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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the criteria employed by sociologists to determine the degree of civilization a tribe or nation has achieved, is to examine the respect and treatment accorded the elders of that tribe or nation.

If we were to judge the M.A.G.C.S. on this basis, I am sure you will agree that there is much to be desired in this area. To the best of my knowledge the only concession extended a retired member is to exempt him from paying dues when he applies for an A.A. Status. In my opinion we owe them a little more than that.

I would like to suggest that we honor those members by having a "Senior Day" at our June Meeting and that all class A.A. members be welcomed as guests of the M.A.G.C.S. with the Association picking up the tab for golf, carts and dinner. I also believe that the Association should make every effort possible to assure that retirees attend.

It is regrettable that this has not occurred sooner, as it is too late to benefit Frank Mastroleo, Carl Petersen, Bill Stupple, and Paul Burdette who have passed away in the last six months. Frank and Carl were charter members of the Association, while Bill Stupple, a former president of the M.A.G.C.S. and Paul Burdette were the heart and soul of the **Bull Sheet** not too many years back.

We do, however, have a few "Blue Chip" Supers left, who have paid their dues in every sense of the word for many years. Outstanding gentlemen such as Amos Lapp, he has to be first as he is the one who guided me in this direction thirty some years ago, Ray Gerber, Frank Dinelli, Dom Gratti, Al Rauch, Art Benson, Walter Hoyt, Joe Canale, Roy Nelson, Barney Wendt, Peter Bild and no doubt others.

Excuse the quick change of subject, but there are other issues to be discussed in this message.

It is logical to assume that there are some who are becoming a little weary of one suggestion after another in these messages, but I believe that when a person makes the decision to run for the Board he must accept the fact that his goal must be to improve the Association and that his efforts must be directed with that in mind. If you are not willing to contribute, you should not allow your name to be placed on the ballot. The M.A.G.C.S. cannot "Stand Pat". We must strive constantly for improvement.

To end on a positive note our congratulations are offered to Ray Gerber for being the recipient of the G.C.S.A. Chapter News's Letter Award. Ray has done an outstanding job and deserves the recognition. To Phil Bersin and Don Hoffman for achieving Certification status, to Mike Bavier for his re-election to the

Board of the G.C.S.A.A. for a second term, and last but not least to Howard Baerwald, Roy Nelson, and Barney Wendt upon becoming members of Quarter Century Club of the G.C.S.A.

Dave Meyer has informed me that there are many who have not paid the annual dues, as this is the year that the Biannual Roster is printed, it is imperative to have your name listed in the Roster, that you pay before the 30th of May, as the Roster is scheduled for the printer on that date. See to it now.

Robert Breen

TREE MAINTENANCE AIDS IN PRESERVATION

Village Greens of Woodridge has been spraying trees, through surface contact and fall ground applications, for the past six years. 60% of the trees showed to be deficient in some manner or another. Some of the problems were yellowing, complete defoliation by the end of August, tree death, and minimal leaf foliage. Talking with some of the previous employees at the club, it was determined that the trees had no past care. Trees are expensive to replace and we know that they are indeed an asset to the beautification of our golf course.

The trees on our golf course are 20 years old, 8' - 10' caliber, 15' - 20' high. The varieties of trees are Maple, Ash, Linden, Hawthorne, Apple & Plum. By applying nutrients to our trees, we have been able to combat the problems.

The program that we have chosen to follow is two foliage and one ground application for the year. The foliage applications are applied the last week in May and the last week in July. The foliage spray consists of:

- 8 lbs. of Iron Sulfate
- 7 lbs. of water soluble fertilizer (10-20-30)
- 3 qts. of Microgreen
- 300 gallons of water

The ground application consists of:

- 8 lbs. of Iron Sulfate
- 3 qts. of Microgreen
- 300 gallons of water

The ground application is applied the middle of September, only to trees that are severe problems through the summer months. The only time an insecticide is applied to the trees is on as needed basis and only to the trees that are infested by a pest. We try not to apply insecticides because of the wild life in our area.

When Village Greens first started a tree care program, five applications were made in the first year. We are now down to three applications. Our goal is to make one application (foliage in May) every other year and on an as needed basis.

The trees have improved over the years. The blossoms and fruit are bigger and greater in number. The leaf structure and texture are more prominent thus increasing foliage. Our golfing public has commented on the increase of the fruit and its size. Our golfers pick the apples and plums to eat while playing golf or to use for a delicious homemade pie.

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