

“TOPS Roaring 20’s to KOPS”



Louisiana SRD

Garden Plaza Conference Center
2032 NE Evangeline Thruway
May 31-June 2

Put your “cheaters” on because you are about to read something copacetic. Get your “boiler” ready and your “glad rags” together as we head over to the Ritz Garden Plaza Conference Center in Lafayette, LA! If you have not yet made your reservation (s) at the Garden Plaza Conference Center in Lafayette, please get on your “horn” and do so now by contacting the **Garden Plaza Conference Center** @ 337-233-6815 for your room reservations. Don’t forget to mention “**TOPS**” to receive that special TOPS rate of \$99.00 + tax for D/K room. Remember to please adhere to the deadline date of **4/2/18** for the TOPS rate. Be sure that you register only members who plan to attend. Hotel check-in begins at 4p.m. Thank you.

SRD Registration will begin at 3-PM on Thursday at the Garden Plaza Conference Center in Lafayette Louisiana.

Once you’ve registered at the Garden Plaza Conference Center on Thursday please feel free to pick up your TOPS registration packet, visit the Friendship room and check out the TOPS store. Later in the evening, you can join others for entertainment of fun and laughs beginning at 6:30. Have fun until you “flop”!

Friday morning, starting at 6:00 a.m. we will have a TOPS Walk with your Area Captain and at 7:00 a.m. come and have fun at a line dance Session. TOPS Walk/Activity waiver is a requirement to participate in either activities. Your waiver will be within your registration packet. Please have it filled and signed before you engage in the activity provided for your enjoyment.

All General Sessions will be held at the **Garden Plaza Conference Center**. There will be no “gatecrashers”. You must have an ID badge to enter all events. General Sessions on Friday and Saturday morning begin at 10:00 a.m.

2018 SRD Central Committee

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTER LEADERS and Participants

(This will be the only letter you will receive concerning 2018 SRD. Registration is extremely important in ordering all material for TOPS members attending and making sure that everyone gets proper recognition.)

To participate on stage, members **MUST** be a TOPS active member, registered prior to SRD, and be properly dressed. There will be no late registrations for the various parades or awarding at SRD. Please print registration form legibly with member's full name, **not** nickname. Deadline date for registration/participation is **April 30, 2018**.

The cost of registration for this event will be \$35.00 for **any** person attending SRD. After the **deadline date** of April 30, 2018 the cost will be \$40.00 per person. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS; ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.** All persons, including any guests attending, **must** be registered and **must** wear a name badge at all sessions. **No one will be admitted to any general session without a name badge.**

All attending SRD and registered by the deadline date, will receive a **free** 2018 SRD pin. Members registering after April 30, 2018 or at the Garden Plaza Conference Center **will only** receive a name badge. For those who register late and want to purchase an SRD pin, additional SRD pins will be sold in the promotion room for \$4.00. SRD Chapter Registration checks shall have **two signatures** made payable to: **Louisiana TOPS SRD Fund** and mailed to:

**TOPS Louisiana State Treasurer
Dwight Davidson
380 Little Choupic Rd.
Thibodaux, La 70301**

Proper Dress Code is a must. Leaders are responsible for checking participating members BEFORE SRD to be sure they follow the proper dress code. Anyone participating in any of Saturday's events **must comply** with the following dress code or they will not be able to participate on stage: **Females-formal** (floor length or mid-calf length dress -- solid or print-**Floor Length Formal** dresses are preferred) *** **All female graduates must be in a plain white, no print, formal dress. Males-black suit or black sport jacket and tie. Dress code will be enforced.** Remember, you want to "Dress to impress". Saturday morning, Chapter Queens wear formal dress and Chapter Kings suit or sport jacket and tie for the Chapter Royalty Parade.

Chapter Quilt Square Contest-Your Chapter was given a fabric square to create your design for 2018 SRD at your Fall Rally. The deadline date for the quilt square is February 28th. Please mail your quilt square to: **Marilyn Rogers**

**118 E. J. Ln
Houma, LA 70364**

To verify that your Chapter square has been received by Marilyn, please phone her at **985-856-3168**

Before & Now Parade-recognizing members who have lost a minimum of 50-lbs.

Chapter Costume Contest- Registration will be on Friday between 5:30 - 6:15p.m. Costume attire must be in good taste and according to our theme. Please have your costume on as you are registering for Chapter costume contest.

Door Decoration Contest- Don't forget to decorate your door as judges will go around to judge who will be the top 3 winners. If your Chapter has a King and /or Queen please honor them by decorating their door. All doors must be decorated no later than 3 p.m. on Friday to be eligible for recognition. The criteria will be based on a combination of SRD theme and TOPS.

Basket Contest-We are asking all Chapters attending SRD to bring their own decorated Theme basket to be raffled off on Saturday afternoon. No rules or size. A few ideas of baskets are: Louisiana product basket (please watch for expired dates), kitchen basket, bath basket or exercise basket. Will your basket be recognized as one of the top 3?

New this year: we will now be accepting homemade crafts which you will price to sell in the SRD Promotion Room. All proceeds will go to the LA SRD Funds. What will not sell you will be responsible to take back home. Many of you are very talented in paintings, jewelry, house decors and more. Your participation and donation is very much appreciated. Thank you for supporting your LA SRD.

New this year: All raffles will have a cut off time. For ½ & ½ you can purchase 1-ticket for a dollar, 6-tickets for \$5.00 or an arm's length (arm length is done by the sellers only) for \$20.00. Basket tickets-(sold the same as the ½ & ½) you will be able to choose the basket of your choice and drop your ticket in that container for a better chance to win the basket of your liking. Every basket will have recognition at the time of raffling.

Heads Up: Next year's SRD of 2019 we will be recognizing family members. You do not have to belong to the same Chapter. Start encouraging family to join now so all will have time to take off those unwanted pounds sensibly and parade on stage in 2019.

We know that your excitement will fill the atmosphere of Lafayette as we join together in support of one another as we congratulate our successful winners of 2017. You'll bring back home your experiences and information to share with those who could not attend this year's SRD in hoping to encourage their attendance in 2019. Your SRD Committee and hosting Chapters look forward to seeing you at every session. If you have any questions to the SRD letter please contact your Area Captain or your Coordinator.

Safe travel and we'll see you in Lafayette as TOPS Roaring 20's to KOPS!!!