



Coordinator Newsletter



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CHAPTER MAINTENANCE

Thanks to all chapters who have mailed their 2012 chapter maintenance to me. If you have not, please do so right away as I am required to get it recorded and forwarded to TOPS soon after the first of the year. The form showing how much your chapter owes went to all chapter leaders in a physical mailing in October, along with a list of current chapter members. If you did not receive it or have misplaced it please call your Area Captain or me to find out how much you owe. You can send me a chapter check without the form. Just note on the check that it is for maintenance. Refer to the Chapter Manual, Chapter 2, Duties of Chapter Officers, Treasurer, on pages 15 and 16 for an explanation of Chapter Maintenance.

2012 CA State Recognition Days (SRD)

The ACs and I are being asked questions about next year's SRD. It will be held in one session on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 4 in San Diego just prior to IRD. We will announce and award State Division Winners, Royalty and the Best Average Loss Chapter. KOPS Longevity Awards and Century Awards will be presented and there will be our annual drawing from new member tickets for \$50 to a chapter in each area of the state and \$100 to one chapter from the whole state. We will also present the invitation to CA SRD 2013 that we will be hosting in our area in Northern California.

There is not a separate registration fee for SRD but you must register to attend IRD and then go to the SRD session. The first information and forms to register for IRD and reserve a room at the Town and Country are in the latest TOPS News magazine, December 2011-January 2012 issue. You can also register on line at www.tops.org. All room reservations must be made through Globetrotter Travel. Do not call the Town and Country directly.

More information about participating in SRD will be sent to all chapters from the Coordinator in charge, Margie Fisher, early next year. To participate in IRD events such as KOPS Alumni Parade/Circle of Lights, Before & After Parade or Century Recognition watch for forms in TOPS News and with your registration packet after registering for IRD.

If your chapter has had four or more new members since July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and has an email address for the chapter you qualify for the chapter bonus of \$26 and discounted Choice is Mine books. Follow the instructions in the email and get to me by March 1, 2012.

Here is the text of the email being sent to Chapter email contacts each month:

Congratulations “Leader’s Name”,

TOPS President Barb Cady announced a new membership promotion for chapters, please find details inside the cover of the July issue of TOPS News or at this link: <http://www.tops.org/Member/TOPNews.aspx>

This is a cumulative list of qualifying full price members that have been added to the TOPS Database since July 1, 2011.

When the cumulative list TOPS processes shows four new memberships from your chapter, print and attach the email to any full price new membership or renewal in your chapter.

*Submit these to your coordinator and in the area “**Fee paid:**” List the word “**bonus**”*

In addition, we are offering the opportunity to purchase The Choice Is Mine at 5 for \$25.00 (shipping included) at the time the free membership form is used. Just send a chapter check or money order for \$25.00 and add the address and membership number of one person to whom the Choice Is Mine books are to be sent. This is a savings of over \$50.00!

When the cumulative list TOPS processes shows four more additional new memberships from your chapter, print and attach the email to another full price new membership or renewal in your chapter and submit as above. An additional 5 Choice Is Mines may be purchased as outlined above at the same time.

Both the free membership and discount on The Choice Is Mine must be received by your coordinator no later than March 1, 2012.

New Members
(listed here)

*Thank you,
TOPS CLUB Board of Directors*

YEAR END RESUME AND WEIGHT CHARTS

Form L-010 Annual Chapter Resume and all 2011 weight charts must be mailed to me by January 8, 2012. Please read and refer to Chapter 9 of the Chapter Manual: Determining Annual Winners. If you should have any questions that are not answered there please call or email me or your Area Captain. I will post the forms, resume and other helpful information on my page of our area website www.whywelovetops.com.

Membership Applications/Renewals

- Effective January 1, 2012, annual TOPS membership will be \$28 for full price adult, teen/preteen with TOPS News and \$14 for 1/2 price spouse, teen/preteen without TOPS News. Renewals due on or before December 31, 2011 must be postmarked in 2011 to be at the current rate. Any 2011 renewals postmarked in 2012 will be charged the new amount. All renewals due on or after January 1, 2012 will be charged the new amount, even if they are paid in 2011.
- You may continue using the old form until supplies on hand have been depleted. Just cross out \$26 or \$13 and write in \$28 or \$14. **Please destroy and do not use any forms dated prior to 2009.**
- If a renewal is paid after it was due please write 'backdate' or 'lapsed' at the top right of the form. Backdate means the member has been active in the chapter and is just renewing late—renewal date will remain the same. Lapsed means the member has been inactive and is returning to chapter after the renewal was due—renewal date will be the date on the renewal form.
- New member application must have the **date enrolled** and **present weight** entered. These must match the first date and weight entered on their weight chart.
- **Check to be sure all your members' memberships are current and get any renewals due in 2011 to me before the end of the year or they will have to pay the new rate of \$28 to renew late next year!**

PLEASE review to make sure everything is complete before mailing to me.

Thanks!

I ran across this poem when looking for the origin of the phrase "ring in the new year". It was written in 1852 and I think it's remarkable how fitting it is today. Maybe it's proof that history repeats itself or that the times really don't change much.

My wish for each of you is to "ring out the old" as you celebrate your accomplishments of 2011 and look forward to a great new year in 2012 as you "ring in the new". Remember, it's never too late to make changes you desire.



Ring Out, Wild Bells

*Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809 - 1892)
England's Poet Laureate from 1850-1892*

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the year that is to be.