



**Lighting the
Way to**

LEADERSHIP

**Altrusa International Inc.—District One
70th Annual Conference
May 1-3, 2026
Nashua, NH**

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

BERMUDA

God save our Gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God Save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us
God Save the King.

CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free
From far and wide, O Canada
We stand on guard for thee!
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee!
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee!

Ô CANADA! Terre de nos aïeux
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée
Il sait porter la croix
Ton histoire es tune épopée
Des plus brillants exploits
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée
Protègera nos foyers et nos droits.
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Welcome to Altrusa International District One 70th Annual Spring Conference 2026

The Past Governors, the Board, and I are delighted to welcome everyone back to the Sheraton Hotel in Nashua, NH. It's wonderful to gather once again for our Spring Conference, and we're truly excited to share this weekend with you. We hope you enjoy the workshops, the fellowship, and the chance to reconnect while we take care of our District business.

This year's theme, "*Lighting the Way to Leadership*," reflects our belief that every Altrusan has the power to inspire and guide others. We've planned a weekend that is not only fun, but also meaningful—one that leaves you with new ideas, new energy, and new connections. We are especially pleased to welcome our Guest Speaker, Leslie Sturgeon. A former member of the Meredith, NH club, Leslie discovered during her time in Altrusa many of the leadership principles that shaped her path. We hope her message will spark inspiration for you as well.

Tonight, District One is once again hosting our always-popular fun event, Bingo Night—this time with a Luau twist—to benefit the Altrusa International Foundation. These lighthearted moments are where we often see the joy, humor, and friendship that make Altrusa so special. Over the years, it's been at events just like this that I've witnessed the true heart of our organization.

In your program, you'll find write-ups of all the club projects submitted for awards. As the saying goes, not all will take home an award, but every single project represents meaningful service and dedication to our communities. Each one matters.

Thank you for being here, for supporting this conference, and for everything you do throughout the year. Your commitment to service is what makes Altrusa shine—and it's what keeps District One strong.

Welcome, and enjoy the weekend!

In Service,

Susan



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Dear Altrusans,

What an exciting moment for your District – and what a joy to welcome you to your 2026 District Conference. Gatherings like this are the heartbeat of Altrusa. They remind us why we serve, why we lead, and why this organization continues to make a meaningful difference in communities around the world.

Conference weekends have a special energy. They give us space to learn from one another, exchange ideas that spark new possibilities, and strengthen the friendships that make our work so rewarding. They also give us a chance to celebrate what you’ve accomplished and to focus on the important business that keeps your District moving forward. Most of all, they give us time to simply enjoy being together as Altrusans.

Your District Board, host club(s), and Conference Committee have poured tremendous effort into creating an experience that is both inspiring and practical. You can look forward to thoughtful speakers, workshops that expand your skills, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow members who share your passion for service.

I encourage you to spend time with your Altrusa International Representative during the weekend. She is here not only to share updates from the international level, but also to listen – to your ideas, your questions, and your hopes for the future of your clubs. We value your voice, and we want to support the work you’re doing to strengthen your communities for generations to come.

On behalf of the International Board, I hope this weekend leaves you renewed, energized, and ready to carry the spirit of Altrusa back to your club. Travel safely, enjoy every moment, and share what inspired you when you return home. Together, we continue this biennium with purpose and heart under the theme Love, Literacy & Legacy.

With Altrusa Love,

Christine DeVlieger

Christine “Chris” DeVlieger
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Welcome to 2026 District Conferences!

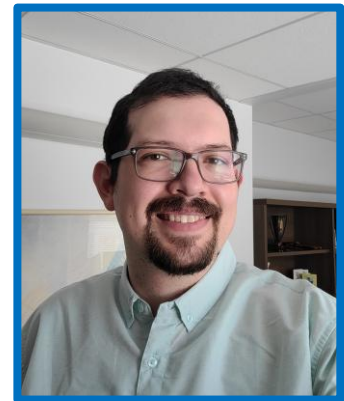
Last year I had the pleasure of attending District Five Conference in Akron, OH. It was informative, educational, and fun. I was given the opportunity to interact with Altrusans I had not yet had the pleasure of meeting. It's always special meeting Altrusans because our members have a special way of inspiring the world around them. My time at District Five Conference was exactly as I imagined District Conferences to be, and I encourage you to experience your own district's conference, as well.

I would also like to express my gratitude for all District Governors and every Altrusan involved in making Conferences memorable and successful. Substantial work goes into events such as these and having experienced a District Conference and several Altrusa International Conventions, I have a huge appreciation for everyone involved.

Enjoy Conferences!

David Mena

David Mena
Executive Director
Altrusa International, Inc





Welcome to District Conference!

Conference is an exciting time when we come together to fully experience the spirit of Altrusa—connecting with friends, making new ones, learning about impactful service projects, sharing ideas, and discovering more about the Foundation.

The **Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization operated exclusively for charitable purposes. It was created to support Altrusans like you in your service to local communities around the world. Governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the Altrusa membership, the Foundation funds impactful initiatives through the generosity of members worldwide.

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What Your Foundation Supports:

- **Grants** to fund local club projects
- **Awards and Scholarships** to recognize and support service and leadership, including the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award, Mamie L. Bass Service Award, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award, ASTRA Service Awards and ASTRA Scholarships, Anna H. Settle Community Leadership Award (biennial), and Wilma B. Hogan Enduring Community Project Award (biennial)
- **Disaster Relief** for communities facing natural emergencies
- **Club 52 Projects** that focus on children and international health programs
- **Support for over 130 Local Club Foundations (LCFs)** through our umbrella structure, enabling them to offer donors tax-deductible giving opportunities

Since our founding in **1962**, the Foundation has helped Altrusa Clubs deliver meaningful service and literacy programs. We **awarded over \$400,000** to Clubs and others in our communities in the last biennium. This vital impact is possible thanks to members like you.

We invite you to explore the **Lamplighter Program**, our annual donor recognition initiative, with five levels of giving:

- Lamplighter
- Lucente Lamplighter
- Hofmeister Lamplighter
- Albin Lamplighter
- Diamond Lamplighter (our newest level established in 2025)

These titles honor those who light the way for others through their philanthropy and service.

On behalf of the Altrusa International Foundation Board of Trustees, we're glad you're here and hope you enjoy every moment of learning, collaboration, and fellowship!

Yours in Altrusa service,
LaVone Arthur
LaVone Arthur
Chair, Altrusa International Foundation
Board of Trustees



Key Conference Information



Thank You

REGISTRATION

The Registration Table will be located
Outside the Grand Ballroom

Friday, May 1, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday, May 2, 2026, 7:30 – 8:45 am

2025 Conference Committee Chairs

Conference Hosts District One
Past Governors

Registration/Credentials
Welcome Bags District One
Table Favors Past Governors
&Decorations

Expeditors Rita Cote

Book Donation Ann Marie Snyder



VOTING (if needed)

Saturday, May 2, 2026
10 AM
At Registration Table

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 14, 2026
District One Fall Workshop
Kennebunkport, ME

April 30-May 2, 2027
2027 District One Conference
Portland, ME

July 21-24, 2027
Altrusa International Convention
Columbus, OH

Key to Conference Color Dots

International Representative	Purple
Governor	Aqua
District Officers	Blue
Past Governors	Orange
Delegates	Yellow
Alternates	Brown
First Timers	Pink
Presenters	Red
Host Club	Green

SERVICE PROJECT

Donated books will be collected near the registration table outside the Grand Ballroom. “Donated by Altrusa District One” stickers will be provided for you to place inside your donated books.



International Representative to Conference 2026



Tammy J. Boyd
Altrusa International of Richmond, VA
District Two
International Director

Tammy joined Altrusa International of Richmond, VA in October 2006. She has served the club in various capacities, including being President from 2010-2012 and is currently serving 2025-2026. She has also chaired various committees within the club.

On the District Level, she has served as District Service Bulletin Editor (2008 – 2010), District Secretary (2013 – 2015), District Conference Chair (2014), District Director (2015 – 2016), District Communications Chair (2015 – 2019), Second Vice-Governor (2016 – 2017), First Vice-Governor (2017 – 2019), Governor Elect (2019 – 2021), District Governor (2021 – 2023).

On the International Level, she has served on the International Leadership Committee (2017 – 2019), International Convention Task Force (2017 – 2019), International Leadership Committee Vice Chair (2023 – 2025) and International Director 2025 - 2027.

Professionally, Tammy has been employed by CCA Financial, a leasing company, for the past 25 years. She currently holds the position of Client Manager. Additionally, she has been a Mary Kay Consultant for the past 18 years.

Tammy's hobbies include spending time with family and friends, traveling and just sitting at the beach.



Keynote Speaker

Leslie Sturgeon

Leslie Sturgeon is a 35+ year entrepreneur, leadership mentor, and founder of Women Inspiring Women, New Hampshire's largest women's professional community. But her leadership journey didn't begin on a conference stage — it began in Altrusa.

As a dedicated member of the **Meredith Altrusa Club** for more than 20 years, Leslie served in nearly every capacity, eventually becoming the youngest president in the club's history and serving three terms in that role. It was within Altrusa that she learned how to lead volunteers, build consensus, run meetings, fundraise, and guide an organization with both structure and heart. It was also where she first experienced the transformational power of women supporting women.



In fact, it was her Altrusa sisters who first introduced her to broader women's leadership and development initiatives — opening her eyes to the impact that intentional women-centered spaces could have on confidence, growth, and opportunity. That exposure planted a seed.

Years later, that seed grew into **Women Inspiring Women** — an organization built around connection, personal growth, business development, and the belief that when women gather with purpose, extraordinary things happen. Leslie often credits Altrusa as the place where she first learned that leadership is not about a title — it is about responsibility, service, and the willingness to say yes before you feel ready.

Since launching her first business in 1989 at age 22, Leslie has built and led multiple ventures, mentored entrepreneurs, and created platforms that bring hundreds of professionals together each year. She has been named one of New Hampshire's Top 200 Most Influential Business Leaders, recognized as an Outstanding Woman in Business by NH Business Review, and honored as a Women in Business Champion by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Her message is simple: Growth rarely begins with feeling ready. It begins with stepping up — saying yes before you feel qualified and trusting that leadership grows through service. As Leslie often says, *“Altrusa didn't just give me a title — it gave me the confidence to become the leader I am today.”*

Meet the Candidates for Nominating Committee 2026-2028



Cathy Baybutt
Carroll County NH

Cathy became an Altrusan in 2000 joining the Meredith Altrusa Club. In 2006 she and three other Meredith Altrusans chartered the Carroll County NH Club. She served as their first president and has served as treasurer for both the club and their foundation through the years. She currently serves as Foundation Treasurer and Club Newsletter Editor.

She has served on the District One board as a Director and as the DSB editor. Serving on the District One Board was a positive experience and one that helped her become more connected with all of District One. She feels the opportunity to serve at the District Level also benefits your local club as it helps the local club become more engaged in the bigger picture of Altrusa.



Gay Douglas
Northeastern Connecticut

Gay is a charter member (30 yrs) of Northeastern CT Club. She has served NE CT as President and Vice President twice, as club secretary, as co-chair of the service committee, chair of the scholarship committee, co-chair of the awards committee, participation with numerous other committees, initiatives and assisted with other leadership roles. She currently serves as chair of the programming committee.

At the District level, Gay has served as Second Vice Governor and as BRR chair.



Ann Marie Snyder
Merrimack Valley, MA

Ann Marie has been an active Altrusan at the Club and District level since 1986. She was elected Treasurer of District One in 1998 and spent the next ten years on the District One Board, serving as Governor from 2004-2006. Ann Marie has held the position of President of the Merrimack Valley Club numerous times and currently holds the position of Treasurer. Elected to the Altrusa International Foundation Board in 2009, Ann Marie served as Chair of the International Foundation from 2011-2013, and Immediate Past Chair 2013 -2015.

Ann Marie enjoys being an active Altrusan; spreading the good news of Altrusa through local Club service projects; and helping to make a difference in the lives of those in need.



**Thank you 2024-2026 Nominating Committee
for presenting the slate
for the 2026-2028 Nominating Committee!**

- **Laura Cortright (Greater Biddeford-Saco)**
- **Pam Lemieux (Portland)**
- **Linda Ring (Central CT), Chair**

Workshops

Achieving Club Leadership Excellence	Barbara Leavey & Cathy DiGiampietro
<p>Leadership Committee will address Club President’s concerns/questions based on earlier survey. All Pres/VP/anyone considering leading the way to leadership are invited to attend.</p> <p>Topics to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to feel confident as President/Vice-President in my club • Ensuring good meeting attendance • Getting club members to actively participate in meetings • Successfully recruit new members • Encourage members to get involved in club activities and find those club members to step up and lead activities and take on positions within the club leadership. 	
The Altrusa EASY Button: Using AI to share our story	Linda Ring
<p>In this short session, we’ll move past the tech jargon and look at how Artificial Intelligence can help us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Newsletter articles in minutes, not hours • Create eye-catching flyers and social media posts • Streamline our publicity efforts so we can focus on doing what we do best – serving our community. <p>No tech experience is required. Bring your computer!</p>	
On Being Treasurer	Diane O’Reilly
<p>This session will show you what you need to know about being a Treasurer. We will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making deposits and reimbursements • Balancing the checkbook • Updating Budget worksheets • Using Group Tally <p>You will go home with a handy little folder filled with examples of what you need to do.</p>	
Step outside your comfort Zone into Membership Growth	Laura Cortright
<p>How do you keep old and new members excited? How changing committees will help your club grow stronger. Join this Membership session and learn how to grow your membership and keep current members engaged.</p>	
Putting the Pieces Together – Interactive Workshop	Pat Jackowski
<p>What is needed to make a successful Altrusa club? Do you have all the pieces?> Do you know what might be missing? What needs to be addressed? Come explore and discuss your pieces of the puzzle.</p>	

Conference Rules

1. All Altrusans must be properly registered. Only registered Altrusans will be admitted to Business Meeting and Workshops.
2. Voting body at district conference shall consist of the District Board of Directors, regularly accredited delegates of the Clubs within the District and all Past Governors holding active membership in their respective local Altrusa clubs who may be present.
3. A majority of the members who are entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum and the act of the majority of the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members of the District. (District One By-Laws, Article VII).
4. Delegates shall wear the delegates' ribbon and in the General Business Meetings shall sit in the section reserved for voting members. Alternates may vote only in the absence of their Delegates and in this event must sit in the voting section.
5. Only members of the voting body may introduce motions and vote, but both voting and non-voting members are allowed the privilege of the floor. Precedence is accorded to Delegates.
6. Anyone wishing the floor for making motions or for discussion state name and name of local club or office in order to be recognized.
7. Discussion is limited to two minutes for each speaker. No one may speak twice on a subject until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity. The maker of the motion shall have the privilege of closing discussions.
8. All motions shall be written, signed and sent to the Chair upon request.
9. No motions shall be necessary to accept reports of Officers or Chairs except for the District Audit Report.
10. Advance Seating: Members shall be in their seats at least five minutes before the Business Meeting.
11. Communications: Only the Expeditors shall deliver messages.
12. The conference rules shall be adopted or suspended by a majority vote or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, with a quorum being present.
13. ***Please turn all cell phones to silent mode.***

Pat Jackowski
District One Parliamentarian

Conference Credentials					
Club Name	Max Delegates & Alternates	Saturday Delegates	Saturday Alternates	Sunday Delegates	Sunday Alternates
Bermuda	1/1	0	0	0	0
Carroll County, NH	3/3	3	3	3	2
Central Connecticut	2/2	2	0	2	0
Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME	2/2	2	2	2	2
Laconia, NH	1/1	0	0	0	0
Litchfield County, CT	2/2	1	0	1	0
Meredith, NH	3/3	2	0	2	0
Merrimack Valley	1/1	1	1	1	1
Northeastern CT	4/4	4	0	4	0
Plymouth County, MA	1/1	1	1	1	1
Portland, ME	3/3	3	3	3	3
Quebec	2/2	0	0	0	0
Quincy, MA	1/1	1	1	0	0
Sanford-Springvale, ME	2/2	2	0	0	0
Seacoast, NH	2/2	2	0	2	0
Subtotal	30	24	11	21	9
District Officers *Note: Immediate Past Governor is counted as a District Officer	7	7		7	
Past Governors	13	5		5	
Total Eligible Voters	50	36		33	

Conference Registration Committee Report			
	Max #	Saturday	Sunday
International Representatives	1	1	1
District Officers *	7	7	7
Past Governors	13	5	5
Members **Note: Includes District Officers, Past Governors, and Delegates	342	50	44
Clubs Represented	15	12	10
Guests		6	6
Total # Attending		56	50
Total # Clubs Represented		12	10

“Lighting the Way to Leadership”

Conference Schedule – May 1-3, 2026

Friday, May 1			
12:30 to 2:45	District Board Meeting	District Board/ Committee Chairs	Hollis Room
3:00 to 5:00	Registration	Linda Ring Anne Rash	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:15 to 4:30	Service Project – Donate books on diversity, different cultures, and languages (French, Spanish, English and others)	AnnMarie Snyder	Grand Ballroom Foyer
5:30 to 6:30	Dinner		Wentworth
7:15 to 9:00	Bingo Party to benefit International Foundation – Luau Theme	Barbara Leavey Deb Lemieux	Wentworth

Saturday, May 2			
7:30 to 8:45	Registration/Breakfast	Linda Ring Anne Rash	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:30 to 8:45	Breakfast		Grand Ballroom South
8:15 to 8:45	Foundation Silent Auction Set up	Marie Pike	Grand Ballroom North/Central
8:15 to 8:45	1 st Timers Information Session	Deb Lemieux	Bedford Room
8:30 to 8:45	Flag Ceremony Rehearsal	Wanda Pettersen Jodi Walencewicz	Chesterfield Room
	Delegates’ Briefing	Pat Jackowski, Parliamentarian	Amherst Room
	Expeditors’ Briefing	Rita Cote	Hollis Room
9:00 to 10:00	First Business Meeting	Governor Susan Porazzo, presiding	Grand Ballroom North/Center
	Introduction of Head Table	Governor Sue Porazzo	
	Introduction of First Timers	Deb Lemieux	
	Flag Ceremony	Wanda Pettersen Jodi Walencewicz	
	Governor’s Welcome	Governor Sue Porazzo	
	Host Welcome	Ann Marie Snyder	
	Invocation	Kitty Cunningham	
	Adoption of Conference Rules	Pat Jackowski	
	Registration and Credentials Report	Linda Ring	
	Nominating Committee Report	Linda Ring	
	Review of Financials	Diane O’Reilly, Treasurer	
	BRR By-laws, Resolutions, Recommendations	Elsie Mathews	
	Foundation Silent Auction	Marie Pike	
Announcements	Governor Sue Porazzo		
10:00 to 10:15	Break Voting for Nominating Committee, if needed		

Saturday, May 2 – cont.			
10:15 to 10:45	News From International	Tammy Boyd, International Representative	Grand Ballroom North/Central
10:45 to 11:45	Step Up to Leadership and Step Outside Your Comfort Zone	Leslie Sturgeon, Guest Speaker	Grand Ballroom North/Central
11:45 to 12:00	Break		
12:00	Parade Of Banners	Club Presidents	Grand Ballroom South
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch		Grand Ballroom South
1:00 to 1:30	Memorial Service	Pat Jackowski	Grand Ballroom North/Central
1:30 to 2:30	Breakout Session I		
	Achieving Club Leadership Excellence	Barbara Leavey Cathy DiGiampietro	Hollis Room
	The Altrusa "Easy" Button: Using AI to Share Our Story	Linda Ring	Amherst Room
2:30 to 3:30	Breakout Session II		
	On Being Treasurer	Diane O'Reilly	Hollis Room
	Step Outside Your Comfort Zone into Membership Growth	Laura Cortright	Chesterfield Room
3:30 to 4:30	Putting the Pieces Together - All Group Session	Pat Jackowski	Grand Ballroom North/Central
4:30 to 4:45	Set up Fundraising Fair	Diane O'Reilly	Ashwood Court
4:45 to 5:45	Fundraising Fair	Diane O'Reilly	Ashwood Court
6:00 to 6:45	International Visitor's Reception	Tammy Boyd	Wentworth
6:30	Bidding Ends for International Foundation Silent Auction	Marie Pike	
6:45 to 7:45	Dinner		Wentworth
7:45 to 8:15	Awards:		Wentworth
	Membership	Laura Cortright	
	Sponsor Pins Club Anniversaries	Wanda Pettersen	
	Attendance	Diane O'Reilly	
	ASTRA Service Award	Deb Lemieux Trish Maxim	
	Newsletter Years of Service Pins	Barbara Leavey Wanda Pettersen	
8:30	Collect silent auction items		
8:30 to 10:00	Reception in Governor's Suite	Governor Susan Porazzo	Governor's Suite

Sunday, May 3			
7:30 to 8:30	Breakfast Buffet		Grand Ballroom South
8:30 to 9:30	Second Business Session	Governor Sue Porazzo, presiding	Grand Ballroom North/Central
	Registration and Credentials Report	Linda Ring	
	Drawing for First Timers	Deb Lemieux	
	Foundation Update	Marie Pike	
	Unfinished Business/Announcements	Governor Susan Porazzo	
9:30 to 10:00	Leading the Way into Leadership	Tammy Boyd, International Representative	Grand Ballroom North/Central
10:00 to 10:30	Break for Check out		
10:30 to 11:15	Major Awards		Grand Ballroom North/Central
	Mamie L. Bass Service Award	Linda Ring	
	Letha H. Brown Literacy Award	Penny Eldridge	
	Nina F. Calhoun International Award	Jodi Walencewicz	
	Gabrielle Crepeau Leadership Award	Jenn Belcher	
11:15 to 12:00	Call to 2026 Workshop	Greater Biddeford-Saco	Grand Ballroom North/Central
	Call to 2027 Conference	Portland, ME	
	Retire Flags	Wanda Pettersen	
	Benediction	Anne Rash	
	Adjournment	Governor Susan Porazzo	
12:15 to 2:30	Post conference District Board Meeting, International Visitor thoughts/comments	District One Board Committee Chairs	Hollis Room

FINANCIALS - CONFERENCE SPRING 2025				
2025 Spring Conference Final Accounting Southbridge MA				
	Revenue		Number	
Conference Registrations				
	Club Conference Fees	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00
	Early Registrations	\$ 40.00	85	\$ 3,400.00
	Registration Fees	\$ 5.00	95	\$ 475.00
	First Timers	\$ 10.00	0	\$ -
Meals				
	Friday Dinner	\$ 50.00	47	\$ 2,350.00
	Saturday Breakfast	\$ 25.00	39	\$ 975.00
	Saturday Lunch	\$ 35.00	55	\$ 1,925.00
	Saturday Dinner	\$ 65.00	52	\$ 3,380.00
	Sunday Breakfast	\$ 25.00	38	\$ 950.00
Donation				\$295.00
	TOTAL INCOME			\$ 14,100.00
Expenses				
	Governors Expenses			\$ 299.40
	International Rep's Expenses			\$ 465.79
	Meals for Everyone			\$ 9,618.75
	Int'l Rep Reception			\$ 1,362.50
	Meeting Room Rentals			\$ 3,750.00
	Programs			\$ 649.56
	Supplies			\$ 141.52
	International Rep Gift			\$ 73.07
	Bartender Fee			\$ 300.00
	Unmet Food & Beverage			\$ 1,026.79
	Exhibition Fees			\$ 300.00
	Adjust admin fee			\$ (248.90)
	Adjust Room Rate per contract			\$ (310.53)
	TOTAL EXPENSE			\$ 17,427.95
NET LOSS	Move this amount from savings to checking to cover loss			\$ (3,327.95)

Approved Budget for 6/1/2023 to 5/31/2025 Biennium – FINAL ACCOUNTING FOR BIENNIUM

Altrusa District One	Second Year Operating Actual	2nd Year Budget	First Year Operating Actual	1st Year Budget	Spring Conference	Fall Workshop	GRAND TOTAL	
Budget for 2021-2023	6/1/24 - 5/31/25	2024-2025	6/1/23 - 5/31/24	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2023-2025	
Assets								
BEGINNING CHEKBOOK BALANCE	\$30,180.05		\$37,158.11				\$37,158.11	
DEPOSITS MADE TO VENUES IN PRIOR YEARS	\$2,149.40		\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	
Income								
Membership Dues	\$4,650.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$4,620.00	\$5,400.00			\$9,270.00	
Club Conference Fees	\$0.00				\$350.00		\$350.00	
Credit Card Bonus Credits	\$434.12		\$788.86				\$1,222.98	
In-Kind-Donations	\$3,836.97		\$2,959.84				\$6,796.81	
Consignment Goods Sold	\$158.00		\$172.00				\$330.00	
Misc. (Bermuda wire fee) (pass thru foundation)	\$15.00		\$30.00				\$45.00	
Checking Acct Interest Income	\$7.66		\$19.25				\$26.91	
Registrations for Spring 2025 Conference					\$13,455.00		\$13,455.00	
Donations to Spring 2025 Conference					\$295.00		\$295.00	
Total Income for Current Year	\$9,101.75	\$5,400.00	\$8,589.95	\$5,400.00	\$14,100.00	\$0.00	\$31,791.70	
Board Expenses								
Club Visits	\$742.96	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,743.28	\$1,500.00			\$2,486.24	
Club visits in Kind	\$1,481.38		\$226.73				\$1,708.11	
Board Meetings	\$3,222.89	\$ 2,000.00	\$4,542.54	\$2,000.00			\$7,765.43	
Board Meetings in kind	\$2,355.59		\$2,257.50				\$4,613.09	
Teleconference (Zoom Pro)	\$169.49	\$ 150.00	\$178.10	\$150.00			\$347.59	
Board Miscellaneous Expenses	\$120.40	\$ 100.00		\$100.00			\$120.40	
Committee Chairs Misc.Expenses		\$ 50.00		\$50.00			\$0.00	
Total Board Expenses	\$8,092.71	\$3,800.00	\$8,948.15	\$3,800.00			\$17,040.86	
Operating Expenses								
Annual State Filing Fee	\$35.00	\$ 35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00			\$70.00	
Bank Fees (Bermuda wire fee)	\$15.00	\$ 15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00			\$30.00	
Governor's Award		\$ 100.00		\$100.00			\$0.00	
Insurance/Bonding	\$359.00	\$ 300.00	\$359.00	\$300.00			\$718.00	
Miscellaneous	\$30.00	\$ 100.00	\$563.53	\$100.00			\$593.53	
Office Supplies		\$ 50.00	\$946.94	\$50.00			\$946.94	
Office Supplies - in kind			\$446.86				\$446.86	
Postage		\$ 25.00		\$25.00			\$0.00	
Postage in kind			\$28.75				\$28.75	
Revitalization		\$ 1,000.00	\$2,488.99	\$1,500.00			\$2,488.99	
Governor's Elect Training		\$ -	\$850.00	\$850.00			\$850.00	
Governor's Pin		\$ 300.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	
International Convention			\$796.00	\$1,500.00			\$796.00	
Spring 2025 Conference Expenses (Southbridge)					\$17,427.95	\$1,000.00	\$18,427.95	
Total Operating Expenses	\$439.00	\$1,925.00	\$6,530.07	\$4,475.00	\$17,427.95	\$1,000.00	\$25,397.02	
Total Operating and Board Expenses	\$8,531.71	\$5,725.00	\$15,478.22	\$8,275.00	\$17,427.95	\$1,000.00	\$42,437.88	
Transfers to (from) Savings, Profits (loss)								
Net Income (Deficit) for Current Year	\$570.04	(\$325.00)	(\$6,888.27)	(\$2,875.00)	(\$3,327.95)	(\$1,000.00)	(\$10,646.18)	
Transfers to from CDs	-\$7,283.68							
Foundation Income/Expenses								
Int'l Foundation Fundraiser	\$1,070.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,495.00	\$1,500.00				
Int'l Foundation Lamplighter-Gaby Award	-\$500.00	\$ (500.00)	-\$500.00	-\$500.00				
Int'l Foundation Donation	-\$570.00	\$ (1,000.00)	-\$845.00	-\$1,000.00				
Total Foundation Income/Expenses		\$0.00		\$0.00				
ENDING CHEKBOOK BALANCE	\$25,615.81		\$32,269.84		-\$3,327.95	-\$1,000.00	\$21,287.86	
For actual ending checkbook balance, take \$25615.81 and add expenses prepaid Fall Workshop -\$1000.00 Total is \$21,287.86								
Note: District One's TD - CD of \$16,316.58	\$17,168.95		\$16,407.81				\$17,168.95	
TD CD checking	\$0.00	This CD closed, ending balance 7716.32 moved back to checking						\$0.00
TD CD checking	\$7,740.29						\$7,740.29	
TD Savings	\$5,160.19						\$5,160.19	
TDBank savings to cover any deficit \$14,935.81	\$3,493.28		\$11,610.81				\$3,493.28	
GRAND TOTAL	\$54,850.57		\$60,288.46		-\$3,327.95	-\$1,000.00	\$54,850.57	

Approved Budget for 6/1/25 - 5/31/27

Altrusa District One	First Year Approved Budget	Second Year Approved Budget	GRAND TOTAL
Budget for 2025-2027	2025-2026	fy 2024-2025	2025-2027
Income			
Membership Dues	\$7,725.00	\$7,725.00	\$15,450.00
Club Conference Fees	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00
Credit Card Bonus Credits	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Misc. (Bermuda wire fee)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
Checking Acct Interest Income	\$19.25	\$19.25	\$38.50
Total Income for Current Year	\$8,409.25	\$8,409.25	\$16,818.50
Board Expenses			
Club Visits	\$1,743.00	\$1,743.00	\$3,486.00
Board Meetings	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Teleconference (Zoom Pro)	\$178.10	\$178.10	\$356.20
Board Miscellaneous Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Committee Chairs Misc. Expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Total Board Expenses	\$6,071.10	\$6,071.10	\$12,142.20
Operating Expenses			
Annual State Filing Fee	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Bank Fees (Bermuda wire fee)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
Governor's Award		\$100.00	\$100.00
Insurance/Bonding	\$359.00	\$359.00	\$718.00
Miscellaneous			\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$60.00
Revitalization			\$0.00
Governor's Elect Training	\$850.00		\$850.00
Governor's Pin		\$300.00	\$300.00
International Convention	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,294.00	\$1,344.00	\$4,638.00
Total Operating and Board Expenses	\$9,365.10	\$7,415.10	\$16,780.20
Subtotal Net Income (Deficit)	(\$955.85)	\$994.15	\$38.30
Transfer from Savings to Cover Shortfall/Transfer back to Savings any Positive Net Income	\$955.85	(\$994.15)	(\$38.30)

2025 Fall Workshop, The Graduate, Storrs CT

Revenue				
Workshop Registration				
		Number	Cost per	
	First Timers	3	40	\$ 120.00
	Regular Registration	43	75	\$ 3,225.00
	Late Registration	2	85	\$ 170.00
Total Revenue				\$ 3,515.00
Expenses				
	Room Rental			\$ 1,000.00
	Continental Breakfast			\$ 714.00
	Saturday Lunch			\$ 1,326.00
	Unused Food Minimum			\$ 18.00
	Wireless Microphone			\$ 120.00
	Service Charges			\$ 381.36
	Admin Fees			\$ 381.36
	Guest Speaker			\$ 250.00
	Printing Fees			\$ 48.70
Total Expenses				\$ 4,239.42
Total Profit (Loss)				\$ (724.42)
	Transferred from Savings to Checking to cover shortfall			

Financials - Filed as of 3/31/26

	March 2026				
Altrusa District One	First Year Operating Actual	1st Year Budget	Fall Workshop	Spring Conference	GRAND TOTAL
Budget for 2025-2027	6/1/25 - 3/31/26	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2027
Assets					
BEGINNING CHEKBOOK BALANCE	\$24,615.81				\$24,615.81
DEPOSITS MADE TO VENUES IN PRIOR YEARS	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
Income					
Membership Dues	\$7,542.50	\$7,725.00			\$7,542.50
Club Conference Fees	\$350.00	\$350.00			\$350.00
Credit Card Bonus Credits		\$300.00			\$0.00
In-Kind-Donations	\$526.72				\$526.72
Consignment Goods Sold					\$0.00
Misc. (Bermuda wire fee) (pass thru foundation)	\$15.00	\$15.00			\$15.00
Checking Acct Interest Income	\$10.86	\$19.25			\$10.86
Spring Conference Registrations & Income				\$2,439.00	\$2,439.00
Fall 2025 Workshop Income			\$3,715.00		\$3,715.00
To cover shortfall on conference (from Savings)			\$724.42		\$724.42
Total Income for Current Year	\$8,445.08	\$8,409.25	\$4,439.42	\$2,439.00	\$15,323.50
Board Expenses					
Club Visits	\$234.00	\$1,743.00			\$234.00
Club visits in Kind					\$0.00
Board Meetings	\$2,138.00	\$4,000.00			\$2,138.00
Board Meetings in kind	\$506.56				\$506.56
Teleconference (Zoom Pro)	\$169.49	\$178.10			\$169.49
Board Miscellaneous Expenses		\$100.00			\$0.00
Committee Chairs Misc. Expenses		\$50.00			\$0.00
Total Board Expenses	\$3,048.05	\$6,071.10			\$3,048.05
Operating Expenses					
Annual State Filing Fee		\$40.00			\$0.00
Bank Fees (Bermuda wire fee)	\$15.00	\$15.00			\$15.00
New Club Building		\$0.00			\$0.00
Governor's Award		\$0.00			\$0.00
Insurance/Bonding	\$359.00	\$359.00			\$359.00
Miscellaneous	\$30.00				\$30.00
Office Supplies		\$500.00			\$0.00
Office Supplies - in kind	\$20.16				\$20.16
Postage		\$30.00			\$0.00
Postage in kind					\$0.00
Revitalization		\$0.00			\$0.00
Governor's Elect Training	\$850.00	\$850.00			\$850.00
Governor's Pin		\$0.00			\$0.00
International Convention		\$1,500.00			\$0.00
Fall2025 Workshop Expenses			\$4,439.42		\$4,439.42
Spring 2026 Conference Expenses				\$1,029.00	\$1,029.00
Transfers to CD's	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$11,274.16	\$3,294.00	\$4,439.42	\$1,029.00	\$16,742.58
Total Operating and Board Expenses	\$14,322.21	\$9,365.10	\$4,439.42	\$1,029.00	\$19,790.63
Transfers to (from) Savings, Profits (loss)					
Net Income (Deficit) for Current Year	(\$5,877.13)	(\$955.85)	\$0.00	\$1,410.00	(\$4,467.13)
Transfers to from CDs					
Foundation Income/Expenses					
Int'l Foundation Fundraiser		\$1,500.00			
Int'l Foundation Lamplighter-Gaby Award		-\$500.00			
Int'l Foundation Donation		-\$1,000.00			
Total Foundation Income/Expenses		\$0.00			
ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$19,738.68		\$0.00	\$1,410.00	\$21,148.68
For actual ending checkbook balance, take \$19,738.68 and add Spring Conf \$1,410 Total is \$21,148.68					
Note: District One's TD - CD of \$16,316.58	\$27,835.83				\$27,835.83
TD CD checking	\$7,966.99				\$7,966.99
TD Savings	\$5,311.33				\$5,311.33
TD Bank savings to cover any deficit \$14,935.81	\$2,770.48				\$2,770.48
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,344.99		\$0.00	\$1,410.00	\$65,033.31

District One Board Report
Susan Porazzo, Governor



My first year as your Governor has been wonderfully full, and I've truly enjoyed visiting our clubs. Laconia welcomed me in November with a productive meeting, a lovely dinner, and a meaningful card-writing activity for local nursing home residents. I also visited Sanford-Springvale, where I heard about their current projects and their exciting potential partnerships with Head Start and the Sanford Mainers baseball club on literacy initiatives.

I've made it a priority to join clubs at their events, and those moments have been highlights of my year. Carroll County once again volunteered at Halloween Town for The Laura

Foundation for Autism & Epilepsy – a chilly but fun day seeing children trick-or-treat through the mini haunted houses. Merrimack Valley, preparing to celebrate 50 years in 2026, hosted a warm luncheon for District guests and community partners, followed by a business meeting where I learned how to create a Days for Girls kit. We wrapped up the year with a well-attended breakfast at Seacoast.

As I look ahead, I'm excited for another year as your Governor and will do my best to attend even more club events and projects. Your dedication and spirit of service continue to inspire me.

Susan

District One Board Report Wanda Pettersen, Governor-Elect



As I reflect on my journey with District One, I am amazed at how quickly time has passed. It has been both an honor and a privilege to work alongside this remarkable Board and to connect with Altrusa members throughout the District. For those considering “Venturing Outside Your Comfort Zone”, whether in a Club or District role, “The rewards are definitely worth it”.

In July, I had the opportunity to attend the 2025 Altrusa International Convention in Quebec City. The event featured a variety of workshops and networking sessions. I participated in sessions focused on leadership development, Foundation grant submissions and fundraising, as well as healthy aging. Two workshops stood out to me: The Governor-Elect Workshop and Be Part of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. These sessions, along with the monthly Governors Elect meetings, have provided invaluable opportunities to collaborate with other Governors Elect and are helping prepare me to lead District One.

During my visit to the Meredith, New Hampshire club, I enjoyed connecting with members and witnessing firsthand their enthusiasm for projects, especially the new service initiative, “Story Walk at Castle in the Clouds.” The guest speakers delivered a “Fit While You Sit” presentation, which was perfectly tailored to the needs and interests of the members.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the District One Board for your steadfast friendship and support, and to all the Clubs for granting me the privilege to serve. Together, we are working toward a better community. I look forward to continuing this meaningful journey with all of you.

Wanda

District One Board Report Jodi Walencewicz, Second Vice Governor



It's been a whirlwind year, and it's hard to believe how quickly time has passed. There has been so much to learn, so much to do, and countless meetings, gatherings, and new friendships along the way.

I've truly enjoyed meeting such wonderful people and gaining a deeper appreciation for what Altrusans do beyond my home club's "Quiet Corner" of Connecticut.

I've had the pleasure of visiting the Portland Club and the Litchfield Club, and I'm looking forward to visiting Carroll County in June—I'm always ready for a road trip! The warm hospitality of each club, the engaging conversations with members and guests, and especially putting faces to names have all been incredibly rewarding.

Thank you for attending the District One Conference! I have no doubt that our time together will spark inspiration and renewed energy as we continue the important work of Altrusa.

In service,

Jodi

District One Board Report Barbara Leavey, Director



Over the past year, serving on the Board of Directors has been both meaningful and impactful. Being a Board Member is a great way to learn about how District One operates to keep this wonderful organization moving forward. It involves attending monthly Board meetings, whether in person or on zoom, planning for conferences and workshops and visiting District One Clubs.

My club visits included an in-person visit to Northeastern, CT and a zoom meeting with Central, CT. Both clubs have very active and enthusiastic member participation and so many wonderful projects. It was a pleasure to meet many new members for the first time and reconnect with those I've met at conferences and workshops.

As I reflect on the past year, I want to recognize and encourage the continued dedication of District One's 15 clubs, whose efforts are the driving force behind our impact in our local communities. Your commitment to service—whether supporting veterans, promoting literacy, or assisting those facing hardship—truly makes a difference, especially now. I encourage each club to build on this momentum by continuing to welcome new members, fostering engagement, and strengthening your presence in the community. Expanding your membership not only brings fresh ideas and energy, but also ensures the sustainability of your important work. Likewise, ongoing fundraising efforts remain essential in allowing us to grow our programs and reach more individuals in need. Your passion, initiative, and perseverance are what make Altrusa's missions possible, and I look forward to seeing each club continue to thrive and expand its impact in the year ahead.

Our Governor, Susan Porazzo, has asked each and every one of us to venture outside our comfort zone. Personally, even in joining Altrusa, becoming Club President for four years and now being a Director on the District One Board has pushed this quiet person, (yes, I really am) to be outside my comfort zone and it has been well worth it! Being an Altrusan has made me more confident and best of all, brought me many new friends. Please consider being on the Board or a committee chair in your own club and stepping up when asked to volunteer on the District One Board. Altrusa is amazing and if I can do it, so can you.

In sisterhood and service,

Barb

District One Board Report
Debbie Lemieux, Director
ASTRA Liaison to International



It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve alongside the dedicated Altrusan Board members of District One. This year's conference theme, ***Venture Outside Your Comfort Zone***, is especially meaningful to me, as serving at the district level continually invites us to stretch, learn, and lead beyond what feels familiar or easy.

Leadership, Growth, and Courage

Board service often calls us to ***Venture Outside (Our) Comfort Zone***—listening more deeply, considering differing viewpoints, and making decisions that support the greater good of our individual clubs. I am grateful for the opportunity to grow as a leader through

these experiences. Serving as Director on this Board and ASTRA liaison to Altrusa International has further strengthened this work by fostering communication, mentorship, and continuity between ASTRA members, local clubs, and district leadership and has required stepping into new perspectives, responsibilities, and conversations.

Throughout this year, I have remained actively engaged in board meetings and district governance, recognizing that effective leadership sometimes means embracing difficult discussions or unfamiliar challenges. By leaning into these moments, our board continues to strengthen its ability to guide District One Clubs with integrity, transparency, and purpose.

Supporting Altrusa and ASTRA Clubs and Members

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role has been supporting our clubs and members as they, too, ***Venture Outside (Their) Comfort Zone***—whether by trying new service projects, exploring leadership roles, or adapting to change.

As ASTRA Liaison, and with the guidance and support from our International ASTRA committee, we are well equipped to nurture continued growth of District One's Lake Region High School ASTRA club, (now in its 10th year and 32 members strong) and the potential of expanding to another area high school.

As Director, I am looking forward to representing District One at Club visits. These Club visits strengthen and encourage a two-way flow of ideas, challenges, and successes as we collectively support the goals and growth of Altrusa.

Collaboration and Shared Leadership

True collaboration requires openness and trust, and often a willingness to challenge our own assumptions. I deeply value the respectful dialogue and teamwork demonstrated by the District One Board. Together, we strive to model leadership that encourages growth, innovation, and confidence in one another.

Debbie

District One Board Report Rita Cote, Immediate Past Governor



My role this year has been to be available to assist Susan Porrazo, and the board with anything that might be needed. Susan has stepped into the role of Governor and is busy planning her first conference. The job of governor is not easy but so rewarding.

As I look back at last year, I was busy doing the conference booklet with Denise Doyon, planning Conference with the board, club visits and so much more. Susan is now doing the same thing. I am sure she thinks there are not enough hours in a day, but I am confident Conference will be great. All Altrusans should be thinking of leadership in their club, in the district and possibly with International. We need good leaders and there are always many people to help you along the way.

Rita

2026 Mamie L. Bass Service Project Submissions

Carroll County, NH – Habitat Lunches

In March 2025, 100% of our membership committed to providing lunch monthly for the Habitat for Humanity crew members building a home in Carroll County. Nearly 50% of our members participated by organizing, planning, purchasing, preparing, and delivering a hearty meal to the job site on the first Thursday of each month April through October. The home was completed in early November and the family was in before Christmas. We fulfilled this commitment joyfully with plans to continue serving in this way in 2026.

Central Connecticut – One Act of Kindness Leads to Another... and Another...

One Act of Kindness Leads to Another... and Another... is genuinely displayed in this program. We designated club funds to purchase winter coats for veterans at Ocean State Job Lot and received “Crazy Deal” gift cards equal to the monies spent. Club members also purchased coats for veterans. We then used those gift cards to purchase food, seasonings and spices to assist the local food pantry when government shutdown stopped SNAP benefits and demand was high. Our regular holiday Seasonings Greetings collection continued, and seasonings and spices were shared with Home for Female Veterans and the Food Pantry.

Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME – Doubling Down on Service

In these uncertain and troubling times, the Greater Biddeford-Saco club has decided to try to increase our impact in the community by taking on more service projects with more organizations. Small changes consistently made eventually add up to huge results. Our club served more and gave more in an effort, reacting to various calls for need throughout the community. We are united in our commitment to the mantra of “It is not good enough to be good, we must all be good at something”.

Laconia, NH – A “New Bureau for the Homeless”

Altrusa International of Laconia, NH is always looking for projects to assist our community. A visit to the local homeless shelter revealed a very distressed bureau. The club restored the bureau, providing residents with a usable dresser and making them feel appreciated.

Meredith, NH – The Snack Shack Project

The Snack Shack project provides healthy snacks to classrooms at the local elementary schools for distribution to individual students who otherwise would not have snacks during the school day.

Merrimack Valley, MA – Arlene’s Gifts

To honor the service of Arlene Miele, Merrimack Valley's Past President and 40-year member. We used the funds donated to our Club in Arlene's memory from her friends and family and other Altrusa Clubs throughout the Northeast, to fund this project.

Alternative House and Bridges: Each received \$500 toward household items, toiletries and additional needs such as gift cards for phone and/or gas. In the case of Marguerite's Place, a \$500 donation was made towards a resident and her three children transitioning into an apartment of their own from the shelter.

2026 Mamie L. Bass Service Project Submissions

Northeastern Connecticut - Fostering Community: Holy Family Home and Shelter Project

Altrusa of Northeastern Connecticut and Holy Family Home and Shelter developed a service partnership focused on establishing a children's garden, decorating the dining area to welcome the seasons and participating in crafts with young residents. The outcomes far exceeded expectations: families enjoyed nutritious vegetables from the garden and felt welcomed by the cheerful dining room, while club members found fulfillment in hands-on service and building connections with staff and residents. In addition to initial goals, Altrusa members built a compost station, revitalized the playground, and planted vibrant flowers. Together, we created a cheerful shelter environment, inside and out!

Portland, ME – The Volunteer of the Year Award: Promoting and Celebrating Volunteerism in our Communities

What's Altrusa? We've all heard it too often. Thinking that other nonprofits face the same challenge when it comes to attracting volunteers, the Portland Altrusa club solicited nominations from local nonprofits in order to choose a Volunteer of the Year. The volunteer chosen for this honor was presented the award at a ceremony and Altrusa donated \$500 to that volunteer's organization. We then publicized the award, the winning volunteer, their organization, and Altrusa, with the goal that this publicity will motivate others to volunteer in our communities.

Sanford-Springvale, ME - Boomer's Bookworms Literacy Project: Hitting Literacy Out of the Park

The Boomer's Bookworms Literacy Project revived reading joy for Maine kids after COVID tanked proficiency from 79% to 54% locally. Partnering with the Sanford Mainers baseball team, we turned reading into a game: kids logged minutes on diamond trackers, earned bases, and cashed them in for free tickets. Launched March 2025, it delivered 3,700 students across nine schools—1,440 logs, 297,400 minutes read—plus book bundles with Maine stories and plush moose mascots. Families packed rainy "Bookworms Nights"; clubs donated books, time, and heart. Proof: fun, teamwork, and community magic can spark lifelong readers.

Seacoast, NH – Safe Spaces

Children living in domestic violence situations are exposed to and witness many horrors. In attempting to work with domestic violence families, interviews are done by counselors in order to put services into place. The interview intake process reveals many sensitive details that are traumatic, distressing and emotional for children to hear. "Safe Spaces" will provide a technological solution through the use of headphones and tablets. The tablets will be programmed with educational and entertainment activities to shield the children helping to preserve their emotional and mental stability, while empowering the parent and counselors to speak freely.

2026 Letha H. Brown Literacy Project Submissions

Central Connecticut – Altrusa Book Giveaway

The Altrusa Book Giveaway was selected as a project to increase the ‘Literacy Health’ for children in the greater Middletown community by providing free age-appropriate books to foster a love of reading and use of imagination to our target population - children, birth through elementary age. In partnering with an established community event, Middletown Kids Health & Safety Day, attendance would be high for this book giveaway, thus exposing many young children to books and encouraging reading. Over 500 books were available for the children to peruse. A total of 286 books were placed in the hands of eager children.

Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME - A Book for Everyone – Spreading our Wings

A generation growing up without books risks not only reading less but also losing the capacity for empathy. Books provide more than stories; they serve as training grounds for imagination and understanding, allowing readers to experience others' lives, challenges, and emotions. Through these experiences, readers learn to care about people different from themselves. The Biddeford-Saco club remains committed to expanding its reach throughout the community, striving for continual growth and working to ensure that everyone receives a book whenever and however possible. What have you read lately?

Northeastern Connecticut - Books Light the Way

From March 2025 to December 2025, Altrusa of Northeastern Connecticut distributed 2500 books to non-profit agencies in NE Connecticut. Bookshelves for take away libraries in shelters, food pantries and agency waiting rooms were stocked three times during the year. In addition, books were supplied to agencies for home visits and literacy events.

Portland, ME -The Expanding ABC Project

The Portland Altrusa Club’s ‘ongoing’ (since 1994) signature ABC Project is expanding into additional towns. Since June 1st, 2025 until March 14th, 2026, the Portland Altrusa Club has read to 58 kindergarten classes in 14 schools, and 1,126 children received books to own.

2026 Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Project Submissions

Northeastern Connecticut – Altrusa, Days for Girls and Community Empower Women and Girls with Dignity Worldwide

Altrusa International partners with Days for Girls International and local communities to empower women and girls with dignity worldwide. Through education, advocacy, and service initiatives, these organizations work to break barriers related to menstrual health, access to education, and gender inequality. By providing sustainable menstrual health solutions, health education, and leadership opportunities, they help girls stay in school and women participate fully in their communities. Together, their collaborative efforts foster confidence, dignity and long-term community development across the globe.

2026 ASTRA Service Project Submission

ASTRA of Lake Region High School – Stevens Brook Holiday Shopping Day

This project both directly and indirectly impacts many people within our school and community. It impacts our ASTRA members by giving them leadership roles within our community and allows them to make a difference in a child's holiday season. It also impacts staff members within MSAD 61, as it allows them to observe and reconnect with past students, now positively supporting a younger generation. Our project also reaches out to the community itself by supporting holiday cheer, as children make lifelong memories and give back to their family and friends.

2026 Newsletter Award Submissions

Carroll County, NH	<i>Carroll County Chatter</i>
Central Connecticut	<i>Central Breeze</i>
Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME	<i>The Altruist</i>
Laconia, NH	<i>Altrusa Life</i>
Plymouth County, MA	<i>The Cranberry Scoop</i>
Portland, ME	<i>Altrusagram</i>

2026 Gabrielle Crepeau Leadership Award Nominees

Cathy Baybutt

Altrusa International of Carroll County, NH

Past Winners Include:

2003 - Mary Faries, Bermuda
2004 - Elaine Hussey, Seacoast, NH
2005 - Idell Lipman, Meredith, NH
2006 - Monica Bennett, Meredith, NH
2007 - Helen Robinson, Meredith, NH
2008 - Marty Tompkins, Portland, ME
2009 - Kathleen Didato, Central CT
2010 - Cecile Andrews, Meredith, NH
2011 - Sue Wale, Bermuda
2012 - Marian Cumming, Bermuda
2013 - none
2014 - none
2015 - Linda Hennebury, Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME
2016 - Norma Latham, Bermuda
2017 - Anita Chandler, Portland, ME
2018 - Kathy Richo, Merrimack Valley, NH
2019 - Denise Doyon, Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME
2020 - Madeleine Ferguson, Quebec, Canada
2021 - Linda Ring, Central CT
2022 - Anne Rash, Northeastern CT
2023 - Carol Norrish, Northeastern CT
2024 - Mary Anne Skawinski, Meredith, NH
2025 - Arlene Miele, Merrimack Valley, MA

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District One Past Governors

2023-2025	Rita Cote, Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME
2021-2023	Pam Lemieux, Portland ME
2019-2021	Linda Ring, Central CT
2017-2019	Anne Rash, Northeastern CT
2015-2017	Sue Hawes, Bangor, ME
2013-2015	Mary Faries, Bermuda
2011-2013	Susannah Leslie, Plymouth County, MA
2009-2011	Ann Babbitt, Portland, ME
2008-2009	Joanne Doherty, Portland, ME
2006-2008	Terri Houston, Plymouth County, MA
2004-2006	Ann Marie Snyder, Merrimack Valley, MA
2002-2004	Susan Swanton, Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME
2000-2002	Bobbie Tundermann, Middletown, CT
1998-2000	Sandra LaBonte, Seacoast, NH
1996-1998	Katherine Cunningham, Merrimack Valley, MA
1994-1996	Alicia Williams, Waterbury Center, VT
1992-1994	Denise Doyon, Greater Biddeford-Saco, ME
1990-1992	Danielle Gingras, Quebec, Canada
1988-1990	Jennifer Kensel, Middletown, CT
1986-1988	*Adrienne Stevens, Laconia, NH
1984-1986	*Mary Patterson, Bermuda
1982-1984	*Marianne Wroble Cox, Plymouth County, MA
1980-1982	*Marie L. Knight, Fall River, MA
1978-1980	*Anita Violette, Lewiston-Auburn, ME
1976-1978	*Angela Amicone, Litchfield County, CT
1974-1976	*Dorothy Meredith, Biddeford-Saco, ME
1972-1974	*Mona Carle, Bermuda
1970-1972	*Leola Riley, Portland, ME
1968-1970	*Jennie Mead, Montreal, Canada
1966-1968	*Julianne Eastman, Barre, VT
1964-1966	*Dr. Yolande O'Neill, Quebec, Canada
1962-1964	*Loretta White, Middletown, CT
1960-1962	*Irene Farnhum, Portsmouth, NH
1958-1960	*Grace Norwood, Plymouth County, MA
1956-1958	*Marian L. Tyler, Portland ME

1982-1984 *Alexinia Baldwin, Ph.D.
Past Governor, District Two

**=deceased*

District One Dignitaries

1997-1999	*Alexinia Baldwin, Ph.D. International Past President
1999-2001	*Barbara Chinn International Past President

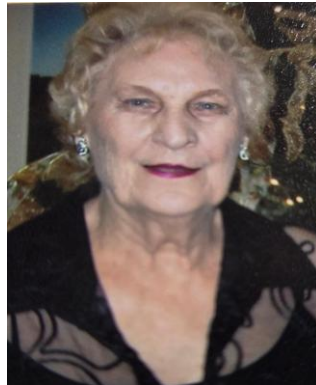
Awards

Award	First	Second	Third
Conference Attendance Number in attendance	-9- Portland, ME	-7- Greater Biddeford-Saco Northeastern CT	-6- Carroll County, NH
Membership Number of New Members	-9- Carroll County, NH	-4- Northeastern CT Portland, ME Seacoast, ME	-3- Greater Biddeford-Saco Plymouth County, MA
Membership % Number of New Members	39% Bermuda	36% Carroll County, NH	23% Plymouth County, MA
Net Membership Gain	-3- Northeastern CT Plymouth County, MA Portland, ME	-2- Bermuda Carroll County, NH	-1- Greater Biddeford Saco
% Net Membership Gain	29% Bermuda	23% Plymouth County	10% Portland, ME
Club Anniversaries	80 Years – Laconia 50 Years – Meredith, NH 20 Years – Carroll County, NH		
Newsletter	<i>Carroll County Chatter</i> Carroll County, NH	<i>Central Breeze</i> Central CT	<i>Altrusagram</i> Portland, ME
ASTRA Service Award	<i>Holiday Shopping Day</i> Lakes Region High School (Portland club)		
Mamie L. Bass – Service	<i>Safe Spaces</i> Seacoast, ME	<i>Boomer’s Bookworm Literacy Project</i> Sanford-Springvale, ME	<i>Fostering Community</i> Northeastern CT
Letha H. Brown – Literacy	<i>Books Light the Way</i> Northeastern CT	<i>Altrusa Book Giveaway</i> Central CT	<i>The Expanding ABC Project</i> Portland, ME
Nina Faye Calhoun – International	<i>Days for Girls</i> Northeastern CT		
Gabrielle Crepeau - Leadership	<i>Cathy Baybutt</i> Carroll County, NH		

**Altrusa District One
Celebration Of Lives 2025-2026**



Mary Ann Ring
Altrusan 2002-2024
Litchfield County, CT



Joan Caddigan
Altrusan 2006 - 2016
Plymouth County, MA



Hope Makris
Altrusan 1958 - 2025
Laconia, NH



Fran Dyro
Altrusa 1973-2025
Portland, ME



Mary Weinland
Altrusan 2001-2026
Northeastern CT



Judith Reidman
Altrusan 2007-2026
Portland, ME

ALTRUSA GRACE

We receive our meal with gratitude
May it nourish our intention
To be of service to others.
(Follow with a Moment of silence.)

C'est avec gratitude que nous recevons ce repas
Puisse t'il nourrir notre désir
De servir les autres.
(Un moment de silence suit.)

ALTRUSA BENEDICTION

May we go forth with high ideals
To be of service where we can
Be true to all Altrusa aims
Until we meet again.

Puissions-nous poursuivre notre idéal
De servir partout où nous le pouvons
Être fidèles à tous les objectifs d'Altrusa
Jusqu'à notre prochaine rencontre