




Passing the Gavel

I looked into the bathroom mirror before I started to shave and took a long look at myself. I haven't changed physically, but I have changed mentally and emotionally. I had fun!!! At times I can look back and say "this wasn't hard; it was kind-of-like 'boot camp' in the service." The anxiety and anticipation before becoming President of MAGCS is harder to cope with than actually doing the time – I am in control. Really, there were some stressful times, but most involved balancing work and family issues against MAGCS concerns or deadlines – thanks Luke.

Now that my Presidency is over, I can revisit my first President's article, "Thanks and Reflections." Again, many thanks to the Midwest Board for their devotion, dedication, and guidance. To committee members who took valuable time out of their busy schedules to get involved – keep up the good work. To all the volunteers who did the 'dirty' work – stay involved. To the vendors for their support and contributions – don't stop. To the families that supported all of us – you make our jobs easier. To Luke Cella, many thanks – your guidance and support will not be forgotten. I would like to thank Tony Perry and the staff at Salt Creek G.C. for letting the Midwest Board have their Board of Director meetings at the clubhouse. This gave us a quiet area in which to discuss issues and have some great food.

I would like to congratulate the new Board members and wish them good luck on their new positions. I would like to wish Phil Zeinert good luck on his new endeavors and challenges as he officially leaves the Board. Your soft-spoken leadership will be missed – good hunting.

I have a few announcements to make before I make my closure official; ATTEND the MAGCS Dinner Dance at Ruth Lake C.C., in Hinsdale, on November 18th. Your host will be Dan Marco. It is a great time – great food and entertainment, dancing, a good time to mingle with colleagues and mentors. ATTEND – the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC) on November 28th thru 30th. Congratulations to Dr. Randy Kane for being this year's recipient of the "President's Award for Meritorious Service". Dr. Randy Kane has logged many hours in devotion and dedication. He has elevated our awareness of susceptible diseases. He also provided education with seminars and field plot testing. Again, congratulations and thank you – keep in touch.

The gavel has been passed along...I am entering the world of 'President Emeritus'...The doors are opening to the Past Presidents' Council – tough to get past Ed Braunsky...I want to thank all the MAGCS members for supporting me and laughing at my 'corny' jokes. I hope I brought some enlightenment in my monthly articles, and most of all – just by being a friend – you made my tenure enjoyable. Happy Holidays. 

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