

New Member Initiation Ceremony

What is Altrusa? It is a crystallization of ideas and ideals. It is high adventure in service to others, carried forward from year to year as Altrusans from many parts of the world respond to the highest and noblest in their nature. It is determination to accomplish things with zeal. It is an eye for what is pertinent for the times, whenever it is needed. We believe we have a special function to perform and we go about it in an altruistic manner.

Madam President, will you present your new member to be initiated and also their sponsor.

President: Presents new member and ask sponsor to tell something about them.

The word initiate means, "to take the first step." As you become an Altrusan, you take the first step toward sharing your leadership in meaningful service to the community through the channel of this club, which is made up of individuals who are at the top of their careers. This evening marks another milestone in the history of Altrusa, as we welcome you, ***Names of new members***, into membership.

In 1917, a dream was conceived and put into reality by a small group of women who envisioned the need for a service organization such as ours. But this dream will never be completely realized, because "service to others" is a living, dynamic thing, changing as it matures, renewing itself constantly by its own deeds.

We trust that you appreciate what it means to become an Altrusan, and that you are also aware of the demands it places on you. It is a challenge to launch another meaningful experience in your life. It means sharing your talents, your time and your resources for service to your community, your country and the world. Nothing brings more satisfaction than being useful to others and the reward is known only to the individual rendering the service.

In this act of initiation, Altrusa International, Inc., of ***Name of Club*** also takes its first step in reaffirming its invitation to you to become a member, not only because of your standing and reputation in your career field, but because they feel that you want to serve your community; to be part of an organization whose interests and activities are so varied and far-reaching that they can make a difference in your life beyond any contribution you have made before. As a member, your leadership will develop by your participation in the affairs of your club. Hopefully, you will find new pleasure and satisfaction in the doing.

It is now my pleasure to ask your sponsor to present you with the official member's pin.

Sponsor: Only members are privileged to wear the Altrusa pin. Wear it proudly every day, as it indicates that you are a member of an international organization whose purpose is service to others.

Name of new member, will you at this time state that you fully accept the obligations as well as the rewards of membership in Altrusa by saying, "I will."

I hereby declare you the newest member of Altrusa International, Inc. of ***Name of Club*** Congratulations.

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