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Report on Dinner Dance

by Harold Frederickson, Ent. Chairman

This year's Annual Fall Dinner Dance was held at Acacia Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shei were the gracious hosts to 98 members and friends of our Association. Mr. John Nicholson, Manager, and staff did a splendid job in helping us have a fun filled evening. My wife Suzy was a big help to me in getting this dance off the drawing board, even if she did take a 5 day vacation to have Baby Boy.

Our attendance was a bit low this year, which is a surprise if we would regress to the past years and the good times that this dance has provided for ourselves as members, but most of all our wives, who really seem to have a wonderful time. This dance is the only time we can get together as a large group with our wives other than at the National Conference.

All of us that attended this year's dance seemed to enjoy ourselves, I am only sorry that more could not have shared in this enjoyment.

A list of our suppliers who donated the fine door prizes is as follows:

American Agr. Chemical Co.; Armour Agr. Chemical Co.; Burdett Inc.; Art Clesen; Geo. A. Davis; Didier Construction; Evenspray Co.; Frenzer Inc.; I.M.C.; Illinois Lawn; Material Service Corp.; Ray Murphy; Richard Nugent; Smith Equipment & Supply; Swift and Co.; Warren's Turf Nursery.

Dear Editor,

If it is possible, I think it would be appropriate if you could print a few words of thanks to Harold and Suzy Frederickson. They put a lot of time and work into the dance and I think they deserve a few words of praise.

Thank you,
Mrs. Tom DiGuido



Dudley Smith, 1967 President

The President's Message

How fast a year passes. It is time for me to relinquish the gavel as your president, and I had really begun to enjoy the job. Can you imagine how proud I was to be hailed as YOUR president in Toronto, Canada; South Bend, Indiana; or Keokuk, Iowa? I hope the future officers realize there is only one MIDWEST ASSOCIATION, and carry forth his pride.

As a member of that unique group, "The Past Presidents Club" I inherit two privileges:

to scoff at all new ideas introduced as ridiculous, and to remind the membership how great things were in "the good old days"

Please, God, never let me revert to these tactics.

Have you sensed that dangerous premise, "The Midwest Association can do without a certain type of member." This is the inactive member that pays his annual dues and then retires outside the association. It is a known statistic that a successful organization is one with 15 percent active working members. The inactive or card carrying member is a necessity, the funds derived from his dues help to defray our operating costs. He is sometimes instrumental in securing a new member that becomes active and dedicated. The inactive member may also become a hard working committee member, a member of the Board of Directors, or an excellent future officer, if approached properly. However, a cold reception will only send Mr. Inactive back to spinning his cocoon. I now appeal to our seasoned members to give some of their experience to the unseasoned.

To those of you sitting on your hands in the audience, I plead, "get in the ball game." The Midwest Association can use your talent. A few years hence, you will be President of the Midwest Association. Only then . . . will you know how proud I have been this past year.

Sincerely,
Dudley Smith

CONGRATULATIONS !! to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frederickson on the birth of their son, Timothy Daniel, on October 13.