

Eden Prairie Women of Today - Befrienders Program

Thank you for “bee-ing” a special friend to our new members, or for joining a group where you’ll get to be-e great friends with great women!

How’s This Work?

When a new member joins our chapter, she is paired up with a special “Befriender” from among our more seasoned members. While that member doesn’t need to know everything about the organization (who does, really?), she’s the go-to person who can point the new member in the right direction to get her questions answered. We also encourage the Befriender/Befriended team to do at least 10 of the following fun activities together:

- Sit next to each other at a meeting.
- Attend the new member’s orientation together.
- Send a personalized welcome note to the new member.
- Exchange a recipe.
- Work a project together.
- Share a ride to any Women of Today event.
- Attend together any Women of Today meeting or event outside the chapter.
- Call “just to say hi.” (Leave a message if she’s not home.)
- Find out each other’s middle name.
- Go out for coffee, lunch or dinner.
- Have a picture taken together for the chapter scrapbook.
- Co-chair a project together.
- Write a newsletter article featuring your Befriender. (ideas below!)

Then What?

After approximately the new members’ first 90 days (three months)of membership, there will be an informal “wrap-up” of this first phase of activities -- which could occur at the dinner before or drinks after our general meeting times. The new member, her Befriender, and the president and/or membership vice president will celebrate the successful launch of a friendship! Plus, the new member now gets to turn the tables and write a brief newsletter profile of her Befriender (see the tips below)! The new member will still be able to call on her Befriender for help during her first year in Women of Today -- and the pairings will be recognized at the year-end banquet!

Newsletter Article Tips:

Our whole chapter would like to get to know all our members better, so we really encourage you to write a newsletter article introducing us to your (and our!) friend. It doesn’t have to be long. Here are a few ideas for questions you could ask (pick and choose among them). Feel free to write about other things you think to ask her, too!:

- What’s something unusual about you?
- What’s your secret for having fun?
- What’s the best advice your parents ever gave you?
- What person has made the greatest impact on your life?
- Describe your favorite dessert. When did you first have it?
- What’s the funniest thing in your purse?
- What three things would you take with you to a desert island?
- If you found a genie in a bottle, what three things would you wish for?
- What person from history would you like to meet and why?
- What is your favorite season/month/time of day and why?