

**GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ATHERTON HOTEL  
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA  
June 5 and 6, 2017  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Board of Directors of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP) was called to order by **President Christine Leskosky** on Monday June 5, 2017 2:01 p.m. at the Atherton Hotel, State College, PA.

Those present were:

Vivian Abel	Christine Gresh	Joyce Peterson
Barbara Andrus	Judy Grunwaldt	Pat Ptasick
Lois Armstrong	Vivian Hall	Angela Raitano
Marilyn Backus	Pat Hartman	Sharon Richardson
Ruth Berry	Anton Hatfield-Nicholson	Susan Ritsko
Nancy Bittner	Joyce Hoek	Vina McLeod Rudolph
Gail Blasko	Eileen Hoover	Leeanna Ryba
Barbara Brand	Jane Howe	Judith Schaffer
Nerita Brant	Diane Hughes	Mary Jo Schlomann
Sharon Brown	Nancy Hustis	Susan Semple
Beth Buttermore	Tom Huston	Betsy Smith
Barbara Campbell	Judy Jackson	Sue Soraruf
Mary Lou Colussy	Kay John	Jane Sotomayor
Gail Corle	Cynthia Layton	Lee Ann Stine
Joyce Crider	Claire Leichliter	Debbie Stumpf
Kathy Crossman	<b>Christine Leskosky, President</b>	Judy Vehse
Sheila Croushore	Kay Leto	JoAnn Waddell
Marcy Cunkelman	Mary Jane Martucci	Haddie Weber
Gladys Dapp	Judy McGinnis	Barbara White
Jackie Davies	Joyce Milberg	Patricia Wolanski
Barbara Dempsey	Rosalie Miller	Margie Wolff
Georgieann Dettinburn	Grace Mitchell	Karen Wychock
Nancy Lambert Fulk	Paula Mohler	Dorothy Yard
Mary Jo Gardill	Lori Pancione	Tonya Young

The Invocation was given by **Gladys Dapp, Chaplain.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Joyce Milberg, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice -President.**

**President Leskosky** declared a Quorum.

**President Leskosky** introduced the 2017-2019 Officers: 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Joyce Milberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Sheila Croushore, Treasurer, Cindy Layton, Recording Sec., Leeanna Ryba and Financial Sec., Mary Jo Schlomann.

**President Leskosky** recognized former State Presidents: Judy Vehse, Jackie Davies, Dorothy Yard, Angela Raitano, Gail Corle, Betsy Smith and Sharon Brown.

**President Leskosky** introduced Lee Ann Stine, Headquarters Secretary.

**Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba** reported the minutes of the last meeting were distributed electronically and stand approved as sent. She requested that members initial the sign-in sheet, as that is the only way of knowing who is in attendance. She also requested four copies of each report with the major points underlined or highlighted.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**President Leskosky** thanked the 2017 Convention Committee for all their hard work. She stated that it was a pleasure working with Jo Ann Waddell, Audry Stengel and the District II/III members. She also thanked Judy Vehse and Betsy Smith for their part in making the 2017 Convention one she will never forget. She reported attending the National Garden Club Convention in Richmond, VA. She was impressed with the event and the number of attendees, seven hundred. It was enjoyable seeing friends and meeting new ones. She met the new CARSGC State Presidents all seemed very energetic. It was a pleasure spending time with GCFP members at the event. A new book, *The Saved Seed*, written by Brenda Moore and illustrated by Emily Lackey was introduced by National. The story is told from the viewpoint of a pumpkin seed. This publication is available on the NGC website for \$10.00. NGC has a new partnership with Espoma; "Plant America" project grants. President Leskosky said that she has attended a few luncheons and looks forward to attending Blue Star Marker Dedications and club meetings.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Joyce Milberg** reported that she met with the District Directors on Tuesday morning and they had a full agenda including discussing the programs initiated by President Leskosky for her administration. They all agreed to use the GCFP website and keep their information current. Each district will be ordering Vision of Beauty Calendars on their own this year. Special guest Betsy Smith spoke to the District Directors about the Seeds of Service Program.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Sheila Croushore** told us that she secured a block of rooms, room rate, the dinner meal choices, and received the reservations for this meeting. She is currently working on a 15- minute presentation on Youth Gardening and Horticultural Therapy. She reported that she is working on the meal choices for the October Board Meeting. She attended the National Garden Clubs Convention Opening Lunch in Richmond, VA.

**Financial Secretary, Mary Jo Schlomann** reported the following balance in the First Commonwealth Bank Checking Account:

<b>Beginning balance as of 5/07/2017</b>		<b>0.0</b>
Receipts		
Deposits from Club Dues	\$16,060.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$16,060.00</b>
Disbursements		
Transfer to Treasurer (5/15/2017)	(\$7,345.00)	
<b>Total</b>		<b>(\$7,345.00)</b>
<b>Balance in checking account as of 5/31/2017</b>		<b>\$8,715.00</b>

Treasurer, Cindy Layton gave the following reports:

## GCFP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

	May '16 - Apr 17	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
Income		
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT		
CONTRIBUTIONS		
BOOK OF RECOGNITION	\$	1,180.00
CONSTANCE B. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP	\$	1,833.92
DOROTHY HERMANI SCHOLARSHIP	\$	695.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$	100.00
HELENE DETWILER SCHOLARSHIP	\$	1,380.00
LAND TRUST	\$	50.00
MARILYN WHITMORE SCHOLARSHIP	\$	25.00
NATURAL DIS. INTERNATIONAL	\$	278.50
NATURAL DISASTERS USA	\$	1,686.24
PENNY PINES MEMBER DONATIONS	\$	4,185.00
SAGE & ROSES	\$	365.00
SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS	\$	4,889.00
STATE LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	\$	325.00
WORLD GARDENING	\$	100.00
Total CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	17,092.66
CONVENTIONS,, SCHOOLS, SYMPOSIA		
CAR Symposium 2015	\$	4,188.42
CONVENTION 2016	\$	9,319.68
GARDEN STUDIES SCHOOL	\$	145.55
LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS	\$	95.00
Total CONVENTIONS, SCHOOLS, SYMPOSIA	\$	13,748.65
INTEREST		
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$	24.87
Total INTEREST	\$	24.87
MEMBERSHIP DUES		
Dues 2016 - 2017	\$	53,420.30
JR CLUB REGSTRATION/DUES	\$	4.00
Total MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$	53,424.30
OTHER SUPPORT		
KEYSTONE GARDENER ADVERTISING	\$	708.00
PAST DIST. DIRECTOR PINS	\$	292.86
STATE OFFICE SALES TO CLUBS	\$	250.34
Total OTHER SUPPORT	\$	1,251.20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>85,541.68</b>

May '16 - Apr 17

**Expense**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSE**

AWARDS	\$	304.70	
CONVENTION COORDINATOR	\$	100.00	
SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS CHAIR	\$	149.27	
Total CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSE			\$ 553.97

**CONVENTIONS, SCHOOLS, SYMPOSIA**

CONVENTION Game of Chance License	\$	25.00	
Convention 2016	\$	500.00	(100-State Life Members)
NATALIE SMITH AWARD FFS	\$	1,500.00	
Symposium 2017	\$	1,500.00	
Total CONVENTIONS, SCHOOLS, SYMPOSIA			\$ 3,525.00

**GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

ACCOUNTING FEES	\$	6,567.20	\$ 6,567.20
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$	10,999.00	\$ 10,999.00
OFFICE EXPENSE			
BANK SERVICE FEES	\$	3.12	\$ 3.12
COPIER SERVICE CONTRACT	\$	1,072.84	\$ 1,072.84
PAYROLL			
GROSS WAGES	\$	23,036.15	
EMPLOYER PORTION SS/MEDICARE	\$	1,762.26	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$	254.30	
Total PAYROLL			\$ 25,052.71
PAYROLL RELATED EXPENSEES			
OFFICE SEC. CONVENTION REIMB.	\$	215.00	
WORKER'S COMP. INSURANCE	\$	382.00	
Total PAYROLL RELATED EXPENSEES			\$ 597.00
TELEPHONE-INTERNET	\$	1,845.55	
RENT & COMMON AREA FEES	\$	5,700.00	
SUPPLIES-PRINTING-POSTAGE	\$	2,680.79	
Total RENT/UTILITIES/OFFICE SUPPLIES			\$ 10,226.34
OFFICERS BOND	\$	198.00	
PA CHARITABLE ORG REGISTR FEE	\$	15.00	
WEB SITE storage Fee	\$	63.58	
Total GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE			\$ 276.58

KEYSTONE GARDENER PRINTING	\$	8,781.67	
KEYSTONE GARDENER POSTAGE	\$	4,306.41	
TOTAL KEYSTONE GARDENER EXPENSES			\$ 13,088.08

**MEMBERSHIPS**

BARTRAM'S GARDEN	\$	100.00	
JR CLUB REGISTRATION NGC	\$	10.00	
LAND TRUST	\$	250.00	
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB NGC	\$	5,230.00	
PA RESOURCES COUNCIL	\$	100.00	
RACHEL CARSON HOMESTEAD	\$	100.00	
Total MEMBERSHIPS			\$ 5,790.00

May '16 - Apr 17

OFFICER'S ALLOWANCE

PRESIDENT's Annual Allowance	\$	2,000.00	
1ST. VP, 2ND. VP	\$	1,000.00	
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	\$	100.00	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	\$	200.00	
PAST PRES. SB-Attend NGC '17CONVENTION	\$	500.00	
PRESIDENT-Allowance to Attend NGC CONV.			
2016-President Brown for 2016 Convention	\$	1,500.00	Check issued 8/7/16
2017-President Leskosky for 2017 Convention	\$	1,500.00	Check issued 4/8/17
RECORDING SECRETARY	\$	200.00	
<b>Total OFFICER'S ALLOWANCES</b>			<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>

**SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & DONATIONS**

50/75/85 YEARS FEDERATED	\$	400.00	
CLUB GROWTH AWARDS	\$	300.00	
CONSTANCE B. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP	\$	2,250.00	
MYRREL OVERDORFF COMMUNITY.ACTION	\$	100.00	
NATURAL DISASTERS USA	\$	1,592.24	
NATURAL DISASTERS INTL	\$	278.50	
NATURAL DISASTERS WORLD GARDEN	\$	100.00	
ESSAY / POETRY AWARDS	\$	180.00	
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 11 @ \$ 1,000 each	\$	11,000.00	
SEED MONEY GRANTS	\$	2,650.00	
YOUTH PROGRAMS	\$	80.00	
<b>Total SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS &amp; DONATIONS</b>			<b>\$ 18,930.74</b>

**Total Expenses** **\$ 103,682.58**

**VARIANCE before Transfers** **\$ (18,140.90)**

Transfer for Scholarship Shortfall 7/25/16	\$	5,935.00	
Transfer for Operating Expenses 3/21/17	\$	10,000.00	
<b>Total Transfers from Stifel Investment Account</b>			<b>\$ 15,935.00</b>

**VARIANCE After Transfers** **\$ (2,205.90)**

(Note: \$3,000 Advance returned from Convention 2017 May 5, 2017) **\$ 3,000.00**

**\$ 794.10**

**GCFP ASSET SUMMARY as of APRIL 30, 2017**

Apr 30, 17

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

BBT-OPERATING-1390005198182	\$ 673.33
BBT-(SAVINGS)-1390017603627	
CONSTANCE B. SMITH	\$ 1,906.81
Dorothy Hermani Scholarship	\$ 11,170.00
GCFP SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ 3,039.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$ 2,944.38
HELENE DETWILER	\$ 5,677.68
LAND TRUST	\$ 150.00
PEACE GARDEN	\$ 3,929.25
PENNY PINES REFORESTATION	\$ 9,657.66
SAGE & ROSES	\$ 1,317.00
STATE LIFE SAVINGS 25%	\$ 290.00
WILD FLOWER WORKSHOP PROJECT	\$ 689.99
BBT-(SAVINGS)-1390017603627 - Other	\$ 291.20
<b>Total BBT-(SAVINGS)-1390017603627</b>	<u>\$ 41,062.97</u>

**Total Checking/Savings** \$ 41,736.30

**PAST PRESIDENT'S PIN** \$ 773.83

**Other Current Assets**

**ADVANCES RECEIVABLE**

2017 CONVENTION ADVANCE	\$ 3,000.00	(Returned to GCFP Treasurer 5/5/17)
2018 Convention Advance	\$ 2,000.00	
2019 Convention Advance	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total ADVANCES RECEIVABLE</b>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>	

**ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION** \$ (21,575.22)

**FIXED ASSETS** \$ 21,717.49

**Total Fixed Assets** \$ 142.27

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 48,152.40**

**Treasurer Layton**, reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 Budget. The **2017-2018 Budget** was **adopted**.

**Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Lambert Fulk** reported on the problem she had sending out the “Call” for this meeting. She said that she will send a test email to board members and that they need to respond to insure receiving messages from her in the future. A get-well card and an email were sent to Barbara Lotito.

**Investment Chairperson, Judy Grunwaldt** reported:

Account Value April 15, 2017: \$566,454.18

Account Value May 30, 2017 at the close; \$569,674.93

Account Value on June 3, 2017: \$572,858.91

Projected Income for June 2017:

Interest Income: \$3030.17

Dividends: \$903.39

Total Securities: \$537,689.88

Cash Equivalents (Money Market Account): \$31,985.05

Holdings breakdown: Bonds, \$195,634.45 (34.34%), Mutual Funds, \$145,466.06 (25.53%), Stocks, \$140,023.87 (24.58%), Unit Investment Trusts, \$56,565.51 (9.93%), Cash equivalents, \$31,985.05 (5.61%).

Estimated Account Income: \$24,249.00

Estimated Yield: 4.26%

Several forecasters have revised the pace of economic growth for 2017 downward since their expectations for a big bounce does not seem likely. The only bright spot is a lower unemployment rate. Otherwise consumer spending and durable goods orders have been tepid. The Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates a couple of times this year. Global growth is more in sync with that of the United States but several factors in our economy are keeping growth levels (around 2%) the same as they have been for the past couple of years.

This chairman has been comparing our monthly portfolio performance and, except for April, our account has been steadily growing. So far the yearly income we earn from interest and dividends have been sufficient to cover withdrawals made by our Treasurer. Mary Heltzel, our Investment Advisor, has not made any significant trades in our account since last year and she is here to give us her plan for the future of our investments.

**Investment Advisor Mary Heltzel** reported that we will:

- Watch world events
  - a. Brexit- will it happen? Depends possibly on May’s re-election.
- Isis and attacks in England
- Dow – support @ 20550  
SPX – support @ 2356  
We are in a trading range  
Dow – 20550 to 21200  
SPX 2356 to 2440

Recommendations:

- Need to rebalance the portfolio- balanced weightings.  
Take gains in

- Altria – sell ½
- General Electric – sell
- MRO – sell
- IVW – sell ½
- IVE – sell ½
- Conoco Philip note- sell
- Buy CAPE, RSP unit investment trust in three types; rising rate, international dividend and preferred securities.

**501 (c) 3/Tax Reporting, Mary Jo Gardill** told us that more than a third of the 990 forms were still outstanding a week before the deadline. This problem persists, whether mailed or emailed. She made a couple of suggestions for the procedure: get an updated list of each club treasurers and their addresses during State Convention; give forms to each District Director at the Convention. There will be a brief and thorough 501 (c) 3/990 in the KG next spring to inform the membership of these critical matters.

**Advisory Board Chairperson, Sharon Brown** present, no report.

## DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

**District I, Sue Soraruf** told that District I will be holding their President’s Luncheon June 30 at Longwood Gardens. There is a lot of interest in the Leadership Workshop to be held in West Lawn on July 19. The Springfield Club is sponsoring the District I Annual Meeting on September 19. A five- club flower show, Magical Gardens, will be held at Longwood on September 24 and 25. Since becoming District Director, Sue has installed officers for Four Seasons and Bala Cynwyd.

**District II/III, Barbara White** said she was thrilled to say that our 87<sup>th</sup> State Convention installing our very own Chris Leskosky was a wonderful and very successful affair, thanks to all the hard work of so many of our District members and Chairman, Jo Ann Waddell and Co-chair Audry Stengel. Many of the twelve clubs in District II/III are having programs on “Container and Planter Design”. This provides a “quick fix” on a patio. Downsizing doesn’t mean we can do without “flower eye candy” to warm the heart. Thank you to Allentown, Wyomissing and Montrose GC. Emmaus GC planted a native redbud tree in memory of Lucie Laudenslager on Arbor Day. The Milford GC is immersed in celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Milford GC is working on a butterfly garden at the Courthouse with the help of the Susquehanna Master Gardeners. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the District Board meeting program will be ancient Japanese floral art, Kokedama.

**District IV, Joyce Crider** reported that Penn-Cumberland GC has become the home of the GCFP Governor’s Trophy for the next year. There are 749 members and I affiliate in the District. Biglerville GC won third place in the Trash to Treasure at the District level. Their “Tuzzle” will be placed in the local library, a wonderful place for people to see that we protect the environment, not just grow flowers. Gettysburg and Biglerville Garden Clubs are working very closely, sharing ideas, visiting and trips. They consider themselves Sister Clubs, which ties in with my theme, “Together We Grow”. Littlestown GC President, Barbara Steele’s painting “Green Woman” is on the cover of the Essential Herbal magazine. Town and Country GC of Lancaster had an interesting program on “Garden Journaling”. District IV has awarded scholarships totaling \$12,500.

**District V, Barbara Andrus** told us that four clubs in District V received Penny Pines Certificates, two received GCFP Scholarship Awards, and one was awarded third place for their Yearbook in the small club’s category. She attended the Duboistown GC lovely Spring Luncheon “The TRUE Jewels of the Triple Crown” on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Duboistown will be holding a Standard Flower Show “June Blooms” on June 23 and 24 at the Lycoming Mall. The Heritage GC will be hosting a Blue Star Memorial Dedication on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Tioga Welcome Center on Rt. 15. They will also be having their first ever Small Standard Flower Show on September 16 and 17 at the Heritage Village in Troy. On a sad note, the Milton GC has resigned from GCFP due to many of their members having health problems. Sharon Brown and Director Andrus visited the Towanda GC on May 9<sup>th</sup> and spoke to them about the benefits of belonging to GCFP.

**District VI, Claire Lechlitter** reported that District VI has ten clubs. Mary Lou Colussy creates and publishes their quarterly District newsletter, “Seedlings”. This publication keeps the members informed of happenings in the various clubs,



as well as GCFP news and deadlines. It is emailed to all members of the District Board. Bedford Co. GC is awarding three \$250.00 stipends to club members wishing to attend Environmental Studies School or Gardening Studies School. The hope is to encourage members to take advantage of these educational opportunities afforded by the GCFP and the NGC. District VI is looking forward to its District Meeting hosted by Blair Co. GC at the US Hotel in Hollidaysburg on September 25. District VI has already begun planning for the 2019 GCFP Convention to be held in Blair Co. Sheila Croushore is spearheading efforts to host a memorable and enjoyable convention.

**District VII, Marilyn Backus** said that District VII has twelve Federated clubs and one Affiliate. Fifteen past or current board members attended the 87<sup>th</sup> Convention at Shawnee. Barbara Lotito a member of the Murrysville GC was named recipient of the GCFP Gold Seal Award. She was unable to attend due to poor health and is currently at UPMC Seneca Place in Penn Hills/Verona for care. Landscape Design Society of W. PA won the Cynthia Calhoun Attendance Award. Joyful Bloomers GC and McKeesport GC won Honorable Mentions for their Yearbooks. GC of Forest Hills won a Third Place for their "Petals" Newsletter. GC of Monroeville was awarded \$100.00 for Small Club Growth. GC of McKeesport won Second Place in the Trash to Treasure Contest at Convention. Two clubs Monroeville and Burrellton sponsored winners of GCFP Scholarships. In Youth Poetry, Pucketos GC sponsored First Place winners in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Monroeville GC sponsored a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and two winners in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest.

**District VIII, Tom Huston** told us that there is a trend of losing members in organized clubs. He would like the other Districts to let him know what makes a Garden Club thrive in the current climate. What can we do to make Garden Club a viable part of people's and our community's lives? Tom challenged the other Districts to show the GCFP Officers their best and brightest during the Annual Meeting Tour in September. He told us to use the talent within our Districts to create new and challenging ideas to bolster and support our State Officers. He told us that since District VIII hosts the last Annual Meeting during the fall tour, he will be checking on all the other Districts.

**District IX, Beth Buttermore** reported that District IX enthusiastically accepts the GCFP's request that they host the 2020 State Convention. Joann Wilson member of Tusca-Ridge GC was awarded the GCFP Member Award of Honor at Convention. Polly Berginc a member of the Butler GC was once again an exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Their District newsletter, "Nine's News", produced the first ever post-holiday edition highlighting events and fundraisers.

**District X, Vina McLeod Rudolph** reported that she has been trying to encourage participation at the West Leadership Workshop, by having the District reimburse the registration fee for two club members of each District Club to attend. Several clubs have responded. The Valley G.C. dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Great Allegheny Passage, West Newton Station. This biking and walking trail runs from Pittsburgh to Washington DC. We believe this is the first Blue Star Memorial on the trail.

**District XI, Nancy Hustis**, said that the eleven clubs in District XI characterize themselves as vibrant, inventive, creative, talented, growing and say that their club members are having fun. Trevoise Horticultural Society will hold a Standard Flower Show on August 18 and 19. The Outdoor Gardeners show is set for October 6. Our Garden Club of Philadelphia's show is on October 21. The Norristown GC hosts a Kitchen and Garden Tour of seven homes on September 15. Clubs have shared their "best" programs for 2016-2017. The theme of birds was the most recommended. Programs for 2017-2018 will focus on floral design, horticulture and NGC. A new development is the request of a High School Garden Club to become federated.

## RECOMMENDATION AND RATIFICATIONS

**President Leskosky** asked for the **Ratification** of appointments from the Executive Board.

- For the 2020 Annual GCFP Convention District IX, Chair Sue Semple, Vice Chair Rose Romboski and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair Karen Faust. **Ratified.**

**President Leskosky** asked Recording Secretary Leeanna Ryba to read the **Recommendations** from the Executive Board.

- To reinstate the registration fee for State Life Members for future Conventions. **Approved.**
- That the Keystone Gardener be increased to 24 pages, and that Marcy Cunkelman be allowed to use the Creative Cloud at the cost of \$20.00 a month. **Approved.**

## CHAIRMAN REPORTS

**GCFP Awards Chairperson, Chris Gresh** told us the GCFP application to go to CARSCG for the Perennial Bloom Award is for Rosemary Romboski, Southern Co. GC., District IX. Sharon Brown is updating the Awards Manual. Her new gmail account [gcfpawards@gmail.com](mailto:gcfpawards@gmail.com) is to be used for all awards communications.

**Past President, Sharon Brown** presented the NGC awards.

**BeeGap Chairperson, Iris Cisarik** – absent. Report read by Recording Secretary Leeanna Ryba. Articles on pollinators have been sent to District Directors to be circulated to garden clubs. A request was made for names of club programs about pollinators be sent to this Chairman. Burghbees.com had the first community apiary in the nation. [www.beavervalleybees.net](http://www.beavervalleybees.net) offer training opportunities. [www.worldofbeekeeping.com](http://www.worldofbeekeeping.com) is a full bee resource organization. She has also been distributing information on the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge Website and encouraging everyone she meets to register their garden in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. [www.millionpollinatorgardens.org](http://www.millionpollinatorgardens.org)

**Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairperson, (Central), Jane Howe** told us the Blue Star Memorial Marker is a visible sign of our gratitude. There are 2,960 Blue Star Memorials across the U.S.A. The price of markers will remain the same through 2018 and the company will no longer put the dedication date on the marker.

**Book of Recognition Chairperson, Pat Hartman** said two donations were received. One in loving memory of Doris Ingleborn Blouin by Penn- Cumberland GC and one for Gloria J. Hildebrand by the Green Thumb GC. A total of \$2,259.90 in donations plus envelopes and postage has been given to this committee.

**Book Review Chairperson, Judy Warn-** absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. Judy read a Special Edition Book Review on “The Hidden Life of Trees” by Peter Wohlleben. The author writes with a sense of awe about the many mysteries of trees and forests. He states that one of the reasons that we fail to understand trees is due to the fact that trees grow on a different time scale than we do. One of the oldest trees is a spruce in Sweden that is over 9,500 years old. Trees have symbiotic relationships with fungi which are threaded through their roots. After reading this intriguing book by this engaging author, you will begin to see things in the forest through new eyes.

**Civic Development Chairperson, Pat Ptasick,** asked us to take information to our clubs. She said to look at your community, country and the world and to look at what needs to be better. Her club added rain barrels: she added that every club can do this. She told us to use our, eyes, ears and mouth to promote Civic Development.

**Club Newsletters Chairperson, Betty Lewis** - Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. The District Directors were asked to encourage clubs to apply for the Club Newsletter Awards. Information will be forthcoming.

**Club Programs/Illustrated Lectures Chairperson, Rosalie Miller** told us that Marty Oostveen is originally from the Netherlands and has relocated to PA. She is a former president of the Gardeners of Somerset Valley and the owner of The Dutch Touch, a small garden design firm. She is available for presentations for garden clubs within approximately 50 miles radius of Douglassville, PA. You can check her website [www.martysgarden.us](http://www.martysgarden.us) for more information. She has been in contact with Eric Burkhart, PhD. He is an ethno botanist interested in husbandry, conservation and quality in native Appalachian medicinal forest plants. She is waiting for information from him.

**Club Yearbooks Chairperson, Joyce Peterson** told us she received 47 Yearbooks for awards in 2016. This number is less than half of the existing clubs. Please encourage your clubs to send in their Yearbooks.

**Conservation/Birds & Butterflies Chairperson, Barbara Lotito** – Absent, no report.

**Convention Coordinator, Judy Schaffer,** The Coordinator attended the March 20 meeting of the 2018 Convention Committee (District X). On January 24, she went to Cranberry to meet with Beth Buttermore of District IX, the sight of the

2020 Convention. We were told that Convention Planning Meetings would be held at each State Board Meeting. A letter of recommendations for future Conventions from the 2016 group was presented to the Executive Board today.

**Convention Chairperson 2017, Jo Ann Waddell** told us that of the three tours scheduled, only the Sunday tour to Gray Towers was very successful, partially due to the Tri-Refresher participants included. It was recommended that future Conventions carefully examine holding tours on Monday and Tuesday. There were only ninety rooms at the Shawnee Inn. Rooms nearby were made available at the Convention rate. One comp room was given for every forty booked. Because of this comped rooms were available for President, Sharon Brown; NGC President, Sandra Robinson and one program presenter. The meal best attended was dinner on Monday (201), closely followed by Monday lunch at (200). The AV package cost was \$5780.00. A profit of \$9,437.31 was realized. Program booklet ads, Ways and Means and vendor table rentals helped. The beautiful tapestry bags received by each attendee were donations. The Flower Show held during the Convention was a success. Having so many activities during one Convention proved to be a bit of a coordination challenge. The Committee really learned what “Putting the Pieces Together” and holding a fun-filled Convention was all about.

**Convention 2018 Chairperson, Haddie Weber** reported that the workshops being planned for the Floral Trifecta include ‘How to Care for and Protect Your Power Tools’ and “Growing Your Own Medicine “. There will be vendors galore. Plans are being made for a private tour of the Meadowlands Race Track. There is also a casino on the property. Look for upcoming announcements.

**Convention 2019 Chairperson, Sheila Croushore** stated that the 2019 Committee met on May 23. The theme has been selected and the Committee is working on a name. Topics discussed were meals, designs, favors, fundraising and nametags. The dates are April 7, 8 and 9. Contracts have been signed for the Blair Co. Convention Center, the Courtyard Marriott and the Holiday Inn Express.

**National Convention 2018 Chairperson, Pat Wolanski** reported a presentation, “Love Blooms in Philadelphia” was shown at the NGC Convention in Richmond. Glimpses of the planned speakers, tours and workshops were included. The Convention Chair and Co-chair will be visiting Districts and Clubs to promote the Convention. They are looking for members to be ambassadors for the Convention and spread the word in the far corners of the state. The design speaker will be Jane Godshalk and Mr. Bartram is expected to make an appearance at the Life Member Dinner. Details concerning transportation to the Loews Hotel and parking will be forthcoming.

**Environmental Studies School Chairperson, Vina McLeod Rudolph** told us that Series VI, Course 1 will be held on Monday, August 28 and Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at the Trees and Trails Environmental Center, Mechanicsburg, PA. Course brochures are available. The cost is \$75.00 per student. Lodging is available at the Wingate by Windham, for \$109.00.

**Flower Show Evaluation Chairperson, Susan Bunkin** – absent, no report.

**Flower Show Book of Evidence Chairperson, Debbie Stumpf** – present, no report.

**Flower Show Judges Council Chairperson, Jackie Davies-** present, no report.

**Flower Show Judges Central Area Chairperson, Susan Aspinall-** absent, no report.

**Flower Show Judges Erie Area Chairperson, Linda Morrison** – absent, no report.

**Flower Show Judges Laurel Highlands Chairperson, Mary Lou Colussy** – said there are fourteen members. A joint flower show, “Big”, is being planned for June 30 with the Pittsburgh Council. LHJC is supporting the Flower Show School, Course II to be held in Grove City on July 12-14. Email and phone calls are being used to acquire enough volunteers to fill spots for the school in Design and Horticulture. Dot Yard’s seminars to help judges wade through the new Handbook changes made her feel more comfortable. They do not plan to meet again until fall. Judges will have time to read and discern the Handbook before the next meeting.

**Flower Show Judges Northeast Area Chairperson, Rosie Gish Ebersole** –absent, no report.

**Flower Show Judges Philadelphia Area Chairperson, Pat Wolanski** - reported that the newly elected officers would have their first Board meeting on June 7. Judges earning Life Status were; Barbara White, Rosemary Ebersole, Nancy Hannum,

Susan Irwin and Chris Leskosky. Audrey Angelella became an Accredited Judge in April. A tour is planned to Laura Gregg's home and garden in honor of Garden Week. A Council newsletter is being considered. The next meeting will be on October 17.

**Flower Show Judges Pittsburgh Area Chairperson, Judy Jackson** Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. PAJC has twenty-nine members. They were saddened to lose Diane Herman and happy to welcome Claire Leichter. They participated in the GCFP Symposium held in Greensburg in April. Their joint Flower Show with the Laurel Highlands Council will be held on June 30 in Greensburg. New officers were elected, with Angie Raitano as Chairman for the next two years.

**Flower Show Judges Credentials, Chairperson Nancy Hannum** – Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. Reported there are one hundred and thirty Accredited Flower Show Judges in PA. The two new Accredited Judges are Barbara Andrus and Audrey Angelella. The new Life Judges are Susan Aspinall, Andrea Campbell, Rosemary Ebersole, Nancy Hannum, Joyce Hoek, Eileen Hoover, Susan Irwin, Chris Leskosky, Mary Jane Martucci, Jane Sotomayor and Barbara White. Two new Master Judges are Tricia Ptasick and Joanne Young. Forty-One Accredited Judges completed a refresher in Greensburg, all passed the point scoring exam. Three members on first extension until 6/30/17 are Mary Haynes, Ginny subring and Bev Schmitt. Rebecca Ickes requested an extension. Two Master Judges, Jane Centrella and Alice Bucher have not applied for extensions and have not been determined Emeritus. There are currently forty-three Judges Emeritus.

**Flower Show Student Judges Credentials Chairperson, Connie Burnley** - Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. The current student judges are Valerie Burgess, Beverly Kostek, Pat Neff, Beth Bartle, Wendy Webber Welsh, Susan French, Connie Doklan, Barbara Campbell, Betsy Smith, Tonya Young and Helen Ivory. Students in need of judging assignments before October 2017 are; Beth Bartle, Bev Kostek, Pat Neff, Barbara Campbell, Connie Doklan and Wendy Webber Welsh.

**Flower Show Schedule Chairperson, Susan Irwin** - Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. Told us that the Flower Show Committee met on December 15, 2016 to start the process of judging the 2016 schedules. They judged twenty-one, four more than 2015. The Schedule Award Committee awarded the winners during the Judges Council Luncheon on April 25 at GCFP Convention.

**Flower Show Schools Chairperson, Gail Corle** told us that Course II is set for July 12-14 with Tom Huston as the Local Flower Show Chairman. Darlene Newell from West Virginia will be the Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructor. Design Instructor will be Jackie Davies teaching Functional and Exhibition Tables. The Flower Show series is being held in Grove City and is sponsored by GCFP and Erie, Laurel Highland and Pittsburgh Area Judges Councils. Tentative dates and instructors are in place for Courses II and IV, which are set for April and October 2018. The current brochure is available on the GCFP website. Spread the word about our NGC Accredited Schools. She urged us to take advantage of this valuable asset and advance our knowledge.

**Flower Show Symposium Chairperson, Mary Jane Martucci** reported that a Symposium was held at the Greensburg Garden Center on April 4-5, 2017. Eighty-eight people registered. Thirty-two judges audited. Forty-one judges took Symposium for credit, and passed. The profit from symposium was \$5000.00. The Greensburg Garden Center was much more reasonable than a hotel.

**Food Gardening Chairperson, Grace Mitchell** reported that she has planted broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower in her own garden. The problem is that they all ripen at the same time. She does not like to freeze them, so she looks for ways to use them as they mature. Cauliflower can be prepared to taste like mashed potatoes, something most people like. A recipe was shared with the Board.

**GCFP History Chairperson, Lois Armstrong** reported that the GCFP has had a place in Pennsylvania's history and that she will be sharing some of our proud history with us during this Administration. She requested that members of the Board make specific requests for her to research. Pennsylvania Federation of Garden Clubs was formed November 25, 1929. On January 30, 1930 seventeen organizations were represented and by-laws were set forth. On March 26, 1930, the by-laws were ratified and the first President, Mrs. Thomas Newhall was elected. The Garden Club of Clarion Co. is unique because it was modeled after a club in Rome, Italy in 1929.

**Gardening Studies Schools Chairperson, Mary Jo Schломann**- present, no report.

**Habitat for Humanity Chairperson, Gladys Hontz**- absent, no report

**Headquarters Liaison Chairperson, Nancy Lambert Fulk**- present, no report.

**Historian, Sandra Bachman** - absent, no report. She received copies of all reports via Barbara Campbell.

**Horticulture Coordinator, Judy Vehse** - reported that she has received one nomination for Honor Roll of Distinguished Horticulturists. The deadline is August 1. Certificates are awarded at the District Annual Meetings in September. Each District can nominate someone. Send documentation to Judy Vehse.

**Horticulture/Indoor/Bulbs Chairperson, Susan Konvolinka** – absent, no report.

**Horticulture New Cultivar Chairman, Vivian Hall** told us that most new cultivars are existing plants but in new colors, with double blooms or a fancy petal or leaf. A new Clivia bred by Longwood Gardens comes in five colors. They are a very hardy indoor plant, but very expensive; in the \$300.00 to \$900.00 range! Shrub or Knock Out roses are easy to maintain, blooming from June thru August. A new climber from the breeder of the Knock Out rose is called “Rose Winners Circle”. It has a brilliant red bloom and produced orange hips in the fall. +Heirloom roses, the Rugosa roses are uncommon but very hardy and worth considering. The wave petunia has taken off. Sometimes called a “supertunia”, it comes in a large variety of colors, even silver. Check out the “Cool Wave Morpho Pansy” a wonderful container plant in the classic pansy colors. The spreading pansy will over-winter in zone 5, with mulch.

**Horticulture Trees/Conifers/Shrubs- Liaison to the PA Forestry Council Sharon Richardson** told us about events at Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum and the giant bugs at the Tyler Arboretum. She also said that these sites are members of the American Horticulture Society. If you are a member, you can get into these and hundreds of gardens all over the country. She added that the Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport is an enjoyable way to explore gardens in southeastern PA.

**Horticulture Therapy Chairman, Joyce Hoek** suggested ways to focus on gardening with short-term activities. Some ideas were providing seeds and plants for school children to plant a garden, having a table or booth at a community event for children to make plant strips or plant bulbs or daylily roots and making planters with residents at a nursing home. The projects do not need to be expensive. She said Garden Club garden therapy is about socialization and having fun. Clubs were encouraged to begin Horticulture Therapy Programs.

**Insurance Chairman, Judy Jackson** – present, no report.

**Keystone Gardener Editor/Advertising, Marcy Cunkelman** reported that the Directory issue will be much different from past issues. All the schools, Life Member numbers, and the data base will only be on the GCFP website. She told us she wants input on whether the KG Calendar, which lists events, should remain in each issue or only be available on the website. We were told that it has been voted on by the Board of Directors that the Keystone Gardener will now be published three issues a year instead of four. The Spring issue will be eliminated.

**Landscape Design Schools Chairman, Vivian Abel** said that at the GCFP Convention one Landscape Design Consultant and five Master Consultants attended the Tri-Refresher. We have completed the first two courses of Series XIII of Landscape Design School. Plans are underway for Course III. Joyce Crider is the Registrar. No date is set now. Greg Pokorski has replaced Jane Bersch as the NGC Chairman for Landscape Design. The \$5.00 registration fee for Landscape Design School has been eliminated. Students and those refreshing for credit still pay their fees.

**Landscape Design Central Council Chairman, Joyce Crider** reported that the group would be touring the gardens of Connie Holland and LDS Instructor Erica Shafer on June 13. A bus trip is planned for August 3 to visit Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and River Farm, home of the American Horticulture Society in the Alexandria, VA area. You may join the Council after successfully completing two LDS courses.

**Landscape Design Laurel Highlands Council Chairman, Sheila Croushore** - present, no report.

**Landscape Design Western PA Council Chairman, Pat Ptasick** - present, no report.

**Land Trust Alliance Chairman, Rosie Gish Ebersole** - absent, no report.

**Leadership Workshop 2017 Chairman, Barbara Brand-** said that the 2017 Leadership Workshops are off and running! The Central Area Workshop will take place tomorrow; twenty-three registered. Nine members of the GCFP Board will be speakers. Each participant receives a folder with eighteen handouts. Co-chair Barbara Andrus has arranged for those attending to tour the Penn State Alumni Garden after the Workshop. The Western and Eastern Workshops will be held on July 11 and 26, respectively. Encourage club presidents and members to attend. The registration form is on the GCFP website.

**Life Memberships, State/Regional/National chairman, Nerita Brant-** There are two new GCFP Life members since April 22; #810 Daryl Jones of the Somerset G.C. and #811- Judy Lloyd of the Bedford Co. GC. Two new NGC Life Members are #10332- Suzanne Styers Boundy of the Bethlehem GC and #10333- Dorothy Musselman of the Bethlehem GC.

**Litter/Recycling/Environment/Trash to Treasure Chairperson, Pat Drennen** - absent, no report.

**Membership Chairperson, Judy McGinnis** reported that there are one hundred and eleven clubs and 6 affiliates in the GCFP. A total of 5,152 members.

**Memorial and Historic Gardens Chairperson, Jane Sotomayor** - present, no report.

**Memory Book Chairperson, Barbara Grosso** Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. During President Leskosky's Administration, all Board members are asked to have a picture and/or a story regarding her to be included in her book. Pictures taken during the GCFP 2017 Annual Convention at Shawnee on Delaware are requested.

**Past Memory Book Chairperson, Barbara Andrus** presented Past-President Sharon Brown with two scrapbooks detailing all the events of her Administration. The idea was to give Sharon a delightful book to open and tell her great-grandchildren about the time she was GCFP President.

**National Headquarters, TNG/Member Services Chairperson, Nancy Bittner** reported that NGC offers many diverse and informative forms of merchandise; books of interest, NGC required reading, educational tools, gift ideas, award certificates, NGC official jewelry, NGC official ribbons, The National Gardener subscriptions, Vision of Beauty Calendars and yearly lesson plans. The newest item is the New Flower Show Handbook. Members can write, call, fax or shop online for these items and more.

**National Regional (CARSGC) Projects Chairperson, Eileen Hoover** gave us some exciting news from NGC. Starting this year money (up to \$1,000.00 per club) will be available during each two-year administration for direct project expenses. This program is called, "Plant America Community Projects Grants". It is awarded for new or existing projects. Application deadline is November 1, 2017. Money awarded on January 31, 2018. Project completion date by May 1, 2019. A final report is due by July 1, 2019. Applications are on the NGC website. Betty Cookendorfer is the NGC Plant America Chairman. NGC is in partnership with Ames Tools. The project is called, "Garden Tools 4 Garden Projects". Clubs may receive up to \$5,000.00 worth of tools from Ames Tools for their projects. Details are on the NGC website. Elaine Gunderson is the NGC Chairman for this project. The new NGC children's book, "The Saved Seed" is available at the cost of \$10.00 and is a terrific way to introduce your young children to gardening.

**Native Plants/Wildflower Chairperson, Tonya Young** googled "endangered native plants in PA". Some information she found on the PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources website is interesting. There are currently six hundred and four plant species listed in Pennsylvania's Chapter 45 Conservation of Native Wild Plants regulation. Here is a breakdown; Extirpated 106, Endangered 228, Threatened 78, Vulnerable 3, Rare 41, Tentatively Undermined 148, Special Populations 0.

**Natural Disaster, International/USA Chairperson, Kathy Crossman** - absent, no report.

**Nominating Committee Chairperson, Diane Hughes** - present, no report.

**Organizational Studies Chairperson, Sue Semple** - present. no report.

**PA Resources Council Chairperson, Mary Lou Colussy-** said that Zero Waste Pennsylvania (ZWPA) is a project of the Pennsylvania Resources Council. Zero Waste is a philosophy that seeks to maximize the recovery of resources commonly thrown away in our everyday lives. Key benefits of Zero Waste are: It saves money, it supports sustainability; materials flow in a closed loop or a cycle where waste becomes a resource, which becomes a product, which becomes waste and goes around again. For more information check out PRC.org

**Penny Pines Chairperson, Carol Hall** - Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. Reported that she is going to set up a meeting with Charles Keesport, of the Allegheny National Forestry Service to present a check from money collected during Sharon Brown's Administration. She will also learn what new project our money will be used for at this meeting.

**President's Project (Seeds of Service) Chairperson, Betsy Smith**- SOS is an award used to cheer on or recognize a District or club for outstanding gardening work. To apply, please write a one page description of the project/event including a photo (if Possible) stating the lasting benefits and the garden club's exposure. Send applications to your District Director by June 15, 2018, for all projects executed from May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018. The coveted SOS Certificate will be awarded at the 2018 Annual District Meeting in September. Contact this chairman with questions.

**Personnel Chairman, Barbara Brand**- said that this is the time for everyone to file, review or update their GCFP Personnel Form. If you are a new member of the GCFP Board, please take time to fill out and submit this information to this Chairman as soon as possible. The form is on the GCFP website under "Additional Forms". Photographs can also be submitted or updated. This information is collected to track your accomplishments and contributions to the Federation. Please use this form and summarize as much as possible.

**Pollinator Restoration Program Chairman, Tony Hatfield Nicholson**- told us about becoming Certified Pollinator Friendly Gardens. It is a Penn State program. To apply fill out an application and send it with the application fee. You must meet these requirements; Provide food for pollinators, provide water sources for pollinators, provide shelter, safeguard pollinator habitat and provide a lists of garden requirements that are on the application. The contact to qualify your garden in the Pollinator Restoration Program is Connie Schmotzer at PSU extension York Co., 717-840-7408.

**Protocol Chairman, Linda Southerling** – absent, no report.

**Publicity Press Book Awards Chairman, Joy Kempf**- absent, no report.

**Sage and Roses Donations Chairman, Jane Sotomayor**-present, no report.

**Scholarship Chairman, Sandra Hendricks**- Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. All Scholarship forms have been updated and are due by February 15, 2018. There will be thirteen scholarships offered. Students must be studying horticulture, floriculture, landscape architecture, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental planning, land management, and/or allied subjects. Start now to get that student interested in applying.

**Scholarship Donations Chairman, Kay Leto**- reported that two donations were made in memory of Lucie Laudenslager totaling \$35.00. There were also two donations to the GCFP Scholarship Fund totaling \$250.00. Total donations received since State convention, April 25 are \$285.00.

**Schools Coordinator, Barbara Dempsey**- No written report. She asked schools to contact her before setting dates.

**Seed Money Grants Chairman, Cheryl Avery**- absent, no report.

**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman, Paula Mohler**- asked District Directors to encourage first through fifth graders to enter the poster contest.

**Web Master, Randy Layton**- Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. We were told that the most significant change to the GCFP website has been the addition of the Board of Directors Manual (The Red Manual). It is a password-protected document. Chairman are asked to review the information currently on the website and remove outdated information. Website related correspondence should be emailed directly to [gcfpweb@gmail.com](mailto:gcfpweb@gmail.com) or telephone this chairman.

**Youth/Grades 1-6 Chairman, Gail Blasko**- present, no report.

**Youth/Grades 7-12 Chairman, Chris Hawthorne**- Absent. Report read by Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba. The poetry theme for the 2017-2018 school year is, "Let it Grow". The High School essay theme for 2017-2018 is. "Community Gardens – A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger". Deadline for entries is Friday, October 6, 2017. This chairman requests that entries have the name of the student spelled correctly and PRINTED on the work.

## **NEW BUSINESS – President Leskosky**

- Because of passing away of board members in the last few years, everyone is encouraged to have current/pertinent information in a file box somewhere in their homes. Make a family member or another board member aware of its whereabouts. This will be of help for anyone needing our information in an emergency.
- Chairpersons were asked to please, update the website. This is not Headquarter Secretary, Lee Ann Stine's or Webmaster, Randy Layton's job. Randy only posts what is given to him.
- District Directors were asked to remind their clubs that they should never contact the GCFP Insurance agency about a claim. All claims must go through GCFP first. Judy Jackson is the chairperson.
- It is very important that all club changes, addresses, emails, officers, etc. must be given to Lee Ann Stine. This is her job, but she can't do it without us. Lee Ann can't stress how important this is.
- President Leskosky will send a reminder to chairpersons to write articles for the Keystone Gardener.
- Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Lambert Fulk said if you are using an I pad, you will not be able to print the Call, and must ask another Board Member to do so for you.
- District Directors are asked to tell their clubs to send donations to the appropriate state chairs, not the GCFP office. The names of all chairs are on the website, in the Keystone Gardener and in the roster.
- Everyone putting an event on the website, please inform Randy when the event is over so he can remove it. Randy would like the chairman to submit updates in PDF format. Word and Excel work, but PDF is preferred.
- The BOD manual is now on the website. Please visit the site and check the manual for your chair duties.
- The new name for Central Atlantic Region is Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs. The website is [www.carsgc.org](http://www.carsgc.org) The website is not yet password protected. The directory is not included now. If you need information about how to contact a board member, please email Poss Tarpley at [posst@aol.com](mailto:posst@aol.com)
- Award chairs are asked to inform winning clubs where their information was forwarded after Convention. Many times, Yearbooks, Books of Evidence etc. are lost in the shuffle and the clubs would like to have them returned.

The next board meeting will be October 9-10, 2017 at the Atherton Hotel, State College, PA.

**Glady Dapp, Chaplain** gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Leeanna Ryba, Recording Secretary