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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## HAVE YOU MISSED THE BOAT?

For those of you who missed both the Midwest Turf Clinic and either one of the GCSA seminars, I am afraid that you have missed a good opportunity. "What can you do for me?" was all there for you to receive. The MAGCS sponsored two worthwhile projects for you, the member, to take advantage of. A lot of work goes into the organization and presentation of these events. Much involvement by responsible people goes into the thought and final product of such educational programs for any member of MAGCS to participate in and learn from. The volunteers seek schedules, make extra phone calls, send letters, and do word of mouth promotions for successful ventures into the education of our "own".

Congratulations are in order to all the superintendents who listened to fellow superintendents give talks at our turfgrass exposition, as we focused on a theme "Back to Basics". Many questions were raised and answered, as experts in the field of turfgrass management explained about what they have found to work best for them. Experts from outside the field of growing were brought in. The researchers were able to tell us what they think will work for us . We, as managers in turf, were able to listen to their logic, then decide for ourselves, or at least argue intelligently with one another at the proverbial "round table", about which idea had merit. Those of you who did attend one or both meetings here in the Midwest area will agree, I'm sure, that both events were very positive affairs. To me, both were rewarding experiences. The organizers were proud of the cooperative achievement of the ITF, MAGCS, and the USGA. All three concerns brought their bit of focus on each other for better turf. Each group complemented the other, bringing in more people to share in the learning.

The GCSAA seminars narrowed the field even farther when two topics voted on by the members of MAGCS (Management and Ornamental Pest Control) were brought to the Midwest area. Experienced speakers and teachers were present to teach for two days on topics they know backward and forward. Funny thing, though, only eighteen participants showed up for each group. We have over two hundred members in the Midwest and I honestly thought we would have better representation from here. Out of the thirty-six that showed up, four were from CIGS and two were from Missouri. The organization and presentation were a success. Participation was a flop!

Pete Leuzinger President, MAGCS