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Dear TOPS Chapter Members,

I hope all of you have been enjoying this wonderful early summer weather by involving yourself in outside activities. There have been two walks in Wis. Rapids (the jigsaw and the walk for cancer) and Walk Wisconsin was held this past Saturday in Stevens Point. If you have the opportunity to walk for a cause, I strongly encourage you to do so. The walks seem short and you meet so many wonderful people. It is truly a win-win situation. You help others and you help yourself, too.

Reminders from my previous letter:

- If you have not already done so, please discard Form L-007, the Transfer form, as it is no longer being used. (That's the half-page yellow form not to be confused with the full page TR (L-027TR) form. Just e-mail Diane the name, membership number and date of any member transferring into your chapter.**
- One chapter member (with strong computer skills) in addition to the leader may be granted access to the secure area of the TOPS website and the ability to print membership reports, as well as to access information from the Leader's Corner. Form L-050, Request to Register a Chapter Member as a Designate, is now available. You can print this form from the website or I can give you one when I visit, if you have not already received one.**
- We now are closing in on phase II of the Promissory Note with our 14 eligible members. Their goal now is to complete this phase which will end on July 29 (our next quarterly meeting) and then move on to the Fall Rally to complete their goal. Keep up the good work, TOPS players. I know you can succeed!**

New information and dates:

- Are you looking for some quick and easy programs for the summer? There is a series of four new programs now available. Go to the TOPS site and click on Leaders Corner: Meeting Ideas: Quick'n Easy Programs.**

- I will be presenting the Stress Management program/Area Captain visit to the chapters in Dorchester, Thorp, and Neillsville on Saturday, August 7. Should anyone be interested, please know you are also welcome to attend. Kathy Retterath and the members of WI 1181 (Dorchester) have graciously offered to host this upcoming event. It will be held at the Peace United Church of Christ in the Fellowship Hall. The address is 152 S. 2nd St. in Dorchester. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by our meeting at 9:30 a.m. We will conclude around noon.
- This is the first notice to the weight recorders. I will need the quarterly weight reports from you for the 2nd quarter on or before July 10th.

Upcoming Events:

- The next 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 reason I am mentioning this so early is because this will be a training session. I will have a PowerPoint presentation on resumes and it would be to everyone's advantage to come whether you are an officer or not. There will be an opportunity to also discuss other questions you may have. Please try to attend this session.
- Looking ahead, the Fall Rally, *It's My Time*, will be held at the Hotel Mead on Saturday, November 6. I would like your chapter members' input on the following: First, do you want a **chapter** contest for this event? Second, is there something your members would like me to present? This is your rally and I want to meet your needs. Please e-mail or call me with your chapter members' suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.

In closing, if you ever need a little encouragement, I am a very good listener...call me!

Hugs

Pat Akey
Area Captain

