

# A NEW BEGINNING

## TOPS INDIANA STATE RECOGNITION DAYS

### TOPS APRIL 13 and 14, 2012 INDIANAPOLIS, IN.

Your Indiana TOPS Field staff hopes you accept our invitation to join us in Nashville Indiana for our State Recognition Days April 13 and 14, 2012 as we Celebrate A New Beginning. Our meetings will be held at the Seasons Lodge Hotel and Conference Center located in Nashville at 560 St. Rd. 46 East. Phone number for reservations at the Seasons Lodge and their sister hotel, Brown County Inn is 1-800-365-7327. Room rate for 1-4 people is \$99.00 per night (plus tax) when you tell the hotel you are attending our TOPS State Recognition Days. Parking is free at both hotels.

Be sure to read all information carefully because we have some New Beginning things planned that you won't want to miss. Of course, we will celebrate the achievement of our 2011 state division winners and royalty. You can shop our new and exciting promotional items, try your luck by purchasing Chinese auction basket tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets. You might also enjoy a swim in the enclosed pool, taking in the scenery and shops in Nashville or welcoming TOPS friends as they arrive at the hotel.

Our **Thursday Pre-SRD includes.....\***

\*The **promotion area** will be open on Thursday evening in the conference center lobby area from 5-7:00 P.M. so you can purchase some great items for yourself, your chapter members who were unable to attend or to use as awards and recognitions in your chapter through out the year.

\*The **registration table** will be open Thursday evening in the conference center lobby area from 5-7:00 p.m. for your convenience. Everyone is responsible for picking up their own packet

\***New this year** We have arranged with the Palace Musical Theatre, located in the heart of Nashville to reserve seats for us to enjoy their performance of "Cowboy Sweethearts" on Thursday evening. The performance starts at 8:00 p.m. and the cost is \$16.00 See enclosed flyer for more info.

**New this year** All attending chapters are encouraged to create some form of "art" for display at SRD that portrays what our theme, A New Beginning means to your chapter. You can use any materials you like and by all means, cut, snip, paste, glue, drill, saw, hammer, color or paint to make your "art". If your project is light enough to be hung on the wall with a push pin we will do so. If not, we will have tables set up for your creations. There are no restrictions but please keep it in good taste. It is non competitive so everyone wins by participating. Bring to lobby area of the conference center.

**New this year** On Friday we are planning an old fashion KOPS TEA for all KOPS attendees who would like to participate. Although it is optional, females are encouraged to wear big flowery hats and white gloves. Men would look especially dashing with top hats. Friday KOPS Tea will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in the Valley room located in the lower level of the hotel. Meal cost is \$18.00 which includes tax and gratuity. The menu will be as follows....2 flavors of tea, chicken salad, fresh vegetables and fruit, cottage cheese, cream of broccoli soup and a small piece of fruit cobbler.

**New this year** Raffle tickets will be sold during SRD for a 50-50 drawing to be drawn on Saturday morning. Proceeds will help area captains with the cost of attending IRD in July.

**New this year** You may pre-order our new and original SRD tote bag. See enclosed flyer for details.

**Workshops and presenters** during the day on Friday (beginning at 9:00 a.m.) in the conference center will include... Ruth Gielow TOPS Regional Director, Marie Edwards, Executive Director, Dearborn Adult Center, Teresa Swartz, Pizza Hut general manager, Sr Sharon Bierman, hospice minister, Reah Murray, Turning Point Community Services Director, and Lynn Austin, owner of Peg Ann's boutique

The **promotion area** will be open in the conference center lobby area, on Thursday evening from 5-7:00 P.M., Friday 8:00a.m. til 6:45 p.m. (closed from 11:30—1:00 and 5:00-6:00) so you can purchase some great items for yourself, your chapter members who were unable to attend or to use as awards and recognitions in your chapter through out the year.

**Theme Basket Chinese Auction.** Your chapter is invited to donate a theme basket or two for our auction (Example: a basket for Kitchen, Bath, Theme, Letters, Exercise, Wellness, Fun, etc) Let your chapter's imagination run wild. This will be located in the conference center lobby area.

**Road to Success Contest** Purchase a card for 2.00. Bring it to SRD 2013 with your weight loss recorded. The state will be divided into north and south. Top 3 participating losers in attendance in both regions will be honored on stage Friday evening. Located in the conference center lobby area. **NOTE...**You must turn in your 2011 card by 5 P.M. to be eligible for award presented Friday evening.

We have fantastic **entertainment** scheduled for Friday evening in the conference center. Doug DeBaun is a local entertainer in Indianapolis. His smooth mellow voice is easy to listen to or sing along with. He plays guitar and does a one-man band show and also has written many songs. CD's will be available for purchase.

**LEADERS PARADE (2011 Leader)** Friday evening in the conference center  
All 2011 Leaders will be recognized, You must have registered to participate. This is for LEADERS only.

**BEFORE AND NOW PARADE** Friday evening in the conference center  
If you have lost 50 pounds or more please send your before picture with your participation registration form so we can do a slide presentation of all of our participants. You do not need to bring your before clothes this year.

**TEEN/PRETEEN PARADE** Friday evening in the conference center  
All Teens and Preteens who plan to attend SRD should sign up for the Teen/Preteen parade. We look forward to your participation.

**CHAPTER DRESSED TO THEME** Friday evening in the conference center  
Chapters are encouraged to dress alike according to our New Beginning theme. This is a non-competitive event and may be with or without a ditty. All must be in good taste.

**You don't want to miss this New Beginning**



**CENTURY CLUB** Saturday morning in the conference center  
New medallion recipients must have form L-18 registered with your coordinator before March 20, 2012.  
Current medallion holders must have maintained their 100 lb loss at the time of recognition.

**FORMER STATE ROYALTY** Saturday morning in the conference center  
Open to all former STATE royalty. You must be in status and must be registered to participate.

**CHAPTER ROYALTY** Saturday morning in the conference center  
Kings and Queens must have been listed as Royalty on the 2011 chapter resume. If your chapter has one, bring your tiara/crown to wear.

**KOPS GRADUATES** Saturday morning in the conference center  
Goal must have been reached by **December 31, 2011** and registered at TOPS Club Inc through your coordinator by **January 31, 2012**. Ribbons, pinettes, mortar boards, tassels, flashlights and diplomas will be furnished. Pick up your packet at the registration desk. Dress code for women graduates: white long dress, dressy blouse and long skirt or dressy blouse and palazzos. Dress code for men graduates: Suit and tie or sports coat and tie and dress pants.

**KOPS ALUMNI MERIT AWARDS** Saturday morning in the conference center  
Merit Award recipient must have form L-51 completed and sent to their coordinator prior to March 20. Either your Coordinator or you must have your award with you for recognition.

**KOPS ALUMNI** Saturday morning in the conference center  
If you have graduated at any level, you are KOPS alumni. You must register to participate in the SRD Circle of Light. A flashlight will be provided prior to presentation and crossing in front of the stage.

**YELLOW ROSE Ceremony** Saturday morning in the conference center  
Each participant in the circle of lights will be presented a yellow rose to present to someone who they want to encourage to reach their goal and become a KOPS.

**REMINDER.....DRESS CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS:**

Anyone crossing the stage is asked to dress appropriately. Be proud of your accomplishments and remember, you are representing yourself, your chapter and TOPS.

Dress Code is as follows

Females— Long Dressy Dress, skirt with dressy top or dressy top with Palazzo Pants

MEN: Suit & Tie or sports coat and tie and dress pants.



## **Please Check all the attached sheets for instructions and information**

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration Fee is **\$30** per person (included with registration is a free charm or pinette) and is due March 15, 2012. This date includes participants' registration for stage presentation. Each person is responsible for picking up their own registration packet. We will do our best to make sure we get it right and include all your materials but when you pick up your packet we ask you to make sure everything you signed up for is listed on your packet and you have all the information you need to participate including nametag, program, KOPS luncheon ticket, theater ticket charm or pinette (if pre-ordered and prepaid) and briefing sheet for stage participants.

Registration will be in the conference center lobby area. Late registrations will be accepted, room permitting. Registration is open to your family, friends, and guests. Packets may be picked up at the registration table, Thursday 5:00-7:00 P.M. , Friday 8:00 A.M.to 5:00 P.M.and 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Saturday 8:00 to-9:00 A.M.

Registration forms are enclosed for chapter use. Please review the sheets to make sure you have included everyone who would like to participate.

**Please note our format** this year for sending in various registrations / money.

SRD registration /money and KOPS tea registration/ money is to be sent to Loretta Terrell

Pre order forms / money for tote bags and payment for Thursday night theatre tickets are to be sent to Coordinator, Connie Crane.

All non money forms are to be sent to Area Captain Ellen Ashcraft

Addresses are listed on the forms.

Please make all checks payable to Indiana SRD. There are no refunds.

We have a few other surprises and look forward to all of you joining us as we celebrate

**A New Beginning at our 2012 Indiana SRD .**

