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Letter From the Editor: A Plea/Call for Help

Dear Lisp Friends:

We all dearly miss Mary van Deusen now, the founder and Editor for nearly six years of Lisp Pointers. Having her around to prod us and to cheer us was essential to the success of our newsletter, from the time we began as a purely voluntary effort up through the moments when we qualified for SIGPLAN support. But every one sooner or later makes changes and advancements in their life, and we must wish Mary all the very best. Yes, we can surely be thankful for the good time that she did put in founding and shepherding Lisp Points during its early years.

Now, we are still looking for "columnists" for Lisp Pointers, and for other part time volunteers to help carry the ball along; if in any way you can help out with this beacon of light for the world of Lisp, then please contact me soon and tell me what you have in mind. In the meantime, if you have technical articles for submission, please continue to send them to me (or, at least until we find a replacement for the post of Technical Articles Editor.) If you are in a position to volunteer to write up something from the world of Lisp experience, here is one idea that hasn't been fully explored yet: consider doing a summary of relevant email discussions from some of the (flaming?) distribution lists that not everyone interested in Lisp reads.

Although there seems now to be quite a lag in Lisp Pointers publications, we are looking forward to getting back on track very shortly. In particular, we are expecting to have some cooperation from the Association of Lisp Users (ALU) in republishing the technical contents of last two years of Lisp Users and Vendors conferences; the excellent programs from these meetings are not available elsewhere, so I am sure you will find them intriguing and practical.

Cheers, and we look forward to hearing from you!



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