



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What is Going to Be Your "Magnum Opus" in 2007

By James Bade

Salutations, I hope you had a great start to the New Year. Hopefully you had some time off during the holidays to rest and relax. I was able to stay at home, get up with the kids, go out to breakfast, and see Charlotte's Web at the movie theatre while I ate lots of popcorn. We did a lot as a family except go sliding and ice skating. Ironically, to find a place for winter activities one has to go to New Mexico. The "greens" at Somerset were as brown as I have ever seen them. For the last five years I often think of the UPS slogan, "What can brown do for you?" Hopefully this spring our browns will turn a nice green again. But in the meantime I will enjoy January, February and March.

Thanks to Paul Diegnau, Tom Proshek and the Education Committee for the strong educational opportunities at the Green Expo. To hear people like Gausson, Tredway, Shetlar along with all the other practical sessions is invaluable. To take those nuggets back to the work place is a great help. Thanks to all those who participated from attendee to vendor, the Green Expo was a great success again. There were lots of nice comments about the MGCSA lanyards; we hope you enjoy them and use them here and at the national show. But I still believe the best lanyard of all is the way we dress with our coat, tie or nice sweater. Thanks for keeping our image a professional one.

Congratulations to Mike Knodel on his election at the Annual Meeting and a big thank you to Eric Peters for his service the past two years. Congratulations are also in store for Matt McKinnon, Paul Diegnau, Jack MacKenzie and Tom Proshek for their re-election and their willingness to serve again for two years. We have already had our first board meeting of the year, so committees are being formed for the next year. If any topic is of interest to you please contact the committee chair.

The President's Annual Report (See Page 5) given at the Annual Meeting has been reprinted for two reasons. First, my voice started to give out and secondly, the message shows how many people are involved within the association to make it what it is.

At Charlotte's Web I heard the Latin phrase again, magnum opus, meaning "great work." What is going to be your great work in 2007? Maybe it will be on the golf course, or maybe serving on a committee, or maybe volunteering somewhere outside the world of golf. Maybe your great work is in the everyday life of dealing with those around you. Words like magnum opus just seem to have a stronger meaning when you hear them in a different language. So viva bien! "Live well" in 2007 and have a great work in mind that brings you satisfaction, peace and contentment.

- James

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