

While digitizing all past *Pitch Pipe* magazines ahead of the 75th Anniversary of Sweet Adelines International, Renee Porzel spotted this item in an issue from the 60s/70s. She shared this little gem during her opening remarks at Region 15 Leadership Day 2020. We suspect this tongue in cheek "top ten" list will resonate with chapter leaders today. *Some things never change!*

#### TEN QUICK WAYS TO KILL CHAPTERS'

1. Don't attend meetings; or if you do, come late as possible.
  2. Take no active interest in Sweet Adelines activities.
  3. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay.
  4. Make NO effort to get new members; let the other gal!
  5. Don't learn music or lyrics -- pay no attention to the director, it's everyone for herself.
  6. Criticize quartets and tell 'em how it should be done -- but don't form one of your own.
  7. Do nothing more than what's absolutely necessary, but find fault with the work of the officers and other members when they roll up their sleeves and do their best to help matters along. Scream that this Chapter is run by a clique.
  8. Never accept an office -- it might mean work and it's easier to just find fault. But get real huffy if you aren't appointed on a committee -- if you're appointed, stay 'way from all committee meetings.
  9. If asked by the prez or any chairman to give an opinion on some important matter, say nothing. Then after the meeting tell everyone how things should be run.
  10. Do nothing to help with the annual show, such as singing in the chorus, selling tickets, ads, etc. YOUR time is valuable -- none of the others have anything to do. And of course we don't need revenue, we can operate on sunshine!
- (SWIPED PRACTICALLY, FROM MIAMI TROPIC NOTES, EDITOR SWANBORG)