

Start!

When your Chapter doesn't grow;
And attendance is getting low;
Dues are coming awfully slow;
Start something!

Don't act like you're a dope;
Don't lose every bit of hope;
Don't just sit around and mope;
Start something!

Don't just open up and close;
There are young members – think of those;
Things are slow enough, God knows;
Start something!

Find a subject for debate;
Don't go home until it is late;
Start in visiting, fix a date;
Start something!

Start a sale or have a dance;
Have a picnic, take a chance;
Ask your sisters, friends and aunts;
Start something!

Start something that will take;
No matter if you lose or make;
But for thunderations sake –
Start something!

I'M THE ONE

I'm the one who asked to join your organization. I'm the one who paid the dues to join. I'm the one who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the one who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly to some of you, but you all had your own friends to talk to and sit next to.

I sat down several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund-raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not. The next meeting, I decided to stay at home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended. Again, no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good person, a good family person, one who is responsible and loves the community and the country.

You know who else I am? I'm the one who never came back.

It amuses me now when I think back on how the heads of the organization and the members were discussing why the organization was losing members.

It amuses me now to think that they spend so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time!

All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted, and welcome!

(This was in a book called "Star-Lights" published in Idaho as a fund-raiser.)

Ten Attitudes and Basic Ingredients for Growth

DESIRE – We have to want our Chapter to grow. It's not going to take place accidentally. We have to really believe in it and be willing to pay the price.

VISION – We need to be able to have a dream and goals to shoot at.

ATMOSPHERE – We must be mood makers. The life of our Chapter will be determined largely by the kind of mood we set. The spirit of friendliness and enthusiasm are crucial.

STRONG LEADERSHIP – We cannot build a great organization with weak leadership. Our organization's influence should broaden, year after year. There is a definite link between strong leadership and the growth in any organization.

ACTION ORIENTATION – People have to be involved. Diversities of talents make a healthy organization.

PLANNING & SETTING GOALS – We must be realistic, and, we must start with the basics. With definite goals in mind, we then need to outline procedures to reach those goals. It is very easy to drift into discord, so we need to plan our work, and work our plan!

UNITY – Unity is absolutely essential! It is imperative to convince the Chapter that the need is there and we will be doing something about it.

DELEGATION – We multiply ourselves by delegating responsibility. No delegation = stagnation.

PRAISE – If someone has done a good job, praise will boost them to even greater service.

PERSISTENCE – We must stay on it, without giving up.

“Kites rise against the wind!”

“Failure is not the same as final.”