



# District Eight Service Bulletin

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Governor Peggy Hughes 2006-2008

Connect to Build Altrusa's Future



**Governor  
Peggy Hughes**

#### ASTRA:

- For ages 12 to 25
- Sponsored by Altrusa Clubs
- Opportunity to interact with business, professional, and civic leaders
- Helps to develop leadership skills

#### New Club Building:

- See Policy 20 in Altrusa International's BRR
- Monetary support available
- Start with a community analysis
- Help is available to recruit and orient

## *It's time to get your motor running then get "Allll...ABoard" to Connect to Build Altrusa's Future and..... Yours*

*from Governor Peggy Hughes*

**Calling** all District Eight members to stow your cares away and buy a ticket to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Altrusa District Eight Conference April 25-26, 2008. Connect today so you can *Get on Board* a dynamic Altrusa steam engine headed to Rogers Arkansas' beautiful Embassy Suites exit 83 off highway 71/I540.

The excitement is building, just like a steam engine that slowly and progressively increases in speed. You too can become a driving force by calling for registrations early, then gathering in Rogers to become a part of an organized "group cheer" lead by Altrusans all over District Eight.

Many exciting and intriguing activities are planned for your enjoyment and relaxation. We are honored to have International Director Doris Kowalski from District Six as our International Visitor. Please take the opportunity to meet her and learn more about the international scope of Altrusa when she shares information with us.

Calling all Conference First Timers!!! You can get a discount of \$25.00 off the conference registration fee by registering before March 20<sup>th</sup>. Plan now **not** to miss any detail of this dynamic conference.

Need to laugh and have fun? Come to conference to meet a superb and exciting children's book author. With dedication and determination, our host club secured Dr Michael Shoulders as the Friday lunch keynote speaker. Many of us had the privilege to meet Dr Shoulders at Convention last summer. He has so much enthusiasm and humor. Everyone will learn and have a good time. I can't wait to hear his message again.

Sponsors, now is the time to encourage your new member/s to attend conference. Attending conference is the easiest way to get new members oriented quickly. Be sure to let them

know what a bargain attending conference is. Read more about it at [www.altrusadistricteight.org](http://www.altrusadistricteight.org). If you've not yet recruited at least one new member this year, there is still time. Get your Altrusa steam engine stoked and invite prospects to your meetings to make it happen! Remember, the newest member attending conference gets her registration free!!

The FUNshop workshops lead by incoming Governor-Elect Linda Smith's new team will be creative and challenging. There will be District awards presented for outstanding club project work, newsletters, yearbooks, club displays. Show your Altrusa pride. Bring your club banner to display among the others.

Be your club's mover, shaker and *go to* person. Come to conference to get recharged with new and inspired ideas to use with your club, your job and home.

Electing a slate of new district officers will be this year's primary business so plan to attend the Candidate's Forum on Friday. You can see photos, bios and read more about the candidates online at [www.altrusadistricteight.org](http://www.altrusadistricteight.org) in the February online DSB issue, click on publications to the left on the first screen.

Find all this information and more online at [www.altrusadistricteight.org](http://www.altrusadistricteight.org) including the invitation from the host club, the conference registration form, first timer discount info, a sneak preview of activities, deadlines for award entries, tentative conference schedule and articles that will help with your Altrusa activities.

Rogers is so centrally located in our district everyone will have a short easy drive to a beautiful area that is teeming with recreational activities for all ages and interests. Bring the

whole family and stay a few days to play.

ever before at this District Eight Conference.

Remember to return your conference registration form today. Then call early for a hotel room reservation. It will be a thrill to see more District Eight members than

*It's time to get your motor running then get "Allll...ABoard" to Connect to Build Altrusa's Future and..... Yours..... See you soon! Governor Peggy*



## **ALLL ABOARD FOR ALTRUSA!**

### **ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. 52<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT EIGHT CONFERENCE**

Schedule: April 24-26, 2008

Destination: Rogers, Arkansas

#### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2008**

Mail a completed registration form for each passenger, with payment, to:  
Altrusa District Conference Registration, P.O. Box 735, Rogers, AR 72757

#### **First Time Passengers:**

Receive a \$25 discount on your registration fee if you are attending your first Altrusa Conference! Your registration must be received by March 20, 2008. This is a chance to introduce a club's newest members to the great networking opportunities of Conference!

#### **Destination Lodging: Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas**

3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758 (Exit 83 off I540)

Hotel reservations are to be made by calling Embassy Suites Reservations at  
1-800-EMBASSY or directly at 479-254-8400, x2007 or

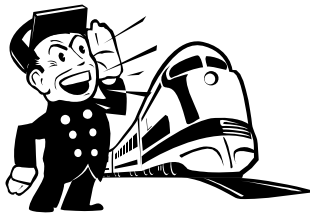
online at [www.embassysuitesnwa.com](http://www.embassysuitesnwa.com).

A block of rooms has been reserved **until March 25, 2008**. **Group code: AL3C**  
Special Altrusa rate for a two-room suite (including full breakfast): \$119.00 per night

**This is a premier destination! Don't miss out—reserve early!**

#### Transportation:

If you need transportation from Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA),  
contact: Henri Keith at [mshenri@cox.net](mailto:mshenri@cox.net), 479-640-2390



**For more information:**

[www.altrusaofrogers.com](http://www.altrusaofrogers.com)

Conference Conductor: Sharon Schrantz, [dschrantz@arkansasusa.com](mailto:dschrantz@arkansasusa.com), 479-636-9172

Conference Co-Conductor: Ann Adams, [aadams06@cox.net](mailto:aadams06@cox.net), 479-636-6830

Conference Ticket Agent: Barb Smith, [babsmith@cox.net](mailto:babsmith@cox.net), 479-633-4776



## Conference Service Project: *Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter*

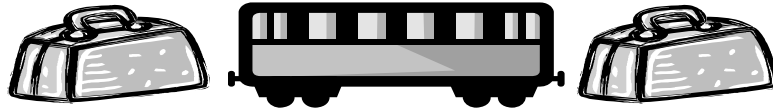
Altrusa of Rogers has chosen Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter as the recipient of donations from Altrusans attending the District Eight Conference. The Shelter, located in Bentonville, provides twenty-four hour emergency residential care to children who are victims of family violence, neglect and physical and sexual abuse. Serving 300 to 400 children annually, approximately 800 children must be turned away each year.

A child can stay in the Shelter for a maximum of 45 days within a six-month period. During their stay, the children are provided with food, clothing, medical attention, an education, special activities, and transportation.

The Shelter receives only \$400,000 a year from the State of Arkansas. The rest of the \$2 million annual budget is received through donations and fundraisers. The Shelter strives to provide a home-like atmosphere and to that end, businesses and organizations "adopt" rooms, giving them a cheery decor that the children might find in a happier home. Shelter workers and volunteers go even further to provide a "normal" home for the kids in their charge: they take them out to movies, dinner and other special events.

**You can help! We will be collecting gift cards at the District Conference.** The cards can be from major retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target or from "fun" places like Malco Theaters, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Chuck E Cheese, and Braum's. Cash donations made via check will be gratefully accepted. In addition, proceeds from the sale of corsages at Conference will go to the Shelter. Gifts are tax-deductible.

Learn more about the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter at [www.nwacs.com](http://www.nwacs.com).



### **And Don't Forget to Pack.....**

**Club Banners!!** Bring your club's banner with you to display it along with those of other clubs. Show your Club pride!

**Silent Auction Items:** Please plan to bring several items/gift baskets for the Silent Auction. This annual event benefits the Altrusa International Foundation. Drop off your donations during registration at Conference. Be sure to mark each item with a minimum bid and list the donor or club name. Also, come prepared to shop for the great things others have contributed.....remember, it's for Altrusa! For more information, contact Becky Wood, Fayetteville Altrusa, at [rmwood@arkansasusa.com](mailto:rmwood@arkansasusa.com), or 479-841-4388.

**Displays/Exhibits:** All clubs are encouraged to bring a tabletop display which demonstrates their service and literacy projects. Not only is this a great way to show other clubs what is being done, but it can be used as a marketing tool for other purposes. If you plan to bring a display, please contact Penny Storms, Fayetteville Altrusa, at [pstorms@ozarksecc.com](mailto:pstorms@ozarksecc.com) or 479-263-4026.

**Merchandise for Club Fundraising:** The Conference is a good opportunity to sell items for your club's fundraising project! Your wares will get great exposure to potential buyers in a designated area at the Conference. If you wish to reserve space for this purpose, contact Becky Wood, Fayetteville Altrusa, at [rmwood@arkansasusa.com](mailto:rmwood@arkansasusa.com) or 479-841-4388.

**Shopping list for the Altrusa Store:** If you need to shop for Altrusa items from the Doc Morgan Co., there will be an opportunity for purchase. Look for more information at Conference. For questions, contact Alice Ann Simkins, Fayetteville Altrusa, at [aa2095@aol.com](mailto:aa2095@aol.com) or 479-409-5574.



## TIMETABLE OF EVENTS



### Thursday Evening Welcome to Conference:

Make the Rogers Depot your first stop after a day of travel! The Depot will open at 8 p.m. at the hotel. It will be a time to relax, refresh, visit and reconnect with fellow Altrusans. Throughout the evening, there will be a cash bar and drawings for gifts and other surprises!

### Friday Evening Entertainment:

After an evening of dining and shopping in the greater Rogers area, you won't want to miss out on the entertainment in the Altrusa Piano Bar. Meet back at the hotel at 8:30 p.m., when we will be able to sit back and unwind. At 9 p.m., we will enjoy the music of local "American Idol" national finalist Patrick Hall.

Patrick started singing at the age of five for his local church. Piano lessons quickly followed and playing the ivory keys turned into a lifelong passion. He combines piano playing skills with deeply personal and heartfelt songs. His music is a refreshing alternative that refocuses on the art of songwriting.

Altrusa of Rogers is excited at the opportunity for Patrick Hall to show us that he is a consummate artist and entertainer!



## AWARDS

**All information and applications for District Awards must be submitted to the contacts listed below postmarked no later than March 20, 2008.**

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

**Deadline March 20, 2008**

Application/criteria may be found at [www.altrusadistricteight.org](http://www.altrusadistricteight.org)  
Send one copy to each judge:

Past Governor Debbie Holesko  
109 East Lakehurst Drive,  
Stillwater, OK 74075  
405/377-9620  
[dh@travel-its.com](mailto:dh@travel-its.com)

Past Governor Betty Absheer  
323 North C Street  
Poplar Bluff MO 63901  
573/785-3285  
[abbie@mymailstation.com](mailto:abbie@mymailstation.com)

Past Governor Joyce Williams  
191 CR 350 Road  
Bono AR 72416  
870/932-6202  
[jjwms@m34u.net](mailto:jjwms@m34u.net)

### Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

**Deadline March 20, 2008**

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

Kath Engelhardt  
7830 Lafon Place  
St Louis MO 63130  
314/863-1165  
[kathengel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathengel@sbcglobal.net)

### Mamie L Bass and Letha H Brown Awards

**Deadline March 20, 2008**

Application/criteria may be found at [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com)  
Send three copies of **each** award application to:

District Service Chair  
Sandra L. Perkins  
35 Union Avenue Suite 200  
Memphis, TN 38103  
901/544-1742  
Fax 901/544-1743  
[sperkins@alcomgt.com](mailto:sperkins@alcomgt.com)

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

**Yearbook Judging:  
Deadline March 20 2008**

Mail one copy to each judge:

Gail Held  
23 Mansilla Way  
Hot Springs Village AR 71909  
501/922-1135  
Gail\_Held@yahoo.com

Debbie Hackler  
3415 E 30th Ave  
Hutchinson KS 67502  
620/663-1478  
hacklerd@hutchcc.edu

Rita Eyerly  
2341 Park Crest,  
Mexico, MO 65265  
573/582-0678  
RLEYERL@audrainmedicalcenter.com



**Newsletter Judging:  
Deadline March 20, 2008**

Mail 3 different issues to EACH judge:

Barbara Britt  
423 N Kansas City Ave  
Excelsior Springs MO 64024  
816/637-1305  
mbritts@yahoo.com

Shirley Evans  
21999 Mather Road  
Sedalia MO 65301  
660/827-1876  
tsquare@iland.net

Ronda Blakley  
1373 County Road 1450  
Moberly MO 65270  
660/263-2321  
rblakley49@hotmail.com

**Memorial Service**

Deadline April 4, 2008

Send a short bio (photo if available) of any member you wish to honor to:

Cindi Buxton  
28B Pearsall Ave.  
Apt 3B  
Glen Cove NY 11542  
314/591-5874  
cabuxton@peoplepc.com

**Altrusa Facts**

**The Altrusa Foundation has helped more than 10,000 women earn graduate degrees and begin successful careers through its two original programs of assistance, the Grants-in-Aid program and the Founders Fund Vocational Aid Program.**

**Lamplighters are Altrusans who contribute \$500 or more to the Foundation in one year's time. A Lamplighter is awarded a special recognition piece in honor of this contribution. Contributions can be made in one's own name or in honor or in memory of someone else.**

## 52<sup>nd</sup> District Eight Tentative Conference Schedule

### Thursday, April 24, 2008

1:00-1:45 PM	District Finance Committee Meeting
1:45-5:00 PM	Pre-Conference District Board Meeting
12:00-10:00 PM	Registration Table Open
4:00-8:00 PM	Free Time to Enjoy Local Sites
5:45-7:30 PM	District Board Dinner
8:00 PM	<i>Welcome</i>
9:15 PM	Flag Ceremony Practice
9:15 PM	Program Presentation Practice

### Friday, April 25, 2008

7:30-9:00 AM	Registration Open
8:00-8:30 AM	First Timers Session
8:45-11:00 AM	Opening Business Session
11:00-11:20	Candidate's Forum
11:30-1:00 PM	Keynote Luncheon/Conference Service Project Presentation
1:00-5:00 PM	Registration Open
1:00-1:15 PM	Break
1:15-2:15 PM	FUN/workshops
2:15-2:30 PM	Break
2:30-3:30 PM	FUN/workshops
3:30-5:00 PM	Free Time
5:00-8:30 PM	Dine Around
8:30-10:00 PM	Fun Night

### Saturday, April 26, 2008

7:30-9:00 AM	Registration Open
7:30-8:30 AM	Voting
7:45-8:45 AM	Past-Governor's Breakfast
9:00-10:30AM	Second Business Meeting
10:30-10:45 AM	Break
10:45-11:30 AM	FUN/workshops
11:30-1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon
1:30-4:00 PM	Registration Open
1:30-1:45 PM	Break
1:45-3:00 PM	FUN/Workshops
5:00-6:30 PM	Photo Session
5:30-7:00 PM	Cash Bar/Social
7:00 PM	<i>Banquet</i>

### Sunday April 27, 2008

8:00AM-?	Post Conference District Board Meeting
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Destination: Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas  
3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758

Please print

Passenger Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Altrusa International, Inc. of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I will be boarding 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

The full registration fee of \$120.00 includes conference materials, Thursday evening Welcome to Conference, Friday Keynote Luncheon, Saturday Awards Luncheon and Governor's Banquet.

**Registration is due by March 20, 2008. After March 20, a \$20.00 late fee will apply to each registration.**

	Fee	Number	Amount
Full Registration BY March 20	\$120.00	_____	\$ _____
First-Timer Registration BY March 20	95.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration (Friday only)	90.00	_____	_____
Partial Registration (Saturday only)	90.00	_____	_____
Late Full Registration AFTER March 20	140.00	_____	_____
Late Partial Registration AFTER March 20			
Friday only	110.00	_____	_____
Saturday only	110.00	_____	_____
Extra Meal Tickets for Guests			
Friday Keynote Luncheon	18.00	_____	_____
Saturday Awards Luncheon	18.00	_____	_____
Saturday Governor's Banquet	40.00	_____	_____
<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>		_____	<b>\$ _____</b>

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

**Please complete this form for each passenger (keep a copy for your records) and mail with your check to:  
Altrusa District Conference Registration, P.O. Box 735, Rogers, AR 72757**

Hotel Reservations are to be made by calling Embassy Suites Reservations at 1-800-EMBASSY or online at [www.embassysuitesnwa.com](http://www.embassysuitesnwa.com). A block of rooms has been reserved **until March 25, 2008**. Group code: **AL3**  
Special Altrusa rate for a two-room suite (including breakfast): \$119.00 per night

If you need transportation from the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA), please indicate:  
Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline/Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please advise us of any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, please contact the Altrusa Ticket Agent:  
Barb Smith, at 479/633-4776 or e-mail: [babsmith@cox.net](mailto:babsmith@cox.net)

**Also check the host club's website: [www.altrusaofrogers.com](http://www.altrusaofrogers.com)**





Peggy Hughes, Governor  
Altrusa District Eight  
1306 E. 21st Ave  
Hutchinson, KS 67502



### **Vision Statement**

Altrusa District Eight Leads in Service by empowering local clubs to provide leadership and service to their communities.

### **Mission Statement**

Altrusa District Eight works to strengthen community service and fellowship among clubs, to develop leaders, and to foster International understanding.

### **Goals**

1. Assist clubs in retention, recruitment and new club building.
2. Create opportunities for personal and professional networking and growth.
3. Expand opportunities for members to access resources.
4. Maintain sufficient organizational resources to support the District's mission.
5. Work to become known as Leaders in Service.