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Partner in Excellence for Best in Parts. Congratulations Reinders!

More news from the Toro Company: the Irrigation Association board of directors has named Toro to a platinum membership—the highest level of IA membership. Congrats to Big Red.

Congratulations to **John Patrick Maksymiu**, formerly superintendent of the Woodside/Lakeside nines at Cantigny Golf on his big move to green pastures of a different kind. Pat has accepted a position with Northwestern Mutual, one of the country's largest life insurance and financial service companies as of August 1st. Best of luck and good fortune to Patrick!



Our deepest sympathies go out to everyone at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club and the family of **Frank J. Latzko**, superintendent of the #1 and 3 courses on his sudden passing last month.

Nice work MAGCS! Your participation in the June Rounds 4 Research auction helped raise \$115,500 toward turf research, with over 600 rounds being donated to the cause (which is a 7% increase over last year).

Hank Hill would be proud. The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) is making headlines in our industry by first announcing in late July that it will be partnering with Audubon International, AND that it has now approved a major investment to get more propane-fueled mowers on golf courses around the nation. The council has allocated \$929,976 (where they came up with that number is a mystery not worth solving) for a "Propane Powered Golf and Turf Equipment Demonstration Program," with R&R Products as the principal contractor, and Audubon International, Marriott Golf and Billy Casper Golf as project partners. Locally, the project will place four pieces of propane-fueled mowing equipment on George W. Dunne National Golf Course in Oak Forest, IL (Jeremy Turton superintendent). This could be the start of something big.

It was with heavy heart that we learned of the passing of **Pat McDonagh** on June 12th. In his memory, an education fund for his children has been set up at BMO Harris Bank. To contribute, you can go to any BMO branch and simply specify

that you are donating to the McDonagh family.

It was also learned that one of our longtime members passed away last month. On July 23, Edward M. Smith, the superintendent at Deerpath Golf Course in Lake Forest from 1964 to 1982 left us. Condolences to his friends and family.

You still want to hang out near those trees during a thunderstorm? Might want to rethink that—**Todd Schmitz** (Phillips Park Golf Course) sent this photo of a tree that had been hit by lightning more than 12 hours prior to his snapping the shot. PLUS it poured rain all night, and yet the tree still burned through the night. Todd took advantage of the event by grabbing a bag of marshmallows and some graham crackers and Hershey bars and had a little S'mores feast for breakfast.



Q: What are **Kurt Sams** and his assistant called when they don the sans-a-belts and rayon shirts and cruise chicks in the singles bars?

A: Two Idlewild and crazy guys.

Another feather in the cap of Mistwood Golf Club (**Ben Kelnhofer** superintendent) was added when Golf Inc. magazine announced that the course ranked third in the world among public course renovations over \$1 million. The two-year Ray Hearn renovation was completed last year, and it was most definitely more than a million bucks.

On September 11, 2014 **Ed Nangle, Ron Townsend** and **Chris Painter** will host a Turf Field Day at the Sunshine Course in the morning. Registration and more information can be found at [cdgaturf.org](http://cdgaturf.org)

You know that actor that you see all the time in movies but don't know his name? That guy with the beard and the smooth voice that plays the accountant? We've found where he works when he's not acting, and it's at Joliet Country Club.

## MIDWEST Doppelgänger



*Mark Kowaliczko or Ricky Jay?*