

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY HARVEY EGER

The response of our Members to serve as chairpersons for almost all of our 2006 activities, as demonstrated at our recent Annual Meeting, was overwhelming. In a matter of minutes, my job as President for the coming year became so much easier. I sincerely hope that this "Spirit of 2006" will be felt by our entire Membership, and that every Member will find a way to contribute, in one way or another, to what I hope will be one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Western PA Region.

Compare, if you will, our Region to an antique or classic automobile. Think of the coming year as a "journey", and our activities as "stops" along the way. Let's call this imaginary journey the "WPR Spirit of 2006 Tour". Your Board of Directors, along with the Members who have volunteered to chair our events, is charged with developing an itinerary for this tour, in the form of our Region activities. As your President, I have the opportunity to sit behind the wheel and drive. You, the Members, are the fuel necessary to make this car run. At this point, we are well on our way to filling the tank, but as the year goes on, more fuel will be needed to complete the tour. That's where you come in. If each Member pitches in and does his or her part to help, we will have an exciting and rewarding year.

The Board held a lengthy Directors' meeting earlier in the month, and developed a broad outline of our plans for the coming year. This outline will be reviewed at the February Meeting. Any ideas or suggestions you may have are welcome, and should be passed along to me or to any of the other Directors.

Please keep in mind that your input is important to the success of the Region. I encourage you to share with me any ideas, suggestions, comments, criticisms or concerns that you may have for the betterment of the Region. Please don't hesitate to call me, or any of the other Directors, to discuss any matters whatsoever affecting our Region.

Last but not least, I am looking forward to serving as your President for the coming year, and I would like to thank the members of our Board for their confidence in giving me this opportunity. With your help, we can keep the "Spirit of 2006" alive throughout the entire year. ☺