

What is power? There are many forms of power. For example: muscle power, governmental power, financial power, sexual power, intellectual power ... to name a few.

I'm not going to speak on any of these. I'm talking about Chapter Power. This specific power comes when we use effective leadership and our position. We have been given an opportunity to make a difference in our chapter. Success can be achieved by following the advice and examples of those around us and those that have left words of wisdom for us.

We must have a clear understanding of our chapter's values. Everyone must agree on these values. Does your chapter's governing board operate as a team?

Have you asked all your committee chairs what means the most to them?

We must strive to include everyone in setting our chapter goals.

~~We must always remember~~ When we reach our goals it is because of the Chapter Power had the power and the credit belongs to all that worked toward the goals.

No ~~single~~ one ~~person~~ ever moved a mountain using a plastic fork. Good planning is always necessary to ~~conquer any~~ accomplish goals in life. Work it smart. It will take ~~some very~~ well thought out measures to overcome obstacles for our year ahead to be a success. Have you started your chapter business plan for 2008?

Do you have the people in place ~~that who~~ will ~~ultimately be~~ working this plan?

Teamwork is paramount. Whenever we are in doubt, let's make it a policy to ask others to brainstorm with us. Support from our fellow board members, and our WCR state and national contacts ~~will be~~ is key to our success in ~~our the~~ individual chapters. Let's promise to pick up the phone or e-mail one another when in need.

I've found our Women's Council network invaluable when it comes to good-hearted people ~~that~~ who are willing and able to give of their time and expertise. We only need to ask.

Chapter power is not measured by our muscle. Chapter power is measured ~~in~~ by our success. It is our ability to accomplish goals and/or assist others to accomplish theirs. There are great rewards in achieving goals. We all want them. We all have what it takes to get them.

To quote Woodrow Wilson,

“Power consists in one's capacity to link his will with the purpose of others, to lead by reason and a gift of cooperation.”

**Comment [RRG1]:** Dear, your words are on chapter values and goals, planning, and teamwork. Wilson's quote is on linking leaders will with the purpose of others, leading by reason, and cooperation. Each of you have three good thoughts, but I'm not sure I see the connection one to the other.

Let's work '08 to make it great! Succeed together.

