

# Clever Ideas for Club Events



*These ideas can easily be adapted to most any club. And remember one of the best ways to encourage a prospective new member is to invite them to participate in a service project.*

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Have you run out of ideas...or is your brain on overload? Hopefully, the following tips will revitalize you and your club. Some of these you may have heard or your club has hosted and sponsored, but you may want to revisit or add a different twist. Members in Districts across the nation share their club membership activities and events:

1. ***Twilight Tasting*** - Four wines provided by a sommelier for tasting. Event held at an historic mansion "Z Mansion" outdoors on the patio and in the carriage house. A silent auction of about 80 items from collectibles, clothing, purses and sporting events were auctioned. Renowned guitarist played wonderful jazz. Buffet offered with selective appetizers and cheeses. Patricia Young, District Eleven - Tucson, AZ
2. ***Spring Delight*** - The Tucson club awards "grants" in the spring, after our March fashion show/luncheon /raffle. We present the grants at a May meeting to all the recipients, with considerable hoopla. Guests are invited, photos are taken, and it is a good opportunity to market/"show off" Altrusa and all those we are helping. Patricia Young, District Eleven - Tucson, AZ
3. ***Fish Bowl for Success*** - At a local women's business seminar/workshop, your club can have a booth. At your booth have business cards placed into a fish bowl. One card is selected in the drawing to receive a year's membership in Altrusa. District Six - Peoria, IL
4. ***Altrusa Olympics*** - Invite prospective members to see that we're fun do-gooders. We were divided into teams and picked members for the various events, which were

LOOSELY based on Olympic events. The shot put was a cotton ball. For swimming, you race-walked carrying a cup of water. Whoever spilled the least won. Gold, service, or bronze ribbons went to all team members. Food provided was catered barbeque and drinks. Bev Herzog, Governor, District Six - Champaign-Urbana, IL

5. *Fairest of Them All* - Recruitment Fair - Bring in organizations in your community that you sponsor. These organizations “testify” to their good works. Wine and appetizers were served. District Six- Lexington, KY
6. *Planting the Seeds* - Provide a “hands on” activity by inviting members and their guests to join you. After a shared meal, Altrusans and guests decorate small flower pots. The decorated pots along with seeds and dirt were taken to Head Start. The children planted the seeds and watched the plants grow and bloom just in time to give to their mothers for Mother’s Day. Debbie Holesko, Past Governor, District Eight – Stillwater, OK
7. *Special Pampering for Altrusans* – Set up a SPA day or evening for Altrusans and guests. Solicit members to make contact with salons, massage therapists, yoga instructors, make-up consultants, etc. (there may be members in your club who work for Mary Kay). Members and guests should be encouraged to wear lounging outfits or pajamas. Healthy snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost to be determined by the club and in-kind donations. District Eight - Columbia, MO
8. *GO Green* – Invite a friend (potential member) to clean up, clear and plant flowers at places in the community. Bring your gloves and rakes, etc. All flowers donated by the local Lowes and Home Depot. Water will be provided.
9. *Pumpkins, Ghosts and Christmas...Oh My!* – Help make the holidays special for the children in your community. Your club decorates a tree with angels. Members and guests will pick an angel off the “angel tree” to sponsor a child at Christmas. The angel will have a number or sticker that corresponds to a specific child. Day Care, schools ... are excellent resources for children. Silent auction, hors d’oeuvres & cash bar.
10. *Monday..FUNday!* – Pick a restaurant or other venue to network with fellow professionals and meet others that can help you in your business. The day of the week should correspond with the theme. For example, the event is held on a Tuesday, the theme would be Tuesday...Newsday! The club would bring in a current event about your community for discussion. The restaurant may have a “private” room or dining area for the event. Admission: A new children's book to be given to (club supported agency or organization). Hors d' oeuvres served with and wine from local wineries. Don't forget your business cards!