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"HAPPENINGS"

from the State Chairman — IRA

by Beverly Chamberlain

Greetings to fellow IRA members throughout Michigan! It is a joy to greet my colleagues, dedicated to the improvement of reading instruction, in my new capacity as state IRA chairman.

I am grateful that your local council presidents have elected me to serve in this capacity, and hope that I will prove worthy of the honor they have bestowed upon me.

Among the duties of the state chairman, 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 April, two new councils have become official members of the IRA family.

Hillsdale County Reading Council was organized, thanks to the leadership of Don Cascarelli, reading consultant with the Hillsdale Intermediate school District. Officers for this new council are:

President,
Don Cascarelli

Vice-President,
Donna Betts
Treasurer,
Lois Laser
Recording Secretary,
Lois Devers

Another newcomer to our official IRA family is the Nila Banton Smith Council of Montcalm and Ionia Counties. Again, leadership for this venture was supplied by the Intermediate School office of Ionia, in the person of Evelyn McGregor, Reading Consultant. Officers elected to serve this council are:

President,
Evelyn McGregor
President-elect,
Elisabeth Croel
Secretary,
Mrs. John Palmer
Treasurer,
Fern LaFollette

Your state chairman had the pleasure of meeting with both groups during their organizational activities. Congratulations to both new councils. And welcome!

In conclusion, if you live in an area that does not have an active council and you would like to help organize one, please contact me and together we can start the ball rolling.

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