

PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD
(For the Good of the Chapter)

This verse is to tell you, my sisters dear,
How to put your best foot forward this year.
Just answer this question: What can you share
Of your time and talents? It's only fair
That you serve a committee, perhaps be the chair,
Or serve as an officer, work for sisters who care.
Remember too about hosting a meeting,
Or helping another prepare for the eating.
There are programs to give, and calls to make,
Yearbooks to publish, and jobs to take.
You can meet the challenge and lay hold to the claims
That we make each meeting in our Objects and Aims.
Now if we go forward, there's one acid test,
Do we always give to our chapter the best
Of our time and our talents and just plain hard work?
Or, is it much easier, our part to shirk?
We have our excuses, of that we are sure,
And we love everybody, our motives are pure.
But, "Our house is too small; we can't have the meeting,
And we have too few chairs to handle the seating,
The silver needs cleaning; the dishes too few,
The yard's in a mess and we've cobwebs in view."

"We can't handle a program, we don't know enough."

But in the community, we sure do our stuff!

Just remember the lessons as taught by our star,

And chuck the excuses! We'll go very far,

In working and planning to meet every need

Of each of our sisters, as we say in our creed.

Now if you say, "At my house we can meet,

But eating is out; can we just go dutch treat?"

Of't times it may be that it's not what we planned,

But we'll think it's just fine, and we'll understand.

Be Creative! Our food doesn't have to be grand,

And your sisters will always lend you a hand.

True to the traditions of our sisterhood,

It will all turn out fine and the time will be good!

Volunteer for a program! It's a way to learn!

You'll exercise your mind and make your brain turn.

This is not so hard as it may seem,

Just think for a while and then start to dream

Of how you can do it, what you can share

Of interest to all, or maybe you'll dare

To try learning some new things (there are a few).

Tell of cooking, of sewing, a book that is new,

Show pictures, tell stories of places you've been,

Share hobbies, sing songs, or "remember when".

Then there's work on a committee and that's just the beginning
For scholarships, grants and loans for the winning.
Now when it comes to selecting a leader,
There is the attitude that we really don't need her.
We always say, "There is someone much better,
I could never do it all down to the letter.
I can't count; I can't spell; I can't memorize!"
And with all these deficiencies we sympathize!
But the booklet can help you, or a sister do your part,
But only if you're absent, or not very smart.
Let this be your guide: Take a job to do.
You'll get help from your sisters to see you through.
Now this should remove all hesitation
To be an officer of this organization!
Here comes the part that is so hard to mention,
And to squash any toes is not the intention.
We often forget that our president
Studies long and hard to prepare, and yet
We prompt her, confuse her before she can look.
We forget that she has it all there in her book.
She needs to know when her officers travel,
If they'll be away when she taps her gavel.
They need to send their reports and the stuff
They use for the meeting...It's not "off the cuff"!

A sincere effort by all is just what we need

To put our best foot forward indeed!

Please don't worry and fret over these tasks supernal. We'll get plenty of rest in Chapter Eternal!

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