

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A question I often have been asked by MCATA members or prospective members is "What do I get for my \$5 membership fee?" My immediate reaction has been to list some of MCATA's services to members:

- The *MCATA Newsletter* - four issues per year.
- The *MCATA Annual* - the current issue has gone to press.
- Sponsorship of regional councils in Calgary, Central Alberta, and Edmonton.
- Sponsorship of film programs in many areas of the province.
- Liaison between MCATA members and other organizations, primarily The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and its affiliates, and The Canadian Association of Mathematics Teachers and its affiliates.
- The annual conferences and delegates sponsored at meetings of mathematics teachers in widely separated centers across North America have brought to this province transfusions of valuable ideas.

The list does not end here. MCATA has initiated and will continue to initiate other worthwhile projects. Examples of projects begun or envisaged are the study of the ideal mathematics classroom, the review of current new textbooks (reviews will appear in issues of this *Newsletter*), and the exchange of ideas for overhead projectuals.

I have not yet provided the real answer to the question. What you get for your membership is directly proportional to what you are willing to give. I see in MCATA an unlimited opportunity to share your ideas, your problems, and your solutions with your colleagues throughout the province. I see in MCATA an opportunity for mathematics teachers to meet in groups, large or small, for inspiration, imagination, and innovation. I see for MCATA a good year ahead! But MCATA cannot function without your support.



Mr. Falk was born in Didsbury and attended school in Calgary. A B.Ed. Mathematics Major from the University of Calgary, the President has been teaching in junior high schools since 1959. For two years he taught in DND, Zweibruecken, Germany. Since 1965 he has been teaching STM at Sir Wilfred Laurier Junior High School in Calgary. Mr. Falk, the former Vice-President of MCATA, helped to organize the Calgary Public Junior High Regional Council.