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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our budgets reflect thousands of dollars for preventative maintenance against disease and precise equipment performance. A new greens mower that costs \$5,000 will have to have hundreds of dollars put into it annually to prevent unnecessary breakdowns. There is no doubt about the practicality of having a preventative maintenance program because it has proven that golf course maintenance functions with lesser problems.

Does your budget reflect preventative maintenance for your staff? What do you do for the staff, in order for them to continue to meet performance standards? We put alot of value on our equipment and turfgrass. The values that we place on our staff have to be constantly reviewed and given higher regards.

Professional Development is not only an area for the Golf Course Superintendent, but is of great importance for the golf course staff. Mechanics, assistants and full-time personnel should be given the opportunity to keep up on their skills and abilities by attending educational seminars. Besides increasing our staff's professional standards, professional development is the best means for high morale, staff motivation, and production. We place high priorities on the equipment, irrigation system, construction projects, and so on. Let us not forget number one, "Our Staff".

M.A.G.C.S. April 6 meeting will be held at Elmhurst C.C. **Tom DiGuido**, Supt. will be our host. Golf will be available if conditions permit. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

The sympathy of the members of Midwest Assoc. of Golf Course Supts. is extended to the Al Heintz family due to the death of Mrs. Al Heintz on Dec. 23rd, 1980 at the age of 80.

Mr. Al Heintz was the golf course supt. at White Pines Golf Club, Bensenville, III. for many years prior to his retirement and death several years ago.

The members of Midwest Golf Course Supts. Assoc. was saddened to hear of the sudden death of **Dave Zimmerman**, sales representative for the Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co.