

TOPS South East Ohio Area Captain Notes

Real People, Real Weight Loss

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Please take these notes to your Chapter and share with everyone. When I'm visiting Chapters, I find that not all members are aware of upcoming activities and other information provided.

EIN and IRS Information

I know there has been some confusion about the letter that came out concerning recent IRS rule and how it may affect your Chapter. I will try to make it simple as I can. First, if you are not getting high service fees from your bank or the place you meet does not want proof of nonprofit status, you **don't have to do anything**. However, if you read the letter more closely, it also states that even though you may not have problems now, if you have not paid taxes in three years, your EIN may not be valid. That means that when banks check your EIN for nonprofit status and find that you do not have it, they can charge more fees.

The process as outlined on the first page of the letter from TOPS, dated July, 13, 2015, is very well written and makes it easy to use. I suggest that each Chapter consider completing this process and get your nonprofit exemption under TOPS.

Area Captains Annual Program

I want to thank all of you for letting me come and give this great presentation. I hope the presentation gave you some other option to help with your weight loss journey. Even though I have been at each of your Chapters, remember that I am always available, if you need me. I will be glad to help with a walk or a health fair. Just let me know if you need any help.

Something for Chapters to Think About

I also want to have each of the Chapters think about having a New Member Coach. This person will be responsible for welcoming new members and working with them to help them understand what TOPS is about. I want each of you to remember when you first came to TOPS. Did you understand all the terminology we used and were you confused by the different activities we do? By having someone that will take this person "under their wing" and call them to make sure they will be coming to the next meeting will insure that they will continue to help the Chapter. When first joining the Chapter, each new member should receive

- My Day One (I have extra copies if needed)
- TOPS Rules
- Chapter Bylaws listing meeting times, fees, and other Chapter info
- A contact list that gives each members address, phones numbers, etc.

For more information on this important position, please refer to your “Making Your Chapter Great” The TOPS Chapter Manual”. The information on the New Member Coach is on page 7.

Don’t forget to get your new Officer’s chart into Karen if you have not already done so.

Fall Rally

How is everyone doing on your summer challenge? Has everyone turned over a new leaf? How many of you have had your Chapter walk? Remember you can earn extra points for your team.

I am really looking forward to this Fall Rally. I am so anxious to get all of our Chapters together so we can get to know each other and to be able to help each other.

I have had 3 Chapters, (OH1965 Jackson, OH1801 West Union and OH1428 Peebles), that have volunteered to do a skit. Remember that is worth 40 points to your Chapter in the contest. Is there any other Chapters that are considering a skit? I do not have room for many more so please let me know ASAP. It will be approved on a first come basis.

If you have already done your walk, would you please send the pictures to me as soon as you can as I want to start building the program. If you haven’t done one yet, you still the rest of August to complete.

The Rally will be held on October 24, 2015 in the Family Life Center, Grace United Methodist Church, 104 South High Street, Waverly, Ohio. Registration will begin at 9:15 AM. See you there.

