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Technological Awakening - Part II

In my first installment, I shared how chapters can use email to cut down on meeting time to allow for what we are really there for...food, fellowship & good works. I hope some of you are using email to conduct your business and keep in touch. The internet can also be a wonderful tool.

***Online meeting invitations** – helps with meeting management

My chapter sends an Evite for all meetings & socials. One person manages this task. Once all the email addresses were input, it is just an update of the meeting information. You can pick a background / images that conveys the season or theme of the social. An email is sent to everyone in the group and then members reply. All members can view who will be attending, can't make it, might be there, or who hasn't replied. It allows room for comments. Replies can be changed. This has worked well for our chapter. It serves as a reminder who is responsible for sending a card to our Adopt a Child; What to bring to the food pantry; etc. However, don't exclude members that do not have email capabilities. Someone needs to phone them directly and extend the invitation or reminder.

Online Invitation services include:

*Evite.com (there are lots of ads but the site is free)

*Sendomatic.com (requires a small fee for more than 4 guests but no site advertising)

*Rsvphq.com

*Mypunchbowl.com

*Zoji

(There may be other services, if you find one you like let me know. Evite is the one I am most familiar with using.)

***State Website** – www.esaks.org

State news, State & IC Projects, News & Views, History, Pledge Training, Upcoming meeting information, Calendar, Handbook....

***IC website** – www.esaintl.com

IC News, Member Center, Leadership Information, Circle of Life info, Forms, Merchandise

***Blogs** – are a type of website, usually maintained by an individual with regular commentary or news on a particular subject; others function as personal diaries. Most blogs allow readers to leave comments in an interactive format.

How to use?

State / District / Chapter happenings
Membership happenings
Possibilities are unlimited

Our opportunities are endless when it comes to technology. Check it out, learn something new, and make it work for you! To learn more on Technological Awakenings, check out Judi Grefer & Brenda Meyers' presentation from IC Leadership, February 2009 on the IC website. Go to Member Center > Communication & Presentation Tools > 2009 Leadership Training Presentations > Technology Leadership 2009

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