



## TOPS NEWS WITH A VIEW

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** 2011

We are starting on a new journey this year with our new theme "The Road to Success". TOPS' new theme for 2011 and 2012 is "The Road to Success." You cannot travel the road to success unless you begin. You will keep on going as long as you refuse to quit trying. The most important thing to remember is that you are the one who must decide that now is the time to head out and take action. The Road to Success is ahead of you and there for the taking!

### **What a great way to start a New Year!**

Welcome these counties to our Area, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz and Clark. Brenda Birdwell is the Area Captain for this area. Brenda has been an Area Captain for 20+ years. A lot of you know her from SRD's. Brenda is a lot of fun and is loved by her members. We welcome 24 chapters. Welcome new Area Captain Sharon Morris, who will cover, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. Sharon lives in Kennewick, belongs to TOPS #WA 589, Kennewick and is a KOPS. Sharon is a wonderful person who truly cares about TOPS mission and you will enjoy her energy and enthusiasm! Last, but not least, new Area Captain in Yakima and Klickitat Counties, Ranee Andrews. Ranee lives in Naches attends TOPS #WA 474, Yakima and has been a TOPS members for 17 years. She has been very active in her chapter and I know she will be a great asset to us. WELCOME EVERYONE!!

**Annual Chapter Resumes** are due by January 8, 2011. Please mail to me at PO Box 5172 Pasco WA 99302. Congratulations to TOPS # 474, Yakima, first chapter to get their resume to me. Yeah!!

**Remember** to remove your new TOPS Rules from the centerfold of the Dec/Jan issue of TOPS News. Copies can also be downloaded from the Forms section of the leader's corner at tops.org. Please replace the rules in your copies on hand of My Day One in your New Member packets.

**Chapter maintenance** payments were due by December 31st. Please mail asap, if not done.

**TOPS Open House** All Chapters should be planning a TOPS Open House. Open Houses should be held in January or February. Pick a theme. You could use our theme of "The Road to Success", invite members that have been absent for a while. Invite friends that you would like to have in your Chapter. Ask KOPS, past Division winners or Century award winners to be guest speakers. Email me or your Area Captain. One of us will try to attend.

**Chapter Program idea** Plan your "Road to Success". Weekly and monthly goals are very important to your overall success. It is easier to see the light at the end of the tunnel when it is just a short distance. To plan your trip you have to put it on paper. Plan a meeting for goal setting, even making a vision boards. They are fun and easy. If we put it on paper we can see where we are headed and if we run into a roadblock we can work through it together.

**You have brains in your head. You feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. -Dr. Seuss**

**TOPS Headquarters** has asked us to encourage leaders and chapter designate to activate their accounts and use them regularly. Go to [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) then click: Member/Leader/Staff Area. Locate "Never logged in? Click on Activate your account . The Login is the membership number and Chapter ID is always 2-letter state/province abbreviation, 1 space and 4-digit chapter number.

**After activating the account**, you may log in using the membership number and the **Default password** which is First two letter of First name plus First four letter of Last name (no capitol letters and no spaces between any of the letters). After the account is activated, the leader or chapter designate may log in to easily print all forms needed as well as get so many other kinds of help to run their chapters better. All members can go to tops.org, but only leaders and chapter designates can download forms and use the leaders corner.

**February Newsletter** will have workshop dates and locations.

**Please note my phone no, mailing address and email address. This has changed. Pass it to all officers.**

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