



TOPS Lights the Way

In keeping with this year's theme, here's a fun installation of chapter officers. (Using Debbie Boone's "You Light Up My Life" as a nice musical accompaniment to this installation. There are TOPS words to this song.)

A small token of appreciation could include a flashlight for each office, lighthouse magnets, etc. Decorating an installation table with nautical items and a large lantern is a fun way to carry through the theme. Have bottled water for all members.

Just when we think we have almost reached our final destination and the shore is in sight, we become aware of the many dangers yet to be navigated. Hiding reefs, shallow waters, rip tides, and rocky shores -- all threaten to cut short the fulfillment of a long, arduous journey.

At this moment, a sailor fully appreciates the beacon of light seeks to warn him of the many obstacles that still lie in his path as he seeks to drop anchor in safe harbor. How very lucky we are to have TOPS strong light to help us find our way for over fifty years. Through the years, many more lights have been added to insure a safe journey. Among them, are all the KOPS who join the Circle of Light. Constant and steady are the brilliant torches of our officers. They guide us to our weekly meetings, enthuse, motivate and educate us while making certain we receive full honors for braving the rough waters of weight loss.

- Will the Weight Recorder please come forward? You are the chapter's anchor.

The weight recorder records each member's weigh-in on official forms as well as maintains and files on time all necessary weigh records. The weight recorder studies and follows all current TOPS and KOPS Rules applying to weight recording.

If you accept these duties, answer "I do".

Having so affirmed, accept this light as token of the office of chapter Weight Recorder of TOPS # _____, _____.

- Will the Treasurer please come forward? You are the chapter's lifeboat.

The treasurer handles all money received and disbursed, gives reports whenever requested at regular meetings on chapter finances and promptly forwards all memberships, maintenance fees and other transactions to coordinator.

If you accept these duties, answer "I do".

Having so affirmed, accept this light as token of the office of chapter Treasurer. of TOPS # _____, _____.

- Will the Secretary please come forward? You are the chapter's map.

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The secretary keeps accurate minutes at each meeting -- specifying names, dates, motions and contest rules as needed. If asked by leader, secretary reads all official communications and tends to all correspondence.

If you accept these duties, answer "I do".

Having so affirmed, accept this light as token of the office of chapter Secretary.

of TOPS # _____, _____.

- Will the Co-leader Please come forward? You are the chapter's main sail.

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The co-leader helps the leader serve the chapter, presides at chapter meetings in leader's absence and fills the office if permanently vacated. Co-leader also fills any other office temporarily until the officer returns or a permanent replacement is elected or appointed.

If you accept these duties, answer "I do".

Having so affirmed, accept this light as token of the office of chapter Co-leader

of TOPS # _____, _____.

- Will the Leader please come forward? You are the ship's wheel and rudder.

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Keeping in mind the goals and philosophies of TOPS Club, Inc., the leader determines and cares out the wished of the majority of the chapter. The Leader disregards personal preference, is well prepared, starts meetings on time, seeks member participation, guides topic discussion and enthusiastically develops helpful, inspiring topics. The leader works with all officers and reviews the chapter's progress regularly. The leader notes individual progress and talks with those having difficulty in private offering extra encouragement.

If you accept these duties, answer "I do".

Having so affirmed, accept this light as token of the office of chapter Leader

of TOPS # _____, _____.

The time has come for all hands to muster on deck. Fellow members, if you are willing to dedicate yourselves to help your officers steer this chapter to safe harbor in the coming year, stand and say, "I do".

Play song "You Light Up My Life" if desired. A toast of bottled water would be fun to offer at the conclusion of the installation.

Bon Voyage, TOPS # _____,

_____!

TOPS Lights Up My Life

So many nights I sit by my window
waiting for someone to help me to lose!

So many dreams I kept deep in side me,
alone in the dark, but then Tops came along!

Chorus: And

Tops lights up my life, Tops gives me hope to carry on,
Tops lights up my days, and fills my nights with song!
It can't be wrong, when I look so right,
Cause Tops, You light up my life!

Rollin' at sea, adrift on the waters;
Could it be fin-'ly - I'm starting to lose!
Fin-'ly a chance to say, "hey!! I've lost weight";
Never again to be over goal!!

Chorus: And

Tops lights up my life, Tops gives me hope to carry on,
Tops lights up my days, and fills my nights with song!
It can't be wrong, when I look so right,
Cause Tops, You light up my life!