

Tips for Understanding Chapter Warning Signs

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy

Does YOUR Chapter.....

- Have trouble finding officers or have the same five women playing "musical chairs"?
- Limit chapter size to fit in each others' homes?
- Only take graduates of a certain college or university?
- Only enroll descendents from the same patriot or because their husbands belong to the same club?
- Have 50 members on the books but average five at a meeting?
- Need to attract younger members (younger = under the age of 50)?
- Have sisters/daughters/granddaughters out of town enrolled on paper, who have never been to a meeting?!
- Hesitate to give new members a job because they don't know DAR?
- Insist prospective members come to three meetings before they can be voted into membership?
- Insist prospectives to come to one meeting until their papers are approved?
- Have a regent who does everything?
- Hand prospective members the application blank and say "come back when it is filled out entirely"?
- Have not updated your chapter bylaws in five years?
- Live under the misapprehension that DAR is a "Secret Society"?
- Insist prospective do their own genealogy?

These issues could show signs of chapter problems. The Chapter Revitalization Committee will help your chapter avoid these problems and give you some ideas to help your chapter grow!