

Diane's Digest of TOPS News & Up-To-Date Information July 26, 2010 HAPPY HOT SUMMER!!
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I hope your summer is good and that you are able to get out each day before it gets too hot or late evening to continue your Cut & Burn. Over half of 2010 is gone so now is the time to evaluate the final 5 months to see how much you'll be down for the year. Good luck!

WELCOME: Our newest chapter, WI 1519 Plum City, chartered on May 5. They have 7 members and meet at the Senior Center on Wednesday at 4:30 pm.

IRD 2010 & 2011

I just returned from IRD in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We had a great turnout of almost 2400 members. The winners and KOPS on stage were awesome. Enclosed is the list of winners. Of course we got to do our invitation to Milwaukee next year in our poodle skirts and saddle shoes. It seems everyone is excited about our 50's theme of "Happy Days With TOPS" July 7-9. SRD on Wed., July 6.

WE HAVE WINNERS:

I apologize for omitting this important news in my last letter. Congratulations to Pat Akey on earning top WI Area Captain honors at SRD for 2009. Great job, Pat.

You will recall that there was a growth in membership contest going on from SRD 2009 to SRD 2010. Our No. part of WI had a growth of 411 new members. Each new member earned the chapter a ticket which was taken to IRD. One ticket was pulled from each Regional Director's area and I'm thrilled to say that WI 763 Marshfield won. You will be receiving \$250 from TOPS.

To sweeten the deal, Regional Director Ruth Gielow donated a TOPS watch to each Coordinator and the winning chapter in our area is: WI 987 South Range. I will get the watch to your AC for delivery.

Ruth won 2 awards at IRD: 1 for top Regional Director and the other for the biggest growth in membership of all the Regional Directors. Congratulations to everyone.

Now is the time to plan on attending IRD next year and making some extra money by holding fund raisers, auctions, craft sales, etc. Registration is \$50 each and you can share 4 to a room to save money. Think about busing to Milwaukee to save the parking fees. Two area captains are willing to check into a bus from both the northwest and northeast with pick-ups along the way. Please let them know if you're interested. Many hands are needed to put on an IRD and we can use your help for an hour or two. Watch your TOPS News for housing and more information.

Thank you for all the notes and phone calls when you have questions or concerns. I love hearing from you and especially enjoy the nice cards and notes.

Fall Rally time: Each Area Captain is busy planning a great Rally for our members. I hope you'll attend.

Please see the other side of my letter for the latest news from President Barb Cady & the Board of Directors.

Together We're TOPS, Diane