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Maryland Student Chapter News

by Andrea C. Bakalyar

Thank you for supporting another successful Student Chapter fundraiser. Over fifty wind jackets were sold and there are still plenty of shirts and caps available. The Maryland Turfgrass Conference January 4-5, 1999 was extremely profitable. The putting contest earned the Chapter over \$200.00. Sean Remington, CGCS won the contest and graciously reinvested the money back into the Student Chapter. On Tuesday, January 5th an IAA Alumni Breakfast was held.

Several students and former students attended the GCSAA National Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida, February 10-14, 1999. Those individuals enjoyed many opportunities to network and learn while attending the conference. MAAGCS is the only chapter that supports its student chapter and we are grateful. It is hoped that eventually all local chapters throughout the country will follow the MAAGCS' lead and support their students as well. Superintendents please continue to encourage your assistants and students to get involved.

The Student Chapter will be electing new officers the beginning of April and new faces will bring new and refreshing changes to the MSCGCSAA. Please continue your much needed support and thanks for your past generosity.

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"And the Answer Is"

Obviously Walter Carl Montross, CGCS was destined to become president. Although he never listed playing George Washington as one of his credentials when asked to run for a position on the MAAGCS Board of Directors.

Walter is a real native of D. C. He was born at the old Garfield Hospital which is located near RFK Stadium. He grew up in Rockville, Maryland and graduated from Annapolis High School. Walter attended the University of Maryland. He was introduced to the club business by his father who was a club manager. His career began at the Annapolis Roads Club.

Linda and Walter met at a bar in 1977. His answer to her query "What do you do for a living?" was "I grow grass!" They married four years later. Walter works with the living...Linda the dead (she teaches Latin). His children Tracy (15) and Geoffrey (13) keep him busy watching their sports (basketball, swimming, and soccer), coaching basketball, watching them sing in the church choir, and delivering them to their assortment of activities. He is a wonderfully supportive father.

Hobbies: cooking gourmet food, golf, reading (Stephen King, cooking magazines, books about American History), bridge (but never with Linda as a partner), fishing, hunting, watching televised sports (a.k.a. couch potato), traveling to president's graves (and other historical sites), and planning adventures with his family.

Dreams: becoming a Master Greenskeeper, to own a little place on the Chesapeake Bay (or tributary) with a 20' run-about boat or maybe join a Civil War Re-enactment Group.

He is most proud of his work with the MAAGCS, GCSAA and the fact that the young men who have been his assistant superintendents have done so well in their profession.



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John and Dean will be attending monthly Board of Directors meetings and provide agronomic information. They will be making future site visits that are being scheduled in both metropolitan areas with local architects, business professionals and municipal representatives. *Turfgrass Matters* will keep you informed regarding each city's respective effort.



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