

195 ATTEND GCSAA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The week of January 25th, 1981 was a busy week for GCSAA members in Anaheim. Conferences, seminars, golf tournaments, business meetings, elections, equipment show, cocktail parties, tours, banquets and for good measure Disneyland just across the street.

While all of this was going on our nation received word that our ex-hostages had returned safe to American soil! What a busy time, and a time to be thankful. Thankful for what a Blessing it is to live in America and to be Americans.

Even with all of this going on plus the Super Bowl, 195 men, women and kids did find time to attend the Monday morning Prayer Breakfast. This is almost a 74% increase over last year! Not bad. We were treated to and participated in some fine music led by Demie Moore and Bert Fedor.

Our main speaker, Richard Minasian, brought a special guest, Keith Ericksen. He was an all American basketball player for UCLA and also played pro ball for the Los Angeles Lakers. Keith shared some of past life with us, pointing out that material gain and fame do not necessarily bring peace and happiness to our lives.

Richard Minasian shared with us some of his experiences as a youngster when he caddied for some of golf's greats like Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazan, and Francis Ouimet among others. Even having the opportunity to play with Jones as a Jr. Champ. These great golfers inspired Minasian to take up the game and he still enjoys it today. Serving God however, supersedes even his love of golf.

If you have been too busy in the past try to take time for our Prayer Breakfast in New Orleans next year. We think you'll find it time well spent, as you share with others of our profession the Living God and experience the Power of Prayer.

**John C. Ebel, Golf Course Supt.
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NOTICE

TO: Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association and fellow contractors.

We at OakBrook Landscape Co. recognize the need for an annual auction for our industry. We have discussed this possibility with others in our area and have had a very positive response. We feel we have the ideal auction location: Route 53, two miles South of 75th Street in Naperville ... and have gone so far as to have a meeting with Norm Strassenburg (auctioneer) to contract with him to handle the program. We have set a date of March 14, 1981.

Norm Strassenburg handles the annual consignment sale for farm machinery and miscellaneous equipment with a great deal of success. What prompted us to consider a landscape and maintenance equipment auction was our realization that equipment costs, parts, etc., were so inflated and trade in values so unjust, that there should be a better way to handle some of these problems.

Example: We have three 1976 Yazoos and two 1979 Yazoos which we wanted to trade for five new pieces of equal or improved performance.

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