our Altrusa District and International Elections. We have policies in place here as well. For example:

*The Chair of the Nominating Committee will advise all slated candidates that they shall refrain from publicizing their candidacy until the eligibility of the slate is verified by the International Board of Directors and published to the membership. It is strongly recommended that those wishing to nominate other candidates from the floor, notify the Nominating Committee within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of the slate.*

And this:

*Nominations may be made from the floor of the Delegate Assembly. If a nominee from the floor is from the same District as another person appearing on the Nominating Committee's slate, the nominee from the floor may only be nominated for the same office or offices as the slated nominee(s) from the same District. All other nominees must be from a District not already represented on the Nominating Committee's slate.*

It's obvious that a great deal of thought regarding "fairness" is paramount in these policies. And rightly so. So, let's be just as cognizant of fairness when conducting campaigns for District or International office. It is right and fair to state your qualifications and your enthusiasm for a position, but unacceptable to put down your opponent. Let each candidate speak about themselves and leave the rest to the voters. We are all volunteers in this organization and kindness and fairness is the Altrusa way.



## Notable Influences to Altrusa History

Altrusa's original classification system of selective recruitment of women leaders proved its point by attracting top echelon members. Every Altrusan knows of Eleanor Roosevelt's legacy, but she was just one of the many! Here are just a few of the Altrusans who were notable in their fields and in their clubs.

- \* Anna Mary Robinson (Grandma Moses), a renowned American Artist, was presented with an honorary membership by the Altrusa Club of Troy, New York, in 1949.
- \* Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, charter member, Altrusa Club of New York City; internationally known personnel management engineer, first woman professor of management engineering, Purdue University; and the mother in "Cheaper by the Dozen."
- \* Julia Hindman, first president of the Altrusa Club of Nashville, Tennessee; insurance agency owner and dean of business women.
- \* Belle Benchley, Altrusa Club of San Diego, California, only woman zoo director.
- \* Mary Grossman, Altrusa Club of Cleveland, Ohio, judge of the municipal court.
- \* Katherine Giles, Altrusa Club of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, only woman cotton statistician in the United States.
- \* Ida Wilcox, Altrusa Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, foremost portrait photographer in the West.
- \* Nellie Taylor Ross, Altrusa Club of Cheyenne, succeeded her husband as governor of Wyoming, upon his death in 1923; ten years later became the first woman director of the United States Mint.
- \* Edith Jarvis Alden, Altrusa Club of Chicago, Illinois, as secretary/treasurer of the Burlington Railroad was the first woman in American rail history to be given a top position with a major railroad.
- \* Bess Streeter Aldrich, Altrusa Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, novelist.
- \* Hattie Green Lockett, Altrusa Club of Phoenix, Arizona, owner-manager of an extensive sheep-raising operation; named "Sheep Queen" by the National Wool Growers' Association.
- \* Margaret Wheeler, Altrusa Club of Boston, Massachusetts, curator of Egyptology, Boston Museum of Art.
- \* Margaret McGill, Altrusa Club of Boston, Massachusetts, president of the Women's Industrial and Educational Union.
- \* Mary I. Barber, Altrusa Club of Battle Creek, Michigan, home economics director of the Kellogg Company. She became president of the American Dietetic Association.





## ***New members initiated in June, July and August***

Club	New Member	Sponsors
Austin	Gina Kahne	Donna Jones
Central Texas	Shelly Worley	Denise Edmonson
Denton County	Dana Pruitt-Wadley	Amanda Purdy Jackie Miller
Downtown Dallas	Julianna Washington	Karen Washington Naomi Ayala
	Kendall Washington	Karen Washington Naomi Ayala
Garland	Karla Langston	Stephanie Noland
Lake Cities	Eleanor Hill	Lee Scruggs Tracey Fentum
Montgomery County	Lorena Ramos	Cindy Hanerhoff
	Dawn Child	Cindy Hanerhoff
North San Antonio	Angela Keresztury	Linda Gomez-Whitner
	Hilda Lopez	Debbie Trammell Sheryl King
Southeast Tarrant County Early Risers	Cathy Lovelace Harris	Joyce A. Newsom
	Patricia Ann Mitchell	Wyvette Covington
	Paula Wiggins	Marsha B. Tucker
Richardson	Jazz Kepner	Lynn Solomon Nancy Rohm
	Terri Morgan	Rose Daughety Lynda Calkin
	Anne Slagel	Lynn Solomon Judy Blome
Temple	Cathy Hussey	Patsy Sulak Debbie Mabry
	Debbie Mead	Dana Riegel Lori Luppino
	Lauren Proctor	Lynda Schumann Trish Alger
	Leslie White	Dana Riegel Jennifer Adams
	Janet Daniel	Debbie Mabry Angela Cases
	Lisa Walker	Patsy Sulak Kathy Folley
The Brazos-Waco	Peggy Walker	Marilyn Goodman Lina Johanson

Our July,  
August  
and  
September  
Clubs:



*The Chisholm Trail – July 2015  
Downtown Dallas – September 1982  
Garland – September 2002*