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Presidents Message

"Thanks for the Memories." Bob Hope's old salutation sums up my feelings writing this message. I certainly appreciate the opportunity you gave me to lead a great and historic chapter. Everyone tells you that your year as President is over before you know it. It is definitely true, but never seems that way during the year, (especially when you are trying to think of something to write for a President's Message.) I have some regrets however. We needed better leadership to help the MTC fight the "Terrapin Parkway", produce the turfgrass survey, and support our great college researchers. We still have "golf friendly" governors in MD and VA, hopefully the MAAGCS can be more involved in the future.

I was lucky enough to have two terms as President with a 12 year span between terms. This has given me 20 years of active involvement with the MAAGCS and I have seen a lot of changes in our business. Without question the biggest change is in how busy we all are and how difficult this makes it to get away from the golf course. We see this in meeting attendance and when seeking volunteers to serve on the Board. It is really starting to have an impact on associations like the MAAGCS. There is no easy solution. All of us have priorities and there is no way the MAAGCS can compete with Faith, Family, Work, etc. but I still think our association has a high ranking in your priorities. I know how much it has done for me. The friendships, education, and the professionalism gained from attending meetings far outweighs what I could have accomplished in a half day at work.

I'm turning the reins over to some fine young men. We have a great schedule for 2005 starting with our hospitality suite in Orlando and our increasingly successful seminar in March. I'll see you there.



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