



Governor's Touch

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Reminders



- **September 8**— World Literacy Day
- **September 15**—Deadline for grant applications to International Foundation
- **September 15 (3rd Tuesday)**—International Peace Day
- **September 30**—Pre “Make a Difference Day” report due to International
- **October 16** – World Food Day
- **October 24**—United Nations Day
- **October 24**—Make a Difference Day

New District Calendar



You asked for it and you’ve got it—a two-year District planning calendar, which will take you to the end of my biennium. The PDF version is attached to the email that brought you this newsletter. The calendar will also be posted on our website at <http://www.altrusadistrictsix.org/>. You’ll find all the District and International deadlines I could find, along with many federal and religious holidays. I’ll keep sending you reminders, but this should help your planning.

Make A Difference Day

The national day to help others October 24, 2009, the 19th annual Day



Have you selected a Make a Difference Day project for Saturday, October 24th? All clubs are asked to do a literacy-related project that day and register it ahead of time on the International website. The entire project does NOT need to be done on the 24th, but part of the project should be done then. For example, if you are collecting books or schools supplies, you can do that at your regular club meeting and deliver them on the 24th. Final reports are due to International by November 15th.



Advertise Your Fundraiser on District Website

At the strategic planning session at last year’s conference, someone suggested that clubs should be able to advertise their fundraisers on the District website. This will encourage nearby clubs to support them and to provide a venue for sharing fundraising ideas. We did this, but so far no clubs have responded. It’s free and easy. Go to the District website (<http://www.altrusadistrictsix.org/>), then click on “fundraisers” on the left side of the page and follow the instructions on sending your information to the webmaster. Webmaster Jackie Gladin will take it from there.

E-mail Update



Foundation Liaison Denise Swinehart has retired from the Lake County Library, so has changed her e-mail address. You can now reach her at denisesw47@att.net.



Resources for New Club Building

Altrusa International is placing a high priority on developing new clubs this biennium and will provide financial assistance and incentives to get the job done. Clubs can obtain \$500 to start a new club, divided into \$125 each at two early steps, and \$250 for the charter banquet. If you successfully charter a club, their first year’s International dues (\$1100 for 20 members) will be returned to the sponsoring club. If you keep them above charter strength for the second year, you will receive a rebate of half of their International dues. So if you’ve always thought about sponsoring a new club, now is a great time to do it. Club Building chair Barbara Barrett is ready and willing to help.

To start, determine if your club wants to take on this service project and then to identify potential communities in which to start your new club. Once you have a commitment from your club, buy the book from Altrusa International. It’s hot off the presses and only costs \$5. Next, conduct a community assessment and return that to International; you will receive a club starting kit with promotional materials.