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Welcome to Altrusa!

You have embarked on one of the most amazing and rewarding journeys of your life! As an Altrusan, you not only provide service to your community with the members of your Club, but you also become an important note in the chords that constitute the Altrusa Symphony of Service. The worldwide community of dedicated volunteers that includes your Club, your District, and the rest of the Altrusa International Community, give of themselves, their talents and their time, providing a positive influence on communities near and far. Through Altrusa, you will have the opportunity to meet generous and incredible women and men with diverse backgrounds and experiences; as such, you will develop friendships with people who might not ordinarily cross your path. By inviting you to become an Altrusan, your Club has recognized you as a person who shares the values of Altrusa and its commitment of "Leading to a Better Community."

Altrusa is an organization of global reach, not only in countries where we have clubs, but in the countries where our members perform service projects – the service you will take part in both at home and abroad. Such contribution will make a difference in ways you might not imagine; the rewards you'll receive for your service will be incalculable.

As you work in the many projects that your Club is involved with, Altrusa will provide you with the opportunity to develop and enhance leadership skills. Take advantage of these opportunities, learn about your Club, your District and International and volunteer to serve in important leadership positions. Learn what it takes to lead a project and invite your friends to participate. Next thing you know they'll ask you about joining! What you learn as a member will serve you well in your work, professional organizations and other civic organizations you may belong to.

Make the most of your membership, become involved, ask lots of questions, and find out about the entirety of the Altrusa Organization. You are encouraged to attend your District's Conferences in the spring and our Biennial International Conventions. The next one will occur in Nashville, TN where we will be celebrating Altrusa's 100th year.

Always remember to have fun as you work with other Altrusans in "Leading to a Better Community." Help me and Altrusa to compose a Symphony of Service!

With this message I wish you a fantastic voyage with many interesting ports of call.

In Altrusa Spirit,

Silvia Silverman
International President