

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

by Sylvia Noneff

Happy New Year! I can't believe it's 2002 - I still haven't gotten the hang of writing 2001 yet. Oh well, at least I got the Christmas decorations down before June!

CCRA had a very busy fall. First we had the Fall Seminar October 19 - 21st. Our Fall Seminar Committee, MARY GEORGE and JULIE MATT, did a truly outstanding job. The speakers were insightful and entertaining, the food and hotel rooms excellent, and we made almost \$8,000! And your Board had a great time bartending and hosting the happy hour!

Next we sponsored the NCRA testing at DACR on November 3rd. KARA SPITLER oversaw a flawless test day. For those who haven't worked behind the scenes for this, it is a tremendous amount of work and coordination. Thanks to all the volunteer test graders. I am pleased to announce that TRACY ALLISON WEIR became a CRR, and CHRISTINA DI SANTO and GINA DiLUZIO are our newest RPRs. Congratulations!

And last, we finished with the annual Fall Freelance Meeting on November 10th at Racine's. Freelance Committee Chair ANNE HANSEN did an outstanding job setting up the meeting and coordinating everything, including wonderful speakers. We had great attendance, and I thank you one and all for joining us.

We're gearing up for spring activities. CLAUDETTE COTTER has arranged an amazing Spring Symposium, and the next NCRA testing will be May 4th. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody soon!

And a special thank you to our Fundraising Chair, GINA DiLUZIO. The raffle netted \$800, and the silent auction raised \$1,329. What would we do without you???



Gina DiLuzio