

## Leaders Notes *(Please, share with your members.)*

September 2016



**Voting Clarification:** In any secret ballot, including election of officers, the Leader votes but the vote is held separately until all other votes are counted. The Leader's vote is confidential. Leader's vote is only opened and used in case of a tie in election. Those counting the vote do not announce that there was a tie nor that the Leader's vote was added to the count.

**Web Designate News** The Web Designates list is purged from the TOPS website annually on July 15. There will be no Web Designate for a chapter from that date until the new list of Chapter Officers is filed and updated with TOPS Club, Inc.

**Officers Training Webinars Now Available Online** If you were not able to participate in the Officers Webinars facilitated by TOPS President in August, these are available on our website through a link in the member's area to be viewed at your convenience. One of the topics for discussion in each group was setting a **SMART** (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**ealistic, **T**imely) Goal for the chapter. Some are shooting for a "No-Gain" September, some have their eyes on encouraging those close to goal to reach it, some are even aiming for a loss for every member by the end of the year! **What is your chapter's current goal?**



**Seasonal Members and Travel Weight Charts** Since our members travel from north to south often and hold membership in either a northern or southern "home chapter" based on when their renewals come due, TOPS is referring to this group of members as "**seasonal**" rather the "snowbirds" when discussing the use of the travel chart for recording weights while away from the "home chapter."

**New and Discontinued Awards** TOPS Awards Brochure will be featured in the 2017 February/March *TOPS News*. Charter Member pinette (P-038) and TOPS Crown (P-012) are being discontinued. If these are items your chapter uses, please order soon as quantities are limited. Two new items will be added to the award line soon.



Win by Losing



Walking Happy

The 2017 addition to the Esther's Garden Collector



Pin Series is a Daisy

### The President's Million Pound Challenge

As the New Year begins, let's refocus on those things that make our chapters great:

- Accountability and privacy at the scale
- Discussion and support in our weight-loss journey
- TOPS Programs on many topics that provide tools and encouragement to keep us on track until our next meeting

Watch TOPS News for more exciting details to help TOPS achieve this goal in 2017!



**TOPS International Recognition Days**  
**"Sparkle Like a Diamond with TOPS"**  
**in Little Rock, Arkansas**  
**July 14 and 15, 2017**