ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING AGENDA

Moderator: State Gideon Speaker

6:15 p.m.  Gideons and Auxiliary meet for Instructions and Prayer
   • Prayer  Moderator
   • Table Host Training/Conversation Tips  Moderator
   • Instruction for seating  Moderator
   • Offering for cost of dinner Camp  Treasurer
   • Prayer  Camp President

6:45 p.m.  Greet and Seat Guests

7:00 p.m.  Invocation  Camp President

7:02 p.m.  Welcome  Camp President

7:05 p.m.  Scripture and Prayer (NO COMMENTS)  Camp Chaplain

7:50 p.m.  Gideon and Auxiliary Membership Challenge  Moderator/
            Auxiliary Speaker

8:40 p.m.  Closing Prayer (No Gideon Circle)  Camp
            Vice President
Annual Membership Dinner Presentation

7:50 PM
Gideon and Auxiliary Approved Speakers are introduced by Camp President

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THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
(Gideon Approved Speaker)

a. To share with you a more detailed explanation of our association

1. An association of Christian business and professional men and their wives
2. Interdenominational in scope. Worldwide in our outreach – organized in more than 190 countries – distributing Scriptures in over 90 languages. Over ____ million last year – Over ________ per day
3. One single objective – to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

b. To Share with you how your participation as a member of The Gideons International can result in the accomplishment of that single objective

[Show DVD 774D, Video 1: “Carrying Out Our Unique Mission”]

II. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A GIDEON

a. Spiritual Qualifications

1. Must believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God
2. Must believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God
3. Must have received Christ as your personal Savior. Must be endeavoring to follow Christ in your daily life
4. Must be a member in good standing of an evangelical church. Must have the recommendation of your pastor

b. Occupational Qualifications

1. Businessman (Owner, management, supervision or sales)
2. Businessman Farmer
3. Professional Man (Teacher, engineer, computer analyst, etc.)
4. Institutional (Arm Force, Emergency Services, Government, etc.)
5. Other occupations with four-year degree in an occupation that defines you as a Professional or Businessman
6. Retired from one of these occupations
III. OUR HOPE AND PRAYER FOR THIS MEETING IS THAT THE LORD WILL COMPEL YOU TO JOIN US.

a. Ever since we started planning this meeting, we started praying for you
b. We believe God has brought you here tonight

IV. THE QUESTION YOU MAY HAVE: HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE TO BE A MEMBER?

a. We realize you are busy, just as everyone else here tonight
b. As much time as you can afford. Only God can answer, and it will be different for everyone
c. Tonight we would like to show you the blessings, or opportunities, available in being a part of this association

V. SPECIAL BLESSINGS (OR OPPORTUNITIES) OF BEING A GIDEON

a. The Blessing of Being A Member of A Local Group

   1. The blessing of getting to know and fellowshipping with other local business and professional men who love the Lord
   2. The blessing of inspiration
   3. The blessing of being part of a solid Bible-believing group of men who will encourage you in your spiritual growth
   4. All with one objective in mind – To reach people for Christ

b. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Praying for This Ministry More Effectively

   1. The blessings of praying individually and collectively for our worldwide outreach. Joining your hearts with members all over the world. (Prayer Calendar, The Gideon Magazine)
   2. Share time and location of camp prayer breakfast. Start on time and end on time
   3. Share salvation testimony and tie it to the fact that Gideons were praying for the ministry worldwide. (Optional)

c. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Sharing With Churches

   1. The blessings of being able to share with God’s people about open doors and special opportunities to reach others for Christ
2. Relationship between the local churches and The Gideons International
   1 Corinthians 3:9 “We are laborers together with God” One plants, one waters
   and God gives the increase (Optional. Just share Scripture throughout)
3. Not preachers – Annual Report of prayer and financial support of Churches
4. Share how their support has been used to reach people for Christ
5. Share a salvation testimony
6. One other thing – Men are not required to speak in churches to be members. Only those men who want to do so are trained to speak

d. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Placing and Distributing the Word of God

1. The blessings of placing the Word of God in hands of people, in your own community, who are lost without Jesus
2. The single thing that our ministry is best known for – Bibles in hotel rooms
3. It takes only a few minutes to contact a hotel, and very short time to hold a school distribution. Those interested in jail ministry have a golden opportunity.
4. Share a hotel, school or jail testimony (Optional)
5. Isaiah 55:11

e. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Personal Witnessing

1. Wearing the Gideon emblem would give you the blessing of witnessing opportunities in your own community
2. It would take only two or three minutes to give a Personal Workers Testaments and a word of witness, and this could transform the eternal destiny of one entire family for Jesus in your own community
3. Great witnessing tool, which can be ordered on-line ONLY by members of The Gideons International
4. Share a personal witnessing testimony

VI. THE WIVES OF GIDEONS ARE NEEDED AS MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY
   (Auxiliary Approved Speaker)
   10 Minutes

   [Show DVD 774D, Video 2: “God’s Word for a Hurting World”]

Ladies, after everything you’ve just heard, I hope you can see what sets this ministry apart from other ministries … the work of the Auxiliary (the wives of Gideons) offers “hope to the hopeless and help to the hurting.”
I. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
   A. Not just to invite your husband to become a Gideon,
   B. But to invite you to come alongside him – TOGETHER – and join The Auxiliary of The Gideons International

II. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME AN AUXILIARY MEMBER
   A. Much of what _____ (Gideon AMD speaker) has just shared applies to the Auxiliary as well.
   B. The spiritual qualifications are the same for the Auxiliary.
      You must:
      ▪ believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God
      ▪ believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God
      ▪ have received Christ as your own personal Savior
      ▪ be a member in good standing of an evangelical church or congregation

III. SPECIAL BLESSINGS (OR OPPORTUNITIES) OF BEING AN AUXILIARY MEMBER
   A. The Blessing of Being A Member of a Local Group (Camp)
      a. the blessing of serving together in a camp with other like-minded believers who have a heart for reaching the lost for Christ
      b. the blessing of attending a monthly dinner with our husbands – like this one tonight – to learn to serve most effectively
      c. the blessing of inspiration and challenge every time we get together
   
   B. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Praying for This Ministry More Effectively
      a. We are prayer intercessors
         ▪ we pray individually; we pray corporately
         ▪ we intercede for the Gideon ministry around the world and for individuals who receive the Scriptures
         ▪ as Auxiliary members pray, we join forces with over 100,000 committed Christian women around the world; we believe effectual, fervent prayer avails much
      b. Our camp Auxiliary meets ________________ (day/time) for corporate prayer
C. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Placing and Distributing the Word of God in Very Specific Places Assigned to the Auxiliary

The Auxiliary reaches individuals in crisis – people you saw in the video such as:

a. Female inmates in correctional facilities
b. Staff and residents in domestic violence shelters
c. Staff in Crisis Pregnancy Centers
d. Medical and supportive medical personnel
e. Last year, the Auxiliary distributed more than 4 MILLION Testaments, with _________ (#) of those being distributed right here in _____________ (State Association).

D. The Blessing (Opportunity) of Personal Witnessing

a. Share Christ with those the Lord puts in our path
b. Use of periwinkle Personal Workers Testament, just for Auxiliary (show one)
c. As simple as “I’d love for you to have this gift ... it’s a little study Bible that will introduce you to Jesus and help you grow in your faith.”
d. Share a personal witnessing testimony (a personal encounter if possible)

IV. OTHER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE

You’ll hear more about these in the future, such as staffing a booth at a medical convention or visiting the local jail. The important thing for you to know is that is that nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something!

V. TIME ISSUE

A. A ministry that can be accomplished “as you go”

B. Auxiliary members are hard-working Christian women who have a heart to reach the lost for Christ but are looking for a way to do it in the context of today’s busy lifestyle. Let me give you some examples:

a. A formal Scripture distribution can take as little as one hour
b. Camp meetings held one evening a month
c. A prayer meeting usually lasts about 30 minutes
d. Using a Personal Workers Testament – and sharing a word of witness – could take as little as a minute
e. Result? Amazing blessings for you and your husband

VI. PERSONAL BENEFITS
A. Spiritual growth – grow in faith as you serve TOGETHER with your husband in a ministry that reaches around the world fulfilling the Great Commission
B. Opportunity to place and distribute the Word of God to individuals in crisis
C. Listen to what one long-time Auxiliary member had to say:
   “When my husband and I first got married, we prayed that our life together would magnify the Lord more together than if we had stayed apart. And we felt like this ministry was the answer to that prayer.”

CLOSING AUXILIARY COMMENTS
Ladies, the Lord has His people strategically scattered among the nations – each bringing their own special gifts to the table – to make a difference for the cause of Christ. Today, we invite you to join this mighty army with your husband … to take a step of faith and become a member of The Auxiliary of The Gideons International.

VII. ONE IMPORTANT THING TO UNDERSTAND (Gideon Approved Speaker)

a. Not all our members can take advantage of ALL of these, but ALL are blessed by being part of a ministry whose only purpose is to win the lost for Christ.
b. All of us could be a blessing to countless numbers of people in our own communities, just by being members of The Gideons.
c. By joining tonight you would have the special blessing of making an eternal difference in the lives of individuals in your own community and impacting the world for Christ! What a great blessing!

VIII. SO HOW MUCH TIME WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO BE A GIDEON?

a. Fifteen Minutes a Week?
b. 30 Minutes a Month?
c. Three Hours a Day?
d. I Do Not Know, But Let God Answer...
e. We ask you to join tonight by FAITH and trust Him to direct you
   1. This is Scriptural - Colossians 2: 6
      • How do we receive Christ? By faith
      • How are we to walk? By faith
Therefore, we ask you to join this ministry by FAITH tonight

2. Testimony (Optional)

IX. REVIEW APPLICATIONS (Gideon)

a. Refer to similarity of Auxiliary application
b. Read Section I (Constitutional Information)
c. Mention Section II and that it will be covered in detail shortly
d. Briefly explain Section III (Occupational Information)
e. Explain Dues Payments for both Gideons and Auxiliary (Cash, check or credit card)

b. Prayer (Silent as each person seeks the Lord, then brief closing by moderator)

X. READ SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS – HAVE GUESTS FILL IN ANSWERS

(Gideon application Section II, questions D through F) Auxiliary application questions 3 through 5)

XI. QUOTE - I CORINTHIANS 15: 58

a. Therefore I ask you, by God’s grace, to keep on filling out the rest of the application and join by faith tonight

b. (Completion of applications. Speaker, please make sure you allow enough time for this)

c. Thanks for coming

• Turn applications into the Gideon and Auxiliary at your table
• Comment to those that did not join. Tell your pastor, or whoever recommended you, that you appreciated the invitation. Pray for us

XII. HAND OUT PRE-PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. 8:40 PM CLOSING PRAYER