

■ Creative Hospitality Ideas for Altrusa Clubs

Welcoming Hearts. Serving Hands. Inspiring Friendships.

■ 1. Welcoming & Member Care

- Altrusa Welcome Kit – Include an Altrusa pin, bookmark, a note from the club president, and a list of current projects and upcoming events.
- “Getting to Know Altrusa” Tea – Host a relaxed tea or coffee chat for potential and new members to meet leadership and learn about Altrusa’s mission.
- Member Anniversary Recognition – Celebrate service milestones with certificates, social media shoutouts, or small Altrusa tokens.
- Altrusa Ambassador Program – Pair new members with a mentor to help them learn the traditions, committees, and service culture of the club.
- Birthday and Life Event Cards – Send handwritten cards from the hospitality committee to recognize birthdays, achievements, or special moments.
- Welcome Wall or Bulletin Board – Display photos and bios of new members at meetings and on your club’s website or Facebook page.

■ 2. Engaging Events to Attract New Members

- “Meet Altrusa Night” – A fun open house with displays of your literacy, service, and UN projects. Include a short presentation and stories from members.
- “Service Sampler Day” – Invite prospective members to participate in a mini service project (e.g., packing hygiene kits or sorting books) alongside members.
- “Bring a Friend” Social – Encourage members to bring guests to a themed dinner, happy hour, or volunteer project. Offer door prizes or a welcome raffle.
- “Taste of Altrusa” Potluck – Each dish represents a global theme or Altrusa service area (literacy, health, women, or environment).
- Community Impact Showcase – Host a casual event highlighting your club’s impact through posters, photos, and member stories.

■■ 3. Hospitality at Every Meeting

- Themed Hospitality Table – Decorate with monthly or global themes (e.g., International Literacy Day, UN Day, Peace Day). Include small favors or treats.
- “Getting to Know You” Moment – Start meetings with a brief question (“What’s your favorite service project?”) to spark connection.
- Spotlight a Member – Feature a different member each month — their background, Altrusa journey, and favorite community cause.

- Refreshments with Purpose – Include recipe cards or trivia tied to Altrusa's global themes to make the hospitality table fun and educational.

■ 4. Connecting Altrusans to the World

- UN-Themed Socials – Celebrate international observances (World Food Day, Peace Day, etc.) with food, discussion, and service activities.
- Global Service Potluck – Each dish represents a country where Altrusa has a presence or a UN Sustainable Development Goal your club supports.
- Cultural Exchange Night – Members share traditions, recipes, or artifacts from different cultures, tying in Altrusa's spirit of international understanding.
- "Passport to Altrusa" Program – Give each new member a symbolic passport that gets "stamped" for participating in service, leadership, and fellowship activities.

■ 5. Creative Touches That Inspire Belonging

- Kindness Board – Members post uplifting notes, gratitude messages, or acts of kindness from recent service events.
- "Random Acts of Altrusa" Challenge – Encourage members to perform small acts of service or kindness each month and share stories at meetings.
- Recognition Tokens – Give handmade bookmarks, candles, or flowers to thank volunteers and project leaders.
- Altrusa Story Sharing Nights – Members share how they joined Altrusa and what project has inspired them most.
- "Altrusa Cares" Visits – When a member is ill or absent, a small group delivers a card, treat, or plant to show care and connection.

■ 6. Celebration & Renewal

- New Year Vision Brunch – Reflect on past accomplishments and set new service goals together.
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Celebrate achievements with awards, photos, and laughter.
- "Reignite the Spark" Luncheon – Invite inactive members back for an inspiring update on club activities and success stories.
- End-of-Year Reflection Ceremony – Light candles for service completed, friendships formed, and lives touched through Altrusa.