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MAAGCS Helps In the Fight Against Cancer

Earlier this year the Board of Directors of the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents decided to "adopt" the American Cancer Society as the MAAGCS charity of choice. The annual Superintendent/Club Official Tournament, held at Chevy Chase Country Club, was chosen as the vehicle with which to raise funds. Thanks to John Kotoski, CGCS, Golf Chairman, Jim Halley, Finance Chairman, Charlotte Norris, MAAGCS Executive Secretary, Sean Remington and all of the staff at Chevy Chase Country Club our first effort at fund raising was an overwhelming success. MAAGCS President, Walter Montross, CGCS presented Jan Fox, of WUSA TV Channel 9 News and Karen Brav of the American Cancer Society with a check for \$2,500 at the end of the event.



President Walter Montross, CGCS presents check to Jan Fox and Karen Brav.

Ms. Fox and Ms. Brav were honorary guests of the association along with Mr. Steve Mona, CEO of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Our three guests joined MAAGCS for lunch, golf, and dinner. All three enjoyed the day immensely with Jan Fox shooting a 39 on the back nine.

After dinner, Mr. Steve Mona, CEO discussed GCSAA efforts in promoting the profession of the Golf Course Superintendent. Mr. Mona also spoke about the relationships between superintendents and club officials and stressed that good communication is the key ingredient for a successful relationship. Ms. Fox and Ms. Brav explained how the MAAGCS donation would help in the fight against cancer and thanked the Association for their support. Ms. Fox mentioned the

tournament and donation several times during the following week in her segment of the news.

The \$2,500 donation from the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents was earmarked to support the American Cancer Society tournament at The Homestead on August 16, 1999. MAAGCS will be the sole sponsor for the Driving Range at this event and our logo and banner will be prominently displayed for all participants to see. The 1999 Superintendent/Club Official Tournament was a great success for both the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the American Cancer Society. The MAAGCS Board of Directors hopes that this will be the first step in a long and successful relationship between its members and the American Cancer Society.

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