

# Northwest News

The Northwest Council continues to support the St. Joseph Area Literacy Coalition. We have been active with the Coalition for about seven years. As one of its projects, each year the Coalition brings an author to visit local schools and the community. Well know authors such as Vicki Grove, Roland Smith, Cheryl Harness, Judy Young, and Lisa Campbell Ernst have made an impressive presence to the children in our community. During the two day visit the authors speak at five to six schools and a public evening appearance in the community.

This year's author, Mike Thaler, will visit five area schools on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, along with a public community presentation. Mr. Thaler has authored over twenty books. His best know work is *The Teacher From the Black Lagoon*, with various versions such as *The Librarian From the Black Lagoon*, *The Principal From the Black Lagoon*, and *The School Nurse From the Black Lagoon*.

NW members gather together to attend the community program. The group's favorite part of the evening is the private dinner prior to the program! The Kodak moment memorable experiences of meeting an author each spring is one of our favored meetings. We are proud to be able to help bring known authors into the schools for children to meet and build their own memories. The authors are always inspiring!

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