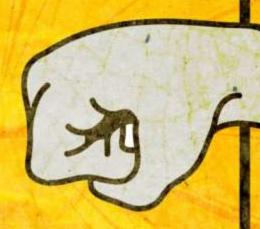
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The First Bylaw of Friendship

A friendship requires at least two individuals; both of whom are friends to each other.

Being friends with yourself does not constitute a friendship. In order for a friendship to exist, you need to become friends with another human being.

Exception: However, you can become friends with yourself, thus constituting a friendship, if:

- You travel through time to a point in the past or future and successfully befriend your past or future self;
- You clone yourself and befriend your clone; or
- You travel to an alternate dimension and befriend the alternate version of you



The Second Bylaw of Friendship

A friendship should have a balance between the sexes.

Friendships entirely made up of all guys or all gals are perfectly normal and acceptable. Still, statistics indicate a friendship whose balance between the genders closest to 50/50 have the greatest chances for success.

The tables below depict friendship data obtained from an unverifiable source. Each provides the expected longevity and general happiness of a group of friends given the ratio of men to women in the group.

For a group of three friends or less, the expected results are as follows:

Gender Balance Data for a group of 3 or fewer friends		
# of Men vs. # Women	Longevity	Happiness (out of 5)
0 Men, 3 Women	15 years	©©©©
1 Man, 2 Women	10 years	888
2 Men, 1 Woman	8 months	☺
3 Men, 0 Women	15 years	0000

For a group made up of four to ten friends, the expected results in terms of longevity and general group happiness are as follows:

Gender Balance Data for a range of 4-10 friends		
Ratio of Men to Women	Longevity	Happiness (out of 5)
< 10%	3 years	©©©
10-40%	6 years	000
41-60%	67 years	00000
61-80%	7.5 years	0000
> 80%	4 years	000

Lastly, for a group greater than 10 friends, the following results can be anticipated:

Gender Balance Data for a group of 10 or more friends		
Ratio of Men to Women	Longevity	Happiness (out of 5)
< 10%	168 hours	
10-40%	8 months	©
41-60%	18 months	©©©
61-80%	1 year	©©
> 80%	7 months	©



The Third Bylaw of Friendship

A well formed friendship should have diversity among its members.

Diversity comes in many different forms. There can be diversity in race, in gender (refer to *The Second Bylaw of Friendship*), in religion, in eye color, in superpowers and more. A varying variety of friends can broaden your horizons while opening your eyes to different ways of thinking and doing things. Because of this, it is recommended you try to branch out and become friends with people who differ from you – even if they don't speak your language. J'ai un ami parisien qui aime manger le homard.



The Seventh Bylaw of Friendship

A friendship should always plan to integrate new blood and have a list of recruits.

What's the difference between a good friendship and a great one? The great friendship dynasties know how to draft great friends, while the good friendships become stagnant and eventually fizzle out.

This is why it is important to make sure you keep a keen eye, watching for that next great Bunch's Bore (refer to *The Sixth Bylaw of Friendship*). That way, when our friend Dave expires from dysentery and a broken leg, there is new party waiting in the wings to take on Dave's vacated position.

Two ways to prepare your group for any potential voids are:

- To develop a Recruit Scouting Chart; and
- Go on a stakeout (refer to *The Fifty-Second Bylaw of Friendship*)

The next page provides an example of a Recruit Scouting Chart filled with potential candidates.

Name	Age	Special Skill	Likeability	Overall Potential
негветт	22	makes	СННН	B minus
		animal		
		Balloons		
LYNDQ	19	can comb	FUN, BUT	В
		her own hair	DUMB	
Boris	62	can swim	never	C
		very fast	smiles	
		Because He		
		Has webbed		
		FEET		
Jamie	32	can always	not sure if	C PLUS IF
		TELL WHAT	He/SHe IS a	BOY / B
		DIFECTION IS	Boy or a	minus if
		DUE WEST	GIFL	GIFL
carter	5	can recite	kinda cute	B PLUS
		тне	For a	
		агрнавет	KID	
sharron	18	once	Has a BIFD	D
		COUNTED TO		
		14,239		
BOBBY	30	claims He	nice, BUT	D PLUS
		can	Has red	
		COMMUNICATE	Hair	
		WITH		
		Termites		
PUTH	109	speaks	sleeps a	c minus
		aramaic	LOT	

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The Twenty-Second Bylaw of Friendship Sub Article Three

Celebrating Weddings

Typically, a wedding is a once in a lifetime event. Though the odds are you will have at least one friend who will celebrate a relationship merger twice. Maybe even three times. Hopefully not four – or more.

In any event, your contributions to your friend's wedding(s) is (are) provided in the following tables:

Your Friend's First	Wedding
Upon receipt of an invitation, your presence at the wedding is	Required
If you are in the wedding party, your gift must be at least	\$50
If you are NOT in the wedding party, but you traveled from out of town or this is a	\$100
destination wedding, your gift must be at least	_
If you are in the wedding party and you traveled from out of town or this is a destination wedding, giving a gift is	Optional
If you are NOT in the wedding party and did not travel, your gift must be at least	\$150
If the wedding's attire is black tie / formal, you	Must adhere to it

Your Friend's Second	d Wedding
Upon receipt of an invitation, your presence at the wedding is	Required
If you are in the wedding party, your gift must be at least	\$35
If you are NOT in the wedding party, but you traveled from out of town or this is a destination wedding, your gift must be at least	\$60
If you are in the wedding party and you traveled from out of town or this is a destination wedding, giving a gift is	Optional
If you are NOT in the wedding party and did not travel, your gift must be at least	\$100
If the wedding's attire is black tie / formal, you	Must adhere to it

Your Friend's Thira	Wedding
Upon receipt of an invitation, your presence at	Nice, but okay to
the wedding is	miss
If you are in the wedding party, your gift must	\$10
be at least	
If you are NOT in the wedding party, but you	\$15
traveled from out of town or this is a	
destination wedding, your gift must be at least	
If you are in the wedding party and you	Not encouraged
traveled from out of town or this is a	0
destination wedding, giving a gift is	
If you are NOT in the wedding party and did	\$18
not travel, your gift must be at least	7 - 0
If the wedding's attire is black tie / formal, you	Can opt for
	Can opt for business / informal
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Your Friend's Fourth Wedding	
Upon receipt of an invitation, your presence at	Counted as valid
the wedding is	if you simply
	send a vídeo
	message of
	congratulations
If you are in the wedding party, your gift must	50¢
be at least	
If you are NOT in the wedding party, but you	75¢
traveled from out of town or this is a	
destination wedding, your gift must be at least	
If you are in the wedding party and you	Unthinkable
traveled from out of town or this is a	
destination wedding, giving a gift is	
If you are NOT in the wedding party and did	\$1.25
not travel, your gift must be at least	7
If the wedding's attire is black tie / formal, you	Can go in streetwear
	streetwear

Your Friend's Fifth Wedding	
Upon receipt of an invitation, you	Throw it out

Glossary

Key Words Used Throughout the Bylaws of Friendship

Apparel – clothing one wears to hide the fact that underneath, they are nude.

Belvedere Maneuver, The – skillful tactic used in performing a friendectomy.

Children – young humans that are kryptonite to a friendship.

Clandestine Affair – a secretive hangout.

Collateral – items or bits of information procured to create and/or ensure a friendship to another person.

Dave – a friend who won't go away.

Great White Shark - aquatic fish not suitable for friendship.

Fallout – divergence of opinion between friends ranging in severity from classes 1 to 5.

Friend – human being with whom you share a common bond and for whom you have a general liking.

Friendectomy – a procedure where one permanently disassociates themselves from a friend.

Friendship Banishment – typically the result of a higher class fallout, which can either be temporary or permanent.

Group Glue – the friend in the group around which everyone is held together.

Hidor – one who hides from another person or persons.

Hidee – one who is hid from another person.

Outlet – a very close friend to whom you share personal and classified information.

Pets – domesticated animals.

Secrets – private thought bound to be uncovered in a friendship after a certain amount of time.

Stakeout - espionage missions with friends.

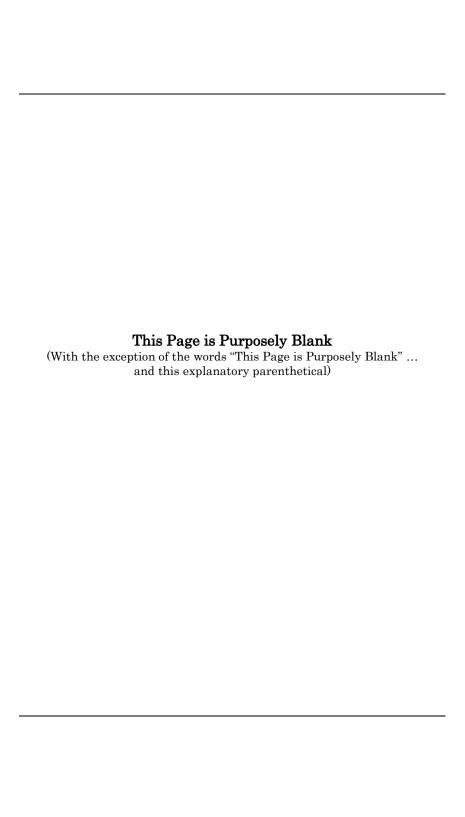
Team Mom/Dad – group representative typically charged with interacting with non-group personnel (e.g. restaurant hostesses).

Appendices

Supplemental Materials Supporting the Bylaws of Friendship

The following appendices are presented in support for the various friendship bylaws covered in this friendship guidebook:

- **Appendix A**, Twelve-sided Aspiration Die (as pertaining to *The Thirty-Fifth Bylaw of Friendship*)
- **Appendix B**, Secret Language Alphabet (as pertaining to *The Fortieth Bylaw of Friendship*)
- **Appendix C**, Four-friend Efficient Outlet System Diagram answers (as pertaining to *The Fiftieth Bylaw of Friendship*)
- **Appendix D**, Eight-friend Efficient Outlet System Diagram answers (as pertaining to *The Fiftieth Bylaw of Friendship*)



"It doesn't take a good friendship to realize this is a bad book."

Anne Milne

· former friend of the author

The Bylaws of Friendship is a hymorous guidebook written for human beings who claim to have friends. Each bylaw is accompanied by quips such as amusing tables, confusing charts, bizarre illustrations and silly short stories. Those who possess this book and learn to uphold its teachings, wield the unimaginable powers of an ultimate friendship,

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