

May 2010

This month always seems so busy with school getting out and graduations. I hope you all have a great month of May.

May 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for early registration for IRD. You may register after that date but the cost is a little more. If you have any questions about IRD I would love to do my best to answer them and if not I will get the information to you. Thank you to the chapters that gave or are planning on giving to Area Captions IRD Funds. The area captions appreciate everything that you do for them.

Joann Schwabauer ask me if I would ask my chapters that as she was putting away and writing thank you's she came across a bluish-green boa scarf. If your chapter or a member gave that to her she would like you to call her and let her know who you are so she can give you a proper thank you. Her number is 402-430-7129. Thanks!

I had a member ask a very good question, which all question are great but I thought I would share this one with you. What is the \$26.00 annual fee for? TOPS keep the fees very low. It helps pays for TOPS News, my administration fee, Headquarters administrations and so much more. The chapters ask members to pay a monthly fee to help their cost. The cost should be low also. This helps the chapter be able to pay for contests, fall rallies, SRD, programs, speakers, rent, supplies and so much more. If you have any other question please let me know. I will do my best to help answers your questions.

Fall Rally information will be going out in the near future. Be watching for it.

Thanks for everyone taking a look at your member's memberships in April newsletter. It has been very beneficial. There were a few members that had thought their memberships were paid and were not. I don't want anyone to miss out on the benefits of being a member. Each member is very important to me. If there is ever a question about a membership please let me know and I will try and figure out what is going on.

Some secrets are not meant to be kept. I am so proud to say since January 1<sup>st</sup> we have had 98 new members! Now how exciting is that. Keep up the good work and get out and spread the word. If there is a health fair that is available let me know so we can get TOPS name out there to help others.

Congratulations to the new KOPS and Longevity awards.  
7, Grand Island LORRAINE MATOUSEK, 30 YEAR KOPS  
55, Bellevue MARY BISHOP – NEW KOPS  
302, Ord CHERYL LARKOWSKI-NEW KOPS

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

TOPS Hugs

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