

ALTRUSA INITIATION

THE CHARGE

You have been asked to become Altrusans, and you have responded to that invitation. Membership in Altrusa is unique. It is extended to women classified as achievers in many different fields and who have in common, besides success, a strong sense of responsibility toward the human family.

Altrusa coordinates leadership talents and amplified individual efforts into a significant volunteer force to improve the quality of life. Altrusa asks that you give of yourself, but Altrusa offers much in return.

I CHARGE YOU:

To make every effort to know and practice the ideals, principals and objectives of Altrusa.

To know the basic rules, bylaws and policies and keep informed.

To attend meetings regularly and take an active part. It is the fellowship experienced at meetings and working together on projects that enrich our lives.

To accept committee assignments and be willing to assume top leadership roles in the club.

To be concerned with club problems and participate in seeking club solutions. Let your convictions be known at the meetings--not discussed afterward in a critical manner.

Do not be intimidated. Stand up and let your views and ideas be known.

To be supportive of club projects once they have been adopted by a majority vote of the membership.

To be supportive of club officers and chairmen so they can fulfill their assignments.

To be aware of club progress toward its goals and be ready to join in action when needed.

To think of new ideas for the club that can add to the impact of a program meeting, increase membership, expand a service project.

To share your ideas and your enthusiasm.

To experience the total scope of membership by attending conferences at the District level and attending the international convention at the International level.

To have fun in being a member, and not hesitate to have a sense of humor.

DO YOU ACCEPT THESE CHARGES I HAVE GIVEN YOU? If so, please indicate by saying, "I do."

Will the sponsors of these members please come forward?

AS SPONSORS, I CHARGE YOU:

To maintain a close contact with this new member. Make sure she has a way to the meeting and does not have to come and sit alone. We may all be successful women, and we may be extroverts, but we do not like to be alone.

To call this new member if she misses a meeting and let her know she is missed.

To help her become familiar with the tools of Altrusa such as the Classification Guide, The Sponsor's Guide, The Encyclopedia and the Yearbook of Altrusa International of (Name of City & State).

To encourage her to become a sponsor herself, and to assist her in the process of becoming a sponsor.

DO YOU AS SPONSORS ACCEPT THESE CHARGES I HAVE GIVEN YOU? If so, please indicate by saying, "I do."

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK EVERY MEMBER OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF (NAME OF CITY & STATE) TO PLEASE STAND.

AS MEMBERS, I would charge each and every one of you to be co-sponsors of these new members. Be friendly. Take time to learn something about each and get to know them. Set a good example.

DO YOU AS MEMBERS ACCEPT THESE CHARGES? If so, please signify by saying, "I do."

THE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE SEATED

I now ask that each sponsor pin the new Altrusan. (To the new members, say) Remember to wear your pin to all meetings and it is hoped that you will wear it daily and with pride.

WOULD THE SPONSORS PLEASE GIVE A SHORT PROFILE OF NEW MEMBERS?

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF (NAME OF STATE & CITY), I would declare that you have been duly initiated and declare that you are now an Altrusan.

WELCOME TO WHAT IS MORE THAN A CLUB MEMBERSHIP. ALTRUSA IS A WAY OF LIFE!

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