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FYI

by Barbara Mikel

A New-Year Reminder for New Members

Well, the Annual Meeting is upon us. I hope to see ALL of you at The Villages Golf & Country Club for the election of new officers and Board of Directors. This year, the Affiliate Representatives to the Board of Directors will be

elected. It is important for all members to attend.

Since we have a number of new members in the Association, let me take this opportunity to review meeting procedures. Registration for the meeting begins with return of your meeting reservation form and appropriate monies. We establish a cut-off date as a courtesy to the host superintendent to give his staff time to prepare for the meeting. On the day of the meeting, a registration table is set up for check in. At this

time, you will receive your receipt (prepared based upon reservation) and a door prize ticket. Next step is to check in with the golf chairman for foursome and tee assignments. It is important to check in at the registration table BEFORE checking in for golf. If you are grouped, try to collect your group and sign in at registration and golf together. It gets very distracting if 80-100 people are trying all at once to talk to one person. I try to bring

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Like Gary Cooper in "High Noon," it's time for me to get on my horse (or maybe that should be my greensmower), and ride on into the sunset. Unlike 'Ole Gary, who didn't get any help when times got tough, I have been very fortunate to work with a great, hard-working board, which made my term as President a pleasurable experience. At this time, I'd like to say "Thank You!"

Being on the Board isn't the most difficult job in the world, but it does require a commitment. I can't remember how many times I've had to finish something for the Board when, at the same time, some emergency (or three!) came up on the course which required my attention. It's happened to us all, but somehow we survived. Everyone got their responsibilities handled with the possible exception of that guy responsible for the President's Mes-

sage every month.

Besides being lucky to work with this board, I have had the pleasure of working with many other dedicated members of our association on various committees.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank two other people: Barbara Mikel for keeping me headed in the right direction and doing whatever it took to keep everything running smoothly, and DJ King for turning our newsletter around and making it what it is today - a national award winner!

Once again, it's been a real honor and pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors. To repeat something I wrote in a previous President's Message: When you're on the board and active in the business of the association, you really get a great feeling of being a part of the association. Like most things in life, the more you put into it, the

more you get out of it.

With the 1995 National Conference ahead and, with it, the challenge it brings to our chapter, I look forward to supporting our next President and Board of Directors. I urge you to become involved with our chapter during this next exciting year.

I can only hope that some of my President's Messages have gotten at least a few people thinking a little. When Mike Garvale first asked me to run for the Board, he said he wanted me to get on the board and "stir things up a little." I hope I have.

"I'm just the straw that stirs the drink."

Reggie Jackson

Respectfully submitted by
Brian Bagley
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