

Judy's Junction for July

IRD was awesome! I wish you all could have been there. Be sure to look for all the International Winners in your October Issue of the TOPS News.

Your Area Captains are busily planning for your Fall Rally Days. Area Captain's Fall Rally Day will be September 24th for Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. Area Captain Sandy Friday's Fall Rally Day will be October 1st for Monroe County. Area Captain Cubbie Culbertson's Fall Rally Day will be October 15th for Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. Area Captain Betty Bates' Fall Rally Day will be on October 29th for Erie and Niagara counties. Watch for your Fall Rally packets and to see where your Fall Rally Days will be held. Put the date on your calendars now so you can attend and participate in this inspiring celebration of the successes of TOPS members.

Let's continue to spread the word about TOPS and all we have to offer by publicising our successes. Press release templates are available on www.tops.org in the "Forms and Documents/Other" area. Publicity Pointers are available on the website to guide you in achieving media attention to TOPS and our chapters. I have received Newspapers articles from two chapters in Western NY. NY 934 Arcade recently had an article published about their trip to SRD mentioning several members from their chapter who were honored there. They included a picture of those who attended and, of Wendy Swift, who was a NY State Division Winner. NY 164 Batavia published an article telling

about their recent location move and information about their chapter and also included a picture of three of their chapter members. Be sure to share your publicity efforts with me.

Another way of gaining recognition is to have a TOPS Walk. Mary Petruso, Leader of NY 1259 Lockport held a TOPS Walk on July 9th, inviting all chapters in Western NY to attend. I understand there were baskets raffled and a good time was had by all. Area Captain Sandy Frieday held a TOPS Walk on July 23rd along the canal in Spencerport. It was hot, but those who participated(including Area Captain Cubbie and me) were proud to say they had done it.

Reminder: If you have to cancel a meeting, be sure to post a sign on your meeting door so that a prospective new member will know to try again. Your meeting times and places are advertized on the TOPS website. It is extremely important to be available the times and places stated on the website. If you have any changes, be sure to let me know immediately so I can let TOPS Headquarters know to change the information given on the TOPS website.

Reminder: When sending me your L-003's(Membership Applications) send me the top two copies, white and yellow. Your chapter keeps the pink copy for your chapter records. The member gets the bottom copy, the goldenrod copy. The terms of their membership are stated there. It is important for them to read them upon joining.

Reminder: When sending me your L-014's for a New KOPS Registration, a Goal Change, or a KOPS Reinstatement, you must include a copy of the member's Weight Chart. I cannot process any of these without it. It is stated at the top of the current L-014(Revised 1/11). If you don't have the most current L-014's, you may print them from the TOPS website or order them from me. The same goes for any TOPS forms.

Summer is rolling by pretty rapidly. I trust you are making the most of each day. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon at your Fall Rally Days.

Much love & hugs, Judy Culbertson, Coordinator