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FROM THE PEN OF YOUR IRA STATE CHAIRMAN

by Jo Boomsma

As your newly elected IRA Chairman, I want to say "Hello." You probably know I have been chosen to take over for Beverly Chamberlain, who has become the new president-elect for M.R.A.

I want to wish you, Beverly, much success in your new position and thank you for your able leadership as State Chairman for the IRA last year.

I must admit I feel at this time very inadequate to serve in this capacity but hope that in time I may prove worthy of this position entrusted to me by your local council presidents.

The duties of the state chairman have been stated before, but I believe bear repeating. The following are noteworthy:

1. The chairman is available to assist in the organization of new councils.
2. She is available to assist local councils in planning excellent programs.
3. She serves as a liaison between the IRA and the state council (MRA).
4. She is anxious to publicize activities of local councils.

Since assuming this position in June, there have been several councils in the making; but at this writing, the state chairman is not aware that any have officially become members of the IRA family. At present we have twenty-six local councils in Michigan.

Your state chairman has formed a committee to write and develop a Handbook for local councils. It is hoped that this Handbook may help in providing guidelines, procedures and program suggestions for local councils.

Your state chairman is willing to help you organize a council in your area; or if there are local councils that may need encouragement, don't hesitate to contact me and together we will try to meet your need.

**Jo Boomsma, Director of Reading
Jenison Public Schools**

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