

Altrusa District Nine
Super Saturday Training Session – Altrusa Int'l Foundation 101
February 21, 2026 (9:30 am CST)

Quick recap

The presentation focused on the Altrusa International Foundation and its various programs, including grants, disaster relief, and Club 52. District Nine Foundation Liaisons and presenters Linda Moore and Betty Sainz provided an overview of the foundation's purpose, funding opportunities, and ways to support it. They discussed the grant application process, the new Club 52 initiative, and the Lamplighter program. The presenters shared success stories of Districts receiving disaster grants and highlighted various fundraising efforts planned for the upcoming District Conference. Attendees learned about different ways to give to the Foundation, including individual donations, club support, and planned giving. The session concluded with a call to action for attendees to explore grant opportunities, share information at their next club meeting, and promote foundation giving.

Next steps

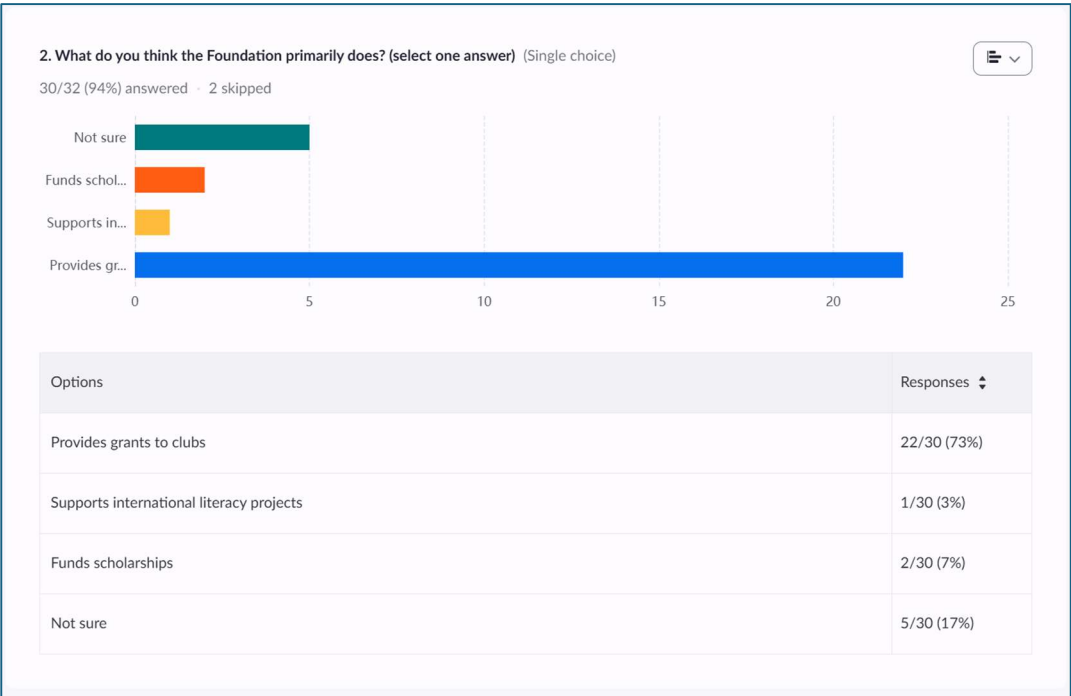
- All Altrusans: Share information from this session (including the video and slides) at their next club meeting and promote Club 52 and foundation giving.
- All interested clubs: Submit grant applications for Altrusa International Foundation grants by the next cycle deadline (September 15 or March 15), as appropriate.
- Clubs that have received grants: Ensure 6-month and 1-year follow-up reports are submitted as required for future grant eligibility.
- Clubs/districts: Consider and coordinate donations of new/gently used purses or bags for the "Carry the Cause" raffle, and notify Betty and Linda in advance with photos and descriptions for setup on GalaBid.
- All Altrusans: Explore all the options to support the Foundation and Donate annually to continue to support the valuable efforts of the Foundation.

Summary

Altrusa Foundation Grant Opportunities

The presentation focused on the Altrusa International Foundation, exploring its purpose, available grants, and application processes. Linda Moore (Altrusa Temple) and Betty Sainz (Altrusa Garland), the Foundation Liaisons for District Nine, presented the Foundation's role in supporting Altrusa clubs' community service efforts, particularly in literacy and community impact. They highlighted that the Foundation provides grants and funding to empower clubs to dream bigger and serve deeper. The session aimed to inform, clarify, and inspire attendees about the foundation's opportunities, with a focus on encouraging clubs to apply for grants and highlighting the new Club 52 initiative.

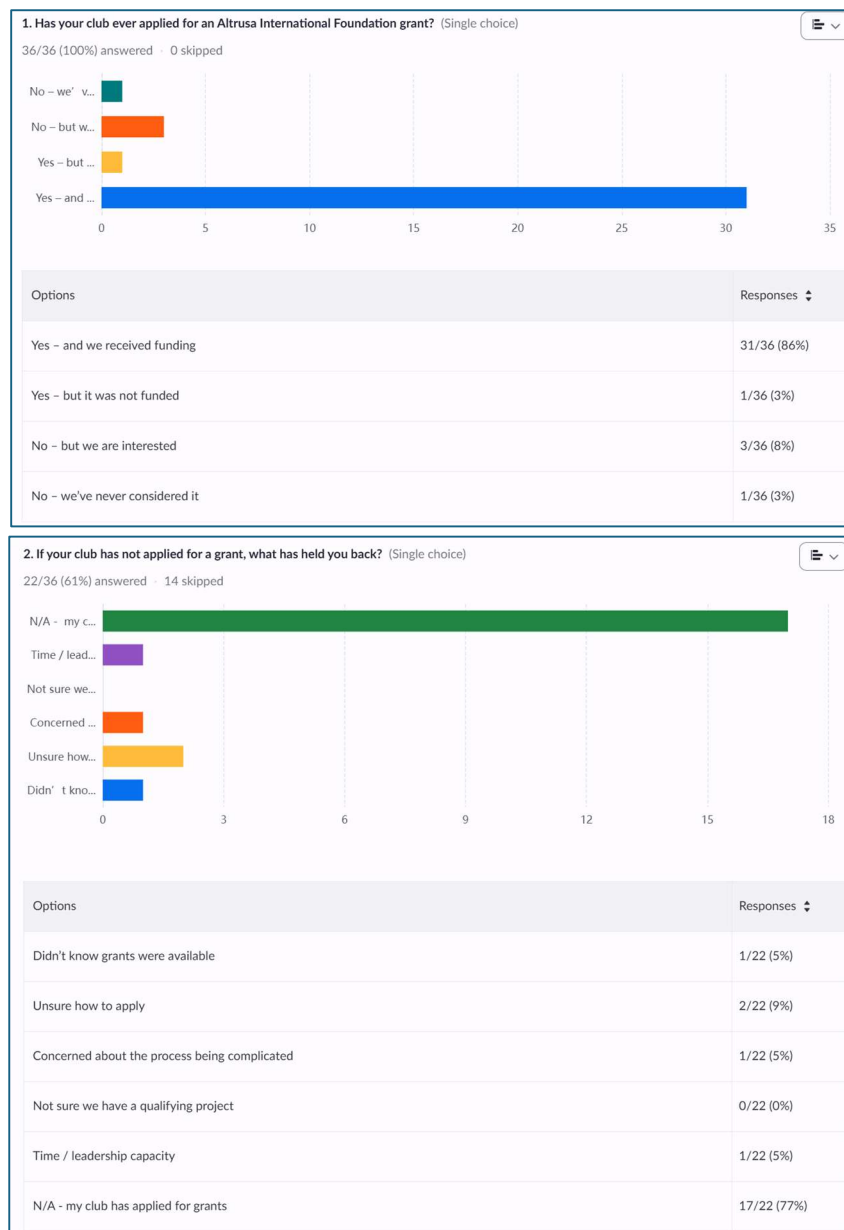
Foundation Awareness Polls



Altrusa Grant Application Guidelines

The presentation focused on Altrusa International Foundation grant applications and processes. Linda Moore explained that clubs can apply for grants up to \$2,500 for community service projects, with applications due twice a year. She emphasized that clubs don't need to request the maximum amount and encouraged applying for any amount needed up to the max. Moore also noted that Newly Chartered Clubs can apply for a \$2,000 grant within their first year, clarifying that applications must be submitted within one year of chartering.

Grant Awareness Polls



Club 21 → Club 52: Expanding Children's Support

The presentation shared a video about Club 52, which was introduced at the previous year's Int'l Convention. Altrusa launched Club 21 in 1997 at the Albuquerque convention to support children with HIV/AIDS, with Altrusa presenting the Foundations Club 21 program supporting Camp Safe Haven. The initiative received overwhelming support from 450 Altrusans who became Club 21 Charter Members, and the program expanded to include global initiatives like the Ghana mission for HIV prevention education. The organization is now evolving with **Club 52**, inviting members to increase their annual donation from \$21 to **\$52** to support more children's camps and provide essential services like meals, medical care, and transportation.

Club 52 Membership and Initiative Overview

The presentation focused on the Club 52 initiative, where members can donate \$52 annually to Altrusa International Foundation. Betty Sainz explained the process of becoming a charter member and the new Club 52 offering for individuals, which includes a Club 52 member pin, and for Clubs or Districts, which includes receiving a Club 52 patch.

The presentation discussed the new Club 52 initiative, which allows individual members to donate \$52 or Clubs to pay \$252 for membership. It was clarified that clubs that paid \$210 for Club 21 in June or July can pay the remaining \$42 to receive the Club 52 patch. A poll revealed that 77% of attendees were familiar with Club 52, while 8% had heard of it and 15% were new to the concept.

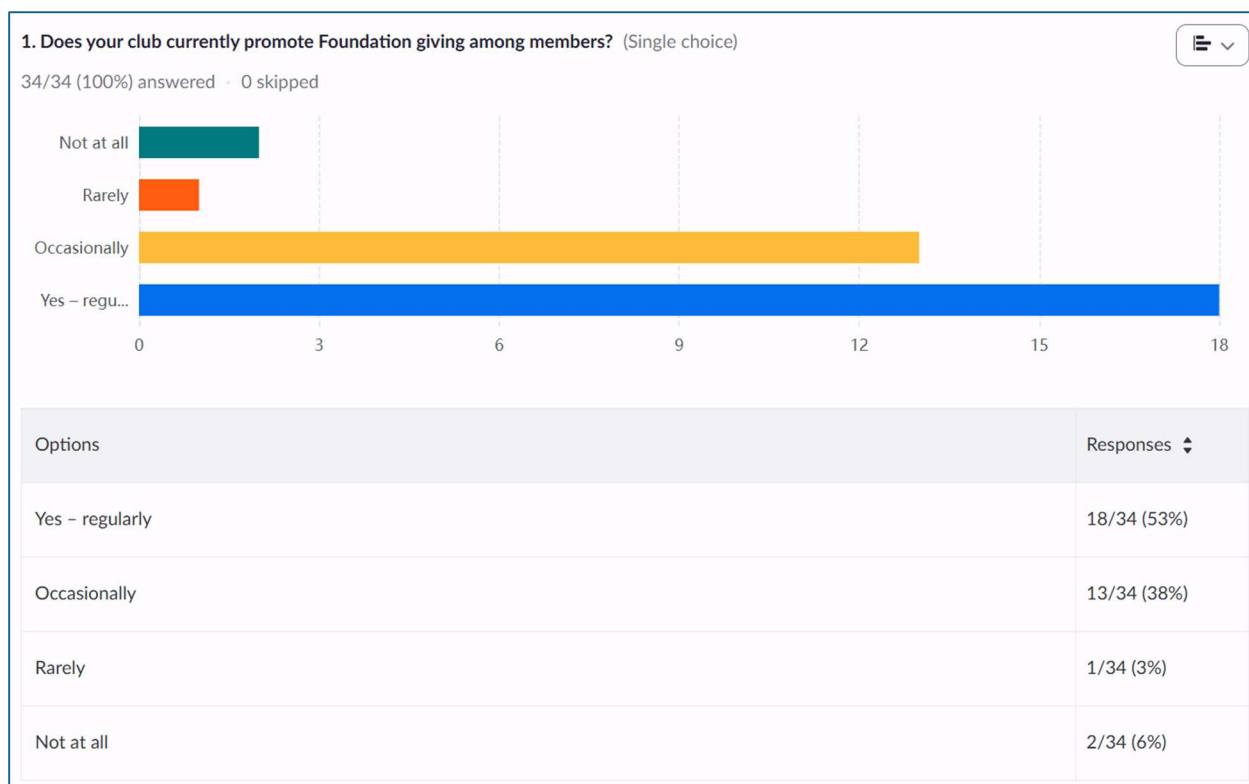


Betty praised the informative video explaining Club 52's purpose and mentioned ongoing efforts to support the Altrusa International Foundation and encouraged everyone to share it with your club members

Disaster Grants and Lamplighter Program

The presentation focused on **Disaster grants** and the **Lamplighter program**. Several districts shared experiences with receiving disaster grants, including funding for emergency vehicle tires after wildfires and support for tornado and flood recovery efforts.

Moore explained the Lamplighter program, which encourages \$500 annual donations to the International Foundation, with different levels of recognition including special pins and patches for clubs. The poll results showed that 53% of clubs regularly support the foundation, while 38% support it occasionally, and 6% not at all.

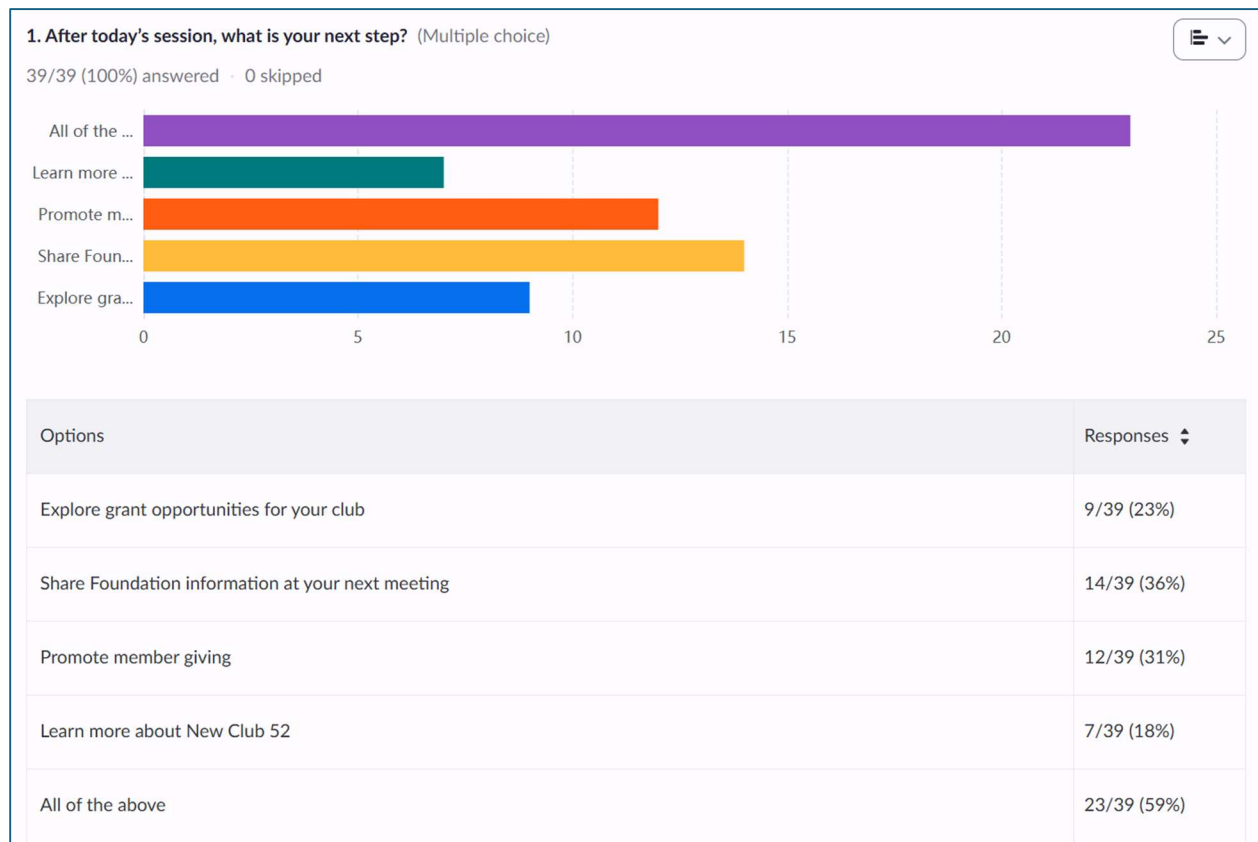


Altrusa Foundation Fundraising Strategies

The presentation covered various donation options, including general support, planned giving, grants, and disaster relief, with attendees being able to specify where their funds would be allocated.

The presentation focused on fundraising efforts for the Altrusa International Foundation at the upcoming conference. Betty discussed District Nine's "Carry the Cause" purse/bag

raffle, an envelope campaign, and the promotion of Club 52 and Lamplighter memberships. Districts shared their own fundraising ideas, including bingo nights, Chinese raffles, and online auctions. The group explored the possibility of allowing non-attendees to participate in the purse raffle (*stay tuned for more info if this is possible or not*). The session concluded with a poll on next steps, where attendees were encouraged to share information at their next club meetings, explore grant opportunities, and promote foundation giving.



Closing

As we wrap up today's session, we hope you leave with a clearer understanding of the power and purpose of the **Altrusa International Foundation** — and more importantly, how it can support *your* club.

The Foundation represents the very best of Altrusa:

- Members supporting members.
- Clubs supporting communities.
- Service reaching beyond borders.

Grants are not just financial awards — they are investments in **literacy, leadership, and lives changed**. They are opportunities for your club to expand a signature project, launch something new, or strengthen a partnership in your community.

We also saw through the New Club 52 that growth and innovation are alive and well within Altrusa and beyond.

The future of Altrusa is bright — and the Foundation plays a vital role in that future.

As you leave today, I encourage you to take one next step:

- Share what you learned at your next club meeting
- Explore a grant opportunity
- Promote Foundation giving
- Or simply start the conversation

When we understand and utilize the Foundation, we multiply our impact.

We hope you have enjoyed this latest edition of **Your Leadership Journey** through our Super Saturday Leadership Series. This session has been recorded, along with all of our other sessions in the series. We invite you to revisit them and share them with your clubs by visiting the District Nine YouTube Channel. Recordings are also posted on the District Nine website for easy access.

Be sure to check out past episodes and stay tuned for updates on future training sessions. We are honored to share in this journey with you — and to help enrich yours along the way.

Thank you for your leadership.

Thank you for your service.

And thank you for continuing to strengthen Altrusa.

Have a wonderful rest of your day — and let's continue building impact together.

Thank you to all who joined us!

DISTRICT	ATTENDEES	Two	2/33 (6%)
Nine	17/33 (52%)	Six	2/33 (6%)
Eight	3/33 (9%)	Seven	2/33 (6%)
Twelve	3/33 (9%)	Four	1/33 (3%)
One	2/33 (6%)	Eleven	1/33 (3%)

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