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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just about one half of the year has passed and I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Executive Secretary, Theresa Baria, for their outstanding job and for making my position as President run quite smoothly. Well organized monthly meetings, a new professional appearance for electronic correspondence and an upcoming Superintendent's Survey are a few of the highlights, thus far in 2008. As a reminder, please add the following dates to your calendars: Thursday, July 31 is the University of Maryland's Field Day/ MAAGCS Picnic, and Tuesday, September 2 is the annual Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament to be held at Bretton Woods.

Hopefully, everyone has recovered from the strong thunderstorms that rolled through the area on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and I'm sure that everyone is glad that the first heat wave of the season has passed and that the return of more spring-like temperatures are a much welcomed relief.

I would also like to send out an invitation to anyone interested in a site visit for Maintenance Facility Construction. Currently, Bethesda Country Club is undergoing a complete reconstruction of the Maintenance Facility. Initially, our new facility was to be completed by the first of April, but with unimaginable delays due to county and permitting issues, the new date of completion for the project will be in September. My hope is to get settled into our new building in time to get back into our regular winter maintenance schedule. Again, if anyone is interested in a site visit, please call me to set up a time to meet. My office # is (301) 365-0100.

Mark Kingora MAAGCS President

(Current stage of the Maintenance Facility construction)





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