

This summer, Daughters of the Nile members have been given two great opportunities to see Daughters of the Nile in action and to refresh in our minds why we joined in the first place. Our Supreme Session in Niagara Falls was jam-packed with opportunities to get re-acquainted with old friends and meet some new ones. We were even given many opportunities to learn more about Daughters of the Nile. Many of our members have just returned from the 143rd Imperial Session of Shriners International. Attending “Imperial” gives us another opportunity to get re-acquainted with old friends and meet some new ones, as well as remember why we support the “World’s Greatest Philanthropy.”

Let’s share these opportunities with our friends, co-workers, neighbors, relatives, and other women of good character who do not belong.

Your Membership and Public Relations Committee has produced many helpful tools for members to use to raise membership. These tools are there for each member to use; however, we have found out that most members have no idea that they exist.

What tools do we have, you ask? Well, let me just tell you about a few of them.

The Tinderbox: a whole book devoted to ideas for recruiting, reinstating, retaining, and mentoring members. It has literally hundreds of ideas for planning social gatherings, as well as fundraising ideas. There are even samples of invitations and programs to help you get started.

The Matchboxes: a little green card holder containing information from the Action Team and Daughters of the Nile Foundation; as well as a brochure telling who we are, a little bit about ourselves, and even has a pocket proposal for you to complete. Give the inserts and card holder to a prospective member to remind her of Daughters of the Nile.

The Mentoring Guide: a complete guide to explain the purpose and necessity of having a mentoring program in your Temple.

The “Maybe?” Brochure: a publication containing 10 frequently asked questions about Daughters of the Nile.

Who are the Daughters of the Nile?: a video using the Pink Panther looking for women to join Daughters of the Nile. It explains how we got started, our philanthropic cause, the eligibility requirements, and how to become eligible to join.

Legacy Program: a new program launched at our 2017 Supreme Session to promote our organization’s and our own personal heritage.

These are only a few of the tools both the Action Team and Membership and Public Relations Committee have prepared and made available to your membership committees. To find out everything that is available, go to the Daughters of the Nile website at www.daughtersofthenile.org, hover over the Supreme News button and click

on the Membership Committee dropdown. We are constantly updating and revising publications, so please check often to find the latest version.

Oh, and by the way, YOU are part of the Membership and Public Relations Committee. Each of us is a Membership/PR Committee of one. Have you done your share of the work on the committee? If not, there is no time like the present to start! Like you probably have told members of your family, the work won't get done by itself. We must all pitch in and use the tools available.

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