



Governor's Touch

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Last Convention Reminders

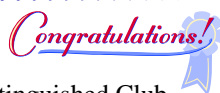
Convention is next week. Please ask those who are attending and who also attended conference to wear their District Six buttons. If you have a club banner, please bring it for the parade of banners at the opening on Thursday night. Please bring a camera to share photos with the *In Touch*. If you have a club display or were planning on making one, now is the time to do it. Pack it along and put it up. It's a great opportunity to showcase the clubs in District Six. Displays will be judged, so you could come home a winner.



District Directory Information Needed

Secretary Pat Phillips is putting together a directory of club officers, committee chairs, and meeting times. We haven't had this information updated in several years, mainly because we haven't been getting the information from our clubs. I have complete information for Bedford, Canton, Champaign-Urbana, Chillicothe, Fox Valley, Galesburg, Lexington, Paris, and Pekin. I also have officers/board members for Connersville, Elgin, Evansville, Frankfort, Marion, Muncie, New Albany, Quincy, and Warsaw. Thank you to those presidents who sent this information in. I apologize to those I missed who reported this information in your newsletters. You can get the official forms at <http://www.altrusa.com/Publications/MembershipForms.aspx>. If it's easier for you, just send me a list of names and contact information and I'll share them with International. It will certainly help us keep in touch with you this biennium. The deadline for inclusion in the directory is August 31st. I'll be happy to share the finished directory with all of you.

Distinguished Clubs



Six District Six Club clubs received the Distinguished Club designation this year and will be recognized for this honor at convention. Congratulations to Bedford, Champaign-Urbana, Chillicothe, Evansville, Fox Valley, and Muncie. This is a first for Fox Valley, who credited the new, streamlined form for spurring them to apply. Let's add more clubs next year!

Planning for the Year



By now, you are probably finishing your planning of activities and speakers for the year. This is a great time to dust off your strategic plan and update it or to finally start a new one. You should have goals for service projects, fundraising, and membership retention and recruitment. If you want to apply for Distinguished Club status at the end of the year, a strategic plan will help; just having an up-to-date one will give you points toward this goal. If you want to apply for one of the service awards, early planning is helpful. This is especially true if you are going for the Nina Faye Calhoun Award, which requires you to observe five United Nations Days. The submission deadline will be February 12th.

If your club is typical, you had some members who didn't renew. The District lost more than 100 members this year. Please contact those who've left and ask them why so you can be more successful in keeping your new recruits.

I've attached a copy of the District Visitor schedule. If you haven't heard from your visitor yet, please contact her to set the date. Please allow her as much time as possible at your meeting and return the Club Visit Questionnaire well in advance of the visit so she can serve you well. Some of the visitors are assigned to clubs several hours from home, so it's especially important to make the most of their time and efforts.



United Days to be Observed

This list of international dates to qualify for the Nina Fay Calhoun Award has been expanded to the following:

- **August 25** – International Youth Day
- **September 8**— World Literacy Day
- **September 15 (3rd Tuesday)**—International Peace Day
- **October 16** – World Food Day
- **October 24**—United Nations Day
- **November 25** - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- **December 10**—Human Rights Day
- **February 20** - World Day of Social Justice
- **March 8**—Women's Right's Day
- **April 7**—World Health Day
- **May 15** - International Day of Families

These are worth observing, even if you aren't going for the Award. Your observance can take any form you wish, ranging from a mention in your newsletter to a service project on and related to the day. These days may help you come up with a new project, expand an existing project, or provide a leadership opportunity for a new member. We are an international organization and this is a great way to remind your members of that fact.