

Addendum to Cincinnati Division 7 Oil Can issue for October, 2017

Division 7 members,

The October, 2017 issue of the *Oil Can* contained the Nominating Committee's report with their slate of nominees for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions. As the issue was being distributed, another candidate for the Assistant Superintendent position was identified. The revised slate of candidates is:

For Superintendent: John Shields

For Assistant Superintendent: Kevin Orcutt

For Assistant Superintendent: Chuck Endreola

Chuck Endreola's candidate statement is included in this addendum.

Additional nominations for Division officers may be made by a petition signed by two members and submitted to the Division Nominating Committee prior to or during the Division's October 8 meeting in Erlanger, Kentucky. Nominations will close following the October meeting. Candidate statements for all candidates will be included in the November issue of the *Oil Can* along with the ballot for the election.

Regards,

Peter Weiglin
Nominating Committee Chairman
NMRA Cincinnati Division 7

STATEMENT FROM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE CHUCK ENDREOLA

Most of you know me as the publisher of our Division's electronic Oil Can newsletter – I send you each edition in an email message every month. My active participation in our great hobby and the NMRA does not start or end there. I have also been a consistent volunteer at our annual Train Shows and Flea Markets, a model contest winner at Region and Division levels and a Regional Contest Judge. Even more importantly, I have extensive hands-on leadership experience in successfully dealing with people and running a business. I humbly seek your support in allowing me to serve you as your next Assistant Superintendent.

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, then attended the University of Cincinnati for two years before leaving school to join the family business, *Carlo's Pizza*. I became responsible for all aspects of our business, where I designed and led our expansion from 40 to 102 seats, an ever-widening menu and increased our market share and reputation (the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* named us one of the metro areas' top three pizzerias). After 20 years, I left the business to focus on raising my three young children as a single parent. This was the most difficult but rewarding challenge of my life. Several years later, when the youngest was a teenager, I opened and operated an Italian Deli and Catering firm, featuring fresh made pasta. I plan to apply the organizational and leadership skills developed in these businesses to benefit Division 7.

After my two daughters established careers in Cincinnati, my son and I decided to reunite the family by relocating to "The Queen City". I was no stranger to this town, having gone to UC and marrying a Cincinnati native. Today, I am presently employed part time as a manager of a *Honey Baked Ham* store. In 2011, I was very fortunate in having met Anne, my soulmate and life partner. Most importantly, she is very supportive of my passion and involvement in model railroading.

Although fascinated by model trains as a child, I never had a layout nor a "train set". As a teen and young adult, I modeled plastic auto and motorcycle kits, detailing and customizing them. One day I met a new friend that introduced me to an incredible model railroad empire in his basement. That was the first layout I ever saw, and I was hooked for life. An HO Consolidation pulled a drag freight through realistic scenery and over scratch built bridges, and spotted cars at industries. The carefully detailed models didn't just sit statically on a shelf collecting dust, they came alive and told a story!

I joined the NMRA while I was in Cleveland. Upon moving to Cincinnati, not knowing a soul here outside of family, I decided to see what Div. 7 was about. That decision has proven to be extremely rewarding. Being a member has not only increased my knowledge, it has led to a wealth of new friends. I am elated to contribute to one of the most active, successful and well-regarded divisions in the NMRA. It is a privilege to rub elbows with and learn from some of the most talented and respected modelers in the country.

Based on my experiences, skills and passions, I feel the time is right for me to give back to the Division by expanding my contributions and commitment by serving as your new Assistant Superintendent. I would strive to continue to build Division 7's success and reputation. One of my goals would be to increase our efforts in welcoming and engaging new members, so they are exposed to all the benefits of being a member of Div. 7, just as I have.