

CLARA'S COMMENTS

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Hi, Everyone - - -



January is already behind us and I'm hoping that all of you are well on your "Road to Success" with a loss for the month! Did you have a smooth trip through January or did you hit a bump or two? Maybe a detour? OK – you're past those challenges, so get out your map and make plans to have a better trip through the short month of February. Avoid the candy shops as you travel through February 14th – and make yourself a promise to have a loss for the month when you end it on February 28th.

March is going to be here before we know it – and that means election of officers at your first meeting of the month. It's not too soon to be thinking about who will step up to the challenge and be willing to serve your chapter as an officer; it is an honor and a privilege to serve your chapter and your members, so be thinking about running yourself – or ask someone who you think would be a good officer if they would consider running for one of the positions. If you have someone who is doing a great job, ask them if they will run again.



SRD packets were mailed out the 21st of January and all of you should have that information by the time you get this letter. IF NOT, LET ME KNOW and I'll get you a packet in the mail ASAP. Beaumont is a long way to travel for all of us out here in West Texas, but I'm hoping to see many of you there. I know many already have their rooms reserved and that is good, but please be sure that you have not booked more rooms than you will be using; it really causes a problem when rooms are cancelled the last few days before SRD and the hotel is left holding empty rooms that could have been used by someone else! Please don't be responsible for someone else having to stay at another hotel because you booked more rooms than you needed, then cancelled at the last minute.



I have had questions arise as to the new TRANSFER WEIGHT CHART (Form L-027TR) because there is no longer the short L-007 form which used to accompany the transfer sheet from the original chapter. As before, the original chapter fills out the transfer sheet to give to the member who is leaving and keeps the original weight sheet. The transfer member takes the transfer sheet to the new chapter and the new weight recorder continues to record the member's weights on this sheet until the end of the year. The new chapter leader should notify their coordinator (or me) of the new member's transferring into the chapter – otherwise, the transfer will not be recorded with TOPS Headquarters until the end of the year when resumes are sent in. If you have questions, please call or e-mail me.



A big "THANKS" to all of you who got your year-end resumes to your Coordinator on time (by the 8th day of January).



Your Coordinator also sends a big "THANK YOU" - - they too have their deadlines to meet, so it makes their jobs easier when we meet our deadlines. The information from these resumes is used to determine our State Division winners and Royalty, so you don't want your chapter members to miss out because the reports were not done on time. This is why the Weight Recorder's job is one of the most important positions in your chapter - - so don't fail to let them know that you appreciate the hard work they do for you and your chapter. HOORAY!!! FOR WEIGHT RECORDERS!!

Until next month - - may all of you be blessed with good weight losses.

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