

THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER

Ten little members standing in a line: One disliked the meeting date. Then there were nine. Nine ambitious members offered to work late. One forgot her promise. Then there were eight. Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm. Then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over programs, and then there were six. One moved away. Then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more. One became indifferent. Then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagreed until one complained of meetings. Then there were three.

Three eager members, what do they do? One got discouraged. Then there were two.

Two lonely members; our rhyme is nearly done.

One joined a bridge club and then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue. Met with a neighbor. Then there were two. Two earnest members each enrolled one more.

Four determined members just couldn't wait 'til each won another; then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed up 16 more.

In another six verses, there'll be one thousand twenty four!

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