

PROGRAM IDEA:
**EEC Focus: Promoting Educational Excellence
through programs and projects**

Title: A Book Club Meeting with the Author

Program Purposes: To share a common reading experience and understand the author's process in writing the book. DKG Purpose # 6: To stimulate personal and professional growth.

Program Summary: Before the meeting with the author, each Chapter member reads The Rent Collector by Camron Wright, a book recently honored by the Chi State LIFE Foundation. A Chapter member, designated as the program leader, contacts the author and arranges a SKYPE session during an upcoming Chapter meeting. Chapter members are able to participate in a conversation with the author via SKYPE. Members can see and hear the author and he can see and hear the Chapter participants. This idea can be used with other books if the author is willing to meet via SKYPE.

Program Set-up and Plan: The program leader facilitates a brainstorming session to develop questions for the author before meeting with him via SKYPE. Members work in small groups to develop questions, then share and chart what they want to know from the author. The author calls at an appointed time and members ask questions and listen to the author talk about writing the book and answer the questions.

Follow-up Activity: Chapter members discuss their new insights after talking to the author.

Materials Needed:

- Members read the book.
- One member designated as the Program Leader contacts the author ahead of time to set a time that the members and author can meet.
- Phone line
- Internet connection
- Computer with SKYPE downloaded onto the computer

- A projector connected to the computer is most effective because everyone can see the screen.
- Be sure to test the equipment beforehand to ensure all pieces are compatible.

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