

SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM PAT'S DESK

Hello to the Northeast Georgia Chapters and Members!!!! Have you gotten those Rally winners in to me from your chapter yet? Remember, September 10th is the deadline. If you are not a winner in any of the Summer Contests, you still may attend Rally. **!!!It is for all members!!!** The deadline for pre-ordering lunches is September 23rd. They can be mailed to me earlier.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN AUGUST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

46 NEW members were added in August. Congratulations chapters! Remember, the new contest that started July 1st to run through December 31st. For every four members your chapter receives, (Leaders or Designate member with email), gets an email from Headquarters showing you have earned a Bonus. This can be used for the next new member or renewal that comes in to the chapter or use for a contest. Two chapters that have earned BONUSES are: GA 0390 Woodstock has earned two, GA 0389 Grovetown and another chapter will be added to the list for August, GA 0401 Commerce. So, get the word out about TOPS and let's see the numbers rise.

Every new member sent to me goes into a container with the chapter number written on the back of a ticket. They are taken to IRD and placed in a drawing with all of Mary Reed's States which include, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. By adding new members, Georgia has a better chance of winning the \$250 that each Regional Director awards from her area at IRD. Winning ticket is drawn on stage and announced.

August 2011 - News from our President - Barb Cady

– Chapter Signs and Mileposts

Get your TOPS Calendars for 2012 as soon as the order form appears in TOPS News. The supply is limited! Together, we will strengthen our focus on 365 days a year to build healthy changes in our lives
***not just 52 meetings!

Clarification of TOPS Rule 3. CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

The chapter shall be educational, nonpolitical, nonsectarian and an affiliate of TOPS Club, Inc., a nonprofit organization. The chapter shall not deny membership to any individual who meets and fulfills qualifications and requirements as stated in rule 9, unless consent to such denial is secured in advance from the Regional Director and the officers of TOPS Club, Inc.

There are changes to 5 pages of the Chapter manual. **Please replace the old pages with the new ones and throw the old away. The chapter shall receive two sets of the changes in the packet with this**

Year's Chapter Resume, order sheet for special Chapter Yearly award items and Weight charts for the new year.

LEADERS: Please remind your members that TOPS RULES are printed in the centerfold of the Dec/Jan issue of TOPS NEWS and should be removed and saved.

Beginning with the February TOPS News, all chapter programs shall be printed in TOPS News. These shall also be posted on www.tops.org in a black and white version. All existing programs are being redesigned in the same format and will become part of the "Learn it...Live it" Life Lesson series.

Door designs are being designed for you to display at the door of your chapter meeting each week. That way, people passing by will see that we are there to help them each and every week. These will be mailed to leaders in February.

TOPS Website is under construction with wonderful changes and will be unveiled in October. Log in and check out.

A new rhinestone TOPS flag pin (see on page 3 of August/September TOPS News) and TOPS and KOPS pendants will soon be available in TOPS News. Also, new award items are being added to our Awards and Tools including Road to Success theme items and the Daily Do It many of you have been using since your Area Captain visited and presented the Super Foods program.

A slight increase in mailing Award items for 2012:

\$20.01 - \$40.00 up \$1.00 - \$9.95 for US - \$40.01 and up – up \$2.00 \$11.95 for US.

Unchaperoned children who are members may attend chapter meetings if the chapter members do not object. Parent or guardian must sign the membership application of a minor under 18 years of age.

CAUTION - RETREATS.....we want to play fair.....so, be aware

- *No member may be placed on a retreat waiting list to attend prior to its announcement.
- * Member may not register for a retreat prior to its announcement.
- * Member must make full payment at time of registering for a retreat.
- * If retreat is charged by the facility for a cancellation, that charge shall be deducted from any refund that may be due to a retreatant in addition to the \$50 cancellation fee.

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It is not too late to reach your goal in 2011. Keep a food journal, exercise and attend weekly meetings to stay motivated and encouraged by your fellow TOPS.

See you at Rally!

I care, Pat

