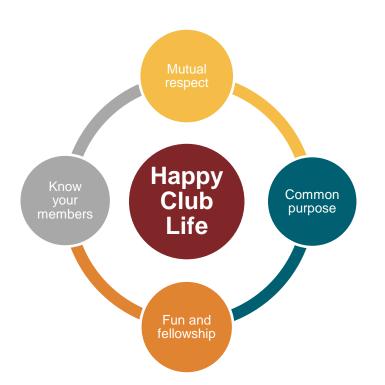




Creating a Happy Club Life



Know your members

- Member profile each month—a new and a longer term member. Spend five to 10 minutes on who they are, how they came to Zonta and what it means to them.
- Buddy for all members—someone who makes a special effort to keep in touch between meetings
- Mentor system—for new members to be informed about Zonta, for more experienced members to encourage them to develop in leadership roles
- Develop system to get people to sit with someone new at meeting, e.g. cut playing card in half, put one half on a plate and give other half randomly to members as they arrive. You sit where your card is and meet your neighbors.
- Acknowledge other work/achievements in the community
- New member certificates
- Service awards for long-term members, e.g. five years, 10 years, etc.

Fun and fellowship

- Social events, such as movies, plays, picnics, garden party, etc.
- Create special interest group or groups within club, such as choir, golf, book club, travel club

- Attend learning classes together, like seminars or cooking lessons
- Travel to/attend area and district meetings together
- Events for partners or even the whole families of members
- Have a relaxed meeting at a member's house, perhaps to start the year
- Celebrate birthdays and other special events like New Year's
- Theme meetings, e.g. Great Gatsby or Valentine's for extra fun
- Information nights for potential members
- Let others know when someone is unwell for visits/calls, and send flowers from club
- Private club Facebook page or group to interact, in addition to your club's public Facebook page
- Encourage members to come early to meetings if possible for extra fellowship time
- Allow time at each meeting for fellowship

Common purpose

- Encourage involvement of all members in planning advocacy and fundraising events
- Make committees active and involve everyone early
- Promote new ideas and ways of working
- Conduct efficient meetings with interesting speakers
- Ask members for ideas on guest speakers
- Recognize members after an event for organizing
- Recognize members for attending a meeting or event on behalf of the club

Mutual respect

- Acknowledge different styles of thinking and working. Respect and embrace differences.
- Acknowledge traditions and experience
- Encourage new ways of working (e.g. social media)
- Encourage new ideas for fundraising and advocacy projects
- Let members find their passion, but rotate through committees to cross-fertilize ideas