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**Gene Thompson bids farewell.**



To my many friends and colleagues at MAGCS,

Someone once said that there is nothing so important as family and friends. Having already suffered more losses in my family than anyone should have to, I am as aware of this as anyone can be. Due to my Dad's current health situation, I am resigning from Indian Lakes Resort and preparing to move down closer to him in St. Simons Island, Georgia. It is extremely hard leaving all of our many friends here and we will miss you all greatly. Indian Lakes is

about to enter what will probably be its finest hour as they prepare to begin a complete renovation of all 36 holes, and I am deeply saddened that I will miss it. Making the decision to leave was a very difficult decision, yet it was also extremely easy. Some things are just more important.

Having been a member of the MAGCS since 1979, I have made many friends. I would like to thank the "older and wiser" superintendents who made me feel so welcome when I first joined the Association. Your kindness and warmth were greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the many vendors whose knowledge, guidance and assistance always helped to make my life easier. To my many friends at the Wednesday night Fox Valley Golf League, I would like to say thanks for all of the good times and fond memories. I would be remiss if I didn't say a special thank you to Dave Meyer, for giving me a chance back in 1974, and allowing me an opportunity to work in the greatest profession in the world.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you all at the next convention in Orlando. May God bless you all.

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**Paul Voykin can't stay out of trouble.**

Coming from the Canadian Turfgrass Conference last week in Vancouver, I had to make a short one-and-a-half-hour stop in Seattle. At 10:55 a.m. the earthquake hit the city, and of course the airport where I was waiting for a 12:05 p.m. departure. WOW! What an experience, people crying and shaking. I was quite calm and helped some people regain their composure and then we were herded outside because of structural failure fears in the airport building.

Anyways—tornado last year, quake this spring. No rocking chair for me.

Sincerely,  
Paul Voykin



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