



Governor's Touch

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Reminders

- **December 1**—1/2 price dues start
- **December 10**—Human Rights Day
- **December 18**—Nominations for Nominating

Committee due to Governor Bev. Also due are suggestions for International or District Bylaws or Policies changes.

- **January 25**—Submission deadline for "Call to Conference" edition the *In Touch*.

November Presidents' E-News Now Available On-Line



If you haven't already checked it out, please go on-line at the International website and check out the November Presidents' mailing. Instructions were in last month's Governor's Touch and in the mailing from International. You can also get to the highlights from these links:

[Clever Ideas for Club Events](#)—interesting ideas for events that can be adapted to almost any club. Service activities are an excellent way to expose prospective members to the Altrusa experience. And different kinds of events keep current members interested and energized.

[Emotional Pleas Entice Potential Volunteers](#)—Sometimes it's all in the way you phrase it.

[The Power of PR](#)—Part One of a Two Part Series. The International Communications Committee shares the story of Altrusa International of Gig Harbor and their positive experience using PR to build their club's membership and image.

[ASTRA and Altrusa: A Mutually Beneficial Team](#)—We all know that ASTRA is a service project of Altrusa. But how often do we set up projects that actively involve both Altrusans and ASTRAs? Here are some great ideas.

[Order Your New ASTRA Manual Now - Only \\$10](#)—For Everyone involved with ASTRA or thinking about ASTRA this fabulous new manual is a must.

[Preserving the Record](#)—Most secretaries put way too much information into the minutes. Read this very informative article by our International Parliamentarian to learn what really should go in the minutes.



New Nomination Forms for Governor's Award and Rookie of the Year

The District Board has revamped the nomination forms for the Rookie of the Year and the Governor's Awards to help clubs better explain how their nominee has made a difference to Altrusa. There is now less of an emphasis on how many meetings the nominee has attended and more on her leadership and commitment to Altrusa. The new forms are attached and will be posted to the District website. Although nominations are not due until March, I wanted to give you time to look at the new forms and scoring sheets, so you have plenty of time to decide who you want to nominate and get the nomination completed. Governor's Award recipients must have been members at least ten years. This award focuses on their leadership activities the past five years and their hours of activities for the past year. Rookies must have become Altrusans on or after January 1, 2008.

How to Record Service Hours



Clubs should be keeping track of service hours for each member. This can be done in the back of the yearbook, on a sheet passed around at meetings, or emailed to the secretary or another designated hours reporter. These hours get reported for the club on the annual activity sheets and are also used for the Distinguished Club designation, the Governor's Award, and the Rookie of the Year Award. According to the International policies, the three categories of service hours are:

- **Community Service Hours.** Community Service involvement entails service projects and activities sanctioned by Altrusa, as documented in a Club's minutes. Service hours include time spent in planning, preparation, execution, and evaluation of fundraisers and service projects. ASTRA and New Club Building are service projects. Operating and internal fundraisers used to fund the operating budget do not qualify as service hours.
- **Member Service Hours.** Altrusa's member services include services such as production of newsletter, leadership training workshops, International representation at Conferences, etc.
- **Other Volunteer Hours.** Club member participation in non-Altrusa community service activities, includes volunteer work. For example, in hospitals, schools, libraries, non-for-profit organizations and activities such as mentoring, tutoring, etc.

