

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S PRAYER BREAKFAST NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS in the name of the Lord!

This will be our first attempt at a newsletter. Last year in New Orleans many of those who attended the Prayer Breakfast left their names and addresses. Enclosed is a directory sheet. We are sending this list out to communicate better with each other.

You might be interested to know that the PB has been officially incorporated under the Seal of the State of Illinois as The Golf Course Superintendent's Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast. We have also filed with the IRS for tax exempt status.

Officers and Directors

Leonard Barg
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Atlanta '83 - Plans are under way for the fourth annual Prayer Breakfast in Atlanta, Feb. 21, 1983. We are happy to report that our guest speaker will again be Ira "Doc" Eshelman. It might seem unusual to have the same speaker two years in a row, but Atlanta is home office for Eshelman and it seemed appropriate to invite him again. "Doc" was well received last year and he has promised to bring a couple of pro athletes along.

Purpose - It is the hope and prayer of the incorporators that the PB will grow and **we encourage your input**. We plan to function on an informal basis, but need dedicated people to help and guide our main **purpose**, which is as follows -- "To seek God's blessing on the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America Conference, its affairs, our nation, our membership, our staff and to share God's love".

(Articles of Incorporation are shown on following page.)

Financial Report - 1982 New Orleans Prayer Breakfast

Expense	Speaker	\$750.00
	Coffee & Rolls	100.00
		850.00
Income	Donations	\$955.00
	Interest	6.29
		961.29
Balance		\$111.29

Helps and Needs - God's word says that "our help is in the name of the Lord and He shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Ps. 124, Phil. 4) We believe that, and we also believe that God uses **people** to accomplish His purpose. Some of our needs are rather simple.

Communications - Do you like to write? You don't have to have a degree in journalism to put your thoughts on paper, or maybe collect information from others. We need someone to edit a newsletter about 3 or 4 times a year. Let us know if you would like to help.

Logo and Posters - We would like to have a logo for our stationery and newsletter. If you have any good ideas send them to any one of the officers or directors. Each year we put out about a half-dozen large posters at the conference to announce the PB. Maybe this is your thing ...?

Greeters - Have no great talents, but like to SMILE, shake hands and talk? O.K., how about being a greeter? Let people know as they enter that we are happy to have them and welcome them to the PB.

Music - Can you make a joyful noise? Good! We hope to make music a more important part of the PB. This one really needs a good song leader, someone that can wake us up physically and spiritually. Not complicated, just simple, singable songs.

Administration and Finance - Putting the PB together takes time and planning, as well as money. Maybe God has given you the ability to see a need or solve a problem; if so we need you. It is not our purpose to press for money. Yes, we have some financial needs and God will supply them. If you feel led to help you may direct your contribution to:

Golf Course Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast
c/o John Ebel, 212 North Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010

Prayer Warriors - If you are unable to help in any of the above, you still have opportunity to participate in the most important help of all, PRAYER. Without prayer we labor in vain. Please pray that our needs will be met to the glory of God. Let us hear from you. If you know of someone that might be interested in our newsletter send along their name and address. Let us know what you would like. Share what God is doing in your life. This is your Prayer Breakfast Newsletter. Write to: Golf Course Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast Newsletter, 212 N. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010, Phone (312) 381-1681.

John Ebel

FALL!! It's the time of year one thinks of cornstalks & pumpkins; witches and goblins; geese flying South; autumn colors and falling leaves. But there are other things one should be thinking about; and that is just how good a job was done this season. What did we accomplish; what goals did we set and meet; what goals did we fail to meet and what about next year? Also, for next year, will we have to tighten our belts and if so where do we start?

One place to start may well be the Superintendent's desk. The following list may be some of the areas where money is wasted unnecessarily:

1. Crew not starting on time properly (example - crewmen starts at 7:10 instead of 7 sharp, 10 min. lost times 6 men equals 60 min. or 1 hour; 1 hour per day times \$5.00 times 5 days equals \$25 per week times 30 weeks equals an unbelievable loss of \$666.00 for the season.

2. Plans to start a job on Monday, but the equipment was not checked out ahead of time and a problem is found with the equipment and the crew stands around until the problem is corrected.

3. No rain plan so the crew stands around watching it rain.

4. A project is not properly planned for both labor and material. The crew wastes time on both and the job takes longer or has to be redone.

5. **Improper instructions given to crew and not making sure that crew understands what has to be accomplished.**

6. **Manufacturing jobs (due to bad planning) just to keep crew busy for an hour or so.**

7. Sending out improper equipment or equipment that is not in working order.

8. Crew taking too long of a break or leaving job site too soon at noon and quitting time.

9. **Sending too large a crew for a project** and too few for other projects. It should be known ahead of time how many men and for how long.

10. Not preplanning work ahead so that what items have to be used are out, ready to go and all in working order.

11. Not properly watching the buying procedures; overbuying, not getting the best possible price, making sure the purchase will not be inferior equipment or chemicals.

These are just a few ideas as to where the money is wasted. I'm sure if you put your mind to it, you as a Superintendent are guilty of at least some of these things and could add several not listed.

So, as winter creeps up on us and conventions, seminars, and vacations come and go, we can take the time to properly plan and execute a happy and successful 1983 season.

John Stephenson, CGCS
Pottawatomie Park Golf Course