

# **GARDEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

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**To create a great garden, there is much time, effort, love and planning involve. April is the time to concentrate on cleanup, planning and new starts. To have a successful garden, good top soil, fresh seeds, fertilizer and rain. Let's compare out TOPS organization to the soil. It is the starting point, from which many wonderful things will flourish. You will make new friends; The TOPS chapters will inspire and support you in your weight control plan. Seeds are available in all shapes, color and sizes. We TOPS and KOPS are different also. Most of you wouldn't plant only 1 kind of flower or vegetable in you garden. Variety is necessary and desirable. Encourage member to share their talents. (Pass out seed packages.) Plants can grow with out fertilizer, but will mature much faster and be more successful with its use. TOPS offers to us, lesson material, the TOPS NEWS, the monograph, the exchange system and field staff to help our chapters flourish. Many of you will be recognized for your achievements at local, area and SRD and IRD. With out water, no plant can put down roots and continue to live. A good chapter needs regular attendance of all its' members, especially the successful loser, KOPS. They are needed to remind us that with a healthy diet and attitude, important goals can be achieved. Like water every member in necessary. Like a garden a great TOPS chapter takes a great gardener. We need officer's who care and are willing to be good gardeners. Part of the reward of gardening is trying something new. During the coming year let's give these officers the opportunity to bring fresh ideas to meetings. Support changes and encourage their endeavors.**

**On behalf of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, I want to extend grateful appreciation to these officers who have completed their term of service. That you very much for your tine and attention to the betterment of this chapter during the past 12 months. (Have officers come forward for recognition and charm)**

**Lets us each enter into this installation with an appreciation of our own responsibility to bring success to our chapter during this new TOPS year. I will now present to officers for the coming year.**

**Will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward? For you, as weight recorders, I have a SCALE. Balance the complaints you hear with positive suggestions. May you work wisely, showing good judgment and exercising the sensitivity necessary in your job.**

**Will \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward? For you, as treasurer, I give you a GARDEN FORK. May your treasury be as full of greens as the garden you tend, for you have to fork over some money frequently.**

**Will \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward? For you, as secretary, I have a TROWEL. May you record all chapter business accurately and be constant in keeping notes**

**and minutes so that your chapter history will always be available to be remembered. If paper work is done in a timely fashion, you won't need this trowel to dig through it.**

**Will \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward? For you, as co-leader I have a SPADE. As co-leader you will be available all year to dig in to help your leader and will share the successful year of this chapter.**

**Will \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward? For you as leader I have GLOVES. With the variety in personalities of your members, you may be required to handle situations with a kid glove touch, but don't be afraid to take off the gloves to protect your chapter.**