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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

The Michigan Hemingway Society Presents:
"Up in Michigan"
An annual program of lectures and tours
held each October in Petoskey, Michigan
"SUMMER PEOPLE"
October 27 - 29, 2000

October 27-29 marks the tenth annual celebration of Hemingway in Michigan held at Petoskey. "Summer People," the theme of the conference, was inspired by Michael Reynolds' talk of the same title at Idaho's 1996 conference, and by Lucille deView's award-winning play, *A Summer With Hemingway's Twin*.

Conference headquarters, Stafford's Perry Hotel, is offering fabulous rates for our conferees: \$75 per room per night plus tax and county room assessment. Reserve early and be sure to mention Michigan Hemingway Society to get this preferential rate. The toll-free number is 1-800-737-1899.

Our Friday welcome reception will be a pizza party; conferees are invited to wear a hat or something appropriate for the "summer people" theme. Participating entries in a writing contest sponsored by North Central Michigan College will be read at the party. A reader's theatre presentation of Hemingway's short story, "Summer People," with commentary by Dr. Fred Svoboda, highlights the evening program.

Saturday promises to be a day of exploration and guided writing led by Michigan poet Michael Delp, creative writing instructor at Interlochen Arts Academy. A car caravan to Horton Bay, scene of the short story "Summer People," is planned for the morning. Other events on the docket: a screening of Dave Fortin's taped interview with Sunny Hemingway Miller and an evening of dinner and the theatre.

A full production of Lucille deView's play, *A Summer with Hemingway's Twin*, will be presented on the stage of the Crooked Tree Arts Center by the Little Traverse Civic Theatre. The play, which won the 1997 National Play Award from the National Repertory Theatre Foundation, deals with DeView's fantasies and real-life experiences as a "nanny" for the children of Marcelline Hemingway Sanford.

Ms. deView will be the keynote speaker for the conference at brunch on Sunday at Stafford's Perry Hotel. She will discuss her experiences with the Sanford family and her work as a playwright to fictionalize and stage them. The brunch, sponsored by American Spoon Foods, will feature their gourmet Michigan products.

Cost of the full conference package is \$125 per person. It includes Friday's reception and program, Michael Delp's writers' workshop, the Dave Fortin presentation and luncheon, Saturday's dinner and play, Sunday's brunch and keynote presentation by Ms. deView. Commit now to these dates, get your hotel reservation (separate from conference fees), and join us October 27-29. For your convenience, please mail the registration form printed at the end of this newsletter.

