STMA MESSAGE

We're Going to Disneyland!

Plans, planning and changing plans: Have you ever thought about how much of our lives we spend making plans? Only it seems we have to change or modify those plans on a daily or hourly basis. How have your plans held up this year? By the time you read this column, half of 1995 will have sped by. Where does time go?

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about plans for 1996. One plan I hope you are working on, and won't have to change, is to attend the annual STMA Conference in Anaheim, CA, January 24-28.

The conference committee has been busy since the conference in Bradenton, FL, closed last February, putting together ideas to make the 1996 event even better than last year's. If you attended the Bradenton conference, you know what an excellent combination



of educational seminars, tours and demonstrations we had.

The Anaheim area lends itself to all sorts of interesting opportunities. It is easy to get to from any area of the country. There are numerous athletic and scholastic facilities in the area to visit, and we'll be close to the "Magic Kingdom" for an extended visit after the conference.

The conference committee's plans are coming together, and in the next couple of months you will receive more details of what is in store for you at Anaheim. Block off this week in January to make sure your plans for 1996 start off on the right foot.

Whether you're a newcomer to the association, a seasoned veteran or one of our many vendors, make your plans now to join us at Anaheim. I hope to see and meet you there!

- Mike Schiller, STMA President-Elect

CHAPTER NEWS

Midwest Chapter — "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is the theme of the July 19 meeting of the STMA Midwest Chapter. The event will begin with a tour of the Rockford, IL, Park District Sportscore, site of the STMA 1994-1995 Soccer Field of the Year. The meeting will then move on to Marinelli Field, the home of the Rockford Cubs, for a behindthe-scenes tour of the facility. Meeting participants will wrap up the day at the Cubs baseball game. The Midwest Chapter will charter a bus from the Chicago area for this meeting. Further details will be announced soon.

The Midwest Chapter is planning an August Workshop on "Rapid Turf Renovation." Further details will be announced shortly.

For information on these meetings, charter bus arrangements for the July meeting or other upcoming activities, call the Chapter Hotline at (708) 439-4727.

Colorado Chapter: SPECIAL REMINDER — The Colorado Chapter will hold a summer seminar/workshop at Coors Field in Denver on June 29. Registration will run from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The morning educational sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon and will feature a history of the design, construction and establishment of Coors Field. After lunch, the facility tour will begin at 1 p.m., first concentrating on the building, then moving to the field for a tour and on-field demonstrations. Host for this meeting is Mark Razum. Please RSVP your plans to attend to the 24-hour CCSTMA Hotline/Fax at (303) 438-9645.

Coming Attractions: The Colorado Chapter is planning an August 24 seminar/workshop to be held at the Pleasantview Sports Complex in Boulder. More details will be announced soon. For more information on these seminar/workshops, the Colorado Chapter or other upcoming activities, contact Ross Kurcab, Denver Broncos, at (303) 649-9000.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter and upcoming activities, contact Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421. Plant A Tree. Honor A Hero.

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