

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CLUB MEMBER

The Club Member is GFWC. Dedicated, active club members are the essential element in the success of GFWC.

A Club Member...

- ✓ **Attends** meeting regularly: no one had the right to “grumble” if not in attendance.
- ✓ **Communicates.** Stand up and make your voice heard. More than one club has been saved from an unwise decision by the voice of one individual.
- ✓ **Conserves** club’s financial resources. Keep expenses under control. Many worthwhile clubs have disbanded because of waste or mismanagement of funds.
- ✓ **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. 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 member for a job well done.
- ✓ **Has/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.
- ✓ **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” member.