

Rally Around the Flag Boys!

by Rhys Arthur

It does not take much imagination to see how much exceptional talent there is in the MAAGCS. We are a large group of professionals, bonded by our love for the game and the environment, doing a difficult job, in one of the most influential cities in the world. We are educated, dedicated, and we continually strive to promote and improve our profession. We are Mid-Atlantic Superintendents.

Over the past ten years, our association has grown almost twofold. Through the fine efforts of many superintendents who have volunteered their time to serve on the board, this association has steadily moved forward. We have improved our education, our communications, and our professional standards. Whether you know it or not, we are a very prominent chapter, and we are rapidly becoming one of the best in the nation.

Now, our association is putting its best foot forward and supporting George Renault for national office. Nothing could be better for our affiliation. The superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic are leaders in our profession. We should be represented on the national level, and we should have a voice in the way our organization is headed. This is something we can all be proud of.

Who else is more qualified nationally? We, as a local chapter of the GCSAA, located in the backyard of Capitol Hill, can have tremendous influence on the lawmakers and environmentalists who govern us. We are an enormous asset to the national organization, and we need a link between us.

Having representation on the national level will also serve each

and every member of the MAAGCS. It will certainly keep us informed on what is going on in Lawrence, and how our membership monies are being spent, but it will also bring home a great deal of other benefits including seminars, conferences, scholarships, and support for our local universities. We also need national to be aware of issues and problems that relate to members of *this* chapter.

Having one of our members run for national office is one of the best things to happen to the MAAGCS in a long time. This election can spark a new energy within the association and unite us in one common goal. We are a **first class chapter**, a good reason for us provide the needed leadership to the national association.

The time is right, we have the right man, and this fall we should all work together to support George Renault for National Office. We are all behind you, George. Go get 'em!

Golf Power

According to a survey by the National Golf Foundation golfers are a politically active bunch. Imagine the potential force behind these interesting facts:

- ✓ In the upcoming presidential election, nearly 17 million voters (1/5 of the total voting electorate) will be golfers.
- ✓ Of America's 23 million adult golfers, 92.9% are registered voters compared to 57.1% of the general population.
- ✓ Nearly 80% of voting-age golfers report always voting in national elections.
- ✓ Six out of 10 golfers always vote in state elections, and five out of 10 in local elections.
- ✓ Golfers are involved citizens: 56.8% of those polled say they have contacted a public official by mail, phone, or in person.



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