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Welcome to 2012- It's a new year - time to make a new start on your own personal road to success. The fact that you are a Member of TOPS Club, Inc. and are at your chapter meeting reading or hearing this newsletter means that you already have a destination in mind and are here to get some support for your journey. Congratulations!

We have an exciting year ahead of us.

February - We have a Workshop on 2/4/12; Tri-Valley KOPS Society meets on 2/18/12 with Audrey Kissire as our Spotlight KOPS. We are having a FunShop in Burbank on 2/25/12 - the information is enclosed with the mailing and is posted on my page **at whywelovetops.com**. I will visit CA0009, Burbank with my Area Captain's Program on 2/27/12.

March - I will visit CA0077, Sunland on 3/1/12, CA0168, Northridge on 3/5/12, CA 1117, Arcadia on 3/7/12. CA0515, Santa Clarita on 3/12/12, CA0809, San Fernando on 3/15/12, CA 1063, La Crescenta on 3/19/12, and CA0932, Los Angeles on 3/20/12 with my Area Captain's Program; **the Glendale Healthy Kids Health Fair** is on 3.24.12 and I will visit CA0009, Burbank on 3.26.12 to assist with the installation of their 2012/2013 Chapter Officers

April - We have a Workshop on 4/7/12 - that is also the date that my son turns 45 - He'll be 20 years older a couple of months - Yikes!!! - When did THAT happen???? I will visit CA 1226, Sherman Oaks on 4.9.12, CA2410, Arcadia on 4/11/12, CA2231, West Hills on 4/16/12. CA 1606, Reseda on 4/17/12, CA 1844, Los Angeles on 4/24/12, and CA0845, Woodland Hills on 4/26/12 with my Area Captain's Program; Tri-Valley KOPS Society meets on 4/21/12 with Peggy Johnson as our Spotlight KOPS.

May - I will visit CA2418, Lakeview Terrace on 5/15/12 and CA 1852, Granada Hills with my Area Captain's Program; I will be attending a Field Staff meeting on 5/12/12 and we have a long holiday weekend May 26-28 2012. If you take a Sightseeing detour off your road to success, don't beat yourself up - just get back on the road and keep traveling.

June - We will have a Workshop on 6/2/12. The Tri-Valley KOPS Society meets on 6/16/12 with the Spotlight KOPS to be announced at a later date.

*The IRD theme is California Dreamin'. The venue is the beautiful Town & Country Resort Hotel in Mission Valley. What an opportunity to meet and greet TOPS members from all over this country and Canada. The 4th of July is often one of those "sightseeing trips" that many us TOPS members take off our Road to Success - I cant think of a better way to avoid that trip than to spend the time with 3 or 4 thousand TOPS members. **See below for my plea for your help at IRD***

August - We will have a Workshop on 8/4/12. The Tri-Valley KOPS Society meets on 8/18/12 with Ruth Aitken as our Spotlight KOPS. We have a FunShop tentatively scheduled for 8/25/12.

September - Oops!!! We start the month off with another of those sightseeing opportunities. Don't lose sight of your final destination while you are sightseeing. Fall Rally is 9/22/12 - boy, are we working on some fun ideas for this year's theme.

October - We will have a Workshop on 10/6/12: Tri-Valley KOPS Society will meet on 10/20/12 with yours truly as the Spotlight KOPS. Our "Valley Walk" will be at the Crescenta Valley Park on 10/27/12

November - This is the time of year when we all tend to take lots of sightseeing tours. Lets all resolve - NOW -to a healthier way of eating through the 2012 holiday season and pledge to ourselves and to our chapters that our last weigh in of December will be less than our first weight in November

December - Tri-Valley KOPS Society meets 12/8/12 with Marilyn Mayas our Spotlight KOPS. Good Losing to All. Keep your destination in mind.

HELP!! HELP!!

I am absolutely thrilled to have the honor of being in charge of the IRO KOPS Session bestowed upon me. But as you know - with honor comes responsibility. The biggest responsibility that comes with the IRD KOPS session is having enough volunteers to man the confirmation desk. This is where the KOPS who will be participating in the session report to confirm that they have arrived and to pick up their packets. While I don't have the exact hours of operation for the desk yet it is usually open all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I wouldn't expect anyone to man the desk for more than 3 hours at anyone time, and I hope to have at least 2 (perhaps 3) volunteers at the desk whenever it is open. I will be there as much as I can but have to fit in some Field Staff meetings, and other details for the Friday night session. Please call, email or drop me a note with your preferred days and times.

AREA CONTEST

I have made several references to your own personal journeys to success in this Newsletter. However, for any of us to have any hope for success with our personal journey to success in TOPS is for the organization to increase its membership. The organization can't increase its membership if our individual chapters continue to shrink in number. The only way it will grow is if we get and keep new members in our chapters - while keeping the ones we have, To this end, I'm holding a special contest for my area. I will give your chapter the \$28.00 membership fee for the 2nd additional member of 2012 - provided they are still an active member at the end of 2012. For instance - if you had 20 active members at the beginning of 2012, you will need to have at least 22 active members at the end of the year. If you do - I will send you \$28. We will determine your "active members" from the weight charts you submit at the end of the year. One way to help find new members is to get the word out. Check out the material in the Leader's Corner on the Website, have an open house & invite your friendly Area Captain and her goody box - whatever works for you.

That's all I have for now. Here's wishing all of us a safe and successful journey. While each of us has a different destination, we are all traveling the same road. Lets reach out and help each other.

TOPS love to all - Jeanie