



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I read the following story in a bank newsletter and would like to share it with you:

A young woman filling out a college application came across the question: Are you a leader? Thinking she should be brutally honest answered "No," and sent the application in believing she would not hear from them. But she received a letter back from the school that read, "We have reviewed numerous applications and, to date, there will be some 1,452 new leaders attending school next year. We have decided to accept your application because we felt it was imperative that they have at least one follower."

Relating this story to myself being in

the position as your President, I realized that I am also a follower. In order for me to be effective I rely on the support of my Board, the Executive Council, and Members Services staff and the Editorial Board for their help and expertise. They have given 100+% of themselves to me and your organization.

On the subject of Rug Registry, I must tell you it's a thorn in my side. I still feel that there will be a time in the future when we will have one but not now. Our color newsletter is very costly and we have raised dues and ad rates to help pay for it. Until such time as this allows us to see our way clear to fund a registry, it will have to remain as it is. I would like all of you to read an article on Rug Registry as it pertains to ATHA written by our Education Chairperson, Phyllis Lindblade. See Phyllis' article on page 6.