

# President's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to thank, and commend, the Board of Directors of the FGCSA, for the job they've done this past year.

Marie Roberts, our executive secretary, Dan and Irene Jones, "The Florida Green," Mike Bailey, "The Green Sheet," and last but not least, Mark Jarrel, our own "professional" writer for Florida Golfweek. All deserve and have our deepest gratitude for their outstanding dedication and jobs well done!

Each and every member of our Association can hold his or her head high and be proud. Through your efforts and foresight, an endowment fund has been established in the name of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. This endowment fund is but a small part of the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation, however it is the first.

By establishing this endowment fund, we leave a legacy for those who follow. Research is the key to the future. We have established the fact that we feel it is important by funding the endowment fund with fifty thousand dollars. This money has been raised by superintendents like yourself, and by the various chapters like your own.

Just because the fund is established, does not mean we can sit back and relax. The costs for research will continue to climb so we must keep adding to the fund in order to get the research we need so badly. Everyone will benefit from the work being done now, and the work that will be done, as the funds become available. There are many clubs who can help with this endowment fund, and the simple fact is that two dollars will buy twice as much as one!

For those of you going to the GCSAA Convention in Houston, don't be surprised by the stature that superintendents from Florida are held in. Each year we gain more respect, and it's due in no small part to the efforts of each and every one of our members.

Thank you for a job well done.

*Reed Lee Febvre*