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**President's Message**

I hope everyone had a happy and enjoyable holiday season. It does us all good to relax and enjoy the festivities with family and friends. Be sure to take the time to appreciate the slower pace, it is only a short time until spring will renew the demands of another golfing season.

As I look back and reflect on 1985, I feel the M.A.G.C.S. had another outstanding year. Our monthly meetings were well attended and the arrangements, golf, and education committees did an outstanding job of organizing our activities. This years family picnic was an enjoyable addition that I hope will become an annual event. Finally, I must commend Jim Evans and the education committee on the excellent job that was done presenting the Midwest Clinic at Medinah Country Club.

While I am on the subject, I would like to address the matter of the Midwest Clinic. After our recent return to Medinah, a few members inquired as to why we do not return to Medinah permanently, because it provides an atmosphere second to none. This point I cannot argue, Medinah's accommodations are overwhelmingly comfortable. Combine that with excellent meals and outstanding service and one might question the wisdom in taking our clinic elsewhere. However, there are always two sides to a coin. When the board of directors decided to present the Midwest Clinic in conjunction with the NCTE it was a very difficult decision. We did not want to lose our identity. And in fact we did not. The combined efforts of the University of Illinois, the U.S.G.A., and the M.A.G.C.S. proved to be the boost needed to bring a successful education and trade show to Illinois. This joint venture provides excellent opportunities to keep pace with the industry for everyone, especially those who are unable to attend the national conference. In addition to this the U. of I. has realized increased revenues for research and the Midwest Clinic (and the M.A.G.C.S.) has achieved a level of exposure that is not possible at Medinah.

Our goal as an association is to provide fellowship and education to our members as well as to the rest of the golfing community. So, speaking for the board of directors, I would like to make it clear that our commitment to the U. of I. and the NCTE stands strong. I hope the membership understands this position. I also hope that in the future when the NCTE is not in Chicago we will be able to return to Medinah and enjoy the comforts of tradition.

Continuing on the conference band wagon, I am sure everyone is looking forward to the national in San Francisco. I hope all our members are able to attend, the G.C.S.A.A. has put together another fine program. While you are in San Francisco stop in at the Midwest room and also leave time in your schedule to attend the M.A.G.C.S. caucus. Our voting delegate, Lenny Berg, puts a lot of effort into evaluating the candidates for us, however, you the members must decide who will lead us on the national level. Your opinions and the voting strength of the association will make a difference. See you in San Francisco.

**David R. Behrman**

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