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President's Message

by **Bruce R. Williams, CGCS**

The holidays are coming to a close and this gives me a fine opportunity to pass along a few ideas that come to mind during the holiday season. I think we all look forward to the coming of Thanksgiving as it signals the end of the golfing season and time to put our courses to rest for the winter. This is the time of the year when we apply winter fertilizer and fungicide applications. It is also time to put out winter pins and think about covering our greens. Most of all, it is a time to give thanks as the name of the holiday implies.

Let us start with giving thanks to you, the members, for supporting the MAGCS and our activities. Thank you to the suppliers and commercial members for their support. We are fortunate in Chicagoland to have such a professional group of commercial representatives. Thanks to the Board members who volunteer their time and talents to run our association. Thanks to our Executive Secretary, Penny Meyer, for her fine efforts and thanks to Fred Opperman for a super job on the **Bull Sheet** each month. And let us all give thanks to our families for trying to understand the difficulty of our jobs and the stress we are under during the summer months.

The holiday season continued during December with numerous parties around the city hosted by superintendents and businesses. Most of us took time out to attend the North Central Turfgrass Exposition at Pheasant Run. Congratulations to the ITF on a job well done in organizing the NCTE. We are proud to have the MAGCS provide a strong portion of the educational program.

The final holidays of the season were Christmas and New Years. Christmas is a family time and I hope you were able to spend some precious time with your loved ones. Time passes quickly as the little ones grow up so we must take time out of our hectic schedules to be with our families at Christmas. If only for a few days, I hope we were all able to think of our families first and the golf course second.

New Year's Day signals the end of the holiday season. It is at this time of the year that we should all reflect back on the preceding year and set some new goals for the upcoming year. This should be done in both our personal and professional situations. Take a positive outlook on work and life. Strive for improvement. Develop a plan to achieve your goals.

Now that the holidays have drawn to a close, it is time to remind you of a few upcoming events. We hope you attend the GCSAA Seminar being held at Pheasant Run this month. In February we hope to see all of our members in Orlando for the GCSAA Conference and Show. With all of this going on, who could ever get bored! With the holidays behind us, the Board of the MAGCS is working on some exciting programs for 1990. We hope you enjoy and learn from our offerings. Let's work together to make 1990 the best year ever for the MAGCS.