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From your I.R.A. Chairman
Bev Chamberlain

As we complete our council year, there are a few items which require our attention.

First, it is of prime importance that each local council mail the completed form, listing your new officers to I.R.A. immediately! The deadline is June 1, if your council is to be listed in next year's directory.

Certificates of Merit are available, if you wish to honor a member who has made an outstanding contribution to your council or to the teaching of reading. These are ready to go, at your request.

It was a pleasure to meet with many of you at M.R.A. Some of the ideas suggested for programs and growth which we shared were:

1. Have a "BYOB" Night. Bring your own boss.
2. Invite parents to join your council.
3. Have a program which involves the community. One council joined other educational agencies, such as the Intermediate Office, for a "Reading Day at the Mall."
4. Present administrators with honorary memberships and then see that they attend some meetings.
5. Suggest that a council meeting

be designated as an official in-service program for local schools. In this way, the expenses could be shared, and the attendance increased.

Remember that our tapes are available for public service radio and T.V. stations. There is no cost to Michigan councils for these tapes and they are excellent. You may use them more than once. For further information contact: Mrs. Margaret VanWyke, 282 West 30th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423.

OUTGOING PRESIDENTS: Please see that your council notebook is given to your successor. If your notebook cannot be located, please contact me and I will send your new president a new one.

I am grateful for the opportunity of representing you and the I.R.A. conference in New Orleans. Hopefully, I will bring back many ideas for local councils.

It's been a good year! Thank you for serving I.R.A.

Have a happy, relaxing summer.

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