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Dear TOPS Chapter Members,

Here is the July 4th weekend, already! The summer always seems to “whiz” by so quickly, so we need to take advantage of every beautiful day we are given. I, personally, have been very involved in gardening and walking. There is a 5-mile walk this Saturday, July 3, in Pittsville that I have registered to do. Next month, canning and freezing begins for me as my garden produce will be ready. Not to worry, however, I have TOPS at the top of my “to do” list. I so enjoy my chapter visit with you. If I have not visited your chapter as yet, I will be calling to schedule a time with you in July or August.

The next quarterly meeting is fast approaching. Please remember, I need the quarterly weight reports from the chapter weight recorders on or before July 10th. The quarterly meeting will be held in Wisconsin Rapids, on Thursday, July 29, with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting concludes by 8:00 p.m., so there is still a good half hour of daylight for those coming from out of town.

I have one change in date for the joint Area Captain visit/quarterly meeting. I will be presenting the Stress Management program to the chapters in Dorchester, Thorp, and Neillsville on Saturday, August 14, rather than August 7th as originally stated. Should anyone outside of these chapters be interested in attending, you are most welcome. Here are the particulars...

When: Saturday, August 14

Time: Registration 9:00 a.m.

Time: Meeting begins 9:30 a.m. and concludes around noon

Where: Peace United Church of Christ (Fellowship Hall)
152 S. 2nd St.
Dorchester

My next letter will have all the information regarding the Fall Rally, It's My Time, to be held at the Hotel Mead on Saturday, November 6. The Chinese auction, sale of souvenirs, special 50/50 raffle, as well as craft tables will be available for chapters, and I am planning a contest for those chapters who wish to participate. In addition to our standard awards, I will also recognize all the winners of the Promissory Note contest that began last January.

Until I visit you or see you at your chapter meeting, take care of yourself and enjoy our wonderful sunny summer days. You can.....

**Take a little hike,
Or go for a ride on your bike!
Paddle a canoe,
Or just go to the zoo!**

I care,

**Pat Akey
Area Captain**