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By 2014 Chapter Coordinator Jill Sullins

It's the end of another year and they keep speeding on and on...

It's Chapter Registration Renewal time. Our chapters will receive the revised form in the mail soon, together with your insurance invoice, which has not changed. Please fill in the Renewal Application, listing all your officers, who must be MAFCA members. All of your Board members must be MAFCA members as well. If you don't have five officers, then list other members of your Chapter who are MAFCA members. This form must be submitted to the MAFCA office by January 15, 2015 to maintain your status as an active MAFCA Chapter in good standing. Renewal forms postmarked after January 30, 2015, will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Also enclosed in your renewal envelope is information and applications for our 2015 Membership Program. Please make sure read and follow the instructions for this program.

If you need a great Holiday gift for your loved one, or even yourself, we have Gift Certificates in the MAFCA Store online. They come in increments from \$10 to \$250.

For those of you who have registered for the 2015 MAFCA National Tour – Lobsters & Lighthouses in Maine, please make sure you renew your MAFCA membership; remember you have to be a current MAFCA member at the time of the tour. This tour will be fabulous, so get your hotels early and make sure to send in your registration as early as possible!

Some of you newsletter editors have asked where you can find some articles that can be reproduced in your newsletter, either technical or fashion. Some wonderful articles can be found on the mafca.com website. Just click on the Chapters tab, and then click on Chapter Articles. Also, check on the Technical tab. If you have a great article that you want to share with other editors, please submit them to me.

I am still reading some 100+ Chapter newsletters, nine months of each of them. I am very impressed with a lot of them. I am scoring them for this year's newsletter awards. I need to remind you that you according to MAFCA Bylaws "all Chapters shall regularly publicize and encourage support of all MAFCA policies and programs. Each Chapter shall strongly advocate that all its members be MAFCA members..." The newsletter is the best way to comply with this requirement. Please remember to submit your Chapter newsletters to me at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com. Also remember to request your website be entered into the judging by requesting to be included at the same email address.

I remind each chapter that hasn't submitted the necessary paperwork for MAFCA Service Award Nomination for 2014, the deadline has passed. Please remember to honor your qualified member for next year. You will find the relevant policy on the MAFCA website, Policy Part II, Section 5, Subsection I, MAFCA Service Award. Remember they must be a MAFCA member to receive this honor.