



Governor's Touch

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News from the District Six Conference



District Six Board for 2009-11.
Back row: Chris DeVlieger, Linda Barb, Pat Phillips, and Jody Reinoehl. Front row: Toni Ellis, Bev Herzog, Elaine Wolf and Nina Merten (in for Mary Gaston)

Nearly 150 Altrusans from 31 clubs attended the District Six Conference in Champaign, IL on April 24-26. With a theme of "Live Well, Give Well", conference started with a health fair, complete with massages. International Vice President Dona Garretson shared her financial planning expertise and unveiled Altrusa's new marketing plan.

The new board was elected Saturday morning and installed Saturday evening with a theme of "The Awesome Altrusa Aquifer", in keeping with Governor Bev's profession of hydrogeology. Bev's theme for this biennium is "Leaders in Service, Giving Well". Conference attendees received buttons with Bev's logo and sterling silver wishing-well charms to commemorate the conference. Congratulations to the new board members:

- Governor: Bev Herzog of Champaign-Urbana
- Governor Elect: Toni Ellis of Lexington
- 1st Vice Governor Linda Barb of Muncie
- 2nd Vice Governor: Chris DeVlieger of DeKalb-Sycamore
- Director: Jody Reinoehl of Terre Haute
- Treasurer: Mary Gaston of Muncie
- Secretary: Pat Phillips of Champaign-Urbana
- Immediate Past Governor: Elaine Wolf of Fox Valley

A roster of board members with their contact information is attached, as is the District visitor schedule. If you haven't heard from your District visitor by August 1, please contact her to set up your club visit.

Thank you to those board members completing their board service: Past Governor Phyllis Syers, Treasurer Nine Merten, and Director Karen Brunson. Your service is greatly appreciated and we know we can continue to count on your help.

Awards were presented by Service Chair Toni Ellis and her committee, Governor Elaine Wolf and International VP Dona Garretson at Saturday's Awards Luncheon. The many outstanding entries show that you've all made your communities winners. This year's honorees were:

- Governor's Award: Margaret P Stilwell, Champaign-Urbana
- Rookie of the Year: Barbara Bergdolt, Paris IL
- Mamie L. Bass: 1st Place—Bedford IN
2nd Place—Warsaw IN
3rd Place—Champaign-Urbana IL
- Letha H. Brown: 1st Place—Champaign-Urbana IL
2nd Place—Richmond IN
3rd Place—Chillicothe IL
- Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun: 1st Place—Evansville IN
2nd Place—Lafayette IN
3rd Place—Champaign-Urbana IL
- District Membership Award for highest percentage growth: Hamilton County, IN
- Star Attendance Award for largest percent of membership at Conference: South Bend, IN
- Distinguished Clubs for 2007-08—Bedford, Evansville & Muncie IN; Champaign-Urbana & Chillicothe, IL, Lexington, KY.

The three first place winners have been sent to International for judging in the International biennium awards. You'll read more about conference and these awards in the next "In Touch".



Upcoming Deadlines

Elections are over and you'll be installing your new officers this month. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to send in your rosters of club officers and committee chairs. These go to International, but I would greatly appreciate it if you would also send a copy to me. Email is great for anything you send to me.

All clubs should send in their Club Activity Reports. We use these to learn more about your club, how the District can assist you, and how you can assist the District. These should be sent to Past Governor Elaine. Should you wish to be considered for the

Distinguished Club Award, that requires a separate form this year which goes directly to International for judging.

International dues of \$55 and District dues of \$15 must be postmarked by June 15th and are sent to International and to District Treasurer Mary Gaston. A late fee of \$5 will be charged by International for dues postmarked June 16th to July 10th, after which the late fee goes up to \$10.

It's also time to think about who you'll send to Convention in Indianapolis, August 6-9 and to make hotel reservations. More on this next month