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President's Message

Many thanks to both our June host, John Newcomb, and our July host, Ed Gasper. Both of them provided us with outstanding days for our meetings, and excellent golf courses. Our August picnic will be held at Bretton Woods Recreation Center and our host for the day will be Ken Ingram. As always this will be a day of enjoyment for the entire family, with plenty of games for the children and plenty of drink for the adults.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the entire membership that we have canceled our contract with the Tharp Group. The Board of Directors took this step to ensure that the membership was being served in the best possible way. The new address is: M.A.A.G.C.S., P.O. Box 4465, Lutherville, MD 21094-4465, and the phone numbers are: (410) 825-4653 and (800) 726-6501. Please feel free to call this number or any Board member with questions you might have. Just think, September is only 30 days away!

From the Editor...

As Director of Communications, I realize the role and importance that good communication plays in our daily lives. It is our intent to put together an informative newsletter and get it to you by the middle of each month. We have not accomplished this recently. In the future, look for a one page announcement, containing all the necessary information for the upcoming meeting, to reach you **prior to the R.S.V.P. date.** The monthly newsletter should arrive around the middle of the month. We want everyone to have the necessary meeting information in a timely manner and we believe a one page flyer is the answer.

Our newsletter can be an important communications tool. We want and need your input in order to provide you with a quality newsletter. So, please help us by continuing to send articles about what you are doing at your course, what works, what doesn't, or articles of a technical nature that can be educational. Also, we are always looking for small tidbits of information that can be used in the "News & Notes" section of the newsletter. Whether it is a re-routing, birth, illness, marriage, simple announcement, or a change to your course, we are interested in adding it to our "News & Notes" portion of the newsletter. Remember, our newsletter can only be as good as you help make it.

Attention Class "F" members, many of you have not responded to the mailer sent out in April outlining the advertising and sponsorship programs. Supporters are listed in the back of each newsletter and the center section of the annual directory. I have contacted all of the supporters from last year to personally make sure you were aware of the programs. As one of the first places a superintendent looks when he needs help, the supporter list is an affordable marketing tool. Any class F member who has questions or would like to be included on the list should contact Chris Ayers at (301) 762-0570

Lastly, I mentioned earlier, that we want to continue to send out a one page flyer designed to arrive prior to the meeting R.S.V.P. date. This flyer will detail all the necessary meeting information and will be sent to all members of the Association. In order to continue this useful service, we need additional sponsors to defray the cost of the mailing. Each flyer will have an exclusive advertising opportunity for a class F member. All those interested should contact me at the above number.

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