Here is the latest news from District Seven.
It also includes information on your upcoming District Seven Conference!
Enjoy! As always, please print and share with your members who do not have email.

This email is being sent to all District Seven Members, as well as the International Board of Directors, International Committee Chairs and Special Appointees, District Governors, and District Governors-Elect.

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District Conference is only two months away, and the Omaha Club has been diligently working towards making the Conference a rewarding and excellent experience. The weekend will bring a jam-packed and exciting conference. Workshops, a panel discussion, training sessions, hands-on service projects and activities, and award presentations have been planned with care and excitement. There may be a surprise here and there too. In this issue, you will find the Call to Conference which includes the Conference Registration Form, the Memorial Form, the Conference Schedule, and much more. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the conference co-chairs: April Seaman, kseaman@aoicorp.com or Tracy Perrings, tperrings@owh.com.

Be sure to register by the deadline, make your hotel reservations early, and submit the Memorial Service form, if needed. Come prepared to be HANDED opportunities to gain knowledge through the sessions and workshops, participate in various activities, and connect or reconnect with fellow Altrusans in District Seven.

A part of conference is recognizing the creative and wonderful projects our clubs do across our District. Participate in the recognition of your projects by submitting an entry for the District and International Awards. You will find the information about the awards and the committee chairs receiving the entries on page 3 in this newsletter. March 12 is the deadline for sending the entries in to the chairs. A entry submitted late, or not submitted at all, will not have a chance of being a winning entry!
Governor’s Message – continued from page 1

Your very dedicated District Board met via teleconference on January 13, 2018 for the Winter Board Meeting. A summary of the teleconference is included in this issue on page 4.

Our International Representative is President-Elect Beverly Hardy. Many of you may remember Beverly from our 2016 District Conference. She is a very personable and charismatic person to know. President-Elect Beverly is excited about visiting our district again, and we are excited having her visit us again.

The District Board and the International Representative, Beverly Hardy, will meet at the Pre-Conference Board meeting on Thursday, April 26. The Post-Conference Board meeting will take place on Sunday morning, April 29.

Channel Seven Editor Arlene and I have hidden a Starfish again for you to discover. However, I will remind you that the one at the end of my message isn’t it. The Expert Starfish Finder for the December’s Channel Seven was immediate Past Governor Judi Lundstrom. Thank you to all the Starfish Finders who participated in the search in December’s issue and happy hunting in this issue.

Happy Birthday!

Several Altrusa Clubs in District Seven have celebrated birthdays since our last Channel Seven or will be celebrating birthdays in the next few months. Please extend your congratulations to the following clubs. Take note of the longevity of all these clubs. There are clubs in this list with Altrusa birthdays going as far back as the 1920s and through every decade up to the 1980s, when our youngest club in this list was chartered in 1983. Each of these clubs is special, and celebrating their birthday is special too. Congratulations to all these clubs and for Making a Difference in your communities. When adding the years together, it’s an amazing 1,184 years of service!

- Ames, IA April 1, 1965
- Bellevue, NE January 1, 1981
- Brookings, SD May 6, 1978
- Cedar Falls, IA January 1, 1982
- Council Bluffs, IA April 18, 1923
- Duluth, MN February 26, 1953
- Fargo, ND January 1, 1960
- Fremont, NE April 24, 1925
- Grand Island, NE January 1, 1951
- Green Bay, WI April 13, 1934
- Iowa City, IA May 1, 1926
- Madison, WI April 1, 1924
- Marshfield, WI March 23, 1983
- Omaha, NE April 1, 1924
- Oskaloosa, IA January 28, 1948
- Red Oak, IA April 25, 1925
- St. Paul, MN April 23, 1940

Thank you for all you do for your clubs, your communities, and your world. Each one of you is an important component, the arms of the Starfish so to speak, to providing service to your communities and making a difference in our world. Please make plans to attend the conference. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Each One of You Makes a Difference Together We Make a Greater Difference.

In Altrusa Friendship,

Jolene Schauer
Governor Dr. Jolene Schauer, District Seven

[Image: Happy Birthday graphic]
Enter Those Awards Now!

The Altrusa Award entries are due to the Chairs no later than March 12, 2018. You want to mail the entry early, as it does not pay to wait until the last minute to get them in to the committee chairs. A late entry will not be a winning entry. All entries should be emailed or sent via USPS to the Committee Chairs.

You can find the entry forms and information for the Mamie L. Bass Service Award, the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award, and the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award on the International website. The process is: altrusa.org, member login, Index tab, and then, Awards.

The Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award was established by the International Board of Directors in July, 1963, as a memorial to the first National President of Altrusa. The name was changed to the Mamie L. Bass Service Award by the International Board of Directors in July, 1975. Send your entries to Service Committee Chair Bernice Hahn, via email at pattersn@iowatelecom.net or mail your entries to Bernice Hahn, P.O. Box 662, Oskaloosa, IA, 52577-0662.

The Letha H. Brown Literacy Award was established by the International Board of Directors in July, 1993, to honor Past International President Letha H. Brown. In 1977, she introduced literacy as a major emphasis of the organization. Send your award entries to Literacy Committee Chair Lillian Nolan, via email at lilliamnolan@att.net or mail your entries to Lillian Nolan, 78 Martin Place, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935.

The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award was adopted in 2003 as a memorial to the only International President who served two terms and who focused on the International aspect of our organization. Send your award entries to District Seven Director Mary Hanzel via email at hanzel5257@yahoo.com or mail your entries to Mary Hanzel, 1226 McCormick Street, Green Bay, WI, 54301.

The Katie Wenstrand Memorial Lamplighter Award form and information is found on the International website in the Shared Files-District: click the International tab, then Shared Files - District, and Katie Wenstrand Memorial Lamplighter form. It is a District Seven Award given to a District member. Each club may nominate one candidate per year for the Katie Wenstrand Memorial Lamplighter Award, which is based on outstanding service over a period of years and recognizes an Altrusan who is “your club’s unsung hero.” Most weight in judging will be placed with your nominee’s activities that support your club’s service, communications, literacy, and membership. Send your entries to District Seven Second Vice Governor Ingrid Christianson via email at ingrid.christianson@gmail.com or mail your entries to Ingrid Christianson, 2388 Shore Preserve, Oshkosh, WI, 54904.

All entries must be received no later than March 12, 2018.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to all our new members in District Seven. These members joined Altrusa since our publication of the Channel Seven in December 2017. We are excited to have you become Altrusans and share our passion for literacy and helping others within our communities. Please advise if a new member was accidently omitted from this list. New members, welcome again.

Brookings, SD  Teree Nesvold
            Carol Thomas
Council Bluffs, IA  Darlene Beaver
Duluth, MN  Ann Caple-Tobin
            Cindy Fritze
Omaha, NE  Cathy Hoberman
Marshfield, WI  Linda Herwald
St. Paul, MN  Debra Geske
Summary of January 13, 2018 District Seven Board Meeting

By District Secretary Deanna Schlenz

The Altrusa District Seven Board met via a teleconference call on Saturday, January 13, 2018. All board members were present. We covered the following business items:

- Approved the minutes from the District Seven Fall Board meeting.
- Reviewed the financial and membership reports and filed them for audit.
- Board members reported on club visits that were completed since the 2017 Fall Board meeting.
- The District Board received the updated District Seven Policies in accordance with the International Bylaw changes regarding Delegates and Alternates.
- The District Board approved the District Long Range Strategic Plan Alignment with International’s Long Range Strategic Plan. District Seven’s Vision Statement and the Mission Statement were both changed.
- Governor Jolene Schauer reported that Mary Clare Lokken will manage the Altrusa Store at conference, and that International President-Elect Beverly Hardy will be our conference’s International Representative.
- Governor Jolene Schauer reported that information about District Seven’s Incorporation will be presented to our conference’s delegate body.
- Received reports on the 2018 Conference plans and reviewed the Conference schedule, evaluation, and board members’ assignments for the Conference.
- Annual reports by Board Members are due to Governor Jolene by March 22, 2018. Reports will be on the website and in May.
International Representative at District Seven Conference

Beverly Hardy, International President-Elect

District Seven is honored to welcome Beverly Hardy as our International Representative this year. Beverly has been an Altrusan since 1994, holding offices with her local Club, Starke, FL, District Three Board, and the International Board of Directors. She served as Corresponding Secretary (1996-1997), Vice President of Membership (1997-1998), Vice President of Programs (1998-1999), President (1999-2000), and Club Treasurer (2000-2005) with the Starke, Florida Club.


In 2016, Beverly was elected as International Treasurer at the International Convention in Kansas City, Kansas. After serving as International Treasurer for two years she was nominated and elected as President-Elect of Altrusa International in Nashville, TN this past summer 2017. In 2019, Beverly will be installed as the President of Altrusa International in Reno, Nevada and will serve as president for two years. The following two years, 2021-2023, she will continue to serve, for a total of 8 years on the International Board.

At the Centennial Convention in Nashville, she became a Lucente Lamplighter of the International Foundation.

Beverly’s formal education is in Special Education/Psychology, with a degree from University of Central Florida located in Orlando, FL. She has used her training volunteering as a drug counselor for many years, working with women at Place of Grace, a faith-based drug rehab program and in the Seminole & Marion County school systems. She has also served as a Board member and Finance Chair of the ARC of Bradford County (citizens with mental handicaps); she is a member of the United Methodist Women, holding positions of Circle Chair, Program Chair, and Membership Chair. She is currently on the State Board of Florida Ladies of the Elks serving as Chaplain.

Beverly was appointed by the Governor of the state of Florida to serve on the Judicial Nominating Committee as one of three Lay members for four years. She works in her husband’s law office in the accounting department and serves as office manager. Prior to working in the Law Office, she was co-owner of her family brick business, Harwood Brick Co., where her responsibilities included accounting and taxes.

She is the Association Treasurer of Seychelles at Crescent Beach Home Owners Association.

Beverly is married to Dudley Hardy, an attorney, and they have two daughters, one son, and four adorable grandchildren.

Recently, this January, Beverly was named “2018 Woman of Distinction” for Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL. However, her love for Altrusa precedes all her other interests!
Call to Conference

Omaha, Nebraska -
April 27-28, 2017

“Hands In”

We cordially invite you to the 2018 District Seven Conference “Hands In” April 27 and 28, 2018 at the Sheraton Omaha Hotel in Omaha, NE.

Be our guest as we celebrate Altrusa’s commitment to friendship, learning and service. The 2018 Conference begins on Friday, April 27th and concludes on Saturday, April 28th. For those arriving Thursday, registration will be open from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members may also bring their silent auction items and set up club displays between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The District Seven Conference is an important time for our clubs to gather and celebrate our community service and achievements at the International, District and Club levels.

Our goal is for attendees to have a “Hands-On” experience; connecting with fellow Altrusans, enjoying the fellowship that comes from our shared commitment to improving our communities and extending our focus to leadership and service.

Program Highlights

Friday Lunch Keynote - Thomas Lynch, Boys Town Historian

Mr. Lynch will present on the rich history of Father Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, which was established in 1917; the same year as Altrusa!

Friday evening - Trivia Night!

Altrusa of Omaha hosts a public trivia fundraiser each year to support our service projects. We invite you to a Special Conference trivia event, hosted by Brooks Humphreys, husband of Omaha Altrusan Cindy and former Jeopardy winner. Test your trivia knowledge, relax, have some fun and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner. We will be providing buses to take you to this offsite event. Casual attire is recommended, and there will be a cash bar.

Saturday Lunch Keynote - Darrel Draper, “Peter Sarpy”

Mr. Draper provides an entertaining, costumed speaking program titled “The History of Nebraska as Told by Peter Sarpy.” Peter Sarpy was the French-American owner and operator of several fur trading posts essential to the development of the Nebraska territory.

Friday Activities and Workshops

Hands in…Collaboration

Due to the popularity of being paperless and electronically focused, the 2018 Conference Host is offering a choice of receiving the traditional Conference Binder (a hard copy) OR receiving a free paperless copy electronically from the conference committee or International website.

Download details are found on page 9. Downloads are available beginning April 9th on International’s website, Shared Files-District. Your choice will be indicated on the Registration Form. Remember, you will be choosing one method OR the other for receiving your binder!

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**Hands in…Omaha**

Leave your impression on Omaha. We will ask all Altrusans to put your handprints on a mural that can be used at future Altrusan events.

**Hands on…Tie Blankets or Tai Chi**

**Tie Blankets**

You may choose to spend some time tying fleece comfort blankets that will be donated to Project Harmony. Project Harmony is a child protection center in Omaha whose mission is to protect and support children, collaborate with professionals, and engage the community to end child abuse and neglect.

**Tai Chi**

Relax and enjoy a directed session of Tai Chi, a Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense and health benefits. The session will be at a beginner level, for all shapes, sizes and abilities.

**Saturday Activities and Workshops**

**Hands in…Service**

**Moderated Community Service Panel Discussion for all attendees**

Leaders from several of Omaha’s most engaged community service organizations will discuss partnership opportunities and how to identify and best serve the needs in your own communities.

**Hands in…Leadership**

**Five Practices of Exemplary Leaders**

Linda Van Dyke, MBA, Omaha Altrusa Member will present a world-renowned model of leadership applicable for all walks of life. The five practices will be described in detail and easily understood for all Altrusans to apply immediately in their daily work and personal lives.

**Hands in…Community**

**Big Garden, Big Community Ideas**

Jaimee Trobough will share this amazing organization’s mission to cultivate food security by developing community gardens, creating opportunities to serve, and providing education on issues related to hunger. This is an opportunity to take great ideas back to your own communities.

**Hands in…Accessorizing**

Rose McCormick’s personal mantra is: “There’s nothing like living in a space you love to enhance the quality of your life.” The founder of Beyond the Vine, Rose will share creative and meaningful tips for home décor to inspire your soul.

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**Altrusa Sessions and Presentations**

- Membership General Session (Friday)
- President’s Workshop (Friday)
- Memorial Service (Saturday)
- Altrusa Information Session (Saturday)
- Treasurer’s Workshop (Saturday)
- Reception Honoring International Representative (Saturday)
Shared Conference Service Project

Our service project for this Conference is to ask each attendee to bring and “Hand In” at least one toiletry item to be donated to our local shelters. We will have a donation box outside the Regency Room from 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 26th through the end of day on Friday, April 27th.

Hands in…Omaha - Altrouser Opportunities

On Friday, Altrousers have the opportunity to tour Strategic Air Command and Aerospace (SAC) Museum. This is 30 minutes away in Ashland, NE. The museum was originally housed at Offutt Air Force Base as keeper of SAC’s history to preserve the peace during the Cold War. The current museum’s collection of photos, interactive exhibits, and restored planes spans 70 years of history. Attendees will pay the museum entrance fee and for their lunch. Transportation will be arranged.

On Saturday, there will be a private tour of Omaha’s local ABC affiliate, KETV Channel 7. Closed to the public, Altrousers will get a rare tour of this state-of-the-art media facility in the historically renovated former Burlington Railway station. First opened in 1898, it reopened as Channel 7 in 2016. The tour is free, and guests will lunch on their own in the adjacent Old Market where historic converted brick buildings house numerous restaurants, art galleries and retail stores. Transportation will be arranged.

Hands In...Learning - Club Displays

Altrusans do wonderful projects, and this is the time for your club to brag about how you are helping your community. Each club is invited to set up a display (two clubs per table) in the designated area of the Regency Room. Set-up times are: Thursday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday morning, 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (before the conference begins).

Hands in…Memories - Memorial Service

The Memorial Service will be held Saturday morning. If you have had an Altrusan pass away during the past year, please complete the Memorial Form attached with the Call to Conference and return it by April 1st to verlahamilton@cox.net, or mail to Verla Hamilton at 122 S. 39th St, #903, Omaha, NE 68131.

Silent Auction

Each club is encouraged to bring an item (or items) for auction to benefit The Altrusa International Foundation. Please limit the value of each auction item to $50. The auction items may be dropped off in the Regency Room on Thursday evening between 7:00 p.m. and 9 p.m., or on Friday morning starting at 7:30 a.m.

The silent auction will open for bidding starting Friday, April 27th at 8:30 a.m. and will end Saturday, April 28th at noon. Winning bids will be announced during the Final Business Session on Saturday. Items must be paid for and picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday April 28th. Checks, credit cards and debit cards accepted.
Registration

Registration for attending the full two-day conference is $149. Registration for one day only is $85. You may register using the Conference Registration Form enclosed with this Call to Conference or you will find the form in Shared Files-District on International’s website.

The deadline for Conference registration is April 1st. There will be an additional charge of $10 for those submitted after the deadline.

Conference Binder

This year’s Conference Binder will be available in either PDF format or the usual three-ring binder. If you wish to receive ONLY an electronic copy, please indicate that on the registration form and include your email address. If you wish to receive the three-ring binder of the printed material upon your arrival, please indicate your choice on the registration form. The conference materials will also be available from the Shared Files - District on International’s website. We will only have printed binders available for those who request them with registration!

Accommodations

The special conference room rate at the Sheraton Omaha Hotel is $113, plus tax, per night based on double occupancy. Included with the hotel room are two breakfast vouchers per room per day, free parking, free high-speed internet, and free shuttle service from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. within a 5-mile radius of the hotel. The hotel does not provide an airport shuttle. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is noon.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel by calling 866-961-3981 or online at: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ALTRUSA. Please let them know you are attending the Altrusa Conference and reservations should be made no later than March 27th for the special Altrusa rate. If you wish to extend your stay at the special rate, please contact the hotel directly.

Airport

Omaha’s Eppley Airport (OMA) is located 30 minutes east of the Conference location. Taxi fare is estimated at $40 each way. The hotel does not provide an airport shuttle.

Conference Charm

The 2018 Conference Charm is a Big O! Charm. You may pre-purchase a charm with your registration. Supplies are limited. If there are any charms available after registration closes, they will be available during the conference. With a clasp that should fit all bracelets, these collectible treasures are $10 each.

We look forward to having you with us for the conference activities and to share our beautiful community. Omaha has wonderful attractions to see during your visit. For more information, please visit: www.visitOmaha.com. Direct questions to the Conference Co-chairs: April Seaman at kseaman@aocorp.com or 402-680-7895, or Tracy Perrings at tperrings@owh.com or 402-680-5222.
2018 Conference Schedule (Tentative)

Altrusa District Seven Conference
April 27 – 28, 2018
Sheraton Omaha Hotel - Omaha, NE

TENTATIVE 2018 District Seven Conference — Full Schedule will be in the Conference Program

“HANDS IN…for Friendship…for Learning…for Service”

Thursday, April 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Pre-Conference Board Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Registration Open
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Club Displays and Silent Auction
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

Friday, April 27, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  Registration
Club Displays/Silent Auction/Altrusa Store

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  First Timer’s Breakfast & Orientation
Hosts: First Vice Governor Kristi Burnett and
Second Vice Governor Ingrid Christianson

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  Breakfast for all others - Open Dining
Hosting: District Seven Board Members

8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Registration and Information

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Double Workshop – All Members
Hands In...Collaboration;
Motivational Speaker Lisa Lackovic

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Break

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  Luncheon Honoring First Timers
Host: First Vice Governor Kristi Burnett

Keynote Speaker: Thomas Lynch, Boys Town Historian:

District Membership Awards:
District Membership Chair Karen Sedlachek
International Membership Awards:
International President-Elect Beverly Hardy

Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Award: District Director Mary Hanzel

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. General Session
International Information: International President-Elect Beverly Hardy
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. President's Workshop:
Governor Dr. Jolene Schauer and
Governor-Elect Mary Clare Lokken

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Activities

Hands In Mural – Leave your Impression on Omaha
Tie Blankets Service Project
Tai Chi Personal Wellness

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Free Time and Hospitality Room Open
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Offsite Dinner Honoring Past Governors
Host: Director Mary Hanzel
Travel by buses

Trivia Dinner Event
Omaha Club Member Cindy Humphreys

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, April 28, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration and Information
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Elections
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Club Displays/Silent Auction/Altrusa Store
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast on your own - Open Dining
Hosted by District Seven Board Members
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Break
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service: Conference Co-Chair April Seaman
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Altrusa Information - District Board Members/Committee Chairs
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Moderated Panel Discussion:
Stephen Center - Teri Corcoran
Project Harmony
Partnership4Kids - Tracy Wells

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  **Treasurer's Workshop:**
District Treasurer Deanna Sargent and
International President-Elect Beverly Hardy

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  **Concurrent Optional Workshops:**
**Leadership Challenge** - Linda Van Dyke
**Big Garden Omaha** – Jaimee Trobough
**Hands In... Accessorizing** - Rose McCormick

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  **Break**
**Silent Auction** Final Bids Close at Noon

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  **Luncheon** Honoring Current and Incoming Presidents
Governor-Elect Mary Clare Lokken

**Keynote Speaker:** Darrel Draper
History of Nebraska as told by “Peter Sarpy”

**Katie Wenstrand Lampighter Award:**
Second Vice Governor Ingrid Christianson

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  **Break**

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  **Final Business Session and Adjournment**

**Leadership Session for All Attendees**
District Seven Board Members

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  **Retrieve the Flags:** Altrusa Club of Omaha

3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  **Hands In Mural - Leave Your Impression on Omaha OR Tie Blankets**
**Free Time**

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  **Reception Honoring International President Elect Beverly Hardy**

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  **Governor's Banquet**

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  **Hospitality Room Open**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  **Post Conference Board Meeting**
62nd Annual District Seven Conference Registration 2018
Friday, April 27—Saturday, April 28, 2018
Sheraton Hotel Omaha, 655 N 108th St, Omaha, NE 68154
Reservation Desk 866-961-3981 Online Reservations https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ALTRUSA

Please complete one registration form per person. Copy as needed. Note: Hotel reservations are separate from conference registration.

Name __________________________________________ Club ____________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ______________
Daytime phone __________________________ Cell or evening phone __________________________
E-mail Address __________________________

Circle arrival date Thursday 4/26 Friday 4/27 Saturday 4/28

Please check all that apply to you:
___ Club President ___ Club Treasurer ___ Delegate ___ Alternate Delegate ___ District Chair ___ Past Governor ___ International Officer ___ District Officer ___ First time attending an Altrusa Conference ___ ASTRAMember

Conference Materials: Choose One ___ Conference Binder in paper form OR ___ Conference Binder in PDF form via email.

Full Registration: includes all business sessions, workshops, welcome bag, Conference materials, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday
$149.00

One Day Registration (check only one) ___ Friday ___ Saturday
$85.00

Late Fee: For all registrations submitted after April 1, 2018
$10.00

0! Conference charm fits most bracelets
$10.00

Dietary Restrictions: ________________________________________________________________

Guest Name: _________________________________________________________________

Check meal reservations for GUESTS and enter total amount here. $_________

ASTRA or Guest Meals ____________________________

___ Friday Lunch $25.00 ___ Saturday Lunch $25.00

___ Friday Dinner $20.00 (meal and transportation) ___ Saturday Dinner $40.00

Altrouser Guest Events: Friday, tour SAC Museum, $11.00 Admission; Saturday, tour Burlington Station (KETV) No Charge;
Lunch and amenities at your expense.

Guest Dietary Restrictions: _______________________________________________________

Total Enclosed - Make checks payable to Altrusa International of Omaha, NE, Inc. $_________

To pay by credit card, complete this information and add a $5.00 processing fee: Visa or Master Card accepted.
Name on Card ___________________________ Number ___________________________ Expiration ___________ Security Code ___________

Requests for refund of paid full or partial registration, prior to April 1, or at the discretion of the District Board, should be sent to the Conference Treasurer and will be at 100%. Refund requests made from April 1 through April 14 must be in writing to the Governor to be placed on the agenda at the Board meeting following Conference. At the discretion of the Board, refunds will be at 50% for obligations of the Conference hosts. No refunds will be granted after April 14.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Sheraton Omaha Hotel, Reservation Desk 866-961-3981 or online at https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ALTRUSA No later than March 27, 2018, for the Altrusa rate of $113.00 plus tax per night based on double occupancy. Please indicate that you are attending the Altrusa Conference. Let the hotel know when you register if you have any special needs or limitations. Hotel reservations include two breakfast vouchers per room per day, free parking, free high-speed Internet and free shuttle within a 5 mile radius from 7 AM – 11 PM. Hotel does not have an airport shuttle. Check in time is 3 P.M. Check out is Noon.

Mail registration forms and fees to:
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17123 Western Circle, Omaha, NE 68118
wade.crow@cox.net
Home: 402-289-2040

Co-chairs for conference questions:
Tracy Perrings
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Cell: 402-680-5222

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Kasey Seaman
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Cell: 402-680-7895
Memorial Service Form  
Altrusa District Seven Conference 2018

Please provide the following information on any member of your club who has passed away since the 2017 Conference.

Name:  

Club:  

Number of years as an Altrusa member:  

Service as an Altrusan including offices held:  

Please write a brief paragraph describing what made this person special and how this member impacted your club and community.

This will be read during the Memorial Service.

Return the completed form(s) by April 1, 2018 to:

Verla Hamilton verlahamilton@cox.net  

or mail to:

Verla Hamilton  
122 S 39th St #903  
Omaha, NE 68131
ASTRA Scholarships – Apply Now!

Applications for the International ASTRA scholarships are due to the International Office by March 15, 2018. These scholarships give the Altrusa International Foundation the opportunity to recognize high school senior ASTRA members who have grown through service in ASTRA. A winning applicant will have demonstrated exemplary Altruism within his or her community.

Applications and reference forms are available on the International website. Follow these steps: altrusa.org - Member Login - Leaders - 2017-2019 Committees - ASTRA Clubs - Resources.

Up to four scholarships will be awarded annually in the following amounts:

- Two scholarships worth $2,000 each
- Two scholarships worth $500 each

If you have any questions, please contact April Smith, International ASTRA Chair at ASTRA@altrusa.org.

Calling On Our District Seven Members

The Nominating Committee is seeking individuals to serve on the 2018-2020 Nominating Committee. The new committee will be elected at the 2018 District Conference and will serve for two years. District Seven has many members who have served as club presidents and qualify for this position. This is an opportunity to volunteer for a leadership role. Nominating Committee Chair Karen Sedlachek explains the eligibility for serving on the committee.

Eligibility for the Nomination Committee

To be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee, a member must:

- Be an Active Member other Bylaws notwithstanding
- Have served a term as President of a Club

According to District Bylaws:

- The Nominating Committee is composed of three or more members elected by the members entitled to vote at Conference in non-election years from a slate consisting of one nominee from each Club.
- The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast serves as the chairman.
- No Club may be represented on two consecutive Nominating Committees.
- Committee members serve for a two-year term beginning with the close of the Conference at which they were elected.
- Vacancies are filled by the District Board of Directors.

Altrusa Clubs, District Board members, and Past Governors may nominate someone from any Club in the District. An individual may also nominate herself.

Send a letter of nomination (including name, address, telephone, e-mail address, and club affiliation), along with a resume to: Karen Sedlachek, Nominating Committee Chair, 5136 I Ah Maytah Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901. You may also e-mail the nomination to: sunshine60@prodigy.net. Nominating form on page 16.

Karen Sedlachek
Nominating Committee Chair
Altrusa International, Inc. Nominating Committee Form

Nominee Name ________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ___________ ZIP__________

Telephone ____________________________________________________

Email address ________________________________________________

Local Club: Altrusan International, Inc. of _______________________

Comments:
Please attach a resume.

Submitted by __________________________ Title ______________________

Address __________________________ City ___________ State __ ZIP____

Telephone ________________________ Email Address __________________

Club __________________________________________________________

This form and a resume must be received by the First of January 2018.

Feel free to make copies of this form if you have multiple nominees.

Send the form and resume to:
Karen Sediachnek, Chairman
Nomination Committee District Seven
5136 1 Ah Maytah Road
Oshkosh, WI 54901
or
Email to sunshine60@prodigy.net
Lillian Nolan has been a member of Altrusa International of Fond du Lac since 2002. She served as Club President 2012-2014 and has held numerous other leadership positions. She currently serves on the local Altrusa Grants and Awards Committee and as the liaison to the Children’s Museum Project. At the District level, Lillian is the chair for the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award.

She has a BA in Education and an MA in Library Science. She has had additional advance studies in Children’s Services. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Lillian is a retired Public Library Librarian. She is also an Army Vietnam War Veteran.

Lillian has three grandchildren. And, when she isn’t active with them, she keeps busy with her volunteer activities: Mobile Meals, Kindergarten Aide, Preschool Story Programs, Governor’s Appointee to the Wisconsin Board of Nursing, City of Fond du Lac Election Inspector, Fond du Lac American Legion Government Day, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Outreach, Sunday School Teacher, and Altar Committees.

The dictionary’s simple definition, “the ability to read and write,” doesn’t nearly define literacy in today’s world. It is essential to be able to read and write, but the definition of what that means encompasses much more than the ABCs and books. There are other examples of literacy today. It is recognized as the cognitive skills children develop as they play, are read to and talked to. It is also recognized as the importance of reading materials in many formats for children as they progress through the educational system. Literacy is further considered imperative for adults to continue as lifelong learners in a world in which new words and concepts are added continually.

Altrusa Clubs help promote a creative definition of literacy by submitting applications for the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award. This award helps spread the word about what Altrusa Clubs across District Seven are accomplishing to promote literacy, and thus positively impact our communities.
Mid-Year Membership Satisfaction Surveys

The International Membership Development Committee and the District Membership Committee are asking that all Altrusa Clubs submit a Mid-year Membership Satisfaction Survey to each of their club members. On page 16 of the Club President’s Handbook, it states that Mid-year reviews are important to clubs in that they advise the board of directors and committee chairs as to the areas of club work that are giving the members the most satisfaction.

The Mid-year Survey is a tool for determining the satisfaction of club members with their projects, activities, and fundraisers. The feedback received from this survey could be very beneficial for not only the club’s current board of directors, but also for the incoming board of directors as they begin developing their new year’s club goals. The Mid-year Survey should include a review of the club’s strategic plan, as well as its overall operations.

The Mid-term Satisfaction Survey need not be lengthy - five or so questions will do. Some ideas for questions might include: a) whether club members feel a service project or fundraiser is working or whether it should be eliminated, b) whether a service project or fundraiser should be revised or replaced with something different or new, and if so, what, c) suggestions members have for increasing membership whether the club is below charter strength (15) or not, d) satisfaction with location and time of the meetings, or preferred locations or time, and e) ideas for reaching out to obtain members in the younger age groups.

These are just some ideas: Club presidents and their board of directors should make up the questions that pertain to their individual clubs. The survey can be a paper survey or Survey Monkey could be used. Survey Monkey is done on the computer and the results are then sent to you.

If your club would like to use Survey Monkey, our webmaster Ingrid Christianson, would be willing to help. Plan on submitting the survey to your club members soon, for in a few months you will be looking at club projects, fundraisers, etc. as the new year’s programs are planned. You never know what ideas might come from it until you use it. The results are for members to use only within their clubs.

Incorporation of District Seven

Just as the clubs were asked to incorporate, so are the districts being asked to do the same. District Seven is one of the very few not incorporated, so we are planning on completing this task within this biennium.

The conference delegates will be taking action on this incorporation item. District Seven is asking the clubs to assist with this incorporation in two ways; a) if clubs have an attorney in their membership, would she or he be willing to assist us in this process, or b) by providing names of the attorneys who assisted the clubs in their own incorporation process. The size of the state and the size of club membership aren’t issues for the incorporation. So, if the clubs have names of those attorneys, or persons, they used for assisting with their incorporation, the District Board will be happy to review them as possible resources. The District Board has done some research already, however, we are looking at other possibilities.

This wasn’t a topic for discussion until after our 2017 Iowa City Conference when it was discussed at the Governor’s Council meeting at the 2017 International Convention in Nashville, TN. You can contact Governor Jolene Schauer at trailviewfarms@inebraska.com with information or questions. Thank you.
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