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Dear TOPS Chapter Members,

Our Fall Rally, "*Going the Extra Mile,*" has come and gone but not without many happy memories for us. We had 113 members registered with representation from 20 TOPS chapters. We also had 8 members dress in "hero" costumes and 4 chapters entered the "Extra Member Miles" contest. I really enjoyed myself and I believe those in attendance did, too. Thank you for coming.

Diane Stoetzel, our Coordinator, has developed a nice little contest called "Triple Crown". This contest will cover the upcoming three big holidays...Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. The rules are simple and are detailed on the attached sheet. If you are successful, you will earn a Triple Crown pin. I will present the pins to you at the January quarterly. You do not need to be present at the quarterly to receive the pin. What a neat way to keep us in check over the holiday season! Thank you, Diane.

**Important Information/Reminders:**

1. Your chapter still has the opportunity to earn a free membership by bringing four (4) new members into your chapter. Barbara Cady, our TOPS President, initiated this contest last July 1, but the contest does not end until December 31, 2011. Chapter must have an e-mail contact registered with TOPS to be eligible.
2. New member packets should be available when guests arrive and decide to join your chapter. Please be sure to have these packets include your chapter by-laws, membership list, My Day One and the TOPS rules and TOPS terms. You may also wish to add a magazine, achievement log, etc.
3. Maintenance payment for 2012 is due. Diane has sent you this form that you need to complete and send to her along with your chapter check (2 signatures). If you have not already done so, please send as soon as possible.

I take this moment now to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Spend your day enjoying the family and friends who have gathered around you.

Hugs,

Pat Akey  
Area Captain

