

May, 2018



TOPS

Thank you to all who attended SRD (State Recognition Days) in Duluth May 4-5.

Ruth Gielow, Regional Director provided the first workshop Friday afternoon, preceded by a style show put on by MN 1706, Garrison. Other speakers at SRD were Janie Carlson, MN 793 who spoke on "How One Chapter is Making Their Chapter TOPS" and Kathy Bjonskaas, MN 1146, "Being a Lifesaver." In between speakers chair dancing was held. Friday evening the before and after parade were held with several members from our area participating.

Several chapters in our area were honored for having 8 lbs. per member losses in 2017 with MN 1131, Madison Lake winning the best average loss award with 23.89 lbs. lost per member.

Royalty crowned Saturday morning were:

Queen Kim Brimer from MN 37, Fergus Falls with a loss of 71 lbs. Runner-up Queen was Patrice Baudhuin of MN 702, Hoyt Lakes with a loss of 59.80 lbs.

King John Stoessel of MN 1068, Floodwood with a loss of 34 lbs. and Runner-up King was Frank Simon of MN 1490, North Branch with a loss of 10 lbs.

Division winners from our area included:

Div. 1, 1st place, Rita Kluntz, MN 1131 Madison Lake, 66 lbs.; 2nd place, Robin Harrison, MN 1295, Inver Grove Hgts., 56.20 lbs.; Div. 2, 1st place, Mary Louise Wirkus, MN 979, Albert Lea, 79.40 lbs.; Barb Cahill, Div. 2, 2nd place, 66 lbs. lost; Kay Johnson, Div. 7, 1st, 10.40 lbs. and Anna Nicholson, Div. 9, 1st, 77.75 lbs. lost. Male Division winners included Daniel Davis, MN 157, Eagan, 88.40 lbs.; Tom Studniski, MN 1303, Avon, 35 lbs.; Gerry Ossefoort, MN 1037, Fulda, 23 lbs. and Steve Hacker, MN 153, Albert Lea, 31.25 lbs.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of all the state winners for 2016.

I also have printed several photos on the back of this page with our winners who attended SRD.

Congratulations to Area Captain Ami Heesch for being named TOP AC in Minnesota for 2017.

A big thank you to all the chapters who furnished a basket for the raffle. This is a great source of income for SRD to help defray costs of the event and we appreciate your participation.



MN Queen Kim Brimer and King John Stoessel

IRD AC Fund

TOPS IRD (International Recognition Days) is being held in Montreal, July 13-14. I am enclosing the AC Fund letter. This fund is strictly for area captains who are attending SRD from Minnesota. The Area Captains do not get reimbursed for their trip to IRD, they pay for their own transportation and hotel stay, as well as taking time from their jobs to make this trip. The area captains attend workshops and sessions at IRD, talk with field staff from other states, exchange ideas and bring back new ideas to their chapters. They all appreciate the financial support you have given them over the years.

Just a reminder, from July 7th-15th I will be out of my office, attending IRD in Montreal.

KOPS Longevity Recognitions:

Congratulations to the following KOPS for their achievement of consecutive KOPS status

Judy Hamen - 10 years

MN 1295, Inver Grove Heights

Chapters Noting Special Anniversaries

MN 1468, Owatonna, 30 years (April 5, 1988)

MN 589, Waite Park, 50 years (May 14, 1968)

I was pleased that I was able to present MN 1468 their certificate at Fran's Spring Fling in Owatonna and I attended the open house celebration MN 589, Waite Park held in honor of their 50th year and was able to present their certificate, as well as Lori Preusser's 45-year plaque for continuous KOPS status.



Our area will be hosting next year's Minnesota SRD May 3-4, 2019 at the Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud, MN