

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Greetings everyone!

As I write this, my last message to you as president, I am reflecting back on the past year. It has been a year of many challenges. However, as always, the association continues to be healthy and vital. It remains that way because of the group of dedicated and selfless individuals that come together to ensure that the business of this organization gets done. I, of course, am referring to the board of directors, Barbara Mikel, Emmy Moore-Minister and the many others that volunteer to help out on the various committees. It is through this wonderful group of people that this association is able to put together programs and events that are worth attending. The turnout for a lot of the events was not what we had hoped for, but considering the state of the economy, it is not a complete surprise.

Winter is our "downtime." I say it like that because as we all know that winter in California is not like winter in other parts of the country. The northern areas experience snow and ice, so for them they just shut down the golf course and spend their time working on programs and budgets. The equipment gets refurbished and the blades get sharpened. Here, we have to do all that stuff also, but for many of us we do it while we continue with regular daily operations. So, as we manage through our "downtime", I hope that each and

every one of you manages to find some true downtime to enjoy with your families and friends.

In February, the GIS will be in San Diego and I can't think of a better place to go for a little education and fun. Be sure to register for the show and I hope to see you all down there. You should have all received an email from the state association notifying everyone of the preregistration requirements for the California Room event. It is a minimal cost of \$20 if you do it early and \$30 at the door. This is to help defray the costs of renting the room for the evening. Please take a few minutes to pre-register.

Another important event that will be occurring at the GIS is the election of the board of directors for the GCSAA. Our own Pat Finlen, CGCS is running for the position of secretary/treasurer. Pat is currently a director for GCSAA and a past president of the GCSANC. As you can tell he has been an active member of our association and he has carried his energy and enthusiasm onto the national board. He has our complete support in the upcoming election.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to take a look at the ballot for our upcoming election on January 11th at Spring Valley Golf Course. The roster of candidates is strong, so please plan to attend the meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend, be sure to send in your proxy so that your vote can be counted.

It has been a pleasure to serve you. Thank You!

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