

## While You Are "Growing"- So Are We

**W**ow! That's a pretty good word to describe what happened at the 1999 Conference & Exhibition held January 13th-17th in Mesa, Arizona. For those of you who were there, you know what I mean. For those of you that weren't able to attend -- take a look at this!



*Seminar on Wheels attendees "raise the roof" at Bank One Ballpark.*

Conference attendees numbered OVER 500, many of whom were first time attendees. In addition, we had 175 exhibitor personnel representing 78 different vendor companies. These are record numbers for STMA Conferences. At the Awards Banquet, along with the nine (9) STMA Field of the Year Awards and the three (3) STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF Awards and our Founders Awards, six (6) Scholarships were presented. That's also a record!

Add to that the Golf Outing, three different Seminar on Wheels Tours, a myriad of educational sessions, a special Category I (Professional facility Sports Turf Manager) session, a new Chapter Officers Training session, our Annual Raffle & Live and Silent Auctions - AND - a very special appearance on Tuesday evening (courtesy of Lofts Seed) by Cal Ripken, Jr.....I think you see what I mean.



*Cal Ripken, Jr. signed cards, baseballs, etc. at a special reception Tuesday evening.*

We had more than 75 new members who joined the STMA with their Conference registrations, several of those were commercial members AND new exhibitors at the Trade Show.



*View of the Trade Show area at the Mesa Community Center*

Our featured Conference speaker, Dr. Bree Hayes, gave two separate, and very enlightening, presentations. "Building Teams That Work," examined both the chemistry that makes teams function and how teams work for the same goals. Small groups were set up within the attendees to work through the stages of group development and learn the best leadership styles to move those stages to an even higher level. "Don't Sweat The Small Stuff," taught self management through a "prescription" for lifelong self-care. During the give and take of this session, Dr. Hayes set out a specific set of ideas and strategies to manage stress, and still handle your job. Both fit perfectly with Bucky Trotter's presentation at the Friday night banquet.

Sound like a great time? IT WAS! Think you'd like to get in on the fun? Mark your calendars NOW for the 11th Annual STMA Conference & Exhibition, January 12-16, 2000, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. **SEE YOU THERE!**

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