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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I write this, I am preparing to head for Las Vegas and the 62nd International Golf Course Conference and Show. If you have never attended a conference, you should really make the effort to attend one. Just the trade show itself is worth the trip. The educational opportunities are unsurpassed and the camaraderie you share with your peers from around the world is a great experience.

In regards to the National Association we still have many members of our local chapter who are not members. Membership in the Golf course Superintendents Association of America is a definite plus and has much to offer the Superintendent. One of its main objectives is to inform and educate its membership and strive for betterment of the Golf Course Superintendents future. Among the pluses are educational seminars, a reference library, Golf Course Management magazine and other timely publications. There are also other special services such as a merchandise program, insurance, travel services, employment referral and admittance to all major golf tournaments. Another important facet of membership is the Certification Program, where you can earn the title of

Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS). This is only after you have completed a rigorous program of study and testing in all phases related to golf course maintenance. The CGCS accreditation means you have achieved a high standard of professional excellence in your chosen field. On the local level your Board of Directors is going to set up study session for those National members who are considering certification.

In the past year our chapter has achieved a measure of stability and credibility. One of the reasons for this is the filling of the Executive Secretary position. Michael Garvale, CGCS, and his committee worked very hard and after sifting through resumes and finally interviews, recommended Barbara Mikel for the position. It is an excellent choice and we will retain the same address and phone number .

A reminder for the upcoming meeting on March 28. This is a joint meeting with the NCGA and USGA and should be very informative.

See you there.

Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS

HELP WANTED

Looking for an aspiring Lead Person with a desire to accelerate into upper level management positions. Experience and education is important, though, a 100 % commitment to the Golf Course Maintenance Industry is mandatory. Excellent wages and benefits are possible. Resumes will be accepted until the end of March.

Send Resume to:

Los Altos Golf and Country Club
1560 Country Club Dr.
Los Altos, CA 94022

Attention: Michael Simpson