

It's hard to believe--but a most welcome thought-- that golf season is fast approaching. Your hard-working 2007 Board has planned a full year of activities with the awesome tee-off event on March 17 at Belle Haven Country Club. This luncheon event promises to offer an unlimited smorgasbord of tempting calorie-free activities in which you can indulge for the 2007 golf season. On the menu, you can sign up for league play, get the golf events calendar, enroll in the SWING program, note education events that fit your golf development needs, discover what sponsors have to offer you, win a door prize, bid on silent auction items, visit with friends, and show our guests that we're a group they have to join. So invite your friends and colleagues and make plans to attend this not-to-be-missed event.

I am delighted this year that we have more members than ever involved in committees, sharing their talents, creativity, and enthusiasm. Mindful that members are the chapter's heart and soul, we're developing strategies to achieve ambitious goals of increasing new membership and retaining the loyalty of long-standing members. As we improve member outreach, it is especially important to make new members feel welcome and explain how chapter programs are interrelated and complementary. With our geographically dispersed membership, we envision establishing a telephone tree to keep communications open and dynamic. Making the DC chapter the most welcoming EWGA chapter and fostering chapter esprit require expanding our pool of dedicated, golf-loving volunteers. Does that describe you? The Sponsorship Committee has been very successful in finding sponsors and developing productive relationships. We need assistance in managing sponsorship accounts. Can you do that? Like you, board members, committee members and event volunteers have jobs and myriad other commitments, so they support the chapter in their "spare" time that ranges from half an hour a month to hours a week. But we need you too to find 30 minutes or more a month in your schedule to help make the chapter all it can be. Let us know where you can make a difference, and I look forward to speaking with many of you on March 17.

EWGADC is going to have a great 2007. There are a lot of good times planned so mark your calendars now and make sure you're there.