

## ACTION TEAM ARTICLE

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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## Kick off the New Year with Commitment and Support!!

**How can we do this? This is the time of year when we are nearing the change of command. This is the busiest time of the year for Princess Royal who is busy contacting members to volunteer. Ladies are needed to serve on committees, take a position or become a line officer. Step forward and call Princess Royal to volunteer for an office, station or a committee! It is fun!**

**The best thing that the Ladies of the Household can do is to support the future 2011 Queen by providing suggestions or names of ladies interested in taking a position.**



**Join a Committee!**



**Become an Officer!**



# What are some reasons that ladies hesitate to become an officer?



- Length of the commitment—a one-year commitment for taking an office/station or the five-year commitment of becoming an officer is a concern. Granted, we cannot predict the future or what could happen to our families or ourselves. Many times ladies hesitate to volunteer for an office or position because of an aging parent or their children/grandchildren or a family wedding. If the truth were known, most times parents want their children to be involved. We could all probably say that there is never a really good time for any long-term commitment. It is understood if a lady has to miss a session due to a family commitment.
- Budget—Temple as well as Personal---Learning to understand and comprehend all of the facets of the subordinate temple finances. Ladies are concerned about how much it would cost them personally to volunteer for an office. The best thing to do is to speak with several Past Queens and find out what they did and how they managed their finances. Of course, financial concerns may include: clothes, decorations, gifts, expense of dinners, etc.
- Time—how much time will this commitment take away from my other friends and family? One-way is by including your other friends and family in the philanthropy of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. If eligible, encourage them to become members so it is more time to spend together doing things you enjoy.
- Memory Work—how long has it been since you had to memorize? Memory work can be enjoyable and fun if you approach it in a positive way or with a NEW ATTITUDE!

## ON THE FLIP SIDE.....

FAMILY, NILE and SHRINE SUPPORT----all of these relationships will make your year much easier! Of course, remember the inspirational virtues of faith, hope, charity, trust and harmony!

PLAN.....PLAN.....PLAN.....PLAN.....PLAN.....PLAN

Keep focused, but keep your sense of humor!

As Princess Badoura, seek out a Princess Badoura for your Queen’s year. Three years go by quickly, just ask the line officers in front of you.

As you go up the line, remember those ladies who would serve well on certain committees.

Calendar of Events for the year---include fun events!

ENVISION YOUR INSTALLATION CELEBRATION!

MONEY/BUDGET—Make a plan...establish goals. Decide what you want to do, how much time it will take to do it and make plans so it will work.

Recruit the Past Queens---they really want to be asked and included.

Make plans to attend and promote Supreme Session  
Attend Action Team Regional Seminars in your area.

Last but not least, recognize, respect and appreciate everyone!

ACCOMPLISH THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW YOU COULD!





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*At times, life's path seems filled with things that make the going rough,  
And we wish there were a smoother road,  
For we feel we've had enough...  
But, if we pause a moment and remember  
Who's in charge,  
The hills that loom ahead of us no longer seem so large,  
And every rock before us, when we know we're not alone,  
Becomes, not just a stumbling block, but one more stepping stone.*

*Tiny steps turn into giant leaps, so remember you can do it. Volunteer for our organization to make the stepping stones to happiness grow for our only philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®.*