

GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL MEMBER

Here is what you can and should do to be the best possible member that you can be! These guidelines are what you can expect of others and what others can expect from you!

- Try to attend general business meetings of your chapter. It is important that you be there. You have something unique to offer, and you will be informed about what is happening. It does make a difference whether you are there or not.
- Volunteer to help whenever you can. It is so nice to see members volunteer enthusiastically!
- Let people know where your interests are, where you would especially like to help. Spend some time thinking where true interest is.
- Try something new, you might like it and you will gain experience.
- Work with the President and board members to achieve success. It is every member's responsibility. Let them know your feelings and share your knowledge.
- If you know of some prospective members, let the membership chairman know and encourage them to attend a meeting or social.
- Use your calendar all the time. You can then volunteer for projects and know that you are not conflicting with other personal commitments.
- If you happen to miss a meeting, call the person in charge or the secretary and get filled in. It is much easier for you to make one call, than for her to make several.
- Contribute articles to your chapter newsletter. Submit an article, quote, recipe or good and welfare once in a while. It is a pleasant addition to reports and it encourages other members to read it more thoroughly. A little humor never hurts either.
- Be positive. Be courteous, listen when people are talking or reporting. Go out of your way to meet new members, but do not forget the others. Try to be receptive to new ideas. Be kind, direct your comments to the issues, not the person who is speaking.
- SPEAK UP! When the President calls for discussion, cooperate if you have something to say. It might not get said if you do not say it and it might be too late if you wait.
- Say THANK YOU often to someone who has done a good job or to someone who helped out when you needed them. It is this kind of caring and sharing that builds friendships and chapter unity.
- DO NOT GOSSIP! Gossip is the surest way to break up a chapter. It is so vicious and yet is so hard sometimes to avoid. Try your hardest to give someone the benefit of the doubt. If you hear something negative, do not pass it on. Put yourself in their shoes. Everyone has their faults, but there is so much good in all of us. Concentrate on the good.
- Remember, this is a volunteer organization and everyone gives what they feel they can. Respect other's choices as you would like them to respect your choices. Together we get the job done.
- Share Women of Today with others. Give them the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful organization.

*If I don't do it, it won't be done exactly the way
I would have done it.....and that's O.K.*