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(BEC Self Assessment Checklist)	YES	NO
LUNCHEON ATTENDEES		
GREETED UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FRONT DOOR		
Greeted by a sponsor and his new member. The new member especially likes this		
assignment because he gets to meet all the other members - <b>OR</b> -		
greeted by a designated member greeter		
GUESTS		
SPONSOR CONFIRMS HIS GUEST WILL BE ATTENDING LUNCHEON		
Informs BEC of his guest's name		
GUESTS ARE GREETED BY THEIR SPONSOR UPON ARRIVAL		
Sponsor informs BEC of his guest's name so they can look out for him in case		
he is not available or arrives later. If not available BEC assigns a member so the		
guest is not left to 'fend' for himself.		
GUESTS ASSISTED AT THE CHECK-IN TABLE		
GUESTS ARE PROVIDED WITH A NAME TAG DESIGNATING THEM AS A GUEST		
GUESTS ARE GIVEN A COPY OF THE CURRENT BRANCH BULLETIN		
This gives them a better overview of the Branch, Activities and members		
SPONSOR USUALLY PAYS FOR THE GUEST'S LUNCH		
Sponsor reimbursed for lunch expense OR? if guest joins Branch		
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOLLOWS UP WITH SPONSORS THAT HAVE GIVEN THEIR		
GUEST AN APPLICATION		
NEW MEMBERS		
NEW MEMBERS ARE GREETED BY THEIR SPONSORS FIRST 3+ MONTHS		
New member's badges are 'tagged' as a new member (for 6 months)		
so regular members can identify them and introduce themselves		
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING OR PACKAGE PROVIDED		
SOCIAL HOUR		
CURRENT & UPCOMING BRANCH EVENT FLIERS ARE OPENLY DISPLAYED		
Can also include ongoing member & coed activities with contact information		
SPONSOR RESPONSIBLE TO INTRODUCE GUEST TO OTHER MEMBERS		
SPONSOR RESPONSIBLE TO INTRODUCE GUEST TO ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN		
In activities that guest is or might be interested in		
SPONSOR INTRODUCES GUEST TO BIG/LITTLE SIR (or vice versa)		
NOISY' IS AN INDICATOR FUN IS BEING HAD BY ALL - ARE YOUR LUNCHEONS NOISY?		
TABLE HOPPING BY BEC MEMBERS DURING SOCIAL HOUR		
Talk to the members, gather ideas, suggestions and complaints		
i.e., get to know your members - listen to their needs		
Just talking to your members is a form of recognition that you care.		

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LUNCHEON - KEEP THE MEETING ON TIME!		
Limitied announcements & repetitive items are kept efficient		
Long list of announcements and inefficient meetings - turns attendees off fast!		
SEAT AT TABLE FOR GUEST AND SPONSOR IS RESERVED		
Seat for new member reserved by sponsor - OR -		
Dedicated guest/new member table with BEC member host available at all luncheons		
SPONSOR INTRODUCES GUEST / NEW MEMBER TO LUNCHEON ATTENDEES		
When called upon during the business portion of the meeting - <b>OR</b> -		
Head Table recognizes sponsor & guest by name		
PLACARD AT TABLES IDENTIFYING ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN		
'VOLUNTEERS' / PAST BIG SIRs RESERVED TABLE - OPTIONAL		
BUSINESS MEETING DURATION ~ 20 MIN MAX		
The Backbone of an effective meeting is enthusiasm of the Big & Little Sirs!		
Speak clearly, be efficient, with authority and humor - an appropriate joke works well		
Remember: BEC Meeting = Business, Luncheon Meeting = Min Business/Entertain / Fun		
POLITICS & RELIGION TOPICS AND 'SELLING THINGS' ARE NOT APPROPRIATE		
HOT & VARIED FOOD MENU MONTHLY AT A REASONABLE PRICE		
BIG SIR ENFORCES THE BUSINESS MEETING TIME DURATION		
BACKGROUND NOISE/TALKING BY OTHERS DURING PRESENTATIONS IS CONTROLLED		
Side conversations/noise are distracting and disrespectful to the speaker and others		
QUALITY GUEST SPEAKER ~ 20 MIN MAX IF BEFORE EATING		
Set time with speaker prior to their speaking. Q&A can be taken after eating.		
Virtually unlimited but within reason if after eating		
BRANCH SHARES GUEST SPEAKER LIST WITH OTHER 'LOCAL' BRANCHES		
LITTLE SIR ENFORCES THE GUEST SPEAKER TOPIC AND TIME DURATION		
TABLES WITH GUESTS EAT FIRST AFTER HEAD TABLE		
Depends upon number of luncheon attendees. This works best with larger numbers.		
SPECIAL EVENTS		
MAY - LADIES DAY RECOGNITION LUNCHEON / DANCE - DRESSY / SEMI FORMAL		
Special Prize drawings for ladies only prizes (BEC & member donated gifts)		
Prize drawings for all (BEC & member donated gifts)		
AUGUST - ANNUAL BRANCH PICNIC WITH FAMILIES OPTION		
Special Event for member families w/children & grandchildren		
NOVEMBER - RECOGNIZE YOUR VETERANS		
Give your veterans a memento as a thank you for their service		
DECEMBER - HOLIDAY SEASON LUNCHEON / DANCE - DRESSY / SEMI FORMAL		
Members & spouses or significant others		

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Special prize drawings for all (BEC & member donated gifts)		
APPLICANTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL EVENTS		
(This is prior to formal installation as a Branch member)		
PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT (Surveys: once or twice per year)		
SURVEY MEMBERS FOR GUEST SPEAKER TOPICS		
SURVEY MEMBERS RELATIVE TO LUNCHEON MENU		
Offer Vegetarian / Fish option especially when Corned Beef/Cabbage is on the menu		
(~15% of members don't like Corned Beef/Cabbage)		
SURVEY MEMBERS ON NEW ACTIVITY INTERESTS		
RECOGNIZE YOUR VOLUNTEERING MEMBERS		
Check-in Table, setup crew, etc.		
SPONSOR SOLICIT VERBAL COMMENTS FROM GUEST/NEW MEMBER		
Level of satisfaction: overall luncheon, food, guest speaker, etc.		
SPONSOR SOLICIT GUEST'S INTEREST IN JOINING SIR		
No pressure but if interested supply application		
SPONSOR INVITE NEW MEMBER TO A BEC MEETING (within 1st three months)		
To better understand how SIR functions, if interested		
provide BEC meeting date, time and location information		
SPONSOR SOLICIT NEW MEMBER'S INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING		
OTHER		
PROVIDE INFORMATION TABLES TO PUBLICIZE ACTIVITIES AND TAKE SIGN-UPS		
Include pictures and descriptions of on-going activities. Have table manned if possible.		
FEATURE NEW MEMBERS WITH PICTURE AND SHORT BIO IN THE		
FOLLOWING MONTH'S BULLETIN OR NEWSLETTER		
CALL MEMBERS ABSENT FROM LUNCHEON TO DETERMINE WHY		
They may have a health problem or just need a ride to the luncheon		
Divide number of those absent by BEC members and have them call		
CLOSING		
IS YOUR BRANCH LUNCHEON CONDUCIVE TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF		
YOUR MEMBERS, PROVIDING THEM WITH A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE		
AND OPPORTUNITIES TO MINGLE AND HAVE FUN?		
* IF NOT THEN YOU NEED TO SURVEY YOUR MEMBERS AND FIND OUT WHY *		
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