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Larry Luck Conferred Honorary Membership by MCTM Board of Directors

The MCTM Board of Directors awarded honorary membership to Larry Luck at the 2001 Spring Mathematics Conference held this past April in Duluth. Honorary membership is awarded to an active, retired member of MCTM who has made significant contributions to the organization and to mathematics education during his or her career. Honorary members have all the rights and privileges of regular membership, but are exempt from paying dues.

Larry's contributions to the organization and the profession are numerous. He taught mathematics in the Minneapolis school system. Upon retirement from Minneapolis he accepted a position at Anoka-Ramsey Community College where he still teaches. Larry has served as a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Board of Directors as well as serving on the editorial panel of the *Mathematics Teacher*, NCTM's journal for high school mathematics teaching. He has served on several NCTM conference and program committees, the most recent being as the conference co-chair, along with John Erickson, of the very successful 1997 NCTM Annual Meeting held in Minneapolis. Larry has also served the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics in a variety of capacities. He has been a member of the Board of Directors, serving first as the High School Vice-President in 1975 and 1976 and then as the President in 1979 and 1980.

Larry is nationally recognized as an outstanding mathematics educator. He has spoken at many national, regional, and state mathematics conferences. In 1983, the inaugural year of the award, he received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. MCTM President Martha Wallace presented the MCTM Honorary Membership to Larry at the conference banquet Friday evening.

Spring Conference Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to these Spring Conference participants who won door prizes:

Palm Pilot: Marguerite Tadych, Brainerd High School; David Lyon, North High School; Sarah Way, Technology & Language Campus; Betty Bjork, Wayzata High School

Duluth Getaway: Dianne Greenwood, Pearson Elementary

\$200 ETA/Cuisenaire gift certificates: Ann Hougen, Bemidji High School; Gerald Doebbert, Detroit Lakes High School

\$200 Calculator, Inc. gift certificates: Neala Kay Shager, U of MN; Jeanette Polzine, Henning Elementary; Mary Jo Kilkelly, McKinley Elementary

\$1,000 savings bond: Deb Mahowald, Cold Spring; Alvina Morrison, Horace May Elementary; Vera Hannig, ISD 2311

Dear MCTM,

It is always a pleasure to attend the MCTM conference held each spring. This year was especially unique for me since I won a \$1000 savings bond! Thank you very much for the gift. I appreciate it very much.

Vera Hannig

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The 2001 Spring Mathematics Conference, "Taking the Basics Into the 21st Century," held at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center this past spring attracted over 1400 mathematics educators. The conference, held jointly with the Minnesota Association of Two-Year Colleges (MinnMATYC), has developed a national reputation for providing outstanding professional development experiences. Judging from the evaluations submitted by conference attendees, the 2001 conference most definitely continued this tradition.

President's Column

A conference of this quality and magnitude requires the talent and dedication of a large number of people. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the conference, especially those who volunteered their time and expertise to present a session and those who presided at a session.

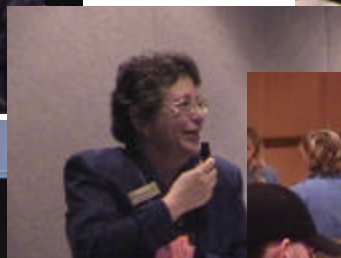
While the sessions are the heart and the soul of the conference, there is a tremendous amount of time and effort volunteered in the months preceding the conference to ensure a quality experience for the participants. Several committees are responsible for organizing the conference. On behalf of the entire membership of MCTM, I thank the Conference Committee consisting of JoAnn Luhtala from Ordean Middle School in Duluth, Karen Coblenz from Dassel Elementary School, and Glen Richgels from Bemidji State University. The Conference Committee has overall responsibility for the planning of the conference. The Program Committee is responsible for recruiting speakers and scheduling sessions. Their outstanding work was evidenced by the quality of the sessions. Judy Stucki of Wayzata High School chaired the Program Committee. The other members of the committee were Bonnie Hagelberger of Monroe Elementary School in the Anoka district, Jan Dirlam of Hopkins North Junior High, and Patty Wallace of Lowell Elementary School in Brainerd. Mary Jo Furtman from Ordean Middle School, coordinated over 30 exhibits. Don Karlgaard, Brainerd High School, was responsible for coordinating the equipment needs of the conference. Arnie Cutler, the MCTM Executive Director, along with his wife Jan, processed the registrations. Nancy Nutting from SciMathMN chaired the Publicity Committee. Craig Rypkema from Bemidji Middle School handled the financial aspects of the conference. Sara Lenertz from White Bear Lake High School and Don Kuusinen from Grand Rapids High School organized the NCTM materials exhibit. The MinnMATYC committee was comprised of Susan Ehlers from Century College, Julie Guelich from Normandale Community College, Rebecca Raimann from Inver Hills Community College, Melvern Taylor from Ridgewater College, John Venables from Century College, and James Wilmesmeier from St. Cloud State University.

In addition, thank you to all of the exhibitors. They are an integral part of the conference, as their presence enables attendees to see first hand the latest in textbooks and materials offerings. A special thank you to Mr. Bob O'Rourke of Target stores for donating the notebooks that were included in the registration packets. For the first time, this year's conference featured the Presidents' Reception. Several past presidents of MCTM hosted what proved to be a very popular "session" Friday afternoon. Thank you to Dick Humphrey and Mike Raub of McDougal Littell Publishing Company for providing the financial support for the reception. The Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota Vikings, the Duluth Convention Bureau and MCTM donated door prizes. Finally, thank you to Annette Eberhardt and her staff at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center for their behind the scenes work and Renee Appel and her staff at the Duluth Convention Bureau in arranging hotel accommodations and providing information on what to see and do while in Duluth.

As I assume the presidency of MCTM, I especially want to thank our Past-president, Martha Wallace, for two years of outstanding, proactive leadership. I look forward to continuing the work toward achieving the vision of high quality mathematics education for all students and I ask that you join with your colleagues in respectful discussions on how best to make this vision a reality.

Tom Muchlinski
MCTM Preside

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Mathematics Competition Winners Honored

MATHCOUNTS

Congratulations to the students who won top honors from among 119 participants in the 18th annual MATHCOUNTS competition: first place—Daniel Gibson, Twin Cities Jewish Middle School, St. Paul, Grade 8; second place—Silas Johnson, Olson Middle School, Bloomington, Grade 8; third place—Patrick Miles, St. Odilia's School, Shoreview, Grade 7; fourth place—David Buchs, Home School, Rochester, Grade 8. The mathematics team representing Hubert Olson Middle School in Bloomington took first place in the team competition.

The top four individual winners represented Minnesota in the national MATHCOUNTS competition held in May in Washington, D.C. Coaches were Diane Roers and Carol Andrus, math teachers at Hubert Olson Middle School.

MATHCOUNTS is a nonprofit program aimed at improving students' mathematical skills, increasing student interest in math, improving the quality of math education, and providing recognition of academic achievement. The Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers sponsors the competition.

American Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the students who excelled in the 2001 American Mathematics Competition. Eden Prairie High School was honored as the top scoring team at the 35th Annual Math Recognition Day. The following students scored highest on the exam and received scholarships: Bradley Froehle, Eden Prairie; Matt Thibault, Willmar; Luke Gustafson, Breckenridge; Eric Ling, Eden Prairie; Brian Cornell, Spring Lake Park.



Team from Eden Prairie High School

Unisys Corporation and the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics sponsor this event.

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NCTM Regional Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin
 MCTM Fall Conference, North High School,
 North St. Paul, Minnesota
 (Information available online at www.mctm.org)

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3/22 – 3/23

MCTM Spring Conference, Duluth, Minnesota
 (Watch for a Speaker Proposal form in September's *Mathbits*)

4/21 – 4/24

NCTM Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada

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