

**ALTRUSA INITIATION
PRINCIPALS OF ALTRUSA**

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Props: tapered candles to light

President: I am always happy to be able to announce the initiation of a new Altrusan. Today I have that opportunity. Will (officer or chairman) please introduce the new member?

Officer or chairman: Madam President, members, I present to you _____. (Light a taper and tell something about the member, use one taper for each new member).

President: It is my privilege to welcome you to an international organization of some _____ (over-all number) women, including _____ (number) in this club, who have pledged themselves to serve for the betterment of the human condition. You become a member of Altrusa International as you become a member of our club. Let us proceed with the initiation.

Officer or chairman: The word 'INITIATE' means to take the first step. With this initiation, you take the first step toward sharing your leadership talents in Altrusa Service to help shape a better world and in Altrusa Service to help people help themselves in our community, the kind of service that works on causes of problems, as well as solutions to them. As an Altrusan, you will be expected to accept Altrusa as a way of life. Altrusa Principles two, three, five and seven define it so exactly that I now ask _____ (Membership Chair) to read them.

Membership Chair:

- Principle #2: Altrusa is an expression of the search for the best in character, in business and in citizenship.
- Principle #3: Election to Altrusa is an evidence of confidence which imposes upon the recipient the obligation to strive to be true to the highest standards of life in her personal and business relations.
- Principle #5: Altrusa is Practical Idealism. Its service consists, not in saying great things, but in daily earnest practice of its principles.
- Principle #7: Altrusa develops true leadership, concerned with accomplishment and not with recognition.

Officer or chairman: The full set of 12 Principles of Altrusa and the Key to Altrusa and Altrusa Ideals are inspiring codes to live by. You will find them in the Member's Manual contained in this New Member Kit, which we now present to you. We ask that you study everything in the kit, so as to understand the true scope of your membership. (light another taper).

The Motto of Altrusa is Patriotism, Efficiency, Service. Patriotism is loyalty and devotion to your nation and community. Efficiency is the ability to produce the desired effect in our relationships with others. We work to improve conditions in our community, nation and world. Service is participation in activities that benefit others. We dedicate ourselves to this kind of service. _____ (new member name), if you pledge to work with us in Altrusa Service, indicate it by lighting the remaining taper. I now ask _____, (sponsor) of _____, to present her with the club member pin.

Sponsor: (Pins the pin) Only members are privileged to wear the Altrusa pin. Wear it proudly. It identifies you as holding an Altrusa classification by virtue of being an outstanding

representative of your career field. It proclaims you as a leader among leaders in this pioneer of women's service clubs. Will you now accept the obligations of Altrusa membership by pledging regular attendance, involvement in committee work and service projects, and be willing to accept leadership roles when asked. If you do, please say "I will".

New Member: I will

Officer or Chairman: (introduce newest member to Altrusans.)

Applause from the audience ... President, Officer or Chairman, and Membership Chairman shake hands with new member(s).