

TOPS



October, 2018

It's that time of the year again . . . Fall Rallies are in full swing. Thank you to those who took time out of your busy schedules to attend Vicki's Rally in Hutchinson Sept. 22 and LeAnn's Rally in Sleepy Eye Sept. 29th. If you missed those, there are three remaining ones you are more than welcome to attend.

Saturday, October 20th - 8:30 - 11 a.m.

105 20th St. NW (So. Hills Trailer Park Community Club) Stewartville

Fran Heilman, Area Captain

Saturday, October 27th - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, 320 E. Main, Mankato

Ami Heesch, Area Captain

Saturday, November 3rd - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 400 W.9th St, Hastings

Ami Heesch, Area Captain

KOPS Longevity Awards

Truly Beavers, MN 1683, Wood Lake - 5 years
JoEllen Finch - MN 551, Mankato - 10 years
Alice Haugen - MN 551, Mankato - 10 years
Judy Hamen, MN 1295 Inver Grove Hgts. - 10 years



Chapter anniversaries

MN 608, Winona - 50 years
September 18, 1968
MN 160, Morris - 55 years
September 24, 1963

SRD May 3-4-, 2019 "Friends Helping Friends"



SRD 2019 will be May 3-4 in St. Cloud at the Holiday Inn and Suites. I, along with the Minnesota field staff are busy finalizing details and your invitation letter will be sent in early February. Rooms are not available yet for the special TOPS price, so please don't call the Holiday. There will be sufficient rooms blocked for everyone at the special rate.

This and That

The new My Day One was included with the August/September issue. It is your personal copy and is the most current issue. Be sure to tear it out of the magazine—take it to chapter—and use it for chapter programs. All chapters should have received at least one copy of the My Day One to give to a new member when they join.

KOPS REGISTRATIONS—new, reinstated or goal change. These are all mailed to **ME**—not to headquarters. It will only delay registering your KOPS if you send it to headquarters.

There has been no \$5 fee since 2017 so you do not need to send a check. What I do need is the L-14, the doctor's goal slip (if they change goal, are a new KOPS or are reinstated at a different goal) AND a copy of their current weight chart. I cannot send the KOPS registrations in until I have those three things.

RENEWALS should be mailed directly to headquarters – it will only delay them if they are sent to me. Renewals are sent out about 6 weeks before your renewal date. Please take it to your chapter right away to get it sent in to headquarters. Your 'due' date will not change if you send it in early. Often it seems to get forgotten if it is put aside to mail in later. If it is late—you may miss getting your next issue of the TOPS News.

CLARIFICATION ON NOT WEIGHING IN, BUT ATTENDING TOPS MEETINGS. There have been some misunderstandings about this rule that has been published in the TOPS Bill of Rights. **A member can attend a meeting and choose NOT to weigh in, but if they choose to do this – they are marked AB and may not participate in the meeting, contests or vote or perform the duties of an office.** (See page 46 of the TOPS Guidebook). Remember – if a member has four AB's in a row they also will not be eligible to be listed on the chapter resume and are not eligible for awards.



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