



Governor's Touch

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Reminders

- **January 8-9**—District Board meets in Crawfordsville, IN. If you have any business, such as emeritus requests, please get them in by January 5.
- **January 25**—Submission deadline for "Call to Conference" edition of the *In Touch*.
- **February 7-13**—Altrusa Awareness Week. This is a great time for a recruitment event and to wear your Altrusawear.
- **February 12**—Service Award nominations due to Service Chair Dana Vierck. Forms are available on the International website.
- **February 20**—World Social Justice Day.



Time to Start Preparing Award Nominations

Nominations for District Service Awards will be due before you know it, with the Rookie and Governor's Awards due not too long after.

Do you have a project or person you're especially proud of this year? If so, please nominate them. You never know—you could come home a winner. It takes some time to fill out the forms and they need to be signed by the club president, so please take a few minutes at your January meeting to assign someone to write them, if you haven't done so already. Service award nominations are due February 12 to Dana Vierck, 1040 Hampshire Lane, Elgin, IL 60120. The individual awards are due to me the following month.



Nominating Committees

I know it seems like you've just started, but it's time to elect (not appoint) your club's nominating committee for 2010-2011 officers, if you haven't done so already. Elections are in April for May installations and your slate of officers needs to be shared with your membership a month before the vote, meaning by your March meeting or in your March newsletter. While we're talking nominating committees, I'm still looking for folks willing to serve on the District nominating committee. This is your opportunity for extra input into the District leadership. Please send me the nominee's name, along with a short bio before January 25th, for publication in the February "In Touch".



Don't Miss Your Mailings from International

President Donna Johnson has asked the governors to share the following with our presidents. Please contact me if you need additional information.

1. Please add altrusa@altrusa.com to your address books. In many cases this alone can keep mail from us from being tagged as spam or junk. We would also like you to add altrusanews@altrusainternational.org to your address books. **DO NOT SEND E-MAIL TO THAT ADDRESS.** It is a new address that we are getting set up for future use in mailings from Altrusa.
2. Check the e-mail program you use to see what capabilities it has for allowing you to set up "rules" to tell it that e-mail coming from certain addresses is NOT to be considered as SPAM. Each e-mail program (and/or spam filter) is a bit different. I wish I could give you specific details for each of them but that would be practically impossible. You are generally looking for terms like e-mail or spam filter, whitelist, safelist, list of approved senders, "not spam" or something similar.



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 December Presidents' mailing. Here's what you'll find (the links should work if you access this newsletter from altrusadistrictsix.org):

[Awards 2010](#) Obviously an award isn't a gift, but if you win one at conference or convention you sure will feel like you've received a very special gift.

[The Gift of Listening and Membership](#) Have you known someone who really takes the time to listen to you? This article will give you hints about how to interact with prospective club members and how to connect with that person to tell them about Altrusa and what it is.

[The New Encyclopedia is Ready!](#) Here is all the information you will need to order the newly updated Altrusa Encyclopedia along with information for those who ordered this publication since February 1, 2009.

[Are We taking Advantage of the Volunteer Frenzy, Or Is It Taking Advantage of Us?](#) Volunteerism is a big topic in today's world. In this article, learn ways to volunteerism is evolving in the 21st century.