

“SPECIAL COLLECTION”

To all MGCSA Members,

I know times are tough and budgets are tight and it seems like there is one golf event after another. Each one asking for this and that and each time we all are asked to dig into our pockets, into our budgets to help. Yes the Wee One Foundation is one of those golf outing I am talking about. We are asking for you to dig into your wallet or your budget and find some dough to help one of our own members.

From time to time at church on Sunday there is a “Special Collection” for an unforeseen natural disaster or special need...the tsunami in the far east a couple of years ago the day after Christmas, the earthquake in Haiti, the floods in Fargo. Well we should consider this a “Special Collection” for all of our friends in this business whom we wish didn’t need the contents of this special collection.

The Wee One Foundation was started eight years ago when a group of Wisconsin and Illinois superintendents had a “Special Collection” for one of their [(our) – we are all in the green industry] own, Wayne Otto, C.G.C.S. Wayne was a superintendent in the Milwaukee area for many years and sometime in the spring of 2004 Wayne was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We all

know that that form of cancer is NOT good but Wayne’s friends and colleagues from AROUND the INDUSTRY stepped up to the plate with that “Special Collection” and created a golf outing to raise money for his treatment. The Wee One Foundation was born. Wayne lost his battle with cancer in October of 2004, but his smile lives on and HIS Foundation is here to stay and to help others that are in need.

Today eight years later there are Wee One Foundation golf outings in many states including Minnesota. The Wee One Foundation has helped many families in OUR industry throughout the country that have been in financial need. The Wee One Foundation has already given two Minnesota families \$30,000.

Ours is a very special industry in that we are always lending an extra hand for our fellow turf managers. Well this is one hand out I hope I never need to ask for...but my heart swells to know that my peers are there for me if I do.

Please join me at North Oaks Golf Club on October 8th for this year’s Wee One Fund Raiser. Lets make that “collection” basket overflow with the goodness of ourselves, our good fortune and our professional camaraderie.

Kind Regards,

John Meyer



*The Wee One Foundation, lets hope you never need it.
The Wee One Tournament, Ocotober 8th,
at North Oaks Golf Club. Lets fill the
field and fill the basket!*