

## Installation of Officers Herbs

Before we begin installation of the new officers I would like to recognize the Board of Directors who have served you so well over the past year.

«Outgoing\_Officers»

Would you please stand to be recognized?

Some members of this board continue on for this year; others pass their leadership on to new members of the club. Regardless, they are to be thanked and commended for their service to Altrusa International.

An herb is a plant that has a use other than that of being purely decorative. The general well-being of this club will be enhanced by the qualities associated with herbs: affection, esteem, friendship, virtue, remembrance, sincerity, thoughts and courage.

The bringing together of these qualities ensures the ongoing strength of this club, Altrusa International of «Club».

As I call your name please come to the front of the room to be installed, and remain there throughout the installation ceremony.

«**PastPres**», Immediate Past President:  
Sage is for esteem.

The sweet scented herb, sage, carries the message of esteem. You have been held in the highest esteem by all club members. They are grateful to you for the way you have represented this club in the work you have accomplished. It is a comfort to know that you will still be a member of the Board of Directors and that they will continue to have your counsel and guidance.

«**Direct1**», «**Direct2**», «**Direct3**»and «**Direct4**», Club Directors:  
Parsley is for friendship.

As Directors your duties are as many and varied as the parsley sprigs you now hold. You will have general supervision over the affairs of your club. You must see that the club progresses and grows while recognizing and appreciating the uniqueness of each member. Remember, Altrusa is a builder of women.

«**Treasurer**», Treasurer:  
Mint is for virtue.

As the Treasurer, in your hands are the club's finances. Accountability requires "mint" conditions at all times. With your position comes responsibility for the receipt of dues, the club's budget and reports, which must be handled with virtue; promptly and accurately.

«**R\_Secretary**», Recording Secretary:  
Rosemary is for remembrance.

Of all the officers of this club your memory must be accurate for it is your records of all club meetings and board meetings which are kept for the archives of the future. You must remember to attend all meetings to accomplish this major responsibility.

**«C\_Secretary»**, Corresponding Secretary:  
Lamb's Ear is for sincerity.

The reputation of this Altrusa club will depend upon your prompt response to communications between this club and other people and organizations. This lamb's ear will remind you to write your correspondence with sincerity and warmth.

**«VP2»**, Second Vice President:  
Basil is for optimism.

The Second Vice President provides support and guidance for everyone on the Board. Basil represents your positive outlook on the club and Altrusa International. Let this basil remind you to always keep a positive outlook.

**«VP1»**, First Vice President:  
Oregano is for thoughts.

As First Vice President you will have many thoughts. Be a confidante and aide to your President in whatever she gives you to do. You will be thinking of ways to support your President and to serve in her place as the need arises. Your thoughts will now be channeled toward the time when you may be called upon to assume a higher office. Look at this oregano often and think toward your future goals.

**«President»**, President:  
Thyme is for courage.

You are the leader of your club and have the responsibility to uphold the principles of Altrusa. Your courage will lead and inspire the officers and members to the achievement of your goals. Have the courage to aspire to great heights and to expect commitment and involvement from all members. Use this thyme to flavor your meals, to represent the responsibility to lead this club in new directions, and to flavor your club's service in the community.

Wear this pin with courage and with pride a symbol of your commitment to the Altrusa International Theme "Leaders in Service"

It is my pleasure to present to you, your 20\_\_ - \_\_ Board of Directors.