



ReMARCS

Midwest Area Regional Council News

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From Your Officers

BRENDA FIELDS, PRESIDENT

Life is a Beautiful Ride ... Take a Ride with MARC

*Merry
Christmas*



Hi all and welcome to a new MARC year!

I am so looking forward to a year where we can meet in person, the Pandemic has passed and life can be back to some semblance of normal. Well actually, I am not sure what normal will be.

This year my family is not having Thanksgiving as a group and I am not sure about Christmas yet. So, it will be just David and I. He thinks it sounds nice as long as I cook a full Thanksgiving meal with extra green bean casserole and Grandpa's dressing. His ulterior motive, no need to cook for a few days. He will take all of the leftovers home.

My Dad always made the dressing or what others call stuffing. I was the child chosen to learn his dressing recipe, Dad sat in my kitchen and walked me through his process. We laughed through the entire lesson and it was one of my fondest memories of time spent with him. I am sorry to say, the rest of the family will be on their own for dressing.

Thanksgiving is actually my most favorite holiday. I think it is more about gathering with family, laughing and all of the stories we tell over and over each year. I cannot tell you how many years my Mom told the story of my first date. I will not bore you here with that story, it would be best told with a glass of wine. How about wine in Wichita!!

I have so many funny memories from Thanksgiving growing up. My Dad was a really funny guy. He would do goofy things. After we moved out on our own, we could expect a call from Dad the morning of Thanksgiving and he would say, "Do you want to talk to Tom Turkey and we would of course say yes. We would then hear the oven door open and Tom Turkey would say. "Help Me, Help Me." It was so silly and I can't believe that I would even tell that. I do miss his silliness.

There was the time my Mom forgot to turn on the oven Thanksgiving morning. Dad didn't even notice when he made his silly calls to us. And, the entire family arrived and didn't even notice the missing aroma of a turkey cooking. We had leftover spaghetti that year and came back on Sunday for Turkey.

I can go on and on about funny memories, probably not as funny to you but funny to me nonetheless.

On a business note, we are going to move forward and assume we will be meeting in person soon. The board will be planning the Mid-year meeting, Convention visits, our meeting at IC and of course the conference in October. Feel free to reach out to me at any time, I would love to hear from you.

All, have a wonderful Holiday season, be safe!

LINDA SCHMIDT, JR. PAST PRESIDENT

2020 is almost over friends, and I for one am looking ahead to 2021 and beyond. Throughout the challenges we've endured one thing has stayed constant – our love for MARC ESA. We pushed through and now look ahead to bright possibilities.

While serving on the MARC Executive Board I had the opportunity to meet many people with exceptional talents across the regional states. We need those talents and leadership abilities to continue MARC's good works. Please consider running for office on the Executive Board and serving with Kim Poling, incoming MARC President.

I've included the Nomination Form for your convenience, and it is on the MARC website as well. Following completion of the form please send to me via email or US Mail before June 15, 2021. It's not too early to make your decision to make a difference in MARC. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

Have a wonderful holiday season and here's to 2021!!!

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MIDWEST AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL
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NOMINATION FORM

We, the members of the _____ State Council, submit the following name in nomination for the office of _____ of the Midwest Area Regional Council.

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

QUALIFICATIONS: (Include all levels of ESA, IC, MARC, State, Chapter service. Also include: Special Awards, Pallas Athene Degrees, Years in ESA, Life Active Memberships, Convention Attendance, Leadership Conferences, etc. You may continue qualifications on reverse side of form.)

Signed: _____ Date _____
State Council President

I accept the nomination for the office: _____ of the Midwest Area Regional Council, and if elected will fulfill the duties to the best of my ability.

Signed: _____

RETURN BY JUNE 15TH
TO: Junior Past President
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NEWS FROM MARC STATES



MINNESOTA

PRESIDENT: SANDY DOLENCE

**MARC REPS: DIANE VANUSEK
SANDY HONGERHOLT**

A few lingering notes on the second assembly (September) of the virtual Minnesota 2020 State Convention –

Two local charities will be recipients of available State funds. Welcome Home Vets helps newly homed vets furnish their new digs. ESA helps raise funds for the “home kits” as well as deliver and install the kits in an empty apartment. Wishes and More helps enhance the life of a child fighting terminal or life-threatening conditions by providing extraordinary experiences, including wishes, scholarships, memorials and more. This is Minnesota first year with this charity so we are learning how we can be of service. So far it has been to help with mailing events. This works well with some of our older members.

To blow the Minnesota horn a bit: Minnesota worked 12,308 hours and helped raise \$846,865 for Chapter, State, and International projects.

ESA is big into gifts, but instead of thank you gifts to his board members, Jr. Past President, Dennis, made a donation to a charity of his choice. A way to help the stressed non-profit community.

Please help Minnesota members extend their sincerest sympathy to our President, Sandy Dolence, on the passing of her son, James. Details should be the Chaplain report.

The first State meeting of the year went off very well, in person and with social distancing.



Minnesota hosted a rush party on Halloween. Sandy Hongerholt gave a great presentation to 4 guests and 12 members. Two of the guests joined and the others are thinking about it. The key to the party was a small group, following the rules and having a good program.

In addition to getting new members, President Sandy Dolence, suggested to remember current members who maybe isolated and lonely with a telephone call, a small gift, or a social media post. How about using an old greeting card (any will do), write a whacky message, make it into a jigsaw puzzle and mail a paper bag envelope? It does not have to be your chapter members or only one time. If your state can meet in person, how about offering a ride to someone who can't drive? How about inviting someone to go for lunch to favorite place new to them? A social outing for all and helping hurting businesses.

Since events are not the thing to do at this time, the MN philanthropic chair did a virtual event to help raise funds for St. Jude's. It was quite successful.

Our second State meeting will be virtual because of renewed restrictions on in-person meetings. The key to doing things in Minnesota is BE FLEXIBLE.





A NOTE FROM YOUR CO-COMMUNICATORS

We are sending this very short ReMARC. These are the only articles that were submitted.

The next deadline will be March 10, 2021 for the March issue. We would like to have articles from State Presidents and MARC Reps along with the Elected and Appointed MARC Board members.

We wish you a Safe, Healthy and Happy Holiday Season

Birdie Elkofska and Sandy Hongerholt

