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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our Greens Market is over. So many people worked very hard on a **HUGE** project. What I heard often is: "It has been a long time. It is so good to sit down and make wreaths. I forgot how difficult it is to make all of these things but what fun." These and many other good moments were shared.

It was so good to see and witness the helpful teams that flew into action to meet at the storage unit, set up the tables, lay the tarp, cut and wash the boxwood, cut the shapes for the trees, put the oasis in the different decorating units, people bagging the greens, tying the bows, putting ribbons and pine cones on the wreaths and swags. Let's not forget the snacks, coffee, and water waiting for us each morning. Every little element of this event is important. This includes the shopping and paying the bills. Thinking about what we need to order, what we need to make and what can we do to promote this event. **WOW!!** Each person did double time. This is a project where many hands are needed.

I sometimes stole a few moments watching from the kitchen as people engaged in the creative process. I saw smiles, hands cutting, minds thinking about the final product. People hunting for just the right piece to add for the "Piece de resistance." This truly is a group of people committed to this Club.

We had many members who in previous years helped. Many were not able to this year because of health issues. You were missed. Joan Lenhard



DECEMBER MEETING - CHRISTMAS TEA

"What a gorgeous place to have a tea. With a view like this I might be motivated to cook a meal or even do the dishes. This open space provides so much room for a party. Look at that view. Look at all the villages." I heard so many of these comments and many more. A sincere thank you to Mary Sullivan and the team.



Everyone brought lots of goodies to eat. A wide variety of teas for people to pick from. Lots of chatter and catching up with people. The time went by quickly. It was good to see so many of our members present. We also missed many of you. I hope and pray that you continue on your journey to good health. Hope to see you soon. Joan Lenhard



BOARD MTG

Next meeting is Monday Jan 2 @ 9:30 @ the church.

CLUB MEETING

Next club member meeting is Jan 9 @9:30 @ the church. This will be a busy mtg. An overview of NGC, MGC, GCGL Websites and Facebook is our presentation. This is good orientation material for new members and a refresher for our other members. In addition, we will use this time for any additional orientation as it ties into the technology overview. It is important that new members be present and receive binders and updates.

We will also have our first team meeting. We can use this time to discuss our areas of knowledge and how we can support each other. It is time to raise questions for what must be in place for our Master Gardeners to continue CEU's and volunteerism. How we develop more or different outreach to the community. What can we do to improve our communications and publicity. Put on your thinking caps and please use this time constructively.

In addition, we have a short review of income and expenses for GM. Q&A on updates for By-Laws and Constitution. January will be very busy.

This is a Salad and Casserole luncheon. Check page 40 for information on what to do for the luncheon. Joan Lenhard

PROGRAM SCHEDULE BOOK & MEMBER UPDATES

Beulah has recently moved and entered into hospice. Many of you sent birthday cards and they were forwarded to her address. Please update your book.

BY-LAWS, CONSTITUTION

Ronnie has updated our current documents with the recommendations from our members. It is important to make these changes since Covid. Many clubs never thought they would vote, do business or even chat on line for meetings. We will have these available for review and discussion at our January meeting. Please come prepared with specific questions. Joan Lenhard

BOARD BUSINESS

The program planning team will meet in January. Hope we can schedule some time after our regular meeting.

Sign-up sheets will be out starting in the new year for board positions, chair positions etc. You have time now to think about what you would like to be involved in and how this benefits the membership. Please put it on the radar.

GREAT NEWS – with a few twists of the arm and a plead to help out, along with an invitation to the board meeting in November, Renee agreed to be our recording secretary. I thank you very much. This is one down and one to go. More arm twisting and invitations and I think we will have a member on board for our VP spot. YEAH. It is a very **Thankful season.** Joan Lenhard

FIELD TRIPS

I am looking to plan a field trip to Walters Gardens in Zeeland. They are a Proven Winner grower. The other trip would be to Oudolf Gardens in May or June. These trips would be all-day adventures. If you are interested in either of these trips, I will need to know your intentions. I will be looking into dates and costs for these trips. Joan Lenhard

GREENS MARKET

Come to the January meeting for a report.