

Inactive Prevention Toolbox

Help stop the flow of members going inactive

- Contact nonparticipating members often; a personal phone call at regular intervals will keep you connected.
- Offer nonparticipating member transportation to meetings. She might feel more comfortable arriving with someone else if she hasn't attended a meeting for a while.
- Keep nonparticipating members involved by asking if there is a specific project committee on which she is interested in serving; ask her to serve as hostess or co-hostess for a meeting; ask her to give a program.
- Personally invite all nonparticipating members to social events.
- Send notes or cards from the chapter on birthdays and holidays to nonparticipating members who cannot attend chapter meetings due to employment, health, or family obligations.
- Be vigilant with preparation of preacceptance and postinitiation counseling for every new initiate and transfer. Refer to "Mentoring New Members" handout (2011 Convention) or print from *Membership Toolbox* on International website.
- If a member talks about going inactive, meet with her to find out the reasons for her decision.
- If the member is considering going inactive due to family and/or work obligations, ask her to consider remaining active to support our projects until she can participate once again.
- Encourage your chapter to pay state and International dues for members who are no longer physically or mentally able to attend meetings regularly.
- Initiate a chapter policy that allows the treasurer to confidentially pay state and International dues from the treasury for members who are financially unable to pay.