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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Altrusans,

We just got back from the District Conference in Tampa. Colleen, Scott, Jessica, Nancy, Frances, Julie and I attended. It was a great event, learned a lot, made new friends, visited old friends and elected new officers. Jessica and Scott made a darling presentation about our 2010 Conference in Ocala. I would tell you more but they say, "Whatever happens at Conference, stays at Conference!"



Our new Governor is Robin Hall from Lake City. Very dynamic young woman, I think big, positive changes are ahead for us. The best news is that our own Colleen will be Governor in 5 years. Can't wait for that to happen! We also took home a number of awards but I am saving that information to share with you at the next meeting. Good job and many thanks to all.

Our new president, Connie Larsen, will be installed next month. I look forward to working with her. She is going to make a terrific president!

Summers coming, graduations beginning and our vacations will start soon. Be sure and Save the Date for our Children's Book Festival on June 13th from 10-3 at the library.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Altrusa,

Michelle

### **Incoming Officers Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala 2009-2010**

President .....	Connie Larsen
President-Elect .....	Scott Tice
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# District Conference News!

The 56th Annual District Three Conference was held last weekend in Tampa. Attending from Ocala were: Past Governor Cindy Schad, Scott Tice, Colleen Duris, Jessica Rodriguez, Julie Watson-Helms, President Michelle Smith, Frances Ferguson and Nancy Jones.

Congratulations to Colleen Duris who was elected Vice-Governor of District Three. Scott is serving as the District Three ASTRA chair, Julie Watson-Helms is the Service Program Development Consultant, and Cindy Schad is the New Club Building Chair of the newly formed Past Governors Action Council. Thank you to all of these Altrusans for their service to our District!



## **Our New District Board for 2009 – 2011**

**Back row is from left to right:** Teresa Williams, Director from Durham;  
Tammy Hall, Treasurer from Lake City; Kimberly Brown, Director, Gainesville;  
Kitty McElhaney, Parliamentarian, Lake City; Mary Kane, Director, Atlanta;  
Pat Smith, Secretary, Spartanburg.

**Front row:** Beverly Hardy, Gov-Elect, Starke; Governor Robin Hall, Lake City;  
and our very own Colleen Duris, Vice-Governor

## FUNDRAISING

Frances Ferguson and Nancy Jones

Our one and only fundraising project is Saturday, June 13th. The "Children's Book Festival" will be at the Library beginning at 10:00 and ending at 3:00, If you have volunteered to help us give out books at the first shift you will need to be at the Library at 9:30. Remember your sponsorship money needs to be collected (if you did not collect with the commitment) and given to Frances, Nancy or Brenda by the Festival date.

Thanks to all of you who helped and especially thanks to all of you that brought in money to fund our projects for this next year.

## CARE COMMITTEE

Nancy Jones

Congratulations to Kelly and Phil Thompson on the birth of their new daughter. And be certain to keep Gloria James, and her sister, Kay, in your prayers as Kay is battling cancer.

We need items for the baskets that we will be raffling off at the Children's Book Festival. One basket will be a miscellaneous basket and the other is a red wagon that we are filling with items for children---games, toys, books, etc.



## ASTRA

Scott Tice

The final meeting of the ASTRA Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30pm at Jane Fontaine's office. Thank you to the committee members for their contributions this year: Frances Ferguson, Nancy Jones, Gisela Salas and Cindy Schad. Thank you, club members, for your support of our activities this year.



I appreciate the opportunity to chair this committee this year.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Colleen Duris

Please welcome our three newest members, Carol Bard, Meri Beyer and Therese McPherson. We also have Amanda Harland who will be a new member by the time this newsletter is issued. Welcome to all of you!!

I wish to thank the membership committee this year for pulling it together and coming through after a minor set back in the beginning. You and the membership did an excellent job seeking out new members and bringing them through the process quickly. We've added eight (8) new members this year! I appreciate all of your efforts and support.

*My alphabet starts with this letter called yuzz. It's the letter I use to spell yuzz-a-ma-tuzz. You'll be sort of surprised what there is to be found once you go beyond 'Z' and start poking around!*

*Theodor Geisel  
(also known as Dr. Seuss)*





# The Official Altrusan Cutie Patootie

The Community Service committee arranged for our Club to sponsor Ugandan Alituha Cosmas. We'll be looking forward to hearing about Alituha during the year!



**See you in Indy –**

**Altrusa International Convention  
August 6-9, 2009**

June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009

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 Scrapbook.....Carol Trow  
 Web Page .....Julie Watson-Helms  
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