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TO: THE MICHIGAN READING JOURNAL

FROM: Beverly Chamberlain
IRA State Chairman

“HAPPENINGS” from the State Chairman

Hello, again!

It seems good to greet you as your state chairman (or chairperson, if you prefer) after three years of attending other MRA duties.

With pleasure I can announce that our ranks of local councils are swelling. Two new councils are gaining our attention.

Marquette-Alger, located in the upper peninsula, got off to a rousing start with a two day conference, planned for October 26 and 27. Co-sponsors for the conference are Northern Michigan University and the Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District.

Berrien County held an enthusiastic organizational meeting on October 11. Elaine Weckler acted as temporary chairman. They are working to receive their charter soon.

Margaret VanWyke from Ottawa Council attended the Berrien County meeting to give her neighbors a helping hand. Thank you, Marg.

Congratulations to both councils.

Council presidents please note: We have HANDBOOKS available to assist you in running a successful council. If you have not received your copy, please contact me.

We have received word from Headquarters that Certificates of Merit may be obtained, if you would like to provide such an honor to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to reading council activities. This might be a nice “happening” for your final meeting of the year. I will provide certificates to councils as they are requested. There is no charge.

Financial aid is now available to new councils to help them finance programs. Again, details and application forms will be sent by “yours truly” on request.

Did you know that IRA board members have been provided with travel funds for the purpose of visiting local councils? If you would like to invite a board member to attend your council meeting, write directly to IRA Headquarters for more information.

In closing, let me say that I hope to visit several councils again this year. It is one of my favorite activities.

Have a good year.

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