

An Honorary member is a person that has contributed extraordinary time, effort and sacrifice to the aquatic industry and specifically Midwest Chapter of APMS. In addition to their services to the industry, typically these members have a very colorful life of achievement and success outside of the industry. Further more; sometimes an Honorary member has an additional support, perspective or a partner that is part of this colorful life journey.

A colorful life for this Honorary member includes many factors such as; Golden Gloves (1972 ), Michigan AAU Light Heavyweight Champion (1974) Second Shift Superintendent Fisher Body (1978), Lawrence Tech Professor (1979-1984), Western Michigan University Professor (1984-1987), earning a DBA (Doctor of Business Administration in (2006), Raising a family (three kids, seven grandchildren), receiving various awards (Safari Club International Pinnacle of achievement award plus numerous others). Besides being a member and contributor of MAPMS for many years, this honorary member served as President of MAPMS in 1993.

In 1979 young wisdom, initiative and support allowed for the creation of a new aquatic plant application company, Lake-Weed-Away in Pleasant Ridge Michigan. In 1984 the company was moved to Alto Michigan. Starting the business with row boats and coffee cans the company quickly matured into a full service management company offering herbicide application, mechanical harvesting, water quality programs, aeration/fountains and lake management consulting. With this increased diversity Professional Lake Management (PLM) was created to portray the company's new image. As PLM continued to grow and strengthen their abilities throughout Michigan new opportunities were seen in other parts of the nation including: Minnesota, South Carolina, and North Carolina not only aquatic species issues but also terrestrial invasive plant management. PLM quickly expanded into the terrestrial invasive plant management market and decided that once again a company image change was required, Therefore, PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. emerged in 2009. At this time PLM is conducting business in multiple states, six offices offering a variety of services and employing over 70 employees. These accomplishments have only been achieved by the support of his wife and most importantly the guidance of the Lord.

From one man, his wife and a row boat in 1979, Greg Cheek has supported the aquatic industry and developed one of the most successful invasive plant management companies in the nation. It is my privilege to announce Honorary Membership status to Dr. Greg Cheek.