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RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CLUB MEMBER

Dedicated, active club members are the essential element in the success of any club. A Club Member...

- **Attends** meetings and events regularly; no one has the right to “grumble” if not in attendance.
- **Communicates.** Stand up and make your voice heard; reply to surveys, vote. More than one club has been saved from an unwise decision by the voice of one individual.
- **Encourages** others. Don’t be a wet blanket, “a person or thing that quenches or dampens enthusiasm, pleasure or the like.”
- **Fulfills** the duties of membership, which include encouraging friends or associates to join each year to sustain the club for future generations. Be willing to fulfill responsibilities as well as exercise rights.
- **Gives credit** where credit is due. Don’t be a “credit grabber” – one who is always first in line when it comes to taking a bow, but nowhere to be seen in the midst of responsibility. Don’t hesitate to praise fellow members for a job well done.
- **Keeps** a sense of humor. Don’t take yourself too seriously or others not seriously enough.
- **Is personally involved.** Try to inject a warm, personal note in club work. Blend gentleness with firmness when taking a stand.
- **Keeps the purpose** of the club in mind. If certain goals or methods appear to be outmoded, take the necessary steps to update them.
- **Preserves** amidst shortcomings and difficulties. Expect frustration and difficulty when dealing with people. Be ready to try again and again. Willingness to continue will benefit everyone.
- **Conserves** club’s financial resources. Keep expenses under control. Many worthwhile clubs have disbanded because of waste or mismanagement of funds.
- **Prepares** for each meeting. Be prepared for meetings, a lack of preparation is one of the main reasons for unproductive meetings.
- **Promotes** a spirit of teamwork. Don’t let your club be crippled by a membership that splinters into uncooperative or hostile cliques.
- **Resolves** differences. Be a peacemaker – when misunderstandings, disputes and clashes arise, help to clear the air by trying to reach a peaceful accord.
- **Respects** other club members. Give other appreciation and cooperation.
- **Thinks** for herself. Take the effort to be a thinker instead of a perennial “yes” or “no” member.

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