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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As I head into my last month as President, I would like to take a moment to reflect upon the accomplishments your Board of Director's and I have worked very closely on this past year.

The newsletter you are now reading, has gained a new logo and format and become more professional.

Our Research Program has continued this past year. Through the efforts of **Dr. Vic Gibeault** at U.C. Riverside, we will gain a new understanding of kikuyugrass, one of management and control. **Dr. Ali Harivandi** has several turf projects at the Deciduous Fruit Tree Station under evaluation. Also the new bentgrass plots sat Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course with which we hope to show the nation new data on bentgrass.

**Joe Rodriguez, CGCS**, has put together and executed a viable scholarship program for deserving students. We hope in small way this will encourage local students to understand what a Golf Course Superintendent is and maybe pursue a turfgrass degree.

Over the last year, **Al Schlothauer, CGCS**, and his committee, have produced the By-Laws that you will be voting on and ratify at the Annual Meeting in April. I hope all of you have taken the time to read over your copy and come to the meeting.

This year has also been a time when we have changed the guard, so to speak. **Myrtle Wagoner** has retired as our secretary after 25 years of service.