

Dear Chapter Leaders and Members

August 1, 2011



I would like to explain the **new member's campaign** going on **July 1 to December 31, 2011**. If you have an email address listed on the TOPS computer (only 3 chapters do not), then Leaders will receive an email monthly recording your full-priced **new** members. When you have four you can **attach the form** to any new membership or renewal form with no fee. In the "fee paid" you enter "bonus". The fee paid by the member stays in your chapter, or it can be used to help a person who is short on funds or pay for your Leaders membership (which the chapter is supposed to pay). The new memberships processed at headquarters are the ones listed. It takes a week or more from when you send me the form, and I get it processed and sent to headquarters.

**Membership will increase** \$2.00 January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for new members and renewals whose dates are *after* January 1. Half price members increase by \$1.00. If you have a husband and wife, the second one can pay half price and not receive the TOPS news. This price is effective by renewal date, not date paid. This is 17 cents a month increase. We all know how postage rates have



increased lately. TOPS is still the most affordable program. And we have the nicest people!

I am still receiving **renewal application** without signature and weight. Please double check before they are mail. I only get the first two copies. 3<sup>rd</sup> is chapter record and 4<sup>th</sup> is members receipt.

Member renewing on line and Highest Weight – **NEW Procedure!**

- 90 days prior to renewal date, members will see a reminder to renew when logged on to the Store section.
- Member clicks on link that reads "Pay Dues".
- Renewing members at their highest weight at time of renewal should print their payment voucher and take both the renewal form and voucher to chapter. Weight recorder must enter your renewal weight on the renewal form, enter the words "Online renewal" under the weight, attach the voucher and send both to the Coordinator.
- Online renewal is not available for half price members.
- If a membership has lapsed, they may not renew on line.

If someone **transfers** into your chapter, send me an email or note giving person's name and membership number and new address if effective. We are no longer using transfer form.

The Hawaii Retreat is now ready for your members to sign up to attend. They can get more information from the August/September issue of the TOPSNews or go to the Online Store area of the [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) website and purchase it.

Have you invited your Area Captain to do the Super Food program? I have asked them to visit each chapter once a year. Check with them as to a date they are available.



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**Rally Dates are on the bulletin enclosed.** Check the [www.whywelovetops.com](http://www.whywelovetops.com) website on Arizona's calendar if you misplace or need another form. Don't forget to start filling out the summer weight loss form.

New rule effective January 2012

9 b. Membership in TOPS Club Inc. is required. **Only those having proof of membership may attend TOPS meetings and participate in TOPS activities.** (This does not affect spouses who register and attend SRD.)

1. TOPS membership is not required for adult advisors of a teen/preteen chapter to attend and participate in TOPS activities.
2. Non-members caregivers of handicapped members may attend TOPS meetings and TOPS activities if and only to the very limited extent necessary to assist the handicapped member to attend TOPS meetings and participate in TOPS activities.
  - a. The caregiver may not participate in TOPS activities.
  - b. The Chapter Executive Committee shall determine the reasonableness of the caregiver's attendance.

Reminder: In the June 2011 TOPSNEWS there is a coupon for the Achievement Logs at a discounted price of 6 for \$6.00. These are regularly \$1.50. The deadline for ordering these is August 31, 2011. It might be time to check the chapters "on hand" supply and get an order in and take advantage of this price break.

Reminder... SRD is in Tucson April 12-14. "TOPS Cabaret - Puttin' on the Glitz". More information later.

IRD is in San Diego July 5-7 and our Region is in charge. There will be many jobs you can help with. Hostesses, Promotion room, and being a friendly face to the other regions. "California Dreamin' " If you or any chapter member is interested in helping out please let me or your Area Captain know which area and we will get you signed up.

Barb Cady is once again challenging everyone to lose 10 pounds from July 1 to June 30. "Cut and Burn" is still on. Can you do it?

Have a great summer and lets have an awesome total summer weight loss! I'm looking forward to sharing the results at Fall Rally.

Sincerely,

*Linda Genot*