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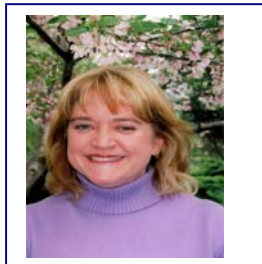
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear MSC-IRA Members,

The smell of new crayons and hand sanitizer is in the air! That must mean it is time to get back into the routine of school. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to the new school year and a new year for Missouri State Council IRA. The start of a new school year is a time to reflect on the past and to look forward to a new year. My daughter, Emily, came home after the first day of first grade and said, "Mom, things sure are different than they were in kindergarten!" I can tell that she has learned from last year and is looking forward to all the new challenges in her first grade classroom.

I have also learned from my year as President-Elect and look forward to my year as Missouri State President. I would encourage all of you to serve your local and state councils when asked. We have some exciting challenges ahead of us this year. One of our first goals for the year is to increase attendance at our annual conference. We would like for lots of people to join us at the Lodge of Four Seasons November 15-17. Our theme this year is The Gift of Literacy.

Another goal in 2007-2008 is to come together as a state and discover all of the wonderful gifts that are already all around us. Look around and discover what is happening in your schools. Take the time to stop and think about ways that you can give back to your community. It could be to read to a child. It could be donating some books to children in need. If we all take the time to give the gift of literacy this year, the rewards will come back to us in ways we can never imagine.

*Submitted by Laurie Edmondson, MSC-IRA President*  
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## MEMBERSHIP

Here we are at the beginning of another new school year. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable, restful summer and that the new school year will be a rewarding and successful one for all.

This past year has been one of learning for all of us in getting used to doing membership enrollment on line through the website ([www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org)). Information was given to those attending the Leadership meeting in the summer. If you were not there and have not received the information, please e-mail me in order that I can forward the information to you.

We will be holding our annual contest for the highest percentage of membership increase (councils are divided into three categories depending in size) and the winners will receive a free International Membership to be given to someone in their council. The membership chair whose council shows the highest percentage of membership increase will receive a complimentary registration to the fall 2008 conference. The deadline for determining winners will be March 1, 2008.

Membership cards will be available at the September board meeting in Columbia. If you, or a representative from your council is unable to attend, please let me know so that the cards may be mailed to you.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me.

*Submitted by Barbara Hiles, Director of Membership Development*  
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## ***FROM THE COORDINATOR***

### ***Leadership Retreat – “The Gift of Literacy”***

The nineteenth annual Summer Leadership Workshop was held June 16, 2007 at the Columbia Inn in Columbia, Missouri. Local council officers from twelve local councils along with members of the State Executive Board attended the workshop. The workshop is designed to share information about IRA at all levels with incoming council presidents, president-elects (or vice presidents), and membership directors (or treasurers) in order that these new or returning local council officers will be better prepared for their upcoming responsibilities.

The workshop was opened with a Get-To-Know-Your-Organization Trading Card activity followed by a presentation by Dr. William Edwards regarding his work in Pakistan on behalf of the International Reading Association. Job Alike sessions gave officers an opportunity to meet with those from other councils holding the same office and share successes and solutions to problems encountered. Two Potpourri sessions offered a wide variety of subjects such as brand new council leaders, awards, newsletters/communications, local council program ideas, and identifying and mentoring future council leaders. As in the past, participants learned just as much from each other as they did from the presenters while making new friendships.

Everyone's time is so valuable and those who gave up a part of a summer weekend to attend and participate will enable their councils and MSC-IRA to have a great year with informed officers who have established a network with their fellow officers across the state.

### ***Special Notes***

As you begin your new year and develop plans for your election of new officers in the spring, I urge you to make sure you schedule your election prior to April 15, 2008 – the due date for your Officer Report. Scheduling your election soon after the first of the year will also give newly elected officers the opportunity to work with the current officers to learn the responsibilities of their office and make the transition smoother!

It has been approved by the Executive Board to post the MSC-IRA Yearbook in a password protected section of our website. The Yearbook is currently being updated and will be posted by the fall. This should be a helpful resource for you and your council.

Please remember to check the website for important dates, newsletters, council news, and information on the fall conference. Additionally, please include the website address on all local council newsletters and image brochures! [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org)

*Submitted by Lou Sears, MSC-IRA State Coordinator*  
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### ***A MESSAGE FROM THE HISTORIAN***

**Attention Council Leaders!**

If you have photographs of a council event or council news that you wish placed in the MSC-IRA Historian's Album or if the item is part of the Honor Council or Show Me Award requirements, then mail it to me at the following:

Lillian Katzenmeyer  
900 Hanna Valley Estates Dr.  
Manchester, MO 63021

If you have a photograph of a council event or council news that you wish published on the website, forward all of the information to Lou Sears, our website coordinator, at [lousears@hotmail.com](mailto:lousears@hotmail.com) for placement in a specific section of the website (not the newsletter).

Have a great year!

*Submitted by Lillian Katzenmeyer, Historian*  
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### ***CELEBRATE LITERACY AWARD***

The MSC-IRA Literacy Award Committee recognizes individuals across the state who have made a major contribution to promote literacy. The recipient of the award this year is Southwest Missouri Bank. The bank funded programs for the Jasper County IRA specifically underwriting the cost of bringing two authors for a Teacher Meet and Greet. Lisa Sweet, President-Elect of Jasper County IRA nominated SMB. The award will be given at the Fall Conference in November at the Lodge of Four Seasons.

*Submitted by Barbara Ryczek, Celebrate Literacy Chair*  
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**INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

The Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association is committed to furthering literacy in the Philippines, the country we have chosen to support. Because of the generosity of many of the Missouri IRA Councils, we were able to send \$1000.00 to Felicitas Pado, President of the Reading Association of the Philippines (RAP), and have at least \$638.62 to add to that. Thank you to everybody who has participated in this worthwhile endeavor. In a communication from President Pado, she extends her gratitude for our help and states that the RAP board will decide the best way to use the money for teacher-training and other needs. Because of budgetary constraints, teachers in the Philippines are struggling to make ends meet. Their classroom supplies are very limited; the children they teach are impoverished, and their classrooms are overcrowded. This is why our contribution to RAP is so critical. I challenge each council in Missouri to give more than you gave last year. Make the Philippines a part of your annual budget, or a project you take on with fervor and commitment during the 2007-2008 school year. In this way, we will play a part in providing an education for students in a country less affluent than ours, and this will make our efforts more than worthwhile.

Thank you. Please send funds to our state treasurer: Nicole Costello, 11 G Fairways, St. Charles, MO 63301.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

We hope that you have benefited from receiving the newsletter as part of your membership with MSC-IRA.

It is important for each membership chair to ask all the members in their council if they are receiving three newsletters (September, January, and June). Please send a list of members and their emails if they are not receiving a newsletter.

*Submitted by Dodie Barnes, Newsletter Editor*  
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**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

As your local council plans the 2007-2008 year, be sure to include a Community Service Project that gets your members involved in your community. The Community Service Project should encourage literacy development in children and/or adults in your community. Some successful council projects have included book bags for babies, books/materials for family shelters, reading to homebound students/adults, reading and giving books to preschoolers or young readers,...or create a new project tailored to fit your council members and community! Your council could be awarded \$200 for your outstanding efforts! Additionally, projects may be included in the Show Me State Award report and the Honor Council report (international) in the spring.

The Community Service Award guidelines, application information, and an optional application form are online at the MSC-IRA website: [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org)—or contact the Community Service Chair. The application is due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, so mark your calendars now and don't forget! There is ample time to get as many members as possible out into your community and help promote literacy!

*Submitted by Linda McGlothlin, Community Service Award Chair*  
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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY OCT. 1, 2007**

The Missouri State Council offers two different professional development awards annually for local/state members. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 each are available for graduate coursework in the areas of reading or areas related to reading. Missouri State Council Conference Travel Grants in the amount of \$250 each are available for first-time attendees who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend an MSC-IRA State Conference. Application materials are available on the website ([www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org)) or from:

Betsy Baker, Professional Development Awards Committee Chair  
 2910 Bluegrass Ct., Columbia, MO 65201  
[bbaker@columbia.k12.mo.us](mailto:bbaker@columbia.k12.mo.us)



**CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS  
FOR THE  
MSC-IRA RESEARCH IN READING AWARD  
GUIDELINES FOR THE 2007 AWARD YEAR**

You are invited to share your research with the rest of the SHOW-ME State. Guidelines and directions to apply for the MSC-IRA Research in Reading Award are posted below. The MSC-IRA Research in Reading Award is awarded annually to the member who designs and carries out research focused on reading, writing, spelling or any other aspect of literacy.

**Eligible Projects:**

- All applicants must be members of the Missouri State Reading Council.
- Studies may be undertaken using various research approaches or methods, including teacher-research or action research.
- Studies conducted in conjunction with advanced degrees (Masters, Specialist, or Doctorate) are eligible.
- Projects developing new programs or instructional materials are not eligible.

**Deadline:**

Applications must be postmarked by October 15, 2007.

**Mail Application to:**

Dr. Willie Edwards  
Missouri Southern State University  
Department of Teacher Education  
3950 East Newman Road  
Joplin, MO 64801  
[edwards-w@mssu.edu](mailto:edwards-w@mssu.edu)

**Preparing Your Application for Submission:**

Applications should include a cover sheet with title, name, address, telephone number, email address, and local council. Description of your research project should be single-spaced and not exceed five typed pages. The description must include:

- 1) Approximately 250-word abstract describing the project;
- 2) Topic, research questions or problems studied;
- 3) Rationale for the study and relationship to existing body of research or previous findings;
- 4) Methodology (action research, case study, survey, etc.);
- 5) Grade levels or level focused on by study;
- 6) Results of study; and
- 7) Implications of study on practice or research; (describe what populations will benefit.

**Review Procedures:**

Applications will be reviewed by the members of the MSC-IRA Committee on Studies and Research in Reading. Evaluations of proposals are conducted as a blind-review. The winner will be notified no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 by e-mail. The winning researcher(s) will be recognized for his or her work at the Awards Luncheon during the 2007 MSC-IRA Fall Conference.

Your research proposal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Significance of topic and research questions.....4
- Rationale for research .....4
- Adequacy of methods .....5
- Significance of project impact .....4
- Clarity and specificity .....3

All areas will be ranked from 1 (low) to 5 (high) and multiplied by the weights above.

**Questions?**

Please contact Dr. Willie Edwards at 417-625-9626 or [edwards-w@mssu.edu](mailto:edwards-w@mssu.edu) if you have any questions or need technical assistance in preparing your application.

***BROADCAST & PRINT MEDIA AWARDS***

There is still time to LOOK and LISTEN for radio, TV, and newspaper promotions of literacy in your homes, schools, and the community. Media events are some of the most important ways to educate the public about literacy. If you find ongoing newspaper columns about literacy, TV shows that spotlight reading in the classroom, or frequent radio commentaries, those may be candidates for the Broadcast Media Award for Television or Radio or the Print Media Award, which includes reporting by professional journalists in newspapers and magazines. Applications for the awards, which may be found online at [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org), give specific details about the awards. The forms may either be given by a member to the media office to submit or may be filled out by the member. Deadline for receiving award application forms is October 1, 2007.

Submitted by Faye Crow, Print Media Awards Chair  
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## !!! Poster Contest !!!

Our Annual Conference for the International Reading Association will be here before we know it. All Missouri students are encouraged to plant their ideas and talent into a reading poster. That means it is time for all those hard working sponsors to fertilize your students' growth in creativity for our reading poster contest! Along with that growth comes a little pruning so the following are the regulations to cultivate those posters into show pieces.

### Guidelines for Poster Preparation

Posters should be unfolded on poster board or heavy index card stock, size 11" x 14".

The longer side must be VERTICAL.

Magic markers, crayons, pen and ink, tempera paint, acrylics, watercolors, or a combination of mediums may be used. **NO CHALK OR PENCILS.** Bold colors are preferred. Avoid pale colors. Must be printable (e.g., dark backgrounds do not print well). Lettering must be easily read.

All artwork must be ORIGINAL. **DO NOT USE TRADEMARKS**, such as Garfield, Disney characters, etc. **NO REAL BOOK TITLES ALLOWED.**

Only one entry per student is allowed. **OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK** given below must be completed FULLY and ATTACHED to the BACK of the poster. **NO POSTER WILL BE JUDGED WITHOUT ALL OF THIS INFORMATION.**

### Poster Judging

Posters will be judged on:

- (1) freshness of theme and treatment of subject
- (2) original, eye-catching, appealing artwork
- (3) inventive and bold design
- (4) ability to encourage students of varying ages to read. Winners will be selected in **FOUR GRADE CATEGORIES; K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.**

### Procedures for Submitting Posters

Posters are completed in the local school districts. Local school districts determine which posters in each GRADE category that will be forwarded to the local IRA Council Poster Chairperson.

Posters are judged in the local IRA Council Poster Contest and the winners (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) in each GRADE category are forwarded to the State Poster Chairperson.

A TOTAL OF ONLY 12 POSTERS may be submitted to the State Poster Chairperson by each local IRA Council. All entries must be postmarked by November 9, 2007 or brought to the State Conference, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO.

Entries brought to the Conference must be received by 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 16, 2007. Posters should be turned in at the Registration Desk or the IRA Booth at the Exhibit Hall. Judging will be Friday afternoon.

Contact your local IRA Council or Laurie Edmondson at [ledmondson@drury.edu](mailto:ledmondson@drury.edu) if you have any questions.

\*\*\*Posters will not be returned UNLESS the sponsor provides a self-addressed and stamped envelope or picks up the posters at the IRA Booth in the Exhibit Hall by noon on Saturday, November 17, 2007.

### WINNING POSTERS

The overall winning poster will become the official MSC-IRA poster to be published in the Missouri Reader. The top posters in the four grade categories will become covers of the Missouri Reader. Both the state winner and the winner's sponsor will receive gift certificates from a local bookstore. All State Poster Contest winners will receive ribbons and certificates of participation. The winners will be selected and announced at the State Conference in Lake Ozark, in the Missouri IRA Newsletter, and the contestants' local newspapers.

### OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK FOR THE IRA STATE POSTER CONTEST (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Missouri IRA Conference!



MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL of IRA  
State Conference  
November 15-17, 2007  
*Lodge of Four Seasons - Lake Ozark, Missouri*

This year's conference is riddled with gifts for everyone –teachers, reading specialists, administrators, and students. There is a special package with your name, but you must be present to receive it!

1. **Motivating Speakers!**  
Linda Hoyt, Frank Serafini, Mike Artell
2. **Inspiring Authors and Featured Speakers!**  
Roland Smith, Kirby Larson, Jacquie McTaggart, David Harrison, Mary Casanova, Marie Smith, and more!
3. **Entertainment and special opportunities!**  
Banquet Speaker – Roland Smith  
Luncheon Speakers – Mary Casanova & Ard Hoyt  
Author Breakfast – Too many to list!
4. **Slam Poetry with Gary Dulabaum!**  
(Visit our web site for guidelines and rules)
5. **Exhibits, exhibits, exhibits!**
6. **Gaining new insights!**  
Over 30 Breakout Sessions
7. **Graduate Credit from Northwest Missouri State University!**
8. **Two and a half days with your friends and colleagues!**
9. **Collaboration time with your colleagues and friend!**
10. **Fun! Fun! Fun!**

Visit [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org) for detailed information about our keynote speakers, featured speakers, and authors. Slam Poetry guidelines and rules, on-line registration, and on-line hotel reservations may all be viewed at the web as well. Your gift is waiting for you!

Marie Puett  
2007 Fall Conference Chair

Missouri State Council  
of International Reading  
Association  
41st Annual Conference  
The Lodge of Four Seasons  
Lake Ozark, Missouri



Barb Ryczek  
**Registration Chair**  
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Kansas City, MO 64158  
  
BARBRYCZEK@aol.com

**REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

IRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Local Council \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

On Membership Card or IRA Journal

Full-time Student Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please check if, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you require specific aids/services during the conference.

( ) Please specify if you require any special dietary considerations.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

**FULL CONFERENCE:** (Includes Thursday General Session I, all Friday & Saturday sessions and exhibits,

**MEAL FUNCTIONS NOT INCLUDED**

IRA Members \$125.00	Full-time Students \$65.00	
Non-members \$155.00	Retired Members \$65.00	\$ _____

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**Friday or Saturday CONFERENCE (ONE DAY RATE):** Please Mark One

( ) Friday, November 16 (General Session II, sessions, and exhibits)	OR	( ) Saturday, November 17 (General Session III and sessions)
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**MEAL FUNCTIONS NOT INCLUDED**

IRA Members \$ 75.00	Full-time Students \$50.00	
Non-members \$100.00	Retired Members \$50.00	\$ _____

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**MEAL FUNCTIONS:**

Friday Box Lunch \$15.00	\$ _____
Friday evening Banquet (Roland Smith, Speaker) \$35.00	\$ _____
Saturday Author Luncheon (Mary Casanova & Ard Hoyt, Speakers) \$25.00	\$ _____

**\*\*\*Total Conference & Meal Function Fees** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

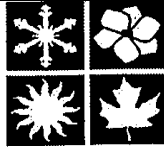
Please make checks payable to MSC-IRA Conference 2007. Thank you!

Refund policy: Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Refunds will be made upon receipt of a written request postmarked no later than October 15, 2007. Substitutes accepted. A processing charge of \$20.00 will be withheld. Refund checks will be issued after the conference. Payment must accompany registration.

Please submit Check/ Money Order/ Purchase Order. OR Register on-line to use a credit card.

See [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org) for details.

**REGISTRATION DEAD LINE – OCTOBER 31, 2007**



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<b>Reservations</b>	<b>Lodge Operator</b>	<b>Reservation Fax</b>

Please Print On Form And Mail Or Fax To Reservations

Group Name: International Reading Association

Dates of Conference: 11/14/07-11/17/07 Conference Code: INT1114

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

My Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ My Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Share with Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Share with Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Share With Name (Other Than Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Company or School: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Rates & Accommodations:

*Room rates \$87.00 per room per day, resort room with two double beds, up to 5 guests in room. Condo rates \$174.00 per day (2 bedroom) and \$261.00 per day (3 bedroom). Room/condo subject to MO State Sales Tax of 6.725% (unless proof of exemption provided) and NON-EXEMPT Lodging tax of 3%. Tipping on an individual basis. Guest Service Fee of \$5 per room per day.*

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ resort room \_\_\_\_\_ 2br condo \_\_\_\_\_ 3br condo

<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking Room	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	Name on Credit Card	Expiration Date
<input type="checkbox"/> First Night's Deposit Enclosed	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Post Deposit to Credit Card*	Credit Card Number	Deposit Approval Signature*

Reservations must be received no later than October 15, 2007. Reservations will be accepted and confirmed up to the opening day of the conference providing accommodations are still available. Reservations run from 4:00pm on day of arrival to 11:00am on day of departure. There is a **3-day cancellation policy any changes or cancellation must be done 3 days prior to arrival date to avoid penalty. Your credit card will be charged or deposit will be forfeited if you arrive later or depart earlier than indicated date.**

## MSC-IRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007-2008

September 14, 2007	Executive Committee Meeting, Columbia Inn, Columbia, MO 7:30 p.m. (For State Executive Committee)
September 15, 2007	Board of Director's Meeting, Columbia Inn, Columbia, MO 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
October 15, 2007	Honor Council Deadline, Intent to Participate
November 15-17, 2007	41 <sup>st</sup> MSC-IRA Annual Conference, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO
January 26, 2008	Executive Committee Meeting, Parkade Elementary, Columbia, MO, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (For State Executive Committee)
March 1, 2008	Honor Council Deadline and Show-Me Award Deadline

**SEND NEW CALENDAR ITEMS AND ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY  
DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR THE WINTER NEWSLETTER**

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