

March 2011

Hello and may the Luck of the Irish be yours today.

Where did the long winter days go, for here is spring at our doorsteps. Time to get out and enjoy and see what plants are popping up after the cold days. The trees are in bloom in my neighborhood and come in several beautiful colors for me to enjoy on my daily walk. Good for body and mind.



By now you should have had your elections of Officers for your chapter. PLEASE send the Officer's Chart (L-003) to me right away for approval. They must be checked by me and sent to HQ in a timely manner or the Leader will not receive the April mail out from TOPS Club, Inc. Also, any new leaders will not have access to the TOPS website for information. A huge THANK YOU to all 2010 officers who have given their time and energy to make the chapters a success!!!

How is your trip progressing on your Road to Success? How far have you gotten on Interstate 35? The road sign for January was the green light, GO and the sign for February was "SOFT SHOULDER". The travel sign for March is CURVES AHEAD. We have had 2 months to stick with our plan and move forward with weight loss and exercise. Now it is March and we may no longer be able to see our destination because of the bends and turns in the road. Slow down, keep focused on the destination and keep your mind centered to reach the goal you have set for yourself in 2011.



With that in mind, chapters have been emailing me the progress they are making on our contest. I believe I am the one that asked you to mail, call, or email me each month with miles achieved. WHY ON EARTH DID I DO THAT???? I am so worried that those "paper-eating leprechauns" in my office will lose some of your hard earned miles. Therefore, you will find in this

mailing a log sheet to record your progress each month. Please send this form to me with your chapter resume in January 2012. Y'all are doing a great job!! Lots of miles for new members and doing programs. Getting off to a great start!!!!

Here are a few notes on chapter bookkeeping:



Remember spouse renewals or new memberships are ½ price - \$13.00.



NEW MEMBERS are given a one time opportunity to purchase The Choice is Mine (\$12.00) and the Choice is Mine workbook (\$8.00) at a reduced price. This must be marked on the Membership Application (L-003) and the money included with the application when sent to me.



Please send the top 2 copies of the L-003 and the top TWO sections of the renewal. They are clearly marked "Headquarters Copy" and "Coordinator Copy". I'm getting a few of the sections that the chapter needs. Be sure to give the member the 4<sup>th</sup> section as a receipt.



The form for all KOPS Registrations (L-014) is a blue half page form. I am still receiving some of the old pink and yellow ones. While Headquarters still accepts those, the information is a little different and it is helpful to me if you use the newer ones. And don't forget to send a copy of the KOPS chart. That is very helpful to determine the exact day and make sure any goal changes are done correctly.



A reminder that the yearly chapter audit should be done at the end of March by the outgoing treasurer and a copy sent to me. I have enclosed the form in this newsletter. If you have any questions, I will be happy to help you.

If you need any supplies, please let me or your Area Captain know and we will get those to you.



It is almost time for SRD in Beaumont – “WINGS of CHANGE”. It’s not too late to attend and witness all the changes our members have made in 2010. I can hardly wait to see all the winners shed their brown cocoons and emerge on their new colorful wings of flight!!!

I leave you with one of my favorite Irish Blessings.

***May your home always be too small to hold all your friends.***

Hugs to all my TOPS friends.



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