



Plan 'B' Programs

When everything you planned for a program falls through; the speaker doesn't show, the video doesn't work, a horrible storm cancels your planned outdoor activities; WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A PROGRAM?

Listed below are some ideas that might 'save the day'. Remember, always have a Plan B ready, just in case...

Planning Ahead for Needing a Plan 'B' Program:

- Keep a file or list on about each members' talents, work, hobbies, collections, travel experiences, etc.
- Compile a resource list of local artists, medical professionals, business people, etc. willing to speak.
- Check on places near your meeting place that re open during meeting times and could take a last minute group such as libraries, museums, art galleries and restaurants. Make good notes.
- Create an emergency Plan 'B' Program fund in case chairman is left to buy refreshments, pay entrance fees, get prizes and gifts, etc.
- Compile and keep a notebook or file of games, contests or easy hands-on projects to pull from.
- Research and make list of "How To" U-tube videos that could be shown to members.
- Always have small gifts wrapped and in stock to give as prizes, thank you gifts, etc.

With a Week or More Notice:

- Call for a local speaker or demonstrator; explain you realize it's short notice but due to unforeseen circumstances you have an opening and would be *so grateful if they could come*.
- Arrange a field trip to a nearby attraction. That way, everyone can gather at regular place and carpool to new place. *Make sure everyone knows if there is a charge before they arrive*)
- Call a nearby district or state officer to come and speak about some federation issue. *We have all been there and will be glad to help if we can*.
- Pull one of your "make it and take it" craft ideas and assemble the necessary materials.

With a Few Days Notice:

- Get a projection system or television and stream a good movie, get pre-popped or microwave popcorn and sodas for refreshments.
- Ask a member to bring their collection, demonstrate a talent or show and tell about a trip or adventure,
- Plan a scavenger hunt; this could be with actual items or clues you have hidden throughout meeting place or a list of items to be found in a "Purse" Scavenger Hunt,
- Do a "Just Because We're Fabulous" Party. Have cake, ice cream and party favors with games and prizes. *Great for morale*.

With NO Notice:

- Have a Member Networking Program. Let every member tell e]what they do professionally or what causes they are involved with to encourage members to do business with each other and support their interests.
- Reverse order of the meeting. Conduct business portion of the meeting first then adjourn to a local restaurant or pub for some relaxed brainstorming. (Be sure to have some specific issues to discuss). Great ideas may come out!
- Play some games from your game file and give away some of those pre-bought prizes.

Other Resources for Plan 'B' Program Ideas:

- Check on line for the significance of a particular day, week or month. It may give you a quick theme idea for a program. ex: National Pizza Day.
- Call your local newspaper, power company, or large business. Most of the time, they have brochures or handouts that may be of interest to your members and they are happy to give them out.

