

Work Basket

Since you are a very progressive and innovative club, know you want to be presented in the most becoming, fashionable attire. For this installation we want to make a garment designed for Club. We will use pattern number 1996. The materials required will be all members expressing themselves in deeds, words, thought, concern, learning, friendship and love. The size of this garment will fit all members of _____ Club. To get the proper measurements we must ask each member, "How wide is your understanding?" "How long is your patience?" "How enduring is your love?" All the notions needed for completing our sewing tasks are in this sewing basket. I have the tasks of your officers wound on separate spools which will unwind in a single garment of logical fashion for _____ Club.

PRESIDENT (Needles-FORBEARANCE) _____, On your spool is wound *forbearance*, for your pains will be as sharp and clean as the *needles* you will need to sew all the pieces together. You have been given the highest honor your club can bestow on any member. You will be the voice of this club. You are the representative of the club in community affairs, the state and federation. It is your responsibility to understand the aims and objectives of this club and help all members, to interpret these aims and objectives. It will be your interest and devotion to your club that will encourage and stimulate its members. You must cultivate the ability to think logically and analytically. Strive to keep your club's character warm. Determine the image you want to project. Plan in advance. Allocate duties, motivate interest, give impetus, aspire to elevate, solidify efforts, and success is inevitable. Strive to bring honor to this group as it has brought honor to you.

VICE PRESIDENT (Variegated Yarn - VARIETY) _____, You will need the spool wound with a *variety* of many ideas that will keep filling the sewing basket with participation of every member in programs. We challenge you to set a variety of ideas in motion. Programming can be the key to club success. Good programming takes planning, and the sooner the better. Programs give opportunity for mental, physical and spiritual growth, self expression, fellowship and friendship. Inculcate a sense of heritage, growth and strength. Implement a *variety* of program presentations, giving each member a chance to stretch her mind and use talents lying dormant. Prove you are capable in handling all responsibilities delegated to you. You must be one of the most important assets to your president. Elicit advice and help her to stimulate interest and project a modern and progressive image.

TREASURER (Zipper - INTEGRITY) _____, As treasurer, you will need a *zipper* FOR INTEGRITY, which can be wound around your spool, as your ability will need to wind club monies accurately, and unwind them, as you are directed, for disbursements. *Integrity* is the virtue of your office. You are the financial representative of your club. Into your hands will be entrusted all monetary matters. You must attend to your deposits, receipts and records as accurately and tightly as a ZIPPER holds. It is your duty to call attention to the needs for funds; thus inspiring members to new efforts. Through sound business procedures, ZIPPER UP. You must safeguard all funds, dispensing them only at times and in such manner as the club instructs. May you be able to show a ZIPPERED financial record of your club, the very best in its history.

RECORDING SECRETARY (Scissors - KEEN MIND) _____, The recording secretary must have a spool wrapped with the thread of a KEEN MIND as sharp as the SCISSORS that cut the cloth to make a garment. This is no small task and must be delegated to one who is faithful in attendance and dependable at all times. We rely on you to keep an accurate record of the business, the achievements and the activities of this club. What you record serves as a reference and history of the club for the future. By your service the memory of this club and its members will be kept alive.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Elastic - ELASTICITY) _____, The corresponding secretary's spool is wound with ELASTIC that stretches as you unwind to give others, through your correspondence, the benefit of the activities of this club. Your correspondence must lie straight but must stretch, as this ELASTIC, because communication precedes success. You are the unseen messenger of your club who becomes the contact person. Through your prompt and courteous handling of all correspondence committed to your care, may those whom you contact receive impressions worthy of the high esteem in which this club is held. Annotate only pertinent information, brief and well written. May the messages you send forth contain inspiration and friendliness.

PARLIAMENTARIAN (Pelon - SUPPORT) _____, The parliamentarian's spool will be wound with PELON FOR SUPPORT, as your tasks deal with finishing details. Your decisions and advice will be based on and supported by Robert's Rules of Order as PELON is used to support certain parts of garments. For measuring your decisions, your ruler and tape measure will be Robert's rules, the constitution and by-laws. Always approach your duties with respect and open mindedness toward others. Stick to the rules and policies of the club and keep heart with the group. Your club has affirmed the belief that you possess the necessary qualities of loyalty, endeavor and vision to rise to these responsibilities. In all questionable situations, this club will depend on your utilization of stability and clear perspective as you ably assist by ruling on all points of order and by answering parliamentary inquiries.

Now, by the power vested in me, I present to you the new, duly installed officers of the _____ Club. When this garment designed for _____ Club is completed, I hope you may be able to say, "*She has wrought herself a robe of grace.*"

Notions: Using a sewing basket containing spools wound with:

- A Paper of Needles - for President
- Variegated Yarn - for Vice-President
- Elastic - for Corresponding Secretary
- Scissors - for Recording Secretary
- Zipper - for Treasurer
- Pelon - for Parliamentarian

