

THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA
87th ANNUAL CONVENTION
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SHAWNEE ON DELAWARE, PA
APRIL 24, 2017

The 87th Annual Convention of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania was called to order by President Sharon Brown at 8:03 a.m. Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Shawnee Inn, Shawnee on Delaware, PA.

President Brown welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

Attendance was taken and the attendance sheet will be filed with the final minutes.

GCFP Chaplain Diane Hughes gave the invocation.

The **Color Guard** was not present and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by **Christine Leskosky, 1st Vice President.**

President Brown thanked District II/III and its membership for hosting the 2017 Convention and introduced **Barbara White, Director of District II/III**, who presented the formal welcome.

President Brown introduced **Annette Atkinson, Chairperson of the Middle Smithfield Board of Supervisors**, who drew an analogy between volunteer plants and volunteer workers. Gardeners bloom where they are planted and thrive where they are transplanted!

President Brown asked everyone to rise and welcome **Sandy Robinson, the 44th President of National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

A response to the welcome was given by **Vina McLeod Rudolph, District X Director**. She invited everyone to the 88th Annual Convention at Double Tree by Hilton, Washington, PA, April 15-17, 2018. The theme is "A Floral-Tri-Fecta." The special guest speaker will be On Thai.

Jo Ann Waddell, 2017 Convention Chairperson, was introduced. Jo Ann moved that the convention program be adopted as printed with the following corrections: the Presentation of Colors was missed; the Continental Breakfast was served in the hotel lobby; the Monday Tour was cancelled; the Cash Bar Social was held in the hotel lobby; Monday Workshops 'A3' and 'B1' were moved to the Runyan Room; Monday Workshop 'B2' was moved to the Delaware Room; Sunday dinner table arrangements were provided by Bethlehem GC; and Monday luncheon table arrangements were provided by Allentown GC. The 2017 Convention Program was adopted as corrected.

Linda Pryzbysz, 2017 Convention Registrar, gave the Preliminary Credentials Report. She reported a total of 236 garden club members in attendance.

A quorum was declared.

President Brown appointed the following as the **2017 Resolutions Committee**: Eileen Hoover, GCFP Corresponding Secretary, Chairperson; Mary Lou Colussy, Chairperson of PA Resources Council; and Kay John, former Director of District VIII. Hearing no objections, they were appointed.

President Brown also appointed **Timekeepers**: Joyce Hoek, GCFP Horticulture Therapy Chairperson and Judy Grunwaldt, GCFP Investment Chairperson. Hearing no objections, they were appointed. A train whistle will be sounded at the end of the allowed time.

President Brown appointed the following **Committee to Approve the Minutes of the 2017 Convention**: Sue Semple, former GCFP Recording Secretary, Chairperson; Marilyn Backus, Director District VII; and Vina McLeod Rudolph, Director District X. Hearing no objection, they were appointed.

President Brown called for the **Report of the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the 2016 Convention**. Judy Grunwaldt reported that the 2016 Convention Minutes were reviewed by the committee, which submitted minor corrections. The minutes were approved as corrected, and electronically circulated.

GCFP Chaplain Diane Hughes conducted a memorial service for those members who passed away during the previous year.

President Brown reminded all members giving reports that District Directors and Officers are allotted three minutes and Chairmen are allowed two minutes. Members were also reminded to turn cell phones off.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

Sharon Brown, President, told us that traveling to the annual district meetings in September seemed like a matter of endurance, but it was all worthwhile because she met old friends, made some new ones and shared her passion for gardening with all of them. She visited Louisville, KY, St. Louis, MO, Grand Rapids, MI, and Portland, ME; all sites of national conventions and fall board meetings. Eighty-two of one hundred and twelve presidents returned their president's report. She congratulated District VIII; all fifteen of their presidents sent a report. Almost all reported one community garden project and almost all planted for pollinators. Many have horticulture therapy several times a year and many give student scholarships. Over \$60,000 was given last year by less than 75% of GCFP clubs. She thanked us for the work we have done promoting GCFP and its projects.

Chris Leskosky, 1st Vice-President, told us she worked with the district directors the past year and attended all ten annual district meetings. She was impressed to see the effort GCFP clubs made to protect and conserve natural resources, protect pollinators, keep our soil healthy, work with the elderly and handicapped, and teach children the value of gardening. All took action to follow through on the NGC, CAR, and GCFP projects. She attended all 2017 convention meetings as Advisor and visited the venue for the 2019 Convention. She also attended the CAR Conference and Symposium in Saratoga, NY and the GCFP Symposium in Greensburg, PA.

Joyce Milberg, 2nd Vice-President, reported her major responsibility has been the administration and set-up of the June and October board meetings at the Atherton Hotel. An average of seventy board members has attended each meeting and complaints about the facility and food have been rare. The contract has been signed for the June Leadership Workshop and board meetings through 2017. At the district annual meetings, she spoke to clubs about GCFP efforts to increase fiscal responsibility and using the web more efficiently. She attended both the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids, MI and the CAR meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY; she plans to attend this year's NGC Convention in Richmond and will coordinate NGC's fall board meetings.

Mary Jo Schlomann, Recording Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2016 Convention Board Meeting was reviewed, circulated electronically, and approved as circulated. One correction was made after the October 2016 Minutes were distributed: Page 11, Support Services, Book of Recognition Chairperson Pat Hartman - The second sentence was changed from 'Four donations were received from Pittsburgh Area Judges Council' to 'Four donations were received from GCFP Judges Council.' All minutes have been filed at the headquarters office. Attendance sheets were distributed at each meeting and initialed as verification that members attended. Each member was asked to provide four copies of their reports with major points underlined or bolded. Members unable to attend were asked to send their reports, if available.

Treasurer, Cindy Layton, gave the Asset Summary and the Statement of Financial Activity for May 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, modified as of March 31, 2017. She reported the following:

Statement of Financial Activity May 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Ordinary Income:

Contributions	16,517.66
Conventions, Schools, Symposia	13,653.65
Interest	23.17
Membership Dues	53,004.00
Other Support	919.90
Total	84,118.38

Expenses:

Chairperson Expenses	249.27
Conventions, Schools, Symposia	3,525.00
Accounting Fees	6,567.20
Liability Insurance	11,197.00
Office Expense	10,610.66
Payroll	22,987.88
Other Payroll Related Expenses	597.00
Miscellaneous	15.00

Keystone Gardener Expenses	9,687.47
Membership	5,790.00
Officers Allowance	5,000.00
Scholarships, Awards, Donations	14,230.00
Total	90,456.48

May 2016-March 2017

Total Expenses	90,456.48
Net Ordinary Income	84,118.38
Net Income	(6,338.10)

It was noted that \$10,000 was withdrawn from the Stifel Account for 2016 scholarships. \$10,000 was also withdrawn for operating expenses.

Asset Summary – as of March 31, 2017

Current Assets:

BBT - Operating	11,541.20
BBT - Savings	42,510.13
Past President Pin	773.83
Advances Receivable	5,500.00
Total Current Assets	60,325.16

Fixed Assets:

Accumulated Depreciation	(21,575.22)
Fixed Assets	21,717.49
Total Fixed Assets	142.27

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Total Fixed Assets	142.27
Total Assets	60,467.43

Financial Secretary, Nerita Brant reported the following balance in the First Commonwealth Bank Checking Account since the October 2016 Board Meeting:

Beginning balance as of 10/10/2016		1,381.80
Receipts:		
Dues	1,087.50	
Total		2,469.30
Disbursements:		
Transfer to Treasurer	(2,420.30)	
Other	(49.00)	
Total Disbursements		(2,469.30)
Balance in checking account as of 4/23/2016		0

Financial Secretary, Nerita Brant reported the following total receipts and disbursements in the First Commonwealth Bank Checking Account from 4/10/2016 through 4/23/2017:

Beginning balance as of 4/10/2016		1,887.80
Receipts:		
Dues	53,435.00	
New Club Fees		
Total		55,322.80
Disbursements:		
Transfer to Treasurer	(55,208.00)	
Other	114.80	
Total Disbursements		(55,322.80)
Balance in checking account as of 4/23/2017		0

Angela Raitano, Parliamentarian told us it was an honor to serve as Parliamentarian.

District Directors' Reports

District I, Sue Soraruf – District I lost a club last year, but gained an enthusiastic one (Elverson GC). More members are encouraged to attend NGC schools and the district will provide a \$50 stipend for one member of each club every two years. A \$50 stipend is also offered to a club president who has never attended a state convention. Five District I clubs will hold a joint flower show at Longwood Gardens on September 23-24, 2017. The President's Luncheon will be held at Longwood Gardens on June 30, with a docent tour of the newly completed fountain renovation. Our Horticulture Therapy chairperson, Maryann DeSanto of the GC of Springfield, initiated this program in her club and worked with residents of Sterling Health Care and Rehabilitation Center to make flower arrangements.

District II/III, Barbara White – District II/III has twelve garden clubs and seven hundred and forty-five members. GC of Montrose, their oldest club, celebrated their 111th anniversary and Milford celebrated their 80th. Milford GC has been busy planning their community garden to feed the needy. Their biggest adventure the past two years was planning the 87th GCFP Convention to install Chris Leskosky (Hazleton Area GC) as state president. They are hosting the Eastern Leadership Workshop on July 26th at West Lawn United Methodist Church, West Lawn, PA.

District IV, Joyce Crider – District IV has eleven clubs and one affiliate, with a membership total of seven hundred and forty-five. Two clubs in the district held flower shows last year (Chambersburg GC and Penn-Cumberland GC) and District IV held a Standard Flower Show 'In Living Color' in March with all clubs participating. Of note, there were two hundred and ninety horticulture entries, one hundred more than any other show. District IV clubs gave \$16,600 in scholarship monies. GC of York's Civic Development Committee held an auction for a seven-course dinner for fourteen people, which club members prepared; \$2800 was raised. Governor Wolf and York Mayor Bracey attended. The mayor proclaimed July 9, 2016 as the GC of York Day in York, PA to honor the club for beautifying the city. NGC will display "PA Garden Clubs Beautify Their Communities" photos at the 2018 Convention and two clubs from the district submitted entries. Penn-Cumberland GC presented a program on Aquaponics.

District V, Barbara Andrus – Susquehanna GC developed a successful youth program with their local library, the Degenstein Library. The program is titled 'Degentweens' and is for students from nine to twelve years old. A few clubs in the district have expressed concern for decreasing memberships and filling leadership positions of their clubs. Presidents and their presidents-elect have been encouraged to attend the Leadership Workshop on June 6th. This director presented a GCFP Scholarship at the Penn State University Landscape Architecture Department Banquet at State College in April.

District VI, Claire Hope Leichliter – At the first board meeting for the district, an entry for the Trash to Treasure Contest was selected by secret ballot and the pre-ordered new Flower Show Handbooks were distributed to presidents for their members. Three district clubs are holding flower shows this year: Weeders & Seeders GC, Patton GC and the GC of Johnstown. Two installations of new officers have been performed: GC of Johnstown and Bedford County GC, where she installed herself as co-president. She has encouraged all club presidents and vice-presidents of her district to attend the Leadership Workshop.

District VII, Marilyn Backus – All twelve club presidents submitted an annual report and an analysis of past three years shows that membership fluctuates only slightly. The largest club has sixty-eight members and the smallest has ten. The GC of Monroeville gained seventeen new members in the last ten months due to shortening the hours to 4:30pm – 6:30pm on a weekday at the library. The district's board of directors hosted their annual membership tea with ninety club members in attendance. GC of Forest Hills earned the District's Blue Rosette Award. This director's theme is 'Plant America: Naturehoods in Neighborhoods' and GC of Forest Hills, Murrysville GC and Gardens Limited of Pittsburgh will host flower shows in August and September. Pucketos GC applies garden therapy to veterans and the police; GC of McKeesport partners with the Rose Society to teach pruning techniques to students; and Highland Park GC beautifies a street of small businesses. Four clubs and one affiliate provide scholarships and three student applied for the 2017 GCFP Scholarship.

District VIII, Tom Huston – Absent. Report presented by Mary Hetrick, Assistant District Director. Chairperson positions were filled before the March meeting so the directories could be printed and distributed. The June meeting will be held at the Visitor's Center, Kinzua Bridge site, near Kane. The annual meeting will be held the last week of September at the Bel Aire Hotel in Erie. Clubs are planning various types of gardens, plant sales and/or beautification projects.

District IX, Elizabeth Buttermore – Absent. Report presented by Sue Semple. The director’s theme is “Growing Friendships and Serving the Community through Gardening.” All clubs have beautification projects and many projects stress the importance of pollinators. Tusca-Ridge GC sponsored the first Blue Star Memorial Marker in Beaver County; Butler GC and Southern Butler County GC are beginning the process to install a marker at their local Veterans Hospital. Fox Chapel GC celebrated their 85th anniversary, Moon Township GC celebrated their 75th anniversary, and Ingomar GC celebrated their 70th anniversary.

District X, Vina McLeod Rudolph – Clubs are involved with community gardens that provide a place for pollinators to thrive: Great Meadows GC (Blue Star Memorial Garden at Point Lookout, Wharton Township Park, and Mountain Area Senior Citizens Center); Martha Washington GC (Gardens of the Lemoyne Mansion and the Veteran’s Garden at the old train station); Pleasant Hills GC (The Freedom Ring Garden, the gardens around the Library, and a small plot at Mowry Park); Town & Country GC of Rices Landing (Carmichael’s Town Traffic Square, Rices Landing Traffic Triangle, Flenniken Library, and the Pink Gardens at Cornerstone Care Health Center); Valley GC (entrance garden at the Mon Valley YMCA). At least four flower shows are planned this summer.

District XI, Nancy Hustis – The eleven clubs in the district range from eighteen to two hundred and sixty members. They continue to be involved in community projects. One of the smaller clubs joined ventures with two non-federated garden clubs, which opened up program choices and made expenses easier to manage. At the 2017 Philadelphia Flower Show, members were exhibitors, judges, committee chairpersons and volunteers. Two of the smaller clubs had a combined total of ninety-seven entries in design and horticulture. Our GC of Philadelphia and Vicinity was awarded the Rosemarie Vassalluzzo Artistic Sweepstakes Trophy; Norristown GC was runner-up. District XI is ‘Growing and Blooming.’

Reports from Board Chairpersons

Rosalie Miller, Seed Money Chairperson– The total of the Seed Money Awards was \$2,500.00 and 31 clubs applied. Recipients of Seed Money (\$ awarded) are:

- District I Elverson GC (50), GC of Bala Cynwyd (50), GC of Springfield (50), Villanova GC (75), Garden Class of WCCU (75)
- District II/III Milford GC (100), GC of Montrose (50), Pottstown Area GC (50), South Schuylkill GC (150)
- District IV Biglerville GC (75), The Green Thumb GC (50), Shiloh GC (75)
- District VI Bedford County GC (75), Blair GC (75), Patton GC (75), Somerset GC (75), Weeders & Seeders GC (75)
- District VIII Kane GC (75), Lawrence Park GC (150), Presque Isle GC (75), The Wildflower GC (75), Titusville GC (50)
- District IX Fox Chapel GC (75), Ingomar GC (50), Shaler GC (200), Southern Butler County GC (50), Tusca-Ridge GC (150)
- District X Giant Oaks GC (50), The Munhall GC (75), Town and Country GC of Rices Landing (75)
- District XI Old York Road GC (150)

Gladys Hontz, Habitat for Humanity Chairperson reported there were no applications in 2016.

President Brown recognized the following:

Garden Clubs for Years Federated:

- GC of Reading (D-II/III) 50 years
- Club of Little Gardens of Malvern (D-I) 75 years
- Chambersburg GC (D-IV) 85 years

Club Growth Awards

- GC of Monroeville (D-VII) Small Club 17 members
- Old York Road GC (D-XI) Medium Club 11 members
- GC of York (D-IV) Large Club 3 members

Tony Hatfield-Nicholson, Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairperson – did not have a report. A report for his 2017-2019 **Pollinator Restoration Program Chairmanship**, was given. He explained what pollinators do and what GCFP can do to help restore the pollinator population: plant pollinator friendly gardens and provide education for the gardening public. He discussed the NGC partnership with Crown Bees and their BeeGAP program and members are encouraged to support this program; information can be found at <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/crown-bees-beegap.aspx>. Members were strongly encouraged to certify their gardens as a Pollinator Friendly Garden; information can be found at <http://ento.psu.edu/pollinators/public-outreach/cert> .

Judy McGinnis, Membership Chairperson, told us there was a total membership of 5,312 in 2016. GCFP lost Southern York County GC in District IV and the Grundy Foundation, an Affiliate in District XI. Two clubs were added: Elverson GC in District I and Glendale Area GC in District VI. There are a total of one hundred and eleven clubs including six affiliates. Clubs need to reach out to potential new members and look for ways to start new clubs in their districts and consider seeding a new club like churches do.

Mary Lou Colussy, Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) Chairperson, asked how we felt about Junk Mail. It has been estimated that every American family receives approximately eight hundred and fifty pieces of junk mail every year, fueling deforestation around the world and causing the destruction of over one hundred million trees every year. The junk mail industry produces more than fifty-one million metric tons of greenhouse gases every year – the equivalent of the annual impact of Mississippi, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Idaho combined. Members just need their name and email addresses to register online, then scroll through the list of mailers and remove your mailing address from specific lists.

Judy Morley, Environmental Studies School Chairperson, told us Course 4 of Series V was completed on April 11th and all students passed the exams. Several students need one or more courses to complete the school. Course 1 of Series VI is tentatively scheduled for August 28-29, 2017 and will be held at Trails and Trees Environmental Center.

Barbara Dempsey, Gardening Study School Chairperson, promised members will learn how not to kill, butcher, or smother their plants and shrubs with kindness, if they take this school. GCFP has forty-seven Consultants and nine Master Consultants. Each must refresh within five years to keep current with information. Many have hit the four-year period. The next Gardening Study Class Course I will be held October 16-17, 2017 off the Downingtown exit of the turnpike, close to Philadelphia.

Vivian Abel, Landscape Design Schools Chairperson, told us the four courses of Landscape Design School (LDS) Series 12 began in November 2013 and were completed in March of 2015. Fifteen garden club members successfully completed all four courses. In 2016, another series of LDS was begun and Course II was held last month. In the past two years, GCFP has added twenty-two Landscape Design Consultants and several completed their fourth refresher and are now Master Consultants. She thanked President Brown for the opportunity to serve as LDS Chairperson. President Brown has attained Master Status in three of the four schools: Gardening Studies, Environmental Studies and Landscape Design.

Gail Corle, Flower Show Schools Chairperson, told us Course II is scheduled for July 12-14, 2017 with Tom Huston as the local Flower Show School (FSS) Chairperson. The new handbook will be used. Darlene Newell, West Virginia, will be the instructor for horticulture and Jackie Davies will teach design. The course will be held in Grove City and is sponsored by the Erie, Laurel Highlands and Pittsburgh Judges Council and our Federation. Courses III and IV are scheduled for April and October of 2018. The brochure is on the GCFP website.

Mary Jane Martucci, Symposium Chairperson, reported eighty-eight registrants (seven from other states) for the 2017 Symposium at Greensburg, PA. Forty-three judges took the point score test and everyone passed. Instructors were Jackie Davies, Darlene Newell, and Dorothy Yard.

Barbara Brand, Leadership Workshops Chairman, told us Leadership Workshops are scheduled for June 6th, July 11th, and July 26th. Details about dates, locations, and registration are posted on the front page of the GCFP website. Plans for the workshops are complete and chairpersons are: Barbara Andrus (Central Area), Tom Huston (Western Area), and Barbara White (Eastern Area). Past GCFP presidents, current GCFP officers and board members, and other experts from within our ranks are presenting. Topics include: valuable tips for running a meeting; creating a budget; preparing annual tax forms; promoting participation in the NGC schools; how to navigate the NEW GCFP website information; leadership and what it means; special state and national projects and programs; applying for awards. In other words, “Everything Garden Club.”

Haddie Weber, 2018 Convention Chairperson, issued an invitation to the 88th Convention of GCFP “A Floral Tri-Fecta” at the Double Tree by Hilton, Meadowlands, Washington, PA, April 15-17, 2018. The site is known for its casino today, but in the past, it was the Meadows Race Track with Sulkies Horse Racing. As a fundraiser, District X had a Westerwald Pottery flower pot designed with the GCFP logo; purchase price is \$20.

Sheila Croushore, 2019 Convention Chairperson, reported the contract for Blair County Convention Center in Altoona was signed; two hotel contracts were also signed. Committee positions have been filled and Gail Corle agreed to be our Past President mentor. The convention will be held April 7-9, 2019.

Judith Schaffer, Convention Coordinator, reported 2018 and 2019 conventions have definite sites and plans in place. District IX will host the 2020 Convention. Chairpersons for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 conventions met and recommended that the format and

pricing must change to meet the times. These recommendations will be proposed and discussed at the June meeting. Upcoming convention planning needs decisions to proceed.

Pat Wolanski, 2018 National Convention Chairperson reported that arrangements for the National Convention at the Loews Philadelphia on May 20-24, 2018 are progressing well. The schedule has been written, speakers have been chosen, nine tours arranged, and presentations/workshops planned. Vendors have been lined up and there will be a display of member photography entries and educational exhibits reflecting Pennsylvania's garden clubs' contribution to the beautification of our state. The speaker for the Design Dinner is Jane Godshalk. NGC Life Members will be honored with a cocktail hour on the historic 33rd floor of the hotel. "LOVE" necklaces are being sold to help support this endeavor.

Marcy Cunkelman, Keystone Gardener Editor/Advertising Manager, reported that she has just completed her 12th year as editor, publishing the 48th issue, which will be arriving after convention. This issue will be in an envelope due to the printer's error and he will cover the additional cost. She has had some additional requests from advertisers, but ads cut down on the reports that can be included. She has a new computer and it will be used for the directory issue. Photos of all officers, appointed officers and district directors were to be taken at dinner and a biography was requested. She reminded us to keep information current with Lee Ann Stine.

Anne Collier, Scholarship Donations Chairperson - absent. Report read by Mary Jo Schlomann, Recording Secretary. Thank you to all who donated to the fund and thank you to the Scholarship Chairperson, Gladys Dapp. Donations received since May 1, 2016 were: GCFP Scholarship - \$2,789; Dorothy Hermani Scholarship - \$645; Helene Detwiler Scholarship - \$1,230.

Caryl O'Gara, Life Memberships Chairperson – absent. Report read by Mary Jo Schlomann, Recording Secretary. Since October 10th, there are ten new GCFP Life Members (Joyce Wallen, Marilyn Backus, Jan McLaughlin, Lou Ann Lauger, Jan Walent, Lisa Schoon, Elizabeth Bartron, Gwendolyn Jane Romeril, Martin Romeril, and Robert Romeril) and two new NGC Life Members (Lou Ann Lauger and Micki McCahan).

Karl Casey, Newsletter Awards Chairperson – absent. Report read by Mary Jo Schlomann, Recording Secretary. The Newsletter Awards were tabulated and results were presented at the Awards Dinner. Hard copies of newsletters were beneficial. His only recommendation was to check and double check how applications are filled out because some of the superior newsletters did not have sufficiently completed applications. There was a discussion pertaining to allowing clubs to correct applications.

Randy Layton, Webmaster – Absent. Report read by Mary Jo Schlomann, Recording Secretary. The GCFP website is currently averaging over six thousand views per month. In January 2017, the website had a record number of eight thousand two hundred and thirty views. It's becoming a real presence on the World Wide Web. Many of the forms used by GCFP members can now be found on the new "President's Packet" web page. The Board of Directors Manual (formerly the Red Manual) will also be posted on the GCFP website in the very near future. Members were reminded to send the district newsletters and club events to the webmaster for posting gcfpweb@gmail.com. It was noted that the password will remain the same.

Barbara Campbell, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairperson – absent. "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" is the slogan for Smokey Bear, the national and international symbol for wildfire prevention. Wildfires occur on every continent but Antarctica. On average, more than one hundred thousand wildfires destroy up to five million acres of land in the United States every year. Four out of five wildfires are caused by people. "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land" is the slogan used for Woodsy Owl, who stands as a symbol to conserve the environment since 1971. He challenges everyone to take an active part in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste. There were six clubs with seven hundred and ten children participating; five hundred and forty-six posters were judged. Winners are listed in the Awards Section.

Barbara Andrus, President's Memory Book Chairperson reported she received twenty-three mementoes and correspondences for Sharon Brown's Memory Book and she is putting it together.

President Brown, with the assistance of **NGC President Robinson**, made a special presentation to Claire Leichliter for becoming a new 4-Star Member, successfully completing all four NGC Schools.

President Brown announced the **Recommendation** to reinstate the registration fee for State Life Members for future conventions. The recommendations will go to the Full Board at the June meeting.

President Brown reminded everyone present that the GCFP By-Laws require that all nominees must have given written consent to serve prior to their nomination. Mary Jo Schlomann, Recording Secretary, read the nominees presented by the Nominating committee at the October 2016 Board of Directors Meeting:

- President Christine Leskosky District II/III
- 1st Vice-President Joyce Milberg District VIII
- 2nd Vice-President Sheila Croushore District VI
- Recording Secretary Leeanna Ryba District VII
- Treasurer Cynthia Layton District II/III
- Financial Secretary Mary Jo Schlomann District I

President Brown asked for nominations from the floor for each office, there being none, the nominations were closed.

President Brown asked all in favor of each of the officers for 2017-2019 to respond by saying aye. The vote for each officer passed. Installation of the new officers will take place at dinner Monday evening.

Cynthia Layton, Treasurer, told us checks for awards are to be mailed this week. If they are not received, she requested email notification.

Jo Ann Waddell, 2017 Convention Chairperson, invited members to sit in the ballroom for the ‘continental breakfast’ and explained the Shawnee Inn floor plan and room markers.

President Brown handed out certificates for donations to Penny Pines.

President Brown recessed the Official Opening Meeting of the Convention at 10:23 a.m.

AWARD SECTION

GCFP SPECIAL AWARDS

THE GOVERNOR'S TROPHY

Penn-Cumberland GC, IV

THE GOLD SEAL AWARD

Barbara Lotito, Murrysville GC, VII

MYRREL R. OVERDORFF COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD

Emily Schnarr, Old York Road GC, XI

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Joann Wilson, Tusca-Ridge GC, IX

CELEBRATING 85 YEARS FEDERATED

Chambersburg GC, IV

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS FEDERATED

Club of Little Gardens of Malvern, I

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS FEDERATED

GC of Reading, II/III

CYNTHIA CALHOUN ATTENDANCE AWARD

Landscape Design Society of Western Pennsylvania, VII

GCFP CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT #1

First Place - Old York Road GC, XI - Window Boxes

Second Place - Hazleton Area GC, II/III - Prayer Garden Planting

GCFP SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE #7

First Place - Hazleton Area GC, II/III - Garden Party

Second Place - Hazleton Area GC, II/III - Library Program

GCFP GARDENING AMONG YOUTH AWARD

First Place - Old York Road GC, XI

CLUB PROGRAM - AWARD A - HORTICULTURE

First Place - Martha Washington GC, X

CLUB PROGRAM - AWARD C - GARDEN TOURS

First Place - Parkland GC, II/III

Second Place - Southern Butler County GC, IX

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - STATE AWARD C – TREE PLANTING/ARBOR DAY

First Place - Parkland GC, II/III

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - STATE AWARD D – HOLIDAY PROJECT

First Place - Martha Washington GC, X

SPECIAL RECOGNITION STATE AWARD G – SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

First Place - Emmaus GC, II/III

SPECIAL RECOGNITION STATE AWARD H – ANY OTHER ACTIVITY

First Place - Great Meadows GC, X

GCFP HORTICULTURE THERAPY

First Place - Bethlehem Garden Club, II/III

GCFP CHURCH GARDENS AWARD

Second Place - Old York Road GC, XI

GCFP BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AWARD

First Place - Tusca-Ridge GC, IX

CLUB PROGRAM AWARD- MEDIUM CLUB K-WORKSHOP

Second Place - Pottstown Area GC, II/III

GCFP YEARBOOK AWARD**Club under 20 Members**

First Place - Weeders & Seeders GC, VI

Second Place - Cambridge GC, VIII

Third Place - The Heritage GC, V

Honorable Mention - Joyful Bloomers GC, VII

Club 20-29 Members

First Place - The Wildflower GC, VIII

Second Place - Elk Valley GC, VIII

Third Place - Town & Country GC of Rices Landing, X

Honorable Mention - Heather Club of Edinboro, VIII

Club 30 - 44 Members

First Place - Town & Country GC of Lancaster, IV

Second Place - Pleasant Hills GC, X

Third Place - Southern Butler County GC, IX

Honorable Mention - GC of McKeesport, VII

Club 45 - 69 Members

First Place - Parkland GC, II/III

Second Place - Ingomar GC, IX

Third Place - Chambersburg GC, IV

Honorable Mention - Great Meadows GC, X

Club 70 - 99 Members

First Place - The GC of Harrisburg, IV

Second Place - Fox Chapel GC, IX

Third Place - Martha Washington GC, X

Honorable Mention - Titusville GC, VIII

Club 100-299 members

First Place - Bethlehem GC, II/III

Second Place - Norristown GC, XI

Third Place - GC of Johnstown, VI

Honorable Mention - GC of York, IV

NEWSLETTER AWARDS**3 - 12 PAGE NEWSLETTER, SINGLE CLUB, SMALL SIZE**

First Place - Gospel Hill GC, VIII

3 - 12 PAGE NEWSLETTER, SINGLE CLUB, MEDIUM SIZE

First Place - GC of Springfield, I

Second Place - Parkland GC, II/III
Third Place - The GC of Forest Hills, VII

3 - 12 PAGE NEWSLETTER, SINGLE CLUB, LARGE SIZE

First Place - Trevoise Horticultural Society, XI
Second Place - Giant Oaks GC, X
Third Place - Tohickon GC, XI

3 - 12 PAGE NEWSLETTER, SINGLE CLUB, EXTRA LARGE SIZE

First Place - GC of Johnstown, VI
Second Place - Bethlehem GC, II/III
Third Place - Penn-Cumberland GC, IV

NEWSLETTER-GROUP OF CLUBS

First Place - District X
Second Place - District IX

PUBLICATION AWARDS

STATE MAGAZINE

First Place - Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, "*The Keystone Gardener*"

GCFP SPECIALIZED PUBLICATIONS AWARD

Brochure Award 13B 3 Aii

First Place - Emmaus GC, II/III

Brochure Award 13B 5 Aii

First Place - Emmaus GC, II/III
Second Place - Parkland GC, II/III

Brochure Award 13B 5iii

First Place - Martha Washington GC, X

WEBSITE AWARDS

GCFP WEBSITE AWARD

First Place - Southern Butler County GC, IX
Second Place - Bethlehem GC, II/III

GCFP VIDEO/CD AWARD

1st Place - Biglerville GC, IV

GCFP PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARD

SMALL CLUB

First Place - Town & Country GC of Rices Landing, X
Second Place - Weeders & Seeders GC, VI

MEDIUM CLUB

First Place - Parkland GC, II/III
Second Place - The GC of Harrisburg, IV
Third Place - Old York Road GC, XI

LARGE CLUB

First Place - Norristown GC, XI
Second Place - Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
Third Place - Gettysburg GC, IV
Honorable Mention - Bethlehem GC, II/III

AFFILIATED GARDEN CENTER

First Place - Harrisburg Area Civic Garden Center, IV

GCFP SUPERIOR FLOWER SHOW AWARD - CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

21-49 MEMBERS

First Place - Presque Isle GC, VIII, "We See Quilts in Our Gardens"

Second Place - The Wildflower GC, VIII, "Victorian Memories"

50-99 MEMBERS

First Place - Trevoise Horticultural Society, XI, "Surf's Up"

Second Place - Martha Washington GC, X, "Memories of Grandma"

100 MEMBERS

First Place - Penn-Cumberland GC, IX, "Nature's Celebration"

AWARD #22A - HOLIDAY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

First Place - Milford GC, II/III, "The Times of our Lives"

AWARD #30A - DISTRICT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

15 OR FEWER

First Place - Garden Clubs of District IV, "It's About Time"

AWARD #34-3B - PLANT SOCIETY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT, CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

First Place - Chambersburg GC and Tuscarora Daffodil Group, IV, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

AWARD #57A - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW STAGED IN A PUBLIC BUILDING

First Place - Giant Oaks GC, X, "Pittsburgh, Mighty, Beautiful"

Second Place - Norristown GC, XI, "Dreamscapes"

Third Place - Ingomar GC, IX, "Ocean Treasures and Pleasures"

Fourth Place - Valley GC, X, "Globetrotting"

GCFP JUDGES COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW AWARD

Norristown GC, XI, "Dreamscapes"

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARDS

SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

21 - 49 MEMBERS

First Place - Pleasant Hills GC, X, "Art Through the Season"

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

21-49 MEMBERS

First Place - The Standing Stone GC of Huntingdon, V, "June is Busting Out All Over"

Second Place - Valley GC, X, "Globetrotting"

Third Place - Presque Isle GC, VIII, "We See Quilts in our Gardens"

Honorable Mention - The Wildflower GC, VIII, "Victorian Memories"

50 - 99 MEMBERS

First Place - Trevoise Horticultural Society, XI, "Surf's Up"

Second Place - Giant Oaks GC, X, "Pittsburgh, Mighty, Beautiful"

Third Place - The Outdoor Gardeners, XI, "The Cosmos: Explored"

Honorable Mention - Garden Class of The Woman's Community Club of Uwchlan, I, "Olympics"

Honorable Mention - Ingomar GC, IX, "Ocean Treasures and Pleasures"

Honorable Mention - Martha Washington GC, X, "Memories of Grandma"

100-149 MEMBERS

First Place - Penn-Cumberland GC, IV, "Nature's Celebration"

150-300 MEMBERS

First Place - Norristown GC, XI, "Dreamscape"

Second Place - Greensburg GC, VII, "FUN-tastic Plant Olympics"

TWO OR MORE CLUBS

First Place - Garden Clubs of District IV, "It's About Time"

Second Place - District XI, "Spring Celebrations"

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW & PLANT SOCIETY SCHEDULE AWARD

50-99 MEMBERS

First Place - Chambersburg GC and Tuscarora Daffodil Group, IV, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

JUDGES COUNCIL - SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

First Place - Central Area Judges Council, IV, "Summer Memories"

JUDGES COUNCIL - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

First Place - Laurel Highlands Judges Council & Pittsburgh Area Judges Council, VI, VII, IX & X, "Sail the Seven Seas"

Second Place - Erie Area Judges Council, VIII, "Visit to Never Never Land"

HOLIDAY STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

21-49 MEMBERS

First Place - Milford GC, V, "The Times of Our Lives"

CLUB GROWTH AWARDS

GC of Monroeville, VII - Small Club, \$100

Four Lanes End GC, XI - Medium Club, \$100

GC of York, IV - Large Club, \$100

GCFP COMPREHENSIVE AWARD

District IX

TRASH TO TREASURE AWARD

First Place - Tohickon GC, XI

Second Place - McKeesport GC, VII

Third Place - Shaler GC, IX

Fourth Place - Warren GC, VIII

Fifth Place - Shiloh GC, IV

SEED MONEY AWARDS - \$2,500.00

District I - Elverson GC (50), GC of Bala Cynwyd (50), GC of Springfield (50), Villanova GC (75), Garden Class of WCCU (75)

District II/III - Milford GC (100), GC of Montrose (50), Pottstown Area GC (50), South Schuylkill GC (150)

District IV - Biglerville GC (75), The Green Thumb GC (50), Shiloh GC (75)

District VI - Bedford County GC (75), Blair GC (75), Patton GC (75), Somerset GC (75), Weeders & Seeders GC (75)

District VIII - Kane GC (75), Lawrence Park GC (150), Presque Isle GC (75), The Wildflower GC (75), Titusville GC (50)

District IX - Fox Chapel GC (75), Ingomar GC (50), Shaler GC (200), Southern Butler County GC (50), Tusca-Ridge GC (150)

District X - Giant Oaks GC (50), The Munhall GC (75), Town and Country GC of Rices Landing (75)

District XI - Old York Road GC (150)

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Judy Morley

Barbara Dempsey

Vivian Abel

Gail Corle

Pat Ptasick

Marcy Cunkelman
Joyce Crider
Mary Jo Gardill
Lee Ann Stine
Connie Burnley
Jo Ann Waddell
Audry Stengel

GCFP YOUTH POETRY CONTEST -“We Three: Bees, Butterflies, and Me”

First Grade

First Place - Jude Calligiuri - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Mason Cheeks - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Second Grade

First Place - Melina Poliziani - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Anna Kroll - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Third Place - Addison Kass - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Third Grade

First Place - Dante Taliani - Sponsored by Pucketos GC, VII
Second Place - Carter McKissick - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Third Place - Isabella Hoffman - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Fourth Grade

First Place - Keelin Schessler - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Michael Couch - Sponsored by Pucketos GC, VII
Third Place - Emmalyn Blackburn - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Fifth Grade

First Place - Wesley Schrock - Sponsored by Pucketos GC, VII
Second Place - Molly Burke - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Third Place - Jacob Watson - Sponsored by GC of Monroeville, VII

Sixth Grade

First Place - Emily Czajkowski - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Annabelle Pawolowica - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Third Place - Gabrielle Smith - Sponsored by Pucketos GC, VII

GRADES 7-12

Seventh Grade

First Place - Anna Spalvieri - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Emma Ventresca - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Third Place - Mary Elizabeth Koenig - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Eighth Grade

First Place - Lauren Angus - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Isabella Gibson - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Third Place - Colten Kelly - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

GCFP YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

Ninth Grade

First Place - Evan Vay - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX
Second Place - Megan Homison - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Third Place - Brooke Hathhorn - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

First Grade

First Place - Anna Ching- Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Second Place - Emelia Kaptanos - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Third Place - Andrew Spalvieri - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Fourth Place - Ty Murray - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Second Grade

First Place - Melina Poliziani - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Second Place - Gabby Alcalde - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Third Place - Jack Kinsinger - Sponsored by The GC of Harrisburg, IV

Fourth Place —Giada Grimm - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Third Grade

First Place - Melina Bui - Sponsored by GC of Monroeville, VII

Second Place - Madeline Meeuf - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Third Place - Emma Graham - Sponsored by GC of Monroeville, VII

Fourth Place - Lucy Buchanan - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Fourth Grade

First Place - Annie Salvo - Sponsored by Norristown GC, XI

Second Place - Claire W. Fang - Sponsored by Parkland GC, II/III

Third Place - Maya Dudek - Sponsored by Parkland GC, II/III

Fourth Place - Marissa Medica - Sponsored by Ingomar GC, IX

Fifth Grade

First Place - Melissa Fan - Sponsored by Parkland GC, II/III

Second Place - Mujtaba Jaffer - Sponsored by Parkland GC, II/III

Third Place - Isabella Carnero - Sponsored by Parkland GC, II/III

Fourth Place - Theresa Kollar - Sponsored by Parkland GC, II/III

GCFP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Louise Dimmick Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Sarah Elizabeth Alexander of Mifflinburg - Sponsored by the Milton GC, V

The Marjorie E. Hamblin Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Phillip Steven Mahr of Pittsburgh - Sponsored by the GC of Monroeville, VII

The Catherine H. Kenworthy Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Karen Nicole Lesko of Titusville - Sponsored by the Titusville GC, VIII

The Lois Dupre' Shuster Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Stephanie Walters of Robinson - Sponsored by the GC of Johnstown, VI

The Mary Alice Wheeler Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Juliet Florence Messer of Johnstown - Sponsored by the GC of Johnstown, VI

The Marilyn L. Whitmore Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Landon Robert Hacker of Sarver - Sponsored by the Burrellton GC, VII

The Doreen Dew-Kauffman Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Leah Helena Wenhold of Allentown - Sponsored by the Parkland GC, II/III

The Dorothy A. Hermani Scholarship of \$1,000.00

Ambrose Preston Hill of Shamokin - Sponsored by Susquehanna GC, V

The Jane Layman Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Kaleb Joseph Lange of York - Sponsored by the GC of York, IV

The Katherine L. Rieger Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Michael Legros Dautlick of Patton - Sponsored by the Patton GC, VI

The Constance H. Smith Scholarship Award of \$1,375.00

Jennifer Dawn Klimowicz of Levittown - Sponsored by the Old York Road GC, XI

The Miriam A. Steel Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Trent Samuel Goss of McClure - Sponsored by the Mifflin County GC, V

The Edith Clemmer Steinbright Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00

Nicholas Jordan Martin of Troy - Sponsored by The Heritage GC, V

Haddie Weber, Convention 2018 Chairperson and her committee presented an invitation to the 2018 GCFP Convention, "A Floral Tri-Fecta" at the Double Tree by Hilton, Meadowlands, Washington, PA, April 15-17, 2018.

2017 Convention Chairperson, Jo Ann Waddell and Vice Chairperson Audry Stengel were recognized for an excellent Convention.

Linda Pryzbysz, Registrar, gave the final **Credentials Report** - 260 people attended the convention.

The **2017 Cynthia Calhoun Attendance Award** was presented to Landscape Design Society of Western Pennsylvania with 40% of a total membership of ten members (four full time attendees).

The **Courtesy Resolutions** were read by **Eileen Hoover, Chairperson of the 2017 Resolutions Committee,** and adopted.

The Benediction was given by **Diane Hughes, Chaplain.**

Official Closing of the GCFP 87th Convention----Sharon Brown, President

Sine Die.....

Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Schlomann

Copies of the Chairmen Reports were given to: **PRESIDENT SHARON BROWN**
HISTORIAN SANDRA BACHMAN
KG EDITOR MARCY CUNKELMAN

Directors' Reports were given to: **1ST VICE-PRESIDENT CHRIS LESKOSKY**

Upon completion of the Minutes, the Recording Secretary's copies of the Directors' and Chairmen Reports were forwarded to **HEADQUARTERS SECRETARY, LEE ANN STINE.**

Mary Jo Schломann Date: July 2, 2017
MARY JO SCHLOMANN, RECORDING SECRETARY

Minutes Approved by: Susan L. Semple Date: July 6, 2017
SUSAN SEMPLE, FORMER GCFP RECORDING SECRETARY,
CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF THE 2017 CONVENTION

Minutes Approved by: Marilyn C. Backus Date: July 6, 2017
MARILYN BACKUS, DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT VII

Minutes Approved by: Vina McLeod Rudolph Date: July 6, 2017
VINA MCLEOD RUDOLPH, DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT X

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

2017 CONVENTION – SHAWNEE ON DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA

Whereas, the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania convened on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Shawnee on Delaware, Pennsylvania for its 87th Annual Convention, and hereby acknowledges with appreciation the great effort expended in the planning and execution of this event.

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the GCFP express their deep gratitude to Jo Ann Waddell, 2017 Convention Chairman, to Audry Stengel, 2017 Convention Co-Chairman, to Sharon Brown, GCFP President and to all committee chairmen and members of District II/III for planning and carrying out the theme, “Putting the Pieces Together”.

Be it further resolved that we extend our deep appreciation and thanks:

- To Sharon Brown, GCFP President for her leadership;
- To Sandra Robinson, NGC President 2015-2017, for her attendance;
- To Barbara White, District II/III Director and all garden clubs in District II/III for their hospitality;
- To the Board of Directors for carrying out the business of furthering the objectives and purposes set forth in GCFP bylaws;
- To the State Life Members, CAR Life Members, National Life Members and Youth for attending Sunday night’s dinner;
- To Jackie Davies and the State Flower Show Judges Council for extending an invitation to attend its Tuesday luncheon and program;
- To Denise Schreiber for her Sunday Evening Program ”Myths and Legends of the Garden”;
- To Jessica Walliser for her Monday Lunch Program ”Creating a Cutting Garden”;
- To Tracy McKay for her Tuesday Judges Council Luncheon Program, “Keep Calm and Design On”;
- To the 2017 Convention workshop instructors: Dorothy Yard, Diana Beausang, Jackie Davies, Pat Wolanski, Cheri Nobel, Sue Tansits, Larry Moyer, Vinnie Cotrone, Kathy Salisbury and Pam Hubbard;
- To Diane Hughes, GCFP Chaplain, for conducting the Memorial Service;
- To Flower Show “Pennsylvania Master Pieces” Co-Chairmen Mary Jane Martucci and Lora Freifeld and all members that participated;
- To all presenters of floral tributes, educational exhibits, “Trash to Treasure” exhibits, Tapestry Treasures Boutique contributors, tour facilities, all who helped with preparations, and all convention attendees who traveled throughout the state and neighboring states to contribute to the success of the Convention.

Be it further resolved that we extend congratulations to:

- To the elected GCFP Officers for the term 2017-2019, President Elect, Christine Leskosky, 1st Vice President, Joyce Milberg, 2nd Vice President, Sheila Croushore, Treasurer, Cynthia Layton, Recording Secretary, Leeanna Ryba and Financial Secretary , Mary Jo Schlomann;
- The Gold Seal Award Winner, Barbara Lotito, Murraysville GC, District VII;
- The recipient of the Award of Honor, Joann Wilson, Tusca Ridge GC, District IX;
- The Governor’s Trophy winner, Penn-Cumberland GC, District IV;
- The recipients of the Flower Show Awards;
- The recipients of the “Trash to Treasure” Contest;
- The recipients of the Youth Awards;
- The High School Essay Contest winner, Evan Vay, Hampton High School, Ingomar GC, District IX;
- The recipients of the Scholarships;
- The recipients of all club and individual awards.

Be it further resolved that the management and staff of Shawnee Inn be thanked for all courtesies extended.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes and that copies be sent to Sharon Brown, GCFP President, Jo Ann Waddell, Convention Chairman, Audry Stengel, Convention Co-Chairman.

Resolutions Committee:

Eileen Hoover, Corresponding Secretary

Tanya Young, District IV

Mary Lou Colussy, District VI