



# District Eight Service Bulletin

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Together Everyone Achieves More

## The Governor's Message



### Official Call to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Eight Conference

*From Governor Linda K. Smith*

Altrusans of District Eight,

It is my privilege to issue this Official Call to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Eight Conference. It's time for our TEAM members to assemble once again for "spring training" in Chickasha, Oklahoma. The members of Altrusa International of Chickasha are working hard to fulfill your expectations for the annual District Conference.

Your District Board met with members of Chickasha in November, and I can assure you that fun things are being planned for each TEAM member!

Included in this Official Call are:

- ◆ Conference Registration Form
- ◆ Hotel Information
- ◆ First Timer Discount
- ◆ Deadlines for Awards Entries
- ◆ Tentative Conference Schedule
- ◆ Conference Service Project
- ◆ Proposed 2009-2010 District Budget
- ◆ And more!

Our guest for the weekend will be Past International President Linda Nichols from District Nine. We are

looking forward to having her join us, and I encourage all of you to take the time to meet Linda. She will have lots of things to share with you.

Once again, we are extending a discount for all those rookies on our TEAM. First Timers at this District Conference will receive a discount of \$25 off the conference Early Registration fee only (send \$75 per First Timer). You must register by April 1 to receive the discount. There is no limit to the number of First Timers a club can bring to conference. However, the Host Club is not eligible for this discount.

Our District Coaches (your committee chairs) are working hard on workshops for you. We hope you find this useful, informative and FUN! A new workshop at this conference will be "So you want to host a conference!" Come and find out what it takes to host a conference. Bring your questions! District Secretary Brenda Smith who has chaired two District Conferences will facilitate this workshop.

One of the most exciting parts of Conference is the presentation of awards for your projects, newsletters, yearbooks and club displays. Hope you are working hard to finish these up. Addresses for awards entries are included in this newsletter. Deadline for submission for awards entries, except club displays, is March 20.

Start your checklist now for Conference so you don't forget anything:

- ◆ Club Banner - bring to display along with those of other clubs; it's impressive to look around the conference center and see all of the club banners
- ◆ Silent Auction Items - bring items for this annual event that benefits Altrusa International Foundation
- ◆ Club Fundraisers - does your club have something to sell? This is a great opportunity to share your fundraisers with Altrusans throughout the District

Club Displays - bring a tabletop display that demonstrates your service and literary projects.



**TEAMWORK EMBRACING  
ALTRUSA MISSIONS**

**Altrusa International, Inc.  
53<sup>rd</sup> District Eight Conference  
April 23 – 25, 2009  
Chickasha, OK**

**Conference Registration Deadline April 1, 2009**

Mail a completed registration form for each attendee with payment to:  
Pat Cunningham, PO Box 1705, Chickasha, OK 73023

**First Timers**

Receive a \$25 discount on your registration fee if you are attending your first Altrusa Conference! Your registration must be received by April 1, 2009. This is a chance to introduce a club's newest members to the great networking opportunities at Conference.

**Lodging**

Best Western  
2101 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Chickasha, OK 73018  
Reservations can be made by calling Best Western at 405-224-4890.  
A block of rooms has been reserved **until April 1, 2009**.  
Rates for all rooms are \$70.00, which includes a full breakfast.

**Transportation**

If you need transportation from Will Rogers airport in Oklahoma City (OKC),  
Contact Sue Carter at [kscarter01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kscarter01@sbcglobal.net), (405)222-0808

**For more information:**

Conference Chairman: Sue Carter, [kscarter01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kscarter01@sbcglobal.net), (405)222-0808  
Conference Co-Chairman: Joyce Witte, [RoJaWitte@aol.com](mailto:RoJaWitte@aol.com), (405)222-2313  
Conference Registration Chairman: Pat Cunningham, [pcunningham11@suddenlink.com](mailto:pcunningham11@suddenlink.com)  
(405)222-1519



## CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

### "Donations for 'Food for Kids'"

"Food for Kids" is a program carried out through the public schools of Grady County to provide food for kids whose main source of nutrition comes from the school lunch program. This is a behind-the-scenes program that happens between the teacher and the needy student. At the end of school on Friday, the selected students are given generic backpacks filled with nutritious, nonperishable snacks to take home and eat during the weekend. The empty backpack is returned on Monday to be replenished for the following Friday. Even if the student forgets to return the backpack, another backpack is waiting for him or her the next Friday.

The Oklahoma Home and Community Education group provides this program for the children of Grady County. The snacks are obtained from the Oklahoma Food Bank where more food per dollar is available.

This program helps a great number of children in Grady County. OHCE "Food for Kids" is asking District Eight Altrusans for donations to help purchase snacks for the backpacks.



### Conference Schedule Activities

- **Thursday Welcome to Conference**

The Welcome to Conference will be at the Best Western Conference room at 8 pm. It's a time for meeting and reconnecting with fellow Altrusans. Refreshments will be served.

- **Friday Evening Activities**

Bring your Western wear (or casual dress) for a trip back in time as we enjoy a Chuck Wagon Feast in Shanoan Springs Park. Use your imagination to envision the challenges the early pioneer faced in settling a new land.

- **Saturday Evening Activities**

The Governor's Banquet will close the 53<sup>rd</sup> conference. Preceding the banquet will be the Governor's reception at the hotel including a cash bar and photo opportunity.

**Downtown Chickasha has a number of antique stores, local craft stores, and a very interesting Historical Society museum.**

**Art lovers may want to stop in Oklahoma City on their way to conference, or on their way home, to visit the annual OKC Arts Festival. Arts, crafts and good food will be in abundance.**

# AWARDS

**All information and applications for District Awards must be submitted to the contacts listed below postmarked no later than March 20, 2009.**

## **District Eight's Governor's Distinguished Service Award:**

Application/criteria may be found at [www.altrusadistricteight.org](http://www.altrusadistricteight.org)

### **Send one copy to each judge:**

Past Governor Peggy Hughes  
1306 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue,  
Hutchinson, KS 67502  
620-663-8180  
[pah@southwind.net](mailto:pah@southwind.net)

Past Governor Patie Fielding  
22 Glenmoor Place  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926  
843-342-2352  
[LittlePate@aol.com](mailto:LittlePate@aol.com)

Past Governor Betty Ruth Jackson  
643 Okmulgee  
Norman, OK 73701-4626  
405-321-2668  
[bettyrjackson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bettyrjackson@sbcglobal.net)

## **Mamie L Bass and Letha H Brown Awards**

Application/criteria may be found at [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com)

Send **three** copies of **each** award application to:

Pam Doss, District Service Chair  
10120 N. Opal Stevens Road  
Prairie Grove, AR 72753  
479-846-5927  
[pam@dossworks.com](mailto:pam@dossworks.com)

Note: MLB and LHB awards are judged by non-Altrusans selected from the community at large.

## **Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award**

Application/criteria may be found at [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com)

Send **three** copies to:

Beverly Miller  
2022 Prairie Lane  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-0146  
[millerb0146@sbcglobal.net](mailto:millerb0146@sbcglobal.net)

## **Newsletters**

**Send one copy to each judge:**

Penny Daughtery, District Communications Chair  
1330 Morningside Drive  
Mexico, MO 65265  
573-581-9030  
[penny@radiogetsresults.net](mailto:penny@radiogetsresults.net)

Jane E. Smith  
630 S. State Hwy 25  
Dexter, MO 63841  
573-624-3777  
[jes53@newwavecomm.net](mailto:jes53@newwavecomm.net)

Patricia O'Conner  
1400 Wingate Cove  
West Memphis, AR 72301  
870-732-5372  
[cbhh.trish.oconner@gmail.com](mailto:cbhh.trish.oconner@gmail.com)

## **Yearbooks**

**Send one copy to each judge:**

Penny Daughtery, District Communications Chair  
1330 Morningside Drive  
Mexico, MO 65265  
573-581-9030  
[penny@radiogetsresults.net](mailto:penny@radiogetsresults.net)

Jeanne Dzurick  
2509 Route MM  
Ashland, MO 65010  
573-657-0181  
[ojdzurick@centurytel.net](mailto:ojdzurick@centurytel.net)

Sandra Shenold  
P.O. Box 54  
Glencoe, OK 74032  
580-669-2647  
[skshenold@provalue.net](mailto:skshenold@provalue.net)

## **District Eight Memorial Service Deadline April 4, 2009**

Send a short bio (and photo if available) of any Altrusa member who has passed away since our 2008

Conference to:

Deborah Coleman  
905 W. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Hutchinson, KS 67502  
620-960-0954  
[colemanda@klsinc.org](mailto:colemanda@klsinc.org)

# Altrusa International, Inc. District Eight 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

## INCOME

Surplus from 2008-2009	\$6800.00
Dues - Total Full Dues	\$7800.00
Dues - Renewing	
Dues - New	
Dues - Reinstating	
Dues - Affiliate	
Dues - Half	\$ 50.00
Interest from FY 09	\$ 600.00
Conference proceeds/Chickasha	

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$15,250.00**

## EXPENSES

Bank Charge	\$ 0.00
Club Visits	\$3,500.00
Committee Chairs	\$ 100.00
Conference - Board Expense	\$3,000.00
Conference Start-up Fund	\$ 0.00
District Service Bulletin	\$1,100.00
Governor-Elect Training	\$ 0.00
Governor's Distinguished Service Award	\$ 100.00
Governor's Pin	\$ 0.00
Honorarium - International Representative	\$ 50.00
International Convention	\$2,000.00
Letha H. Brown Literacy Award	\$ 100.00
Long Range Planning	\$ 50.00
Mamie L. Bass Award	\$ 100.00
Midyear Board Meeting	\$2,200.00
New Club Building	\$ 750.00
Nominating Committee	\$ 0.00
Office Supplies	\$ 50.00
Postage & Delivery	\$ 200.00
President's Workshop	\$ 100.00
Printing & Reproduction	\$ 150.00
Program Planning	\$ 00.00
Revitalization	\$1,000.00
Surety Bond	\$ 50.00
Transfer of Files	\$ 50.00
Travel & Accident Insurance	\$ 100.00
Website Expense	\$ 500.00

**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES** **\$15,250.00**

**53<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT EIGHT  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
April 23 – 25, 2009  
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma  
Chickasha, OK 73018**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Altrusa International, Inc of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending in the capacity of: (please mark all that apply)

- |                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Past/Present Governor      | <input type="checkbox"/> District Officer         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate   | <input type="checkbox"/> Past/Present Int'l Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> District Committee Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Timer | <input type="checkbox"/> Altrusa Member             | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest                    |

My Classification is \_\_\_\_\_

The full registration of \$100.00 includes materials, Thursday evening Welcome to Conference, Friday Keynote Luncheon, Friday Night Chuck Wagon, Saturday Awards Luncheon, and Governor's Banquet.

**REGISTRATION IS DUE BEFORE APRIL 1, 2009, AFTER APRIL 1, 2009 REGISTRATION IS \$115.00.**

	Fee	#Needed	Amount
<b>Full registration BEFORE APRIL 1 .....</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	_____	<b>\$_____</b>
Partial Registration (one day Friday) .....	70.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration (one day Saturday).....	70.00	_____	_____
Late Full Registration AFTER APRIL 1.....	115.00	_____	_____
Late Partial Registration AFTER APRIL 1			
Friday.....	80.00	_____	_____
Saturday.....	80.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration – without meals....	40.00	_____	_____
Extra Meal tickets for Guest			
Friday Keynote Luncheon.....	12.00	_____	_____
Friday Night Chuck Wagon.....	23.00	_____	_____
Saturday Awards Luncheon.....	9.00	_____	_____
Governor's Banquet.....	23.00	_____	_____
<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>		_____	<b>\$_____</b>

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALTRUSA DISTRICT EIGHT CONFERENCE FUND**

**CALL THE BEST WESTERN OF CHICKASHA AT (405) 224-4890 TO MAKE A RESERVATION.**

A block of rooms has been reserved until April 1, 2009 as follows:

Room Rates \$70.00 plus tax – Double, King, & Suites

**MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY – WE ARE COMPETING WITH A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT THAT WEEKEND!**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO:**

Pat Cunningham, Conference Committee Registration Chair  
 PO Box 1705, Chickasha, OK 73023

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT: Pat at 405-222-1519 or by e-mail at [pcunningham11@cox.net](mailto:pcunningham11@cox.net)

Please keep a copy for your records.



## Officer/Committee Chair Rosters

Ladies, it's getting that time of year where you will be electing new officers for your local clubs. The current Presidents will be receiving a packet from Altrusa International that will have the reporting forms included. Please fill out and send a copy to Altrusa International, as well as a copy to me so that we can have the District Eight Roster completed and ready to go prior to the August International Convention, except for the new International Officers.

You may scan and email to me, put on an excel spreadsheet and email to me, mail via snail mail to me or bring to District Eight Conference in Chickasha. Deadline is May 15, 2009.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the District Eight Conference.

Brenda R. Smith  
District Eight Secretary

## 2009 ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 6—9, 2009  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

- The 2009 Altrusa International Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN, August 6—9.
- The theme is Racing Into the Future.
- The site is the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown Hotel, 350 West Maryland Street.
- The \$360.00 registration fee includes 4 days and 4 meals.
- You can register online or download the registration form on the Altrusa website (<http://www.altrusa.com>). Online registration is preferred.

## Conference Registration Refund Policy

### Policy 7, District Conference

#### D. Conference Registration Refunds

- (i) Prior to Conference - Registrants will receive a 100% refund of the registration fee only if the request for a refund is received at least ten days prior to the first day of Conference (the Thursday prior to the opening business session). [April 13, 2009 for this Conference]
- (ii) Any requests for registration fee refunds received after the above deadline must be submitted to the Conference Treasurer or Governor in writing by the deadline published in the "Call to Conference" issue of the DSB, as established by the Board of Directors. The refund must be approved by the District Governor and Treasurer, and is contingent on Conference obligations. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from the registration fee refund.

The deadline established by the Board of Directors is as follows:

"All requests for refunds after April 13 must be submitted in writing to the Conference Treasurer or Governor by the beginning of the post-Conference Board Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2009."

## Convention Service Project: Salvation Army Social Service Center

The Indianapolis club has been working with this organization for two years. It serves women and children in need, both abused and homeless. Services include on-site safe haven, child care, assistance with budgeting, life skills training, literacy programs, parenting classes, assistance in finding housing, employment information, legal assistance, healthcare, substance abuse classes, domestic violence/abuse support groups, voluntary spiritual counseling and Bible study.

This is a 126 bed facility. It remains full 96% of the time. Altrusans are asked to donate hygiene items, books, alarm clocks, socks and underwear for women and children, or gift cards to Wal-Mart, Walgreens, etc. Those wishing to make a check donation should make the check payable to Altrusa Foundation of Indianapolis, Inc.

### Convention Speakers

Deidre Connelly and Tom Meier will be guest speakers. Deidre Connelly, President USA Eli Lilly Company, will speak about the way Eli Lilly serves communities. Tom Meier, Equis Counseling, will speak about leadership development.

**Altrusans, start your engines!** The 2009 Altrusa International Convention will be held August 6-9, 2009, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown Hotel. The hotel is in the heart of downtown and connected via skywalk to the Indiana Convention Center and Circle Centre Mall.

It is just steps from Lucas Oil Stadium, White River State Park, NCAA Hall of Champions, Conseco Fieldhouse, Victory Field and just minutes from the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The hotel has two restaurants, a lounge, an indoor pool, whirlpool and a fitness center. Two golf courses are located within five miles.

*Articles on International Convention from Poplar Bluff and Mexico. Thank you.*

## Things not to be forgotten for Conference

- Club banners --- show your Club pride!
- Silent Auction Items:  
This is our annual event raising funds for the benefit of the Altrusa International Foundation. Please plan to bring several items from your club.
- Displays and Exhibits:  
All clubs are encouraged to bring a tabletop display which demonstrates their service and literacy projects. This is a great way to show other clubs what is being done in your community by Altrusans
- Merchandise for Club Fundraising: This is a great chance for clubs to sell items for their club fundraising.
- List of items need from Doc Morgan: If you need to shop for Altrusa items, here is your opportunity to do it.

Anita Moydell is the contact person for all of the displays and sales areas. She can be contacted at (405)222-3172 (home) or (405)222-0982 (work) for any questions you may have. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 727, Chickasha, OK 73023.

## Dues Clarification

Please note that new member dues for both International and District Eight are reduced by half from December 1 through March 31 each year. Those becoming Altrusans in May & June should pay their full dues for the coming year before initiation and then they will not owe dues again until June 1 of the following year.

At the current time (January thru March, 2009), International new member dues are \$27.50 + the \$10.00 processing fee (\$37.50 total) and District Eight dues are \$5.00.

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District Eight Treasurer  
[2heerens@charter.net](mailto:2heerens@charter.net)



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