

## REVITALIZING CHAPTERS

Create engaging, exciting, fun-filled activities before or after chapter meetings that members will want to come to. Several suggestions are found in the document Re-Engaging Members. Plan all of your activities with your members in mind. “Talk up” the activity’s fun so much that they will feel left out if they miss it. (“Talk up” means that you repeat the BEST and leave the REST out of your conversations.)

Communicate with members who cannot attend the Stated Meeting. Participate and take ownership as a member (don’t rely on your Secretary) to contact your Worthy Matron to let her know you will create and distribute a recap of the Chapter business meeting, not copies of the Minutes, and send it to an absent member by email. Better yet, give them a phone call a day or two after the meeting. Make sure to pass along info on upcoming activities, important business decisions, names and needs of members included in your Circle of Concern, and the fun you shared.

Make Chapter a WELCOMING place for everyone. Greet your Sisters and Brothers with a sincere welcome ~ “It is so good to SEE you!” “I’ve missed you so much!” “How are you doing?” Be their Star Sister or Brother by being sincere. LISTEN to them and be patient while they speak. Be genuine! No “down talking” allowed ... and we all know what “down talking” is.

Volunteer to mentor other members that want assistance. Take responsibility for their growth in Eastern Star. Practice with them, but no matter how accomplished your Ritual work and knowledge are, **PROMPTING FROM THE SIDELINES DURING MEETINGS IS RESERVED FOR YOUR CHAPTER’S PROMPTER.**

Ensure that Chapter meetings run well and that ritual work is a delight for others to hear. Learn the ritual work for a new station, especially if you are a sideliner, so that you can help when needed. Dust off your rituals and instruction books and **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! Practice so hard that your Ritual’s cover falls off!**