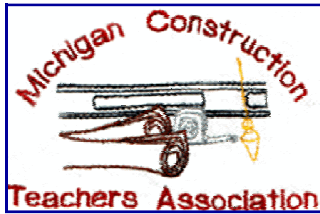


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**"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."  
Bill Cosby**

## From the President

By Joe Churches

I am looking back at the past three years as the president with many feelings of what the MCTA means to me and all the members. The time has been fantastic and very gratifying to see the membership grow and many policies change. With the help of Al Doty, who has done so much for the association, we are at a new level of professionalism. With Harry taking the Presidency in February of

2007 I can not help but see the association go so much farther. Now that we have the executive terms much shorter, I can see new faces stepping up and do the job. As it was,

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in the past the president had to look at six years of service with the group, now it is only three years with different responsibilities and many more people

helping. It is not going to be overwhelming to just a few. I remember Al Doty running around with so much to do during the beginning of the conference that it was hard for him to even say hi to anybody. Do you all realize that Al would coordinate all the vendors (line them up), run and gather all of the food for the President's Social and schedule all of the speakers. As I can see the responsibilities have

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## From the Editor

By Harry Jachym

I'm back. My plans too retire from public education at the end of the 2005-2006 school year changed. This change was due to several

unexpected happenings in my life. As I look at how this year is going, I have the feeling that someone of much greater stature must have been looking out for me. I have what is

turning out to be one of the best groups of kids I have ever had. We are working on a house that is the best site we have ever

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been distributed very well. I can say with great confidence that our group will be great hands next year. We are in need of people at this point for a few jobs that will help the organization; they are as follows: Membership Chair, Scholarship Chair, Web Site Chair, assistance with the Trade Show, etc. It will occasionally take some time out of your day, but it will not be overwhelming and you will have help. So please consider helping the association and being a part of some great people, you will not regret your decision.

God Bless and I will see you in February,  
Joe Churches - MCTA President

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had and we have had the best start on the project since I began teaching the Residential Construction program in my district. I want to thank all those who supported me, in particular my wife Karen. Life is good. Here we are getting ready for the 2007 Michigan Construction Teachers Association winter Conference. The officers/ executive board (or whatever we are called) are busy planning another great conference. As I'm sure you realize this is no small task. But as we always said in our Boy Scout troop, "many hands make for little work". We can always use you in the planning, physical setup and other

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This year let's do our best to bring a vendor to the conference. This will help Mary Kay make a great **Tool Time Show** and help the Association.

*Vendor registration is enclosed or can be found on our web site*

tasks that need doing in our organization. You don't always need

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to be asked, just step right up. As I have learned, and I know many, such as Mary Kay, Joe, Dick, Frank, Al, Jim and others know, you will get out of MCTA what you put into it. Please consider helping. We are now

in dire need of a scholarship chair, assistance with the trade show, membership chair, newsletter editor and many other day-to-day tasks at the conference and through out the year. None of these take very much time. We are a great organization, just look at how we have grown in a very short time. Other organizations are using us as a model. We can only become greater with you. MCTA is our organization. Don't hesitate to contact anyone on the board, it will be good for you. See you in February  
Harry Jachym

# Habitat for Humanity Partnerships with Detroit Randolph Center

By Jim Sweeney

**H**abitat for Humanity has partnered with Randolph Career and Technical Center to build a house during the 2006-2007 school year. Habitat and Northwest Detroit Neighborhood Development Corp. (NDND) have agreed to assist Randolph in building a house on the school property. The house will be moved in late spring to a site developed by NDND.

Habitat has agreed to supply all the materials and assist in finding a future homeowner for the house. A local contractor hired by NDND will obtain all the permits and complete the house once it has been moved. On Saturday November 5, the Randolph carpentry class hosted a "Blitz build" day where students, staff, parents, and partners worked on raising the walls and setting the trusses for the house. Over sixty people showed up on the sunny day to complete the first phase of the project. Rob Dewalsche (Habitat representative), John Brien (NDND) representative, and Jim Sweeney (Randolph representative) were extremely pleased with the amount of work that was completed. It was a great start to a worthwhile project. Students will not only obtain valuable carpentry skills in completing the house but they will also have the satisfaction that they contributed to the Habitat program of providing house to a local family.

MCTA is coordinating a panel discussion at the winter conference with Habitat personnel as to the benefits of partnering with local groups. This discussion will hopefully involve the experiences of members who have partnered with Habitat throughout the state.



## Past President's Corner

Welcome back to another year. The executive board met and set the agenda for this year's conference. We are excited. Each year is getting harder to top, but I am confident we will. If you have any ideas for the conference please let us know as soon as possible. Each individual school districts are under pressure to change. We can wait to hear what it will be, or we can be on the cutting edge and lead. Our conference this year will help you in aligning with the states benchmarks and standards. Please bring in one new vendor for

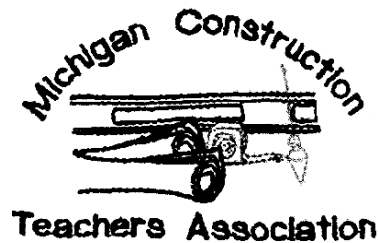
our MCTA trade show this year. Our operating budget relies on this revenue as well as it makes the show more interesting. This year I am excited about a new look for our building trades program at Lincoln High School. We are building a one bedroom cottage indoors. It is 20' x 24'. It has one bedroom, living room, kitchen, bath room, and utility. I will show pictures and have copies of the print on hand. I believe this is a great way to walk through each step of house building as many times as you need. It is also easier to validate that each student is involved in each part of

the construction. I am sorry to say sometimes it seems the house is driving the program and not the student achievement. I had each of three classes set the beam and level it. This normally is done by one class period and the next period sets the joists. It only has four windows, but each student can install one. Then they take it out and the next can install it again. When we built on site, we had seven windows in the house. Each class of 25 students could only install two windows.

See you at conference, Al Doty

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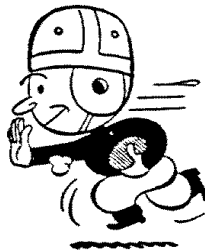
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**No Child Left Behind:  
Football**

This is the football version of NCLB. How true it is. Enjoy...



1. All teams **MUST** make the state playoffs, and all **MUST** win the championship. If a team does not win the championship, then they will be on probation until they are champions. Coaches will be held accountable.

2. All kids will be expected to have the same football skills at the same time and in the same conditions. No exceptions will be made for lack of interest in football, no desire to perform athletically, or genetic abilities or disabilities.

3. ALL KIDS WILL PLAY FOOTBALL AT A PROFICIENT LEVEL.

4. Talented players will be asked to workout on their own without instruction. This is because the coaches will be using all of their instructional time with the athletes who are not interested in football, have limited athletic ability, or whose parents do not like football.

5. Games will be played year round, but statistics will be kept only in the 4th, 6th, and 10th games.

6. This plan will produce a New Age of Sports, where every school is expected to have the same level of talent, and all teams will reach the same minimal goals.

If no child gets ahead in football, then **NO CHILD WILL BE LEFT BEHIND!**