

Presidents Message



I recently read a survey by the Roper Organization, the people who keep tabs on what we are doing and thinking as Americans.

When asked which one or two of eight things say most about a person the response showed *friends* (46%), *homes* (28%), and the causes they work for or contribute to (20%) were at the top of the list. As you might expect, jobs, clothes, hobbies, jewelry and cars were also mentioned by many of those interviewed.

The report went on to say that some people were surprised by this report. I for one was not surprised and I know that most of my peers in the Golf and Turfgrass industry would not be surprised either to see *friends* at the top of the respondents list.

Our association has progressed and flourished through a wide variety of disciplines and involvement. Being involved has helped us to foster long lasting and meaningful friendships both in business and throughout life.

Our association has lost two very good friends and associates. Whenever we drive by the Everglades Country Club and the Tequesta Country Club I'm sure it will bring back many fond memories of Otto Schmeisser and Bill Wagner, two good friends who will be missed but not forgotten by their many friends and associates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick Blake". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Dick Blake
President, FL GCSA