

Altrusa is the Key to:

AMITY

The woman in business and professional work needs friends whose interests differ from those which keep her busy throughout the working day. ALTRUSA OFFERS AMITY.

LOYALTY

To such women, self-realization means, first of all, loyalty to one's own ideals. Next, it means loyalty to one's friends, to all women, to one's work, and to one's country. ALTRUSA STIMULATES LOYALTY.

TALENT

Talent needs recognition. No matter how great a person's ability may be, it never reaches its most effective level unless it is understood, encouraged and developed. ALTRUSA ENCOURAGES THE EXPRESSION OF TALENT.

RECIPROCITY

Each woman needs not only contacts that will aid her, but a chance to give corresponding benefits to others. ALTRUSA GIVES IMPETUS TO RECIPROCITY.

UNITY

When individuals form a unit which is so big in its aim that self is forgotten in the common purpose of the group, the next step in the evolution of womankind is accomplished. ALTRUSA DEVELOPS UNITY.

SERVICE

Because of Amity, Loyalty, Talent, Reciprocity, and Unity, ALTRUSA DEVELOPS SERVICE.

ACHIEVEMENT

Through such a plan of living and mutual stimulation, ALTRUSA BRINGS ACHIEVEMENT.

History

Altrusa, the Pioneer of Women's Service Clubs was established April 11, 1917, in Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. by a small group of women who were leaders in the business and professional world of their community.

Our Oshkosh Club was established in October, 1949 with nineteen charter members. Our first major project was establishing a three year nursing scholarship.

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Meetings

Board Meetings

First Wednesday of the Month
5:30 p.m. at City Center Hotel

Membership/Dinner and Meeting

Third Wednesday of the Month
6:00 p.m. at City Center Hotel

Leaders in Service



Altrusa International Club Of Oshkosh

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What is Altrusa?

Altrusa International of Oshkosh exists to enhance community service by providing volunteers and financial contributions; to develop leadership skills in our members; to foster appreciation of each others' careers and uniqueness.

- Altrusa is a builder of women.
- Altrusa develops true leadership, concerned with accomplishment and not with recognition.
- Altrusa is committed to the philosophy of unselfishness, the joy of giving rather than getting, and to search for that happiness which is based upon spiritual worthiness.
- Altrusa believes it is not enough to be good; Altrusans must be good for something. Each member must be doing her piece of work that is hers in a way that puts her in the front of the ranks of accomplishments.

Our Motto

Patriotism - Efficiency - Service

Fundraising

Oshkosh Tapestry Afghan

Available only from Altrusa! A beautiful 50" x 60" Jacquard woven afghan featuring scenes of many Oshkosh landmarks. Contact: Audrey, 231-6762 or JoAn, 235-2686. Or stop by to see us at the Saturday Oshkosh Farmer's Market.

'Fresh Picked' Pecan Sale

Have you heard of our famous holiday pecan sale? Get your order in early for these beautiful, one pound bags of beautiful, full pecans. Because of their quality, they make great turtles, pies and will surely make your favorite recipe a hit. Pecans arrive in October or November. Contact: Audrey 231-6762

Art in the Garden

Our Fine Arts Show and Sale has been a huge success. Over 1500 people attended our 2nd annual show which featured works of art of over 60 artists. This year's event, which will be held on March 28 & 29, 2009 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh is already developing into a much anticipated event!

Brat Fry Sales

Watch for Altrusans selling brats at our area grocery stores. It's a great way to raise funds for community projects, while sharing our Altrusa story!

Annual Rummage Sale (May)

Stop by our annual rummage sale which benefits the Cerebral Palsy Respite House.

Altrusa Book Collection Box

We collect new or gently used books for any age. We distribute them to various groups around the community as part of our ongoing literacy project. Look for our Altrusa Book Box or Contact: Shari 426-1830

Community Projects

Altrusa strives to enhance our community by providing volunteers and financial support for projects such as:

- Thermal Imaging Cameras for Oshkosh Fire Departments
- Defibrillators to area High Schools
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Cerebral Palsy Respite House
- Scholarships for
 - Students majoring in Special Education
 - Students majoring in Fine Arts
- ABC Book Project
- Park View Health Center
 - Bingo with Residents
 - Piano Restoration Fund
 - Adaptive Wheel Chairs
- United Way
- Labor of Love
- Literacy projects
- Oshkosh Area Community Band
- Monetary and Food Donations to Local Food Pantries
- Oshkosh Area Humane Society
- Therapeutic Chair for Patients receiving chemotherapy at local facility
- Oshkosh Area Community Foundation Acorn Fund
- Make a Difference Day
- Imagination Library Sponsor
- Merrill Book-Wall Sponsor