

Altrusa International District Twelve Board of Directors Annual Reports 2009 - 2010

Governor, Julie Hysmith 2009 – 2010

What an exciting year! Starting with a combined New Board and Coordinator meeting directly after Conference in Seaside. This gave everyone a chance to meet, ask questions, and review what was planned for the biennium. Then I presided at the summer board meeting in Roseburg and the winter board meeting held in Cascade Locks that included the conference planning meeting with the Coordinators.

International Convention was in Indianapolis last August and I was able to attend along with twelve other Altrusans from District Twelve. (It was cooler in Indianapolis than in Washington!) Kathy Stevens (from Spokane) and I were requested to assist with the elections, which was quite an experience!

I have completed the negotiations and signed contracts for the 2012 and 2013 conferences in Salem and Kennewick. Currently, I am working on finalizing two more locations, which will bring us back in Compliance with our District Policies.

We produced four **District Service Bulletins** plus the Call to Conference this year. As you requested, The Call to Conference included information on Early Birds, Fun Night, Speakers, Awards, and the Convention Center including the meals plus much more. In addition, you requested more communication between the District and Clubs, so **The Connection** was born! Five editions were published. **The Connection** is a short publication sent to Presidents and several members of each club highlighting news from International and District. (Previously, this was the **Presidents Update** and published two to three times each year.) All of the **DSB's** and **The Connection** are available to all members on our district website.

For the last several months I have been planning the conference along with Charlotte Carter, (the conference coordinator), the Roseburg Altrusans and all of our coordinators. We know you will enjoy a fantastic conference in Canyonville!

But the best part of being governor is, I have been able to officially be the visitor to seven clubs plus attending installations, birthday parties, membership functions and just drop ins to say hello.

Thank you for giving me opportunity to serve you.

Governor Elect, Sara Burt 2009-2010

My term started out with Post Conference Board Meeting in Seaside. The Board seemed to be a very cohesive group.

Visitations were started on right away. I had 7 clubs from Lebanon to Roseburg to visit. Since we were meeting in Roseburg for Summer Board, I decided to schedule as many as possible in route to save money. My husband traveled with me in our fifth wheel and I had a great time. I was able to get 5 of the 7 during this trip and went to Albany and Salem separately. Each club is so different and has its own unique situations and issues.

While in Roseburg, we went to Seven Feathers to check out the facilities for the May 2010 Conference. Everything points to a great Conference. The Roseburg Club brought a Potluck to the house we rented and we had a wonderful evening.

Winter Board was held in Cascade Locks and it was a nice facility to use. Committee Chairs attended on Saturday and Conference was discussed.

I am currently working on a Task Force that came out of the Winter Board Meeting in regard to small clubs and will report at the Pre-conference Board Meeting in May 2010.

First Vice Governor, Chris Connerly 2009 - 2010

The position of District Twelve First Vice Governor allows me the privilege to continue to grow my interpersonal and leadership skills. It is a personal honor that I take seriously. Leadership doesn't mean sitting at the top of an organization and wearing a princess crown. For me, it is the blessing that I receive while working with others as we endeavor to make a difference in Altrusans lives and the communities we serve. During this first year of the 2009-2011 Biennium, I attended and participated in board meetings (pre-and post-conference, summer, and winter). As First Vice Governor, I have provide articles for District publications, and continue to focus on the actualization of the District Goals and Strategic Plan. Currently, I am focused on the meal menus/counts, and Expediter Training, in addition to miscellaneous requests from our Governor for the 2010 District Twelve 55th Annual Conference in Canyonville, OR.

Second Vice Governor, Rhonda Hauter, 2009 - 2010

2009-2010 has seen me carry out my District visitation duties to Tacoma, South Pierce County and Puyallup clubs.

Here are some observations:

- Membership growth was not a high priority on the club meeting agenda's.
- Projects were the overriding subject of conversation at these visitations.
- Members could definitely use some Roberts Rules understanding (maybe highlight this as a topic in communications from District).
- District could be a greater resource to Club Presidents.
- Foundation finances continue to perplex some.
- Helping Presidents understand Club bylaws would be beneficial.

I have been a resource to several clubs this year in the above topics.

A request was sent to Immediate Past Governor to assist with one of the Club Foundations.

In addition I have spent significant time on the International Revitalization and Rebranding project.

The first phase is completed with the selection and appointment of Miles Media & JayRay Communications. The next phase is research and a report into the International Board this July.

While I have not been extremely participative in other aspects of District this past year I'm appreciative of the Board's indulgence and confident the work on the Revitalization and Rebranding will ultimately benefit District Twelve.

Area 1 Director, Dyane Nauman 2009 - 2010

Sent Club survey to Gig Harbor & Lake Washington East

Did visitations at

- Gig Harbor on September 8, 2009
- Lake Washington East on September 12, 2009
- Campbell River on September 24, 2009
- Nanaimo on September 25, 2009

After my visit, I sent thank you letters to each visitation club. Wrote Visitation reports on each Club that I visited and presented each at the Board meeting held December 4-6.

Attended Board meetings held on

- May 17, 2009 – Post conference held at Seaside, OR
- September 18- 20, 2009 Summer Board held at Canyonville, OR
- December 4 – 6, 2009 Winter Board held at Cascade Locks, OR

Updated district manuals

Active tasks:

For the 2010 District Twelve Conference

- Working with Debra in developing a presentation of a workshop on Fundraisers
- Developing a Brochure for the Mamie L Bass, Letha H Brown, Dr Nana Fay Calhoun awards

- Putting a presentation together of the up coming 2011 conference at Lake Chelan
- Working with Pam Cooper and Debra Jennerjohn on the First Timers event

Area II Director, Debbie Jennerjohn, 2009 - 2010

It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to do 3 visitations this year.

My first was with Longview/Kelso which was very informative and enlightening. It was the first time that I had actually seen a large club in action. It was also my first time to see how a meeting was ran in 1 hour during lunch. It was interesting to watch how everyone was prepared to give their reports and cover everything that was necessary in that short time frame. They were probably more impressive to me than me to them. But I certainly enjoyed visiting with the club. Among other items discussed I urged Longview/Kelso to consider sponsoring an ASTRA club in their area.

My second visit was with Centralia-Chehalis, which is a much smaller club. Even though Centralia-Chehalis is a much smaller club at this time, the people who are still members are a power house. It is amazing what they get done for their community. In November I attended their biggest fundraiser, it was a pecan dinner and auction. Even though the night was just horrible (weather wise) they still had a decent attendance. I feel that this club will come back even stronger than before.

My third visit was with Vancouver, USA. I met with 4 of their members and I know that they are focusing on getting their club back to charter strength but they also realize this will take some time. They have some awesome projects and they are being very vital in their community. They do feel that we are pricing ourselves out of the volunteer market. There are several other organizations that their dues are not near as expensive, which is what they are fighting in their area. They feel this is the biggest reason that people who are interested in volunteering do not become Altrusans when asked.

I attended the Summer board meeting in Roseburg, during which we had an opportunity to check out the Conference site, among other things. I am looking forward to the conference this year simply because of the great facilities.

I also attended the Winter board meeting in Cascade Locks. It was a very intense meeting and our days were filled with lots of issues to cover. It has been very interesting serving on the board and I hope to continue learning during my next year on the board.

Area III Director, Pam Cooper, 2009 - 2010

Dear Fellow District Twelve Altrusans,

To follow through on my responsibilities to you – here is a report of my activities during the 2009 2010 club year on behalf of District Twelve.

- 1) Attended summer Board Meeting in Roseburg where your Board made plans for the May 2010 District Twelve Altrusa Conference – Celebrate Altrusa!
- 2) Visited Altrusa International of Greater Gresham on September 8, 2009. Focused on the two areas of concern the club had listed prior to my visit: Membership and Fund Raising.
Members: I shared my belief that it is important to share personally to others what Altrusa means to you. One on one – not leaving recruitment to others – buy into the need that each member is important in the growth process. With growth of a club comes so many advantages – most importantly members do not have to work on EVERY PROJECT.
Fund Raising: Shared a list of fund raisers used by Hermiston's Ways & Means Committee. Sharing that the focus in Hermiston had been to raise funds, have fun doing so and provide an opportunity for potential members to see us at our very best.
A delightful home stay was provided by club president, Pat Turner.
- 3) Visited Altrusa International of Clark County on October 8, 2009. After reports from committee chairs, discussion focused on International Convention (Governor-Elect Sara Burt was present to share information from convention), membership growth ideas and fund raising activities.
- 4) Attended winter Board Meeting the first weekend in December at the Best Western in Cascade Locks, Oregon.
- 5) Served as part of an Ad-Hoc Committee with Membership Coordinator Karla Lewis to review and make suggestions for revision to application process for Revitalization Grants.
- 6) On-going – your District Twelve Board is constantly connected via email. We review and make suggestions on District activities throughout the year and I believe come to the Board meetings much better prepared.

This is a good experience serving on your District Twelve Board, it has given me another chance within Altrusa to make additional Altrusa friends and hopefully have a positive impact on Altrusa within District Twelve. Thanks for allowing me to serve you.

Immediate Past Governor, Lorraine Michelson, 2009 - 2010

During this first year of the 2009-2011 Biennium, as Immediate Past Governor, I attended and actively participated in post-conference, summer and winter Board meetings, and as of this writing plan to attend District Conference in May 2010 and the pre- and post-conference Board meetings. I arranged for the repair and storage of the District flags and poles (thank you Marv and Dyane Nauman and Altrusa Int'l of Gig Harbor) following last year's District Conference. At the request of

the Governor, I relinquished the remaining flag-related responsibilities for this Biennium so that she might oversee the responsibility in a manner differently than the process in which they have been handled historically. I will coordinate raffle activities and oversee the drawings of winners at District Conference. I am managing the nomination and judging process, as well as the presentation to this year's recipient of the Gwladys Brewster Outstanding Altrusan Award. I submitted articles to the District Service Bulletin and Call to Conference as requested. As District International Foundation Liaison, I will share responsibility with other Board members at District Conference to seek Club 21 contributions.