Dear TOPS members,

Yes, it is time for fun and healthy summer foods. Some added outdoor exercise can’t hurt either. It can be our time to improve our diet and add something new to our menus with the vast array of fresh fruits and veggies. Try a new green food and experiment with a new recipe.

It is already a very busy early summer with SRD behind us and officer elections plus IRD just around the corner. SRD in Baraboo at Ho Chunk was a huge success. Our winners were extraordinary with very moving stories. KOPS are always a delight and to see so many in the circle was inspirational. Congratulations to all. Especially want to thank all chapters that brought and donated to the craft sales. It was a huge hit. Thanks also to all who gave of their time to help in the promo room at the sale tables. As the old saying goes, “Many hands make light the work.” You are awesome.

Officer Elections: All leaders were sent a packet from HQ with the new Officers Chart. Near the end of June be sure to announce that elections will take place the beginning of July. Four elected officers are Leader, Co-Leader, Secretary & Treasurer. The new or re-elected leader immediately appoints weight recorders followed by filling out the L-001 Officers Chart, signing it, dating it and mailing to me. Be sure all membership renewals are up to date as only paid members are eligible to vote and/or be an officer. I will notify you if any officer is ineligible. All officers assume their duties the first week of August. Please do the annual treasury audit at that time and mail a copy to me for filing.

TOPS Web Site: As I wrote you last month, the TOPS web site has been upgraded with many new improvements. Be sure to check out the leader/designate site for forms and chapter information. It has been made easier to navigate.

Congratulations: How long have you been in TOPS? Judy Randall of WI 261 Luck has been a member for 50 years. That’s what I call a long-term relationship. Congratulations Judy.

IRD: Please note that I will be at IRD in Orlando from July 10th through the 17th. Please send completed officers charts and all mail as usual as I will have someone here opening my mail.

It is also time to make a donation, if you choose, to help the Area Captains with the cost of attending IRD. If your chapter wishes to help out, please make your contribution by chapter check (2 signatures) payable to me by July 2 with AC IRD donation in the memo. As in the past, that money is only used for the ACs of Northern WI to attend IRD. Many thanks for always being very generous. Your captains and I thank you very much.

Thought For The Day: I am too positive to be doubtful; too optimistic to be fearful and too determined to be defeated.

Enjoy your summer and remember that I am here if you need me. Hugs, Diane