



The Precious Present

This month, Bob relays a parable—something of a staple on the Internet these days— that admonishes us to make the most of our time. It is especially appropriate as we turn the calendar page to a new year.

Imagine . . .

There is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out ALL OF IT, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the bank's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's

deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in healthy, happiness and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who has failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.

And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on November 19, the MAGCS Board of Directors:

- Recorded several communications, including:
 - A letter sent to GCSAA by president Kevin DeRoo in support of University of Illinois research, specifically, two additional years' study by Dr. Tom Voigt concerning native grasses and two additional years for Dr. Bruce Branham's divot recovery studies. The objective is obtaining GCSAA matching research funds.
 - A letter from GCSAA acknowledging Distinguished Service Award winner Dudley Smith.
 - Passed a motion to donate \$250 to C-FAR (Council on Food and Agricultural Research).
 - Approved the following new members:
 - Travis Klein, C, Glen View Club
 - Matt Johnson, C, Bon Vivant
 - Scott Verdun, C, The Merit Club
 - John Lamkin, C, Olympia Fields
 - Tim White, C, Olympia Fields
 - David Marquardt, E, Bio-Grow Technologies
- In other business, president Kevin DeRoo welcomed new directors Scott Speiden and Tony Kalina and acknowledged the reelection of Gary Hearn. Kevin handed out organizational three-ring binders with comprehensive information pertinent to organizing each director's respective committee assignments.

The officers/committee chairs for 2003 are:

- Kevin DeRoo—President
- Fred Behnke—Vice President, Scholarship/Employment
- Phil Zeinert—Secretary/Treasurer
- Luke Strojny—President Emeritus, Benevolence/Bylaws/Nominating
- Tim Anderson—Arrangements
- Dave Braasch—Editorial
- Luke Cella—Education
- Gary Hearn—Membership/Environmental
- Tony Kalina—Golf
- Scott Speiden—Long-Range Planning/Public Relations

In addition, Dave Armentrout of TPEC serves as our commercial representative and Ed Braunsky now chairs the Past Presidents Council.

