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President's Message:

2008 Promises To Be A Good Year

Our winter months are upon us and most are in the middle of the holidays. But after the New Year, the hooking season is in full bloom for many. Time to cuddle up and start a new project or catch up on unfinished pieces and rip out wondering, "Why did I do that?"

For those unable to attend the 2007 ATHA Biennial, it was truly wonderful. It fulfilled all my expectations of a joyous group from across the country meeting for a common cause, rug hooking. My sincerest gratitude goes to the New Orleans Biennial Committee members and the various chapters, members and husbands that helped make this become a reality: Biennial Co-Chairs: Carrie Martin, Dorothy Delaune, Kala Corcoran. Nancy Frantz, Cynthia Norwood. Additional Committee Chairs and

Members: Mignonne Rogers, Dorothy Phelan, Joan Dixon, Diane Stoffel, Sandra Fletcher, Marilyn Connor, Carol Lord, Sally Thomas, Carolyn Burga, Linda Sanders, Sally Schill, Candace Ballard, Antoinette Gray, Suzan Farrens, Theta Egnew, Linda Green, Jody Cagle and Iris Webb.

These are special people and there just are not enough accolades for them..

The announcement at the biennial of the all color newsletter has kept us anxiously waiting. We will see the color in the February/March issue. My thanks to Judy Long, Editor, and Cynthia Norwood, Ads Manager, for their continued collaboration to make all of this come together. Additionally, this could not happen without the financial abilities of Sibyl Osicka, Treasurer, and her money management. We will all benefit from their efforts.

As all of you are aware, the cost soars with the addition of color. The dues have gone up slightly and the cost of ad space has increased. All of this is in hopes that our membership will also increase to offset some of the costs. Please encourage others to join ATHA.

The expanded Editorial Board will join the current contributors and all will benefit our pursuit of more interesting reading for our newsletter. We are looking forward to these contributions and genuinely appreciative of your time and effort spent in this endeavor, and with color it will be a great combination.

I am looking forward to meeting more members as I become established in my Presidency. I appreciate all of you.

Have a wonderful New Year!

Ruth