



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC. WINTER BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 18, 2005

Pierpont Inn, Ventura
President: Robert L. Gordon
Host: Executive Committee

WINTER BOARD GENERAL MEETING

- 1) President, Robert L. Gordon, called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. on Friday, February 18, 2005. The Recording Secretary was present. Amenities and Protocol Chairman, Marjorie Johnson, introduced the Executive Committee.
- 2) Ed Dempsey lead the Flag Salute, Shane Looper gave the inspiration and George Speer read the Rules of the Board Meeting. President Gordon called for the approval of the Agenda. **PASSED.**
- 3) Recording Secretary, Marcha Grant, called roll:
Excused: Gloria Aminian, Perry Aminian, Sarah Beers, Marcie Beller, Virginia Bennetts, Janet Eyre, Helen Gates, Jim Gerstenberg, Lynne Hansen, Hannelore Kessler, Terri Landes, Dolores Moffet, Robert Post, Kathryn Ross, Virginia Lee Stewart, Betty Taylor, Jane Troutman, Carolyn Villi, Liz Weeth
Until arrival: Claudia Davis, Sharon Ebmeyer, George MacKelvey, Mary Jo Noth, Rosa Radicchi,
Absent without excuse: Terri Booth, Virginia Carlson, Barbara Collado, Erlene Finn, Eileen Fiumara, George Gooch, Sharon Guyman, Dede Heisenger, Buck Hemenway, Mary Huff, Mary Johnson Smith, Shirley Kirby, Ellen Neville, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Mildred Tyler, Mary Waddington-Merrit,
A quorum was declared present.
- 4) President Gordon gave his greetings to the Board and made announcements and the health situation of several members. He also gave his State of the State address: *"You can't see both sides of the coin at once"*. He reported on a) Membership, b) Fund-raisers, c) Financial Status, d) State Project and e) *"San Simeon Selebration"*.
- 5) George Speer read the Election Procedures.
- 6) Recording Secretary, Marcha Grant, read the **Executive Committee Recommendations** as follows:
 - Approve an expense of \$2,000 to host a reception for Beverly Brune and Virginia Bennetts at the 2005 Pacific Region Convention. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**
 - Approve \$7,500 to be set aside from the Wildflower fund for the President Elect's Project. Elisabeth Tufo to present project. **(Attached) PASSED.**
 - Approve the formation of the *"Circle of Poppies"* which will begin immediately. Elisabeth Tufo to present project. Nominations were Dorothy Copeland, Frances Frenzel and Alice Heileman. **PASSED.**

- Approve: a) the creation of a CGCI Girl Scout Jacket Patch and b) approve that the creation and original purchase of the patches comes from the youth fund and will be gradually reimbursed by patch recipients. **PASSED.**
 - Approve the availability of a 501c(3) tax umbrella for *Group Exemption Status* to be offered to unincorporated Garden Clubs. Maryanne Lucas to present project with George Perko. **PASSED.**
 - Approve the expense of \$345 to produce 1,000 tri-fold butterfly brochures to be distributed to those attending the 2005 Design Tour. This expense would be added to the Design Tour budget. **PASSED.**
- 7) Marilyn Oberti, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of nominees to be voted on at Convention 2005. **(Attached)**
- 8) President Gordon discussed the value of meeting the District Legislators & Senators at the 2005 Convention. The arrangement of said meetings (via the CA State Florists Assn) would cost CGCI \$1,000. The vote being so close, it was tabled for a re-vote at the next business meeting where those not eligible to vote would be separated from the board.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM and resumed on Saturday 2/19/05 at 10:38 AM. George Perko gave the inspiration.
- 10) The minutes of the 2004 Fall Board meeting were approved as circulated with the correction on Page 2 to 502c.
- 11) **Executive Committee Reports:**
- **Marcha Grant, Recording Secretary**, had no further report.
 - **Robert Schuler, Corresponding Secretary**, reported on the "Call".
 - **Geanne Brown, Financial Secretary**, announced that she had cash receipt and reimbursement forms.
 - **Carol Sexton, Treasurer**, read the Financial Report **(Attached)** which was filed.
 - **Nancy Lee Loesch, Golden Gardens Editor**, reported on two new 100% clubs and gave thanks to her writers, especially Virginia Carlson.
 - **Maryanne Lucas, Third Vice-President**, announced 5 new clubs and one affiliate. She moved for ratification. **(Attached) PASSED.**
 - **Robin Pokorski, Second Vice President**, announced that Wilma Cartridge has increased the Penny Pines awards to \$100 each. She thanked the judging chairmen. Seven yearbooks went to Pacific Region and National. 24 awards went to National. She congratulated Beverly Brune and Maryanne Lucas on becoming Four Star Members and thanked the awards sponsors.
 - **Elisabeth Tufo, First Vice-President and President Elect**, gave out the new meeting dates to be ratified for the calendar. **(Attached) PASSED** and called for ratification of new schools. **(Attached) PASSED.** She also reported that the Long Range Planning Committee has completed a rewrite of the Board Procedure books and copies are available on a disc.
 - **Robert Gordon, CGCI President**, reported on the Forest Service Seminar and announced he was asked to do the flowers for President George Bush's inaugural. He visited the District Clusters and was also asked to put the American entry in the Chelsea Flower Show.
- 12) President Gordon asked who would be attending the Pacific Region Convention to act as delegates: Art & Nancy Loesch, Gertrude Paul, Jean Reiley, Betty Rohan, David & Julie West. Those who would be Delegates at National are: Betty & Roy Heidke, Bob Smith and Elisabeth Tufo.

- 13)** President Gordon asked for those members who would be serving on the Pacific Region Board for next term: Virginia Bennetts, Joan Craig, Robert Gordon, Marcha Grant, Jackie Jackman, Marge Johnson, Robin Pokorski, Betty Rohan, Dorothy Roton, Cheryl Smith, Mary Tebo, Elisabeth Tufo and Pat York. Those serving at National are: Beverly Brune, Joan Craig, Robert Gordon, Betty Heidke, Marilyn Oberti, Greg & Robin Pokorski, Bob & Cheryl Smith, Mary Tebo and Elisabeth Tufo.
- 14)** President Robert Gordon called for the **Committee & District Cluster Reports:**
- **District Cluster III** was reported Luella Zamzow, Sacramento River Valley District, and Dorothy Dempsey, Golden Foothills District.
 - **District Cluster IV** was reported by Ruth Fry, Channel Islands District and Dorothy Roton, Desert Empire District.
 - **District Cluster V** was reported by Diane Charbonneau, Costa Verde District.
 - **District Cluster VI** was reported by Pat Claves, Palms to Pines District.
- 15) Cabinet Members Reports**
- **Operations.** (*G. Pokorski/1st VP*) Greg Pokorski
 - **Education** (*Looper/2nd VP*) was reported by Shane Looper
 - **Horticulture** (*Aminian/ 3rd VP*) was not reported as Perry Aminian was excused.
 - **Conservation/Beautification.** (*Angevine/2nd VP*) was reported by Ruth Angevine
 - **Finance** (*Perko/Treasurer/Financial Secretary*) was reported with George Perko who moved to write off the remaining note cards, journals and bags. **PASSED.**
 - **Communications** (*Dempsey/3rd VP*) was reported by Ed Dempsey who announced that internet mailboxes are available to those who need them.
 - **Youth** (*Smith/3rd VP*) was reported by Bob Smith who moved to ratify the new Youth Groups. **(Attached) PASSED.**
 - **Publications other than GG** (*Claves/3rd VP*) was reported by Pat Claves
 - **Member Services** (*Noth/Recording Secretary*) was reported by Mary Jo Noth
 - **Marketing** (*Oberti/Recording Secretary*) was reported by MaryIn Oberti.
 - **Projects** (*Craig/Corresponding Secretary*) reported by Joan Craig.
- 16)** The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM and resumed Sunday, 2/20/05 at 9:07 AM. Joan Craig gave the inspiration.
- 17) Committee & District Cluster Reports resume:**
- **Administration** (*Hoberley Schuler/Administration/President*) had no further reports
 - **Operations.** (*G. Pokorski/1st VP*) No further reports
 - **Education** (*Looper/2nd VP*) was reported by Carol Ford Benson (Environmental Studies Schools), Greg Pokorski (Garden Study Schools), Rosalie Hooper (Scholarships), **(Attached)** and Shane Looper (F.A.S.T.)
 - **Horticulture** (*Aminian/ 3rd VP*) was introduced by Robin Pokorski and reported by Carol Ford Benson (CA Natives), Rita Desilets (Memorial Gardens), Edith Puckett (Container Gardens) and Angela Michaels (Garden Therapy)
 - **Conservation/Beautification.** (*Angevine/2nd VP*) was reported by Ruth Angevine (Blue Star Memorails)Loella Zamzow (Environmental Studies) and Art Loesch (Penny Pines)
 - **Golden Gardens,** Nancy Lee Loesch, Editor, introduced the Gloria Jacobs (Angels, Christmas Greetings, Calendars)
 - **Finance** (*Perko/Treasurer/Financial Secretary*) had no further report.

- **District Cluster I** was reported by Sharon Thorne, Mendo Lake District and Lorna Bonham, Cascade District.
- **District Cluster II** was reported by Julie West, Luther Burbank District and Priscilla Christenson, Diablo Foothills District.
- **District Cluster III** was reported Cathy Ledbetter, Valley Lode District.
- **Communications** (*Dempsey/3rd VP*) was introduced by Maryanne Lucas and reported by Jackie Jackman (Sales) Carlotta Wixon (Life Members) who moved to ratify eight new Life Members **(Attached) PASSED**. Also reporting was Joelle Holford (New Clubs) and Cathy Letbetter for Claudia Davis (National Garden Week).
- **Youth** (*Smith/3rd VP*) was introduced by Maryanne Lucas and reported by Pat York (Smokey Bear) and Cheryl Smith (Youth) who moved to ratify one more new Youth Group. **(Attached) PASSED**.
- **Member Services** (*Noth/Recording Secretary*) was reported by Mary Jo Noth
- **Marketing** (*Oberti/Recording Secretary*) was reported by Maryln Oberti.
- **Projects** (*Craig/Corresponding Secretary*) reported by Joan Craig and George Perko (Anza-Borrego).

18) Former Business.

- President Gordon called for a vote on the tabled issue of visiting the Legislature in Sacramento. Julie West repeated the motion. Gertrude Paul moved for a vote by secret ballot. **DEFEATED**. Carol Ford Benson amended the motion to read: "I move that an expenditure by California Garden Clubs, Inc. to California State Florists Assn. in the amount of \$1,000 be made from the General Fund to facilitate meetings of CGCI members with their elected representatives at Sacramento". **DEFEATED 40 to 12.**

19) New Business.

- Dorothy Peterson reminded members about Book Signing reservations for Sacramento.
- Joan Craig announced that Principal Funding will be giving grants up to \$3,00 per club.
- Robert Gordon thanked the District Directors for the 50/50 drawing funds and all members for their participation in the silent auction.

20) The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Submitted,

Marcha Grant
CGCI Recording Secretary

JUBILEE GRANTS PROGRAM

As you know CGCI will observe its 75th anniversary in December 2006. To celebrate this event a grants program, the *Jubilee Grants*, similar to the NGC *PETALS* program, is being proposed. \$10,000 will be made available to CGCI clubs, groups of clubs and districts for landscaping projects, which may include Blue Star Memorial Marker and Habitat for Humanity landscaping, incorporating California's native plants and wildflowers. Grants of up to \$1000 may be awarded to applying groups, no matching funds will be required.

To fund this program I am requesting \$7,500 from the Wildflower Fund, which currently holds in excess of \$12,000, a portion of which would be replenished by the Wildflower Conference slated for May 2007. The remaining \$2,500 would come from monies donated to the 2005-2007 CGCI President's Project - a new concept, our members' donations returning to our members! Should more than the required \$2,500 be donated the amount of available grant money would be increased accordingly.

If the *Jubilee Grants Program* is approved it will be in excellent hands! Marilyn Oberti, NGCs co-chair for the *PETALS* project, will administer it with Carolyn Villi, who was CGCI's *PETALS* chairman, chairing the President's Project. Carol Sexton will manage the fund.

At this time your approval is needed for \$7,500 from the Wildflower Fund to be used for the *Jubilee Grants Program 2005-2007*. Pending that the resolution for the President's Project 2005-2007, *Jubilee Grants*, will be read; this will then be re-presented for your approval at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting in Sacramento.

President's Project Resolution JUBILEE GRANTS

WHEREAS, The President's Project, 2005-2007, shall be named Jubilee Grants.

WHEREAS, Monies donated to the CGCI Presidents Project 2005-2007, *Jubilee Grants*, shall be added to the \$7,500 from the Wildflower Fund to become the Jubilee Grants Fund.

WHEREAS, Monies donated in excess of the \$2,500 required to bring the Jubilee Grants Fund to \$10,000, shall increase the available grant money accordingly.

WHEREAS, All monies in the Jubilee Grants Fund shall be disbursed in varying amounts up to \$1,000 by the program's administrators, to CGCI clubs, groups of clubs and districts who have applied for, and been selected to receive, a Jubilee Grant.

WHEREAS, Jubilee Grants shall be awarded for landscaping projects, which may include Blue Star Memorial Marker and Habitat for Humanity landscaping, emphasizing California's native plants and wildflowers.

WHEREAS, CGCI clubs, groups of clubs and districts shall apply for Jubilee Grants prior to February 1, 2006.

WHEREAS, Jubilee Grant recipients shall complete their projects by May 1, 2007.

WHEREAS, Jubilee Grant recipients who are unable to fulfill their obligations shall return the monies they received to the Jubilee Grant Fund.

WHEREAS, Any and all monies remaining in the Jubilee Grant Fund after May 1, 2007 shall revert to the Wildflower Fund.

Signed

President-Elect, Elisabeth A. Tufo,

**Marilyn Oberti, Chairman Nominating Committee
Winter Board 2005, Ventura**

Slate of CGCI Executive Board officers 2005-2007 term as presented
by the Nominating Committee:

President elect:	Elizabeth Tufo
First Vice President:	Robin Pokorski
Second Vice President:	Maryanne Lucas
Third Vice President:	Julie West
Recording Secretary:	Rita Desilets
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Jo Noth
Financial Secretary:	Geanne Brown
Treasurer:	Carol Sexton
Golden Gardens Editor:	Diane Charboneau

CGCI Nominating committee

1) Bay Ocean - Chairman	Marilyn Oberti	(650) 344-3600	Carolands GC
2) Valley Lode - Secretary	Rosalie Hooper	(209) 736-2437	Calaveras GC
3) Palms to Pines	Jeanny Graham	(909) 425-2576	Eagles' Nest GC
4) Montana De Oro	Marjorie Johnson	(805) 528-0330	Los Osos Valley GC
5) Diablo FootblU.	Dolores Mofffat	(925) 556-5449	Livermore/Amador
6) Golden Foothills	Gertrude Paul	(530) 346-8293	Colfas GC
7) Cascade	Lorna Bonham	(530) 517-4578	Red BluffGC

When nominations for the nominating committee are presented at Convention, 2005,
the following CGCI Districts will be INELIGIBLE for service:

***Bay Ocean District, Cascade District, Diablo Foothills District, Golden Foothills
District, Montana De Oro District, Palms to Pines District, Valley Lode District.***

**Account Balances Report
As of 1/31/05**

Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
B of A CD #1-Cert. of Deposit	81,250.42
B of A CD #2-Cert of Deposit	20,312.60
B of A Checking-Porterville-Checking Account	44,263.02
Desert Community CD #4-Cert of Deposit	59,069.76
Desert Community CD #5-Cert of Deposit	17,208.22
Desert Community Saving Acct-Savings Account	23,812.15
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	245,916.17
Other Assets	
Golden Gardens-B of A checking account	22,908.81
Inventory - Journals	14,671.
Inventory - Note Cards	2,865.49
Inventory Tote Bags-Cost \$3.73 per bag	380.46
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	3,450.00
TOTAL Other Assets	44,275.84
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RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Awards-Restricted	4,985.16
Blue Star Memorial-Restricted	2,244.56
CGCI Magazine File Boxes-Restricted	256.28
CGCI Save the Bald Eagle-Restricted	166.00
CGCI Scholarship Fund-Restricted	52,316.74
CGCI World Gardening-Restricted	194.47
Christy Fitz Memorial-Restricted	1,915.11
Copeland-Restricted	11,860.04
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flr. Sc-Restricted	5,213.65
Donor Wil j. Tebo Scholarship-Restricted	3,176.17
Educational Schools Fund-Restricted	7,900.00
Flower Show School-Restricted	919.26
Gardening Consulstants Coun.-Restricted	393.91
Gardening Study-Restricted	1,831.26
Gold Honor Book-Restricted	10,066.86
Junior Gardeners-Restricted	371.32
Landscape Design School-Restricted	4,379.54
Liability Insurance Reserve-Restricted	39,974.49
Permanent Files-Restricted	2,500.00
San Simeon Selebration	2,330.00
Symposium Reserve-Restricted	13,137.62
Wildflower Conference-Restricted	12,633.66
Youth Conference Fund-Conferences	572.66
Youth Gardener Grant-Restricted	900.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	185,713.7
TOTAL ASSETS LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS	104,478.25
SUBTRACT OTHER ASSETS	44,275.84
TOTAL NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$60,202.41

Membership Chairman, Maryanne Lucas

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It is with great pleasure that I can announce that CGCI received six new applications for membership: six garden clubs and one state affiliate. The applicants are:

Yreka Garden Club

Top o' the State District - 15 members
Twyla Miller, President
4510 Greenhorn Road
Yreka, CA 96097-9468
thelogcabin@snowcrest.net
530-598-1894

Ramona Garden Club

Palomar District - 10 members
Tracy Turner, President
1245 Highway 78
Ramona, CA 92065
tturner@pacbell.net
760-787-1752

San Geronio Garden Club

Palms to Pines District - 10 members
Barbara Lauck
663 S. 22nd Street
Banning, CA 92220
Phone: 951-849-6265

Newman Garden Club

Valley Lode District - 17 members
Barbara Coelho, President
1249 Olive Avenue
Patterson, CA
rhcoelho@inreach.com

Barbara, Tosta, Treasurer
27231 Highway 33
Newman, CA 95360-2721

North Shore Garden Club

Mendo-Lake District - 15 members
Lani Brockman, President
9553 Washington Street
Upper Lake, CA 95485
lanie@istconnect.com
Phone: 707-275-2297

Marvin Butler, Treasurer
P.O. Box 3056
Nice, CA 95464
gcourt@1stconnect.com
Phone: 707-274-8888

California Women for Agriculture, LA Chapter

CGCI Affiliate - less than fifty members

Official Calendar Ratifications

Boards and Conventions:

- Sept. 15-17 '05. Fall Board. Thousand Oaks, Channel Islands District
Co-chairmen - Jean Reiley and Ruth Fry
Registrar - Tanya Caligiuri
Treasurer - Vibs Clausen
- Jan. 27-29 '06. Winter Board, San Diego, Palomar District
Registrar - Jane McKee
Treasurer - LouAnn Unger
- June 1-5 '06. Convention. Ontario, Palms tp Pines/Roadrunner
Registrar - Hoberley Schuler
Treasurer - Nancy Bailor
- Winter Board Meeting, January '07. Auburn. Golden Foothills District Hosting
Chairman - Gloria Mabon
- Convention June '07. Bakersfield, Sequoia Foothills District Hosting
Chairman - Gloria Aminian

Schools:

Environmental Studies Schools

U.C. Riverside Extension has requested the following date changes for Series 4.

These are the new dates for the entire series:

Course I May 14-15, '05

Course II October 8-9, '05

Course III April 8-9, '06

Course IV October 14 -15 '06

Flower Show Schools

Riverside. Sponsor: Palms to Pines District. Chairmen: Marcie Beller & Pat Claves

Course I - Sept. 28-30 '05

Course II - March 29-31 '06

Course III - Sept. 27-29 '06

Course IV - March 28-30 '07

Flower Show Symposium

October 21-22 '05. Womens Club, Carlsbad

Landscape Design Study Schools, Series 21

Riverside. Sponsor: Granite Hills GC. Chairman: Buck Hemenway

Course I - July 20-21 '05

Course II - Feb. 22-23 '06

Course III - July 19-20 '06

Course IV - Feb. 21-22 '07

Carlotta Wixon, Life Membership
Ventura Winter Board Report.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS TO BE RATIFIED:

Julie Blumberg
Lorraine Brody
Grace Burch
Emilie Matthews
Malvina King
Shirley McKelvey
Helen Vaughn
Sylvia Ambrosini

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Beverly Brune, Chairman. The Board of Trustees met with the Scholarship Chairman to review the 17 scholarship applications. The group felt privileged to read about the fine candidates and to select the winners. The four winners of CGCI scholarships are: \$1500 Tyanna Scholm, Gerber, Cascade District; \$1000 Rosemary Records, Arcata, Humboldt District; \$1000 Daniel Brooks, Merced, Yosemite Gateway District; \$1000 Christopher Merritt, Modesto, Valley Lode District. The \$1000 Wil Tebo Scholarship will be awarded to Jarod Bates, Modesto, Valley Lode District. The alternate is Joseph Silva, Grover Beach, Montana de Oro District.

**Cheryl Smith, Youth Chairman
Winter Board Meeting, Ventura**

NEW CLUBS TO BE RATIFIED

DISTRICT	SPONSORING CLUB/ DISTRICT	NAME OF YOUTH GROUP	Age
Desert Empire	Desert Planter ofRidgecrest	Cub Scouts/ Pack 848	Jr.
Desert Empire	Desert Planter ofRidgecrest	Richmond Grade School	Jr.
Desert Empire	Desert Planter ofRidgecrest	Carrie Oval Youth Gardeners	Eco.Jr.
Desert Empire	Desert Planter ofRidgecrest	Girl Scout Lunch Bunch	Jr.
Roadrunner	Cactus Wren GC	Cactus Wren Jr. GC	Jr.
SacramentoRiver Valley	Shibui ArrangersGuild	Liberty HS	HS
Valley Lode	Linden CommunityGarden Club	Linden Elementary	Jr.