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Greeting in this summer heat to all TOPS and KOPS,

Wow . . . what a month July has been. Okabena has a big celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and I am quite involved with that; then the next day I left early for IRD in Milwaukee for the rest of the week. What a great time. If you haven't been to an IRD before you should try at least one. Next year it is in San Diego, CA. I know it is far away, but save a little each week and you can make it.

I want to give a great big THANK YOU to all the chapters that donated monies to the Area Captains to help defray our expenses when we attended IRD.

I had a really great tour of the TOPS Headquarters. We saw Esther Manz's office; Barb Cady's office; the board meeting room and the area where they fill all the orders for charms that is sent to headquarters. It was a wonderful tour.

*As Area Captain Ami Heesch said in her letter to chapters . . . We stayed at a very nice Hilton Hotel in the fine city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin..... Minnesota Field Staff were represented at IRD by three Coordinators and six Area Captains....we played hard and we worked hard this year.....the overall theme was "Happy Days with TOPS".....there were lots of wonderful speakers and very motivating stories from the 2010 Division Winners and Royalty....The TOPS Dinner was a huge success .....with sizzling shows by the "Lounge Chair Drill Team" and "Pantomime" to the tune of "The Hero Within".....two class acts you surely did not want to miss! There were many fun outings throughout the week...Thank s again for your support, financially and other, toward your field staff.*

Fall Rally will be in Heron Lake, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at Sacred Heart School, 400 9<sup>th</sup> St. (9<sup>th</sup> Street may be under construction, so parking may be

a challenge.) I will have a map enclosed with this letter. The school is across the street from the park. The Library is to the other side and the Sacred Heart church is kitty-corner across the street. Our theme for Fall Rally this year is "LOSING TO WIN with TOPS". Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. We will have two speakers this year. There will be a lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. and a walk after lunch. We will wrap it up early afternoon. The cost for the day will be \$10.00 per person. Hoping all of you can make it. Also I am hoping every one is doing great on the summer contest. I will be looking for you registrations in the mail in early September.

IRD for 2012 will be July 5...6...7 in San Diego, CA..."CALIFORNIA DREAMING" make your plans now to attend....start saving your pennies...hope to see lots of you in sunny California next summer.

**I have a wonderful Area Captain program to bring to all of my chapters. It is on Super Foods. The chapters that I have presented it to, really like it. Please call me to come and visit your chapter. I will do several chapters together.**

Have a great summer and hope to see all of you soon.

*LeAnn*