

Diane's Digest of TOPS News & Up To Date Information from
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Dear TOPS Members,

Can you tell I'm tired of the same old business letter format? Therefore, it's time to try something new and wonderful or at least different. This is being done in Publisher and it is a totally new experience for me. Hang in there with me.

I will also enclose Barb Cady's "Time for Dreams to Come True for Me & You" with my letter.

IRD—2009

IRD in Orlando was amazing. Attendance was over 2,600. The Convention Center was on Disney property so there was access to a shuttle to anywhere in Disney that you wanted to go. Jackie Marks and I spent Mon. at Epcot and Tues. at Sea World. I'm not going to talk about the heat and humidity except to say it was too hot & humid for this northerner!!

I personally did not like little lizards running around on the sidewalk and around my feet either.

Watch your *TOPS News* for pictures of the winners and royalty. Congratulations to our own Wisconsin Royalty in attendance: King Runner-up Marlyn Zuehlke from WI 875 Kimberly and Queen Kiersten Immel from WI 1477 Campbellsport. They were both outstanding examples and Wisconsin is proud of them and their accomplishments.

I am extremely proud to have been in the TOP 20 Coordinators again this year. Each time we are in this elite group, we get an additional ruby stone added to our Founders Award Pin. I now have four. This is not my award but our award and I thank you and the Area Captains for helping make it possible.

IRD—MILWAUKEE 2011

Wisconsin will be hosting IRD in July 2011 and we need all the members we have to support IRD and attend. Start saving and doing fund-raising to attend. Be sure to have any member who reaches goal next year plan on graduating at IRD. It is an especially grand ceremony and one to be remembered. Helpers are also needed in many, many capacities. If you can spare a couple hours, we need you. I will be co-chairing this fabulous event so if you have a talent or can help out in any way, please let me know.

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION DAYS

Halifax, Nova Scotia July 15-17, 2010
Milwaukee, WI July 7-9, 2011
San Diego, CA July 5-7, 2012
Calgary, Alberta July 18-20, 2013
Milwaukee, WI July 10-12, 2014

BUS TO IRD

Ruth has information ready for the bus trip to IRD next year. The dates are from July 8-22, 2010. What a great way to get to attend IRD and include a vacation on the way there & back. Prices: Single—\$3,939; Double—\$2,749; Triple—\$2,229 and Quad—\$2,109. This package deal includes several meals, guided bus tour, and all hotel rooms. It's a really fun time!

GREAT NEWS FOR NEW MEMBERS

TOPS is offering new members the chance to buy the Choice Is Mine and/or CIM Workbook at a reduced rate if ordered when joining. All you need to do is collect \$12 for the Choice Is Mine and \$8 for the Workbook in addition to the membership fee. Mark the box on the application labeled OTHER and fill in the amount before sending to me. This is a great way for them to receive their Choice Is Mine and/or Workbook at a discount. This info will be added to the next printing of apps.

URGENT NEED FOR AREA CAPTAINS!!!!!!!

Can you help? Will you help? There is a huge need for Area Captains in our Northern area. With the resignation of Diane Burt, we now have 2 large areas without a captain. I haven't learned how to be in more than one place at a time and the East area is a 5 hr. drive one way with the La Crosse area 2 1/2 hrs. South. I will also be extra busy with the IRD planning. There are many members and much talent out there. Can two or three help out? The position is fun and rewarding. You need a love of TOPS, a computer, car and computer knowledge in Word and Excel. Please step up.

I hope your August hasn't been too hot. Drink water and get in your outdoor exercise early or late in the day when it's the coolest. Enjoy the great fresh fruits and vegetables available now.



Together We're TOPS, Diane