

## Top 20 Ways to Nurture All Members

1. Greet every member at every meeting with a warm and personal welcome. Perhaps you can assign a couple members to do this: you might ask most seasoned members, or you might ask newest members as a way for them to get to know everyone.
2. Use creative roll calls as a way to give every member an opportunity to share something about herself. To avoid taking the entire meeting for this activity, ask one member to time responses to 30 seconds or a minute or two, perhaps using a bell to signal “time’s up” (see more specific ideas in this manual).
3. “Honor Our Own” – Provide recognition to members who are involved in other community activities. Take one-or-two minutes to share their accomplishments.
4. Create a chapter “care” committee to check regularly on inactive or older members and to share this information with the chapter.
5. Schedule time for social interactive at each meeting; some meetings will have more time for this than others.
6. Create a fun competition with its basis being information about members – Bingo, Jeopardy, or other games.
7. “Celebrate Us!” As members arrive for a meeting, encourage each member to write a saying, draw a picture or share a thought on a flip chart that identifies positive things about the chapter and its members.
8. Ask members to create a chapter metaphor. Gather into small groups to discuss possibilities and come to consensus, then share with the entire chapter. For instance, if our chapter were a fruit, or a wild animal, or a city, or a meteorological phenomenon, what would we be? Great fellowship and fun comes from working together.
9. Utilize name tags at all meetings; this is helpful to new members as well as to seasoned members.
10. Value members who are able to attend only sporadically – they support the Society’s mission and Purposes though they cannot participate in every activity.
11. Encourage members to “come late, leave early – we want to see your face as often as possible.”
12. Re-orientation reminds members why they joined the Society. Emphasize the many ways Delta Kappa Gamma makes the world a better place (see ideas in this manual).
13. Include every member in the chapter workings: committees, short- and long-term projects, responsibilities at meetings (greeter, refreshments, program assistant, etc.)
14. Encourage members to attend other Society meetings: area and state organization workshops; state organization conventions; regional conferences; international conventions. Appreciation for the Society grows when members understand the depth and breadth of Delta Kappa Gamma.
15. Highlight one or two members in each chapter newsletter. Or you might highlight a member without identifying her, then “unveil” her at the chapter meeting.
16. Put photographs of members in the chapter yearbook; add two or three informational items about each member.

17. Institute a “buddy” system or a “secret friend” activity or a “Sister of Support” program; it’s a great way to keep everyone involved and valued.
18. Pair members for a portion of the meeting by using a deck of cards – all Aces sit together; cards with stickers on them – all daisies sit together; birthdays – all with birthdays in July sit together; shoes – all sandals, flip-flops, loafers, pumps, etc. sit together. Use your own creative genius to come up with other ideas.
19. The more fun, **along with excellent programs**, the better: have door prizes, give an opportunity for members to “brag” about their life happenings, have a “show-and tell” program for members to share their hobbies and passions
20. **Bottom line**: the best way to nurture all members is to love them, value them, recognize them, and involve them.



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