

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

"50 YEARS OF PROGRESS" IS THEME FOR THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*****

We hope that all GCSAA members have marked September 13, 1976, as a very special day on their calendars. Sylvania Country Club will be the focal point for the many activities associated with GCSAA's 50th Anniversary Celebration and it is hoped that many members will be in attendance to participate in the day long festivities. Registration materials for the anniversary activities and annual tournament are in the process of being printed and will be mailed to all members in the near future.

During the day there will be demonstrations of some of the old equipment which will be on display at the club. Several of these items will come from GCSAA's permanent collection housed at Michigan State University, with other pieces from private collections of members and commercial firms in business at the time of founding of the Association. Historical photographs and several audio/visual presentations, including a Ray Gerber film, will also be part of the daytime activities.

The high point of the afternoon's events will be the presentation of a GCSAA plaque to the Sylvania Country Club. The plaque, cast in bronze, will be permanently mounted on a large stone to commemorate GCSAA's founding at Sylvania Country Club. The inscription will read, "Birthplace of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Founded as National Association of Greenkeepers of America. September 13, 1926, Sylvania Country Club." Plans call for association and club officials to be "piped" from the clubhouse to the presentation site by a Scottish bagpiper.

Among the honored guests expected to be in attendance will be Charter Members, Past Presidents, Outstanding Service Award recipients, governmental officials, representatives of the several allied associations, and reporters from the major turf and golf publications.

After the day long activities, the Anniversary Celebration will conclude with an evening banquet and ceremony keynoted by Arnold Palmer. Chapter members, Past Presidents and the eleven (11) Outstanding Service Award recipients will be honored at the evening affair. Due to the limited seating at the banquet ceremony, advanced registration and purchase of tickets will be mandatory. The banquet is the only activity for which there will be a charge. However, all members planning to attend the days celebration will be encouraged to pre-register to give the Committee and GCSAA staff a better opportunity to plan for transportation, parking facility requirements, and the 50th Anniversary souvenirs.

Practice rounds will also be played in preparation for the GCSAA Golf Tournament to be held September 14 and 15. Details concerning the tournament appear in this month's Member Newsletter.

Again, the Golden Anniversary Committee urges members to begin making plans now to attend and participate in the anniversary activities of their Association on September 13, in Sylvania, Ohio.

FOLLOW THE SUN TO HAWAII AFTER THE PORTLAND CONFERENCE AND SHOW*****
GCSAA will offer a week long trip to the "Pearl of the Pacific - Hawaii" February 12-19, 1977, as a Post Conference Tour from Portland. All GCSAA members, their families, and friends of the Association are eligible to take advantage of this first-class quality tour.

Through the services of Maupintour, respected the world-over for outstanding first-class tours, those participating will:

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Tour by air conditioned motor coach to view the lush landscape panoramas for which Hawaii's North Shore is world-famous. Sites will include volcanic mountains, sugar and pineapple plantations, fishing villages, Makapuu Point, Sea Life Park and Honolulu -

Spend four (4) nights at the world-famous Sheraton - Waikiki, where every room's balcony brings to view the blue Pacific and the most famous beach in the world -

Celebrate with native dancers the ancient rite of the Luau -

Have the time to take advantage of the many optional tours and activities which include Pearl Harbor Cruise, Circle Island Tour, Sunset Dinner Cruise, Don Ho Dinner Show, Sea Life Park Tour, tour of Polynesian Cultural Center, tours to other islands, and many more -

Tour some of Hawaii's finest golf courses -

CONGRATULATIONS

Life Member Carl Anderson has been awarded the G.C.S.A.A. Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency. Carl will receive an expense paid trip to Sylvania Country Club in September for acceptance of the award during G.C.S.A.A.'s Golden Anniversary Celebration.

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