

President's Message

In Spring 2003 Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster

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In a letter I sent to all Central Great Lakes Region Clubs last fall, I mentioned that it is my intention to make 2003 a very positive and growth building year. To do this, there must be much open communication between clubs and the region. The change in the bylaws to give all club presidents a more active role in planning and other regional decisions by making them members of the CGLR Board of Directors was a step in this direction.

Please encourage club members attendance at regional meetings, especially the summer conference in Van Wert, Ohio in June. I would like to see greater communication between clubs and information on regional and national events shared with all members. Our new editor, Leroy Hart is eager to share articles on successful programs, member awards, and death notices of our members and bits of news around the lakes.

I would also like to encourage all clubs send all compliments and concerns to the regions directors. It is important that all questions be answered in a timely fashion and with complete honesty.

Meetings in 2003

The Club Assistance Program at the Fall Meeting was well received. A request for a session on Recruitment and Retention is on the Agenda for the spring meeting at Kingwood Center on April 26, 2003 at 10 AM. The fall meeting will be on October 4, 2003. A point that was brought up during the club assistance program was to make new members feel important. Officers should consider bringing their new members to the region meetings so that they can see how we fit into the TGOA program.

It is indeed a pleasure to compliment Past President Frank Mitch in meeting his goals of

- Discovering a new JAB editor
- Collecting additional region historical material and assuring its preservation
- Assigning specific clubs for contact by the national directors and alternates
- And reinstating the region's website: <http://spot.acorn.net/cglr/>

I hope to do all I can to improve the coordination of judging schools and judging of the region shows. Our program for spring will be "Sheets of Phlox, Pillows of Daisies... the beds our guests love to visit" presented by Valerie Brown owner of the Weller Haus Bed and Breakfast in Bellevue, Kentucky.