

RESUME NEWS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Thank you for getting your resumes and charts to me. I processed 2,471 weight charts for 146 chapters. Our northern area lost 10,987.75 lbs. in 2009. We have some awesome losses and many winners. Enclosed with this letter are your royalty, 1st & 2nd place division winner certificates along with a corrected copy of your resume.

All charts have been verified at TOPS Club, Inc. and our state winners will be officially notified by the Southern WI SRD committee. As a chapter, please do everything you can to help our winners be recognized on stage at SRD.

Now is the time to plan an awards recognition. Make it special and include all members. How about a re-dedication to TOPS, honor your winners, celebrate the KOPS, or combined with the installation of officers? Make it special! Your Ceremonies Guide has many ideas and themes.

SRD

April 8, 9, 10 – “The Heart of TOPS” at the Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc. Make reservations by calling: 1 800 558-9573. SRD special room rate is \$95 for 1 or 2 and each additional person is \$5. Be sure to keep talking about SRD at each chapter meeting. Registration is due before March 1. Remember to take your red heart that you received at Fall Rally and deposit it in the Northern WI box. There will be winners. Let's have a great attendance this year and put our hearts and TOPS spirit into WI State Recognition Days. KOPS: Remember to wear RED on Friday for your special recognition.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The first meeting of March is election of the 4 officers and appointment of weight recorder/s. At least 2 adult members must be nominated from the floor for each position. There is no such thing as a nominating committee. Voting is done by secret written ballot. Be sure to have 4 envelopes (marked for each office) and seal the ballots after they are counted and the new officer announced. New leader appoints wgt. recorder/s, completes and signs the Officer Chart which is mailed to me immediately. Please give an e-mail contact of someone in the chapter if at all possible. New officers take over the first week of April.

WHAT'S NEW?

Have you done a program yet from the new My Day One, tried a menu or easy recipe? It is one of the many tools available to us in TOPS.

There are new award items and colored brochure. Just in time for your award ceremony.

Be sure to use only the new Chapter Manual and TOPS Rules as of 1-1-10. Each leader received 2 manuals but I suggest each chapter order 2 or 3 more for each officer and wgt. Rec.

IRD

Ruth has a bus tour going to Halifax, Nova Scotia for IRD from July 8 – 22. We have a fantastic time and it's a wonderful island to visit with great sightseeing plus IRD. Contact me for more information and cost.

Thanks for a great 2009, all the new members and your enthusiasm for TOPS. Welcome to our newest chapter WI 1517 WI Rapids who chartered on 2-1 at Mid-State Tech. College.

Together We're TOPS, Diane