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# From the Editors

by Myrna Webb  
and Louis Dilorio

Hopefully as you receive the Fall-Winter Issue of the Michigan Reading Journal your school year has gotten off to an excellent start. The task of educating young people is certainly a great responsibility and it is exciting to learn of the many innovative and productive activities being implemented throughout the state.

I would like to introduce to you Louis Dilorio who is the Assistant Editor of the **Michigan Reading Journal**. Lou is a Language Arts Specialist with Detroit Public Schools. I look forward to working with him as he brings new ideas and insights to the Journal.

**Reading: The Route to Literacy** is the theme of this year's conference scheduled for March 13-15, 1988 in Grand Rapids. Jerri Hansen and her committee have been busy lining up excellent speakers for the conference. Dr. George McKenna, III will be speaking at the Sunday evening General Session. He is the Principal of the George Washington Preparatory School in Los Angeles. On Monday we will hear Dr. Harry Wong, a consultant from San Diego who refers to himself as a "former" Science teacher and a motivator. The book and author luncheon will feature Audrey and Don Woods, author and illustrator of "**King Bidgood's in the Bathtub**" and "**The Napping House**" as well as others. These are only a sampling of the many dynamic speakers on the agenda for this year's conference.

Entertainment will once again include the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. A new addition this year will be the "**Storytelling Potpourri**." This activity will coincide with the

dance scheduled for Monday evening, so if your feet are too tired to kick up your heels, plan to enjoy the storytelling activity.

As you can see Jerri and her committee really have been working hard and we hope you are planning to attend.

In this Journal there is a section on Reading Comprehension Strategies designed for classroom application. The articles have been extracted from the materials presented at the November State of Reading Conference held in Lansing. Thanks to the Michigan Department of Education Curriculum Review Committee for their hard work in compiling these strategies.

Nick Criscuolo will be speaking at the Parent Meeting of the MRA Conference on Sunday afternoon. Please note that this is for parents **and** teachers as he will be speaking on "Involving Parents in the Reading Program." Dr. Criscuolo has written an article for this Journal to whet your appetite!

Many articles are received from educators that reflect the implementation of **Michigan's Redefinition of Reading**. It is exciting to hear of the methods and strategies that are effective in improving the reading skills of youngsters. We think you will enjoy the articles by Wayne Summers and Arden Post.

Each Journal will reproduce one of the MRA Position Papers. The **MRA Position Paper on Literacy** is included in this issue.

Please let us hear from you -- share activities that have been successful. Any suggestions, comments or concerns are always welcome. Please send them to 18208 Westhampton, Southfield, Michigan 48075, Ph. (313) 569-0926.