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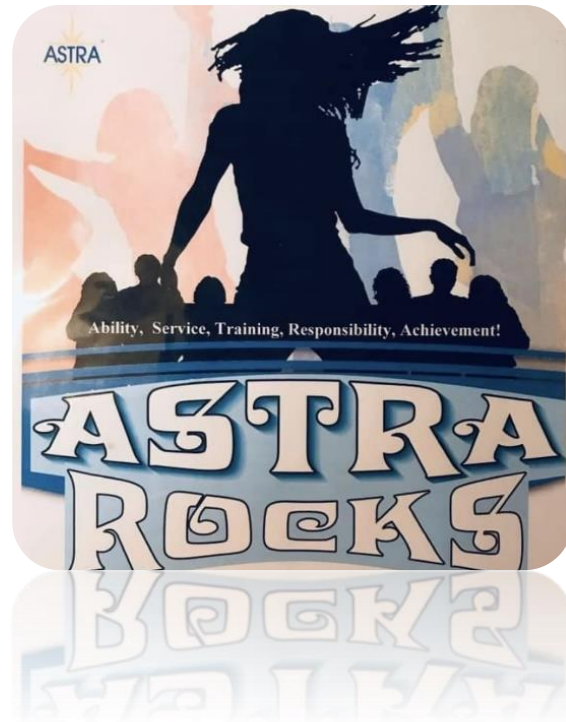
To all ASTRA members, welcome back to a new school year and a new ASTRA club year. This is such an exciting time. School is back in session which means football, meeting up with old friends, making new friends and kicking off a new ASTRA year.

As ASTRA members, you have an incredible opportunity to make a mark on your community. Your service projects whether large or small make a difference in the lives of others. Never forget that what you do does matter. And the beautiful part is that while this is happening you are also developing your own leadership skills and using the special talent each of you possess. And as Altrusans, we want nothing more than to watch you grow, develop you skills and talents, and see you achieve all that you can.

You are our future and because of that our future is bright.

Kathy Folley

*International President
Altrusa, Int'l, Inc.*



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

MAYA ANGELOU



ASTRA
Conversation
with
Governors
and
District ASTRA
Chairs

October 7 at 7 p.m. (CT)



2021

International Convention



Teamwork
Makes
the
Dream
Work



ASTRA Service Awards

Astra Service Award applications were submitted from ASTRA clubs in ten of our districts, and the first-place winners from each of those districts competed for the international award. This biennium, there was a tie for first place, so there was no third-place recipient this year.

First Place (tie) - (\$300 each)

ASTRA Club of SW Dallas County, District Nine, for their “Books and Jammies 4 Genesis” project



*ASTRA and sponsoring club members dropping off gift bags at the Genesis Women's Shelter in Dallas, Texas.
(First Place Tie)*

First Place (tie) - (\$300 each)

ASTRA Club of Pendleton, District Twelve, for their “Shoe Party” project



*Shoe Party
(First Place Tie)*



Second Place: (\$75)

ASTRA Club of Righetti High School, District Eleven, for their “2nd Annual Spring Children’s Book Drive” project



Book Totes (Second Place)

**Tell me
more!**

First Place (tie) - (\$300 each)

**ASTRA Club of SW Dallas County, District Nine, for their
“Books and Jammies 4 Genesis” project**

In lieu of reports of an increase in domestic violence, after the onset of Covid-19 and orders to shelter in place, ASTRA initiated a project to provide gifts of pajamas and books to the Genesis Women's Shelter, a safe haven for abused women and children. The intent was to provide comfort and entertainment to children during the holidays. The project was impactful, as the shelter provided very basic items. But ASTRA gifted pajamas and socks to keep them warm, and sponsors donated the items requested by the ASTRA club.

“They will remember the gifts, and they will know that someone was concerned enough to care.”



First Place (tie) - (\$300 each)

**ASTRA Club of Pendleton, District Twelve, for their
“Shoe Party” project**

ASTRA club of Pendleton launched an international project of 43 members and 3 Altrusans to creatively construct shoes for Ugandan children. Here 30 pairs of size 5 children shoes were traced with a pattern and cut out of denim. The goal was to bring members together to create lasting effects and help children. With these shoes, the children of Uganda can avoid infestation of a parasite, Jiggers. Our members benefited from the joys of helping others and interacting with their peers during a pandemic. It also required minimal resources that were provided by our sponsoring Altrusa club.

“Shoes are just one step in the large equation of helping communities and ASTRA is proud to have made a difference in such a major cause.”



Second Place: (\$75)

**ASTRA Club of Righetti High School, District Eleven, for their
“2nd Annual Spring Children’s Book Drive” project**

The Astra Club would like to thank Righetti High School students and staff for making the 2nd Annual Spring Book Drive a resounding success. Within a 2 week period of time, there were over 3000 total gently used and some new books donated by the generosity of RHS campus. Astra Club members were able to hand out 1000 of those books during the 1st Annual Open Streets on March 31st 2019 and another 250 books to Ontiveros students during the 3rd Annual Kinder County Fair April 18th 2019. The Astra members will be sharing livestock in the form of petting zoo with children and helping them select a book. The remainder of the books are handed out at various Altrusa sponsored events that bring literacy and the gift of reading to the community.

“We especially love this project because everyone wins.”

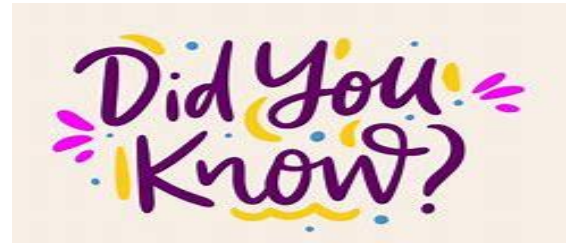


Types of ASTRA Clubs

ASTRA is an international community service organization for young people ages 11 to 25 sponsored by Altrusa clubs since the 1960's. We currently have 86 ASTRA clubs in middle schools, high schools, community colleges, colleges and universities, and community clubs, in the United States, Puerto Rico, New Zealand and India, and we added 5 new ASTRA clubs this past biennium, despite the pandemic!

During this biennium, we began surveying ASTRA alumni and are actively working to connect ASTRA alumni with your local Altrusa clubs to grow our Altrusa membership. This requires your assistance on the club level—but can result in enthusiastic new members for your club! We also created a Young Professionals membership category with reduced dues to encourage increased recruitment of young adults into Altrusa. We now have at least 38 ASTRA Alumni who are Altrusans in twelve of our fourteen districts, some of whom are young professionals.

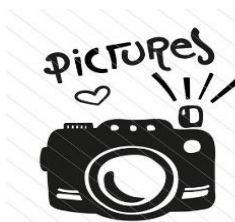
We hope clubs in every district consider sponsoring an ASTRA club. To help you and your community understand what ASTRA is about, we've created a quick 2-minute ASTRA Marketing Video that is easily accessible on our public Altrusa website for you to share. ASTRA clubs from eight of our districts are represented in this video.



Did you know that there are several settings for ASTRA Clubs???

Middle Schools
High Schools/Continuation H.S
Community Clubs
Home School Clubs
Vocational School/Occupational Center
Community/Jr. College:
College/University

Learn more about them by going to the astra.altrusa.org or contact us if interested in chartering a new club.



Be sure to let us know what projects you are doing and send pictures!!!

Email to Jan Storrs @ jlstorrs47@hotmail.com



Ability, **S**ervice, **T**raining, **R**esponsibility, **A**chievement

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