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Dear Members and Friends,

I must begin this letter with an apology to you all for not getting a summer newsletter out. I won't bore you with excuses, but please accept my sincere regrets, as the fault is entirely mine.

Much of the content herein concerning the conferences past and future comes directly from our website at www.northquest.com/hemingway as I see no need to redo something which has already been so well written by our dedicated Web Maven, Audrey McMullen. Please check there often to see what updates there are. If you are not a computer user and are interested in having copies of any of the articles and papers mentioned on p.6, ask a friend to print them out for you, or contact me at 256-350-7745 or at the return postal address on the back of this newsletter.

In addition to this newsletter, I hope you have all received a copy of our beautiful new brochure from our Public Relations board member, Kay Smith. Thank you, Kay, for a job extremely well done and for giving us so much of your time during the summer of your first grandchild's birth! That is true dedication. Congratulations on the births of both the grandson and the brochure.

Our hard-working board of directors has prepared a wonderful conference for October. I hope to see many of you there. If you are curious as to the later date, you will discover the reason by reading about this year's room rate. The city of Petoskey has discontinued its annual Hemingway Festival, but we have plenty of great activities scheduled to keep you as busy or as relaxed as you care to be.

If you miss the opportunity to see and hear our visiting writers, Michael Delp and Lucille de View, you will be missing a great treat. Those of us who attended the special Centennial Conference in July, 1999, had the pleasure of hearing Michael Delp speak as a member of our panel of distinguished Michigan writers. Many of you will also remember meeting Ms. de View at previous conferences, as she is a member of our organization. Our own Vice President, Fred Svoboda, will be talking with us about our theme story, "Summer People," on Friday evening following the reception and the reader's theatre presentation of the story. Fred Svoboda is, of course, the board's "token" well-known scholar and has published a number articles and books on Hemingway and other literary topics. The thing we love best about Fred's presentations is his wonderfully engaging manner of delivery. You will find that all three of these speakers have the gift of being able to discuss matters complicated or simple in an understandable and entertaining way.

Our Sunday brunch is being sponsored this year by American Spoon Foods®, purveyors of delicious products made from original recipes and from Northern Michigan produce. One of their retail stores is in Petoskey at 411 East Lake Street. Their catalogue is online at www.spoon.com, or you may request one by phoning 800-222-5886. Many thanks to this fine company for their assistance in making our stay in Petoskey a delightful one. Thanks also go, as always, to the historic Stafford's Perry Hotel for their hospitality, preferential room rates, friendly staff, and delicious food.

Meeting in the atmosphere and scenery that Hemingway so dearly loved makes each of our conferences special, and Petoskey is a charming town to visit. The reason the spirit of Northern Michigan stayed with Hemingway his entire life is obvious when one visits the area. I am looking forward to sharing the experience with all of you.

Best regards,



Charlotte Ponder, President, Michigan Hemingway Society

