

21 ways to kill your club

The following list was obtained from a leading national community service organization. We can all learn from it.

- 1) Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late or talk loud and showoff for the members.
- 2) Be sure to leave before the meeting is over and make sure everyone hears you leave.
- 3) Sit in the back so you can talk with other members during the meeting.
- 4) Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside, then always be negative.
- 5) After meetings, find fault with club officers and fellow members.
- 6) Hold back your annual dues as long as possible, or better yet, don't pay at all.
- 7) Never accept an office or serve on a committee. It is much easier to criticize than to do.
- 8) When everything else fails, abuse the club's officers.
- 9) Don't bother enlisting new members; let the others do it all.
- 10) At meetings, agree to everything, then go home and do nothing.
- 11) Don't tell the club how its policy can help you, but if it doesn't help you, tell everyone else it's useless.
- 12) Do nothing more than what's necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly use their ability to help matters along, complain that the club is being run by a clique or dictator.
- 13) Talk cooperation but never cooperate.
- 14) Get all that the club has to give but give nothing in return.
- 15) Threaten to leave the club if something isn't the way you want it.
- 16) If you're asked to help, always say you don't have time.
- 17) Never read any mailings or seek information on web sites. You might find out what's going on.
- 18) If appointed to a position, never devote any time to it. Let someone else do it all.
- 19) Overlook your own shortcomings and concentrate on what they are not doing.
- 20) Repeat all the unpleasant things about your club to anyone who will listen.
- 21) Always criticize club officers whenever the opportunity arises.

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