

IT'S A TOPS, KOPS WORLD

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Leadership Skill of the Month

At the Fall Workshop, I presented the Leadership Skill "Communication." This month's skill is "Vision and Strategy." If one looks at the current situation or state and compares it to the ideal situation, there is a gap between the two states. Planning a strategy to bridge the gap is "minding the gap." Putting this in TOPS terms, imagine what your role would be like if you were leading and influencing to your full potential. What would TOPS be like if it was as successful as it could be? It is ok to daydream and shoot for the stars when envisioning progress or an ideal state. Take some time to think about what the TOPS organization could be like if it exceeded your expectations and those of your members. How can TOPS help you to become a more effective leader? Consider how your role in the chapter helps TOPS achieve its mission "to support our members as they take and keep off pounds sensibly."

Fall Workshop

Thanks to all who attended the Fall Workshops. Congratulations to the winners. I appreciate chapters IN 0148 Elwood, IN 1204 New Albany, IN 1289 Richmond, and IN 1507 Indianapolis hosting the workshops. The traveling trophies were won by IN 0237 Indianapolis; IN 1115 Scottsburg, IN 0625 Anderson, and IN 1289 Richmond.

I would appreciate feedback as to what you liked and didn't like about the workshop. If your chapter wasn't able to attend, is there a change we can make so you can attend.

Spring Workshop

I hope you are working on the challenges for the spring workshop. These are the Holiday Challenge, The Exercise Challenge and Set Your Own Goal. This period goes from September 1-December 31. I am looking for chapters to host the spring workshop. The facility should hold about fifty people. Marion has already volunteered to host for the north, but I need places for the east, south and central.

Yarn Donations

The area captains are needing yarn for a special project. If you have any color yarn that you are willing to donate, please let me know.

Chapter News

New KOPS

IN 0210 Columbus Diane Sisco

No Gain Meetings

IN 1522 Muncie September 23 4 members
IN 0020 New Albany October 5 13 members 10.75 lbs.
IN 0365 Greensburg October 11 7 members
IN 0492 Shelbyville October 11 14 TOPS 3 KOPS

Please continue to send me your news at eashcraft2@aol.com. Other chapters are encouraged by your successes.