



Happy New Year! The hardest part about being the president of the MAGCS has to be the monthly President's Messages. Here I sit on December 1 wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I sincerely hope all of you have had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Due to the fact that these messages need to be one month ahead of time, I did not get a chance to talk about our annual meeting held in November at the beautiful Butterfield C.C.

First of all, a big THANK YOU to all of the staff at Butterfield. From all reports we have heard, the day was a success. That's the good news. Here's the bad. Again we had a very poor turnout as far as the annual meeting goes. The majority of the Midwest membership must think that the recent and present Board of Directors are doing a great job (which they are, by the way) for only 32 members took the time to vote at the annual meeting. What a shame! I look forward to a complaint-free year.

Several bylaws were approved at the annual meeting which helped us to complete the affiliation process through the GCSAA. Recently, I received the certificate acknowledging that fact. Only twenty or so chapters throughout the country have completed this process. Hey! That's a little less than the members who took the time to vote at our annual meeting. Remember, no complaints, folks.

Don Ferreri suggested that committee chairman keep their old committees. Well, when Don speaks, I listen. The decision to keep this "continuity" will help keep several committees running smoothly. By the way, Don's suggestion helped to earn him the title of co-golf committee chairman. Thanks again, Don! Our new board member, Fred Behnke, will take over the Membership Committee. Pete "ITF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER" Leuzinger has become our new past presidents committee chairman. Pete, may I suggest a golf/business meeting at the beautiful Ivanhoe Club?

Thanks to all who serve the Midwest on the many committees we have. Maybe you would like to serve the Midwest on a commit....nah, only 32 members cared to vote at our annual meeting. REMEMBER, NO COMPLAINTS!

Finally, the question What do you do all winter? I am sure comes up around a hundred times or so. My stock answer is "I catch up on my soap operas." Did Luke and Laura make it out of that alligator-infested bunker

at the Port Charles C.C.? These and other probing questions need to be answered. Seriously, several educational programs have already taken place with a lot more to come. Take advantage of all this area has to offer. The frozen months of winter are the time to "warm up" your mind and pick up some helpful tips to get you through the "dog days." Where's my *TV Guide*. I need to know when "All My Children" comes on.

All the best to all in 1997!

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