

# Fellowship Opportunities in Activities – a Chairman's guide

As Activity Chairmen you are challenged to keep the activity membership interested, enthusiastic and coming back month after month. A key ingredient in your success has been shown to be the fellowship that you generate among the Activity members. Here are some ideas provided by fellow Chairmen aimed at fostering that fellowship:

## 1. Encourage Conversation:

- a) Ensure that there is time in every meeting for free conversation among members.
- b) Provide name tags to help new and forgetful activity members.
- c) Select a venue for meetings that is conducive to conversation (comfortable, quiet, etc.)
- d) Provide simple refreshments at meetings.
- e) Organize lunch or coffee out for members after meetings.

## 2. Encourage non-member participation:

- a) Encourage spouse and family attendance for some or all meetings.
- b) Celebrate special occasions as an Activity (holiday luncheons, table at the ladies day luncheon and bar-b-cue, etc.).

## 3. Welcome new members:

- a) Introduce new members to the group, have them say a few words.
- b) Arrange a 'buddy' for new members.

## 4. Members assist each other with travel:

- a) Arrange for carpooling to get to meetings or outings.
- b) Arrange for pick-up of members not able to drive.

## 5. Promote involvement:

- a) Involve all Activity members in as many Activity decisions as possible.
- b) Regularly check with members that the Activity is providing them with the enjoyment they seek and ask for their ideas for improvement.
- c) Look for ways to provide each member with Activity responsibilities.
- d) Photograph the members and email the photo to the group. Arrange to have it displayed at the SIRs luncheons.

## 6. Recognition:

- a) Publicly thank members who help out with the Activity.