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I would be remiss in my duties if at some point this year I failed to devote at least a few lines to the most fortunate people on "God's Green Earth", the wives of the Chicago Area Superintendents.

Not unlike their male counterparts, they come in all shapes and sizes, age and hair color. And in most cases their beauty is exceeded only by their charm, wit and intelligence. How could it be otherwise?

She must also possess a trusting nature, as who else would possibly believe a man who gets a phone call in the middle of the night and immediately gets up and dresses, mumbling something about an "idiot night-man" as he is walking out the door. And why is it the night man always gets sick when it's her relatives' anniversary, wedding or Bar Mitzva? He's healthy enough when the "Honcho's" relatives have cause to celebrate.

Meal planning and cooking is an area in which the wives are presented an opportunity shine and show creativity--it really seems worthwhile until that damn phone rings again and he's off this time grumbling about a head that is leaking on the 8th green and all the golfers are complaining. Why does it invariably happen at meal time? I think Suzie Fredricksen covered it beautifully in an article titled, I believe, "Dinner's in the Oven" a few years back. It would probably be a good time to print it again, as it could be used as a guide for young wives whose husbands have just come into the profession.

However you look at it--you know that when the "dog days" set in and it gets really touchy, it is you who gives him that smile and encouragement when he needs it most. And it is you and the family that are the reason why he is willing to put in a little more time than the usually accepted 40-hour week. Another thing that you must know deep in your heart is that if you are not feeling up to par and he has a green or two that need attention, he will look after you, **immediately** after seeing that the greens are sprayed!

Seriously, all in all, you are special people and are needed, loved and appreciated more than you will ever know. That is why you are the luckiest people on "God's Green Earth".

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"It takes only 17 muscles to smile ... 43 muscles to frown. Conserve energy."