



**CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
WINTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 5-8, 2013

Holiday Inn, Auburn, CA

PRESIDENT: JULIE A. WEST

Host: Golden Foothills District

President Julie A. West called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday February 6. The Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan was present.

Website Chairman Ed Dempsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Backyard Habitat Chairman Carolyn Villi gave the Inspiration.

Golden Foothills District Director Josie Goodenow gave a Welcome to The Winter Board Meeting.

President Julie A. West thanked CGCI Board Co-Chairmen Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig and the host committee. President West recognized the district volunteers.

President West introduced CGCI Officers, and former CGCI Presidents Robin Pokorski and Maryanne Lucas.

President West introduced page Nancy Hardesty and Pamela O'Banion the President's Page.

President West appointed, without objection, Victoria Lucido and Robin Pokorski as timekeepers.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan called the roll.

Excused: Gloria Aminian, Win Archibald, Carmen Black, Beverly Brune, Susan Coolidge, Mona Dunlop, Dann Dunst, Kris Ethington, Helen Gates, Mary Lou Goodwin, Chuck Goodwin, Robert Gordon, Helen Gregory, Rosalie Hooper, Dana Lozano, Carol Mayo, Angela Michaels, Doris Nagy, Marilyn Oberti, Gertrude Paul, Joyce Reid, Deanna Ridolfi, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley Schuler, Robert Schuler, Donna Thomas, Elisabeth Tufo, Bonnie Wagner, Martha Ann Walter.

President West declared a quorum.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski, announced that the amended Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June 2012 for the remainder of this term.

CGCI Board Co-Chairman Joan Craig moved the adoption of the Winter Board meeting program as corrected.
PASSED.

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the registration report indicating a total of 116 registered.

Without objection the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting in San Mateo were approved as distributed on October 19, 2012.

Without objection, President West appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this board meeting. Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman, Joelle Holford, Corresponding Secretary and Josie Goodenow, Golden Foothills District Director.

President West recognized those currently serving the Pacific Region.
The Pacific Region Convention will be held in Santa Rosa, CA, April 22-24, 2013.

President-Elect Rita Desilets moved to elect Anita Decker, Myrtle Findley, Josie Goodenow, Marjorie Johnson, Carole Lung, Dolores Moffat, Pamela O'Banion, Lorraine Ornelas, Joan Patten, Alexis Slafer, George Unrine and Judy Unrine as CGCI delegates to the Pacific Region Convention. **APPROVED.**

President-Elect Rita Desilets moved to elect Sue Bennett, Roseann Costabile, Gudrun Kimmel, Victoria Lucido, Judy Powers, Rosa Radicchi, Linda Smith, and Carolyn Villi as CGCI Alternate Delegates to the Pacific Region Convention. **APPROVED.**

President West recognized those currently serving National Garden Clubs, Inc.
The NGC Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington, May 24-26, 2013.

President-Elect Rita Desilets moved to elect Albert Chang, Rita Desilets, Gudren Kimmel, Dolores Moffat, Rosa Radicchi, and David West as CGCI delegates to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention. **APPROVED.**

Chairman of the Pacific Region Convention David West introduced members of the Pacific Region Convention committee.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Julie A. West reported. (See Attachment A).

President-Elect Rita Desilets reported. Personnel and Permanent Files, see Attachment A.
Rita Desilets read the Resolution for 2013-2015 President's Project, first reading, see Attachment B.

2nd Vice President Sue Bennett reported. (See Attachment A).

As of January 31, 2013:

279 clubs with **17,035** members,

51 associate plant societies **3,572** members,

Total membership 20,607 with **16 paid affiliates.**

Number of unpaid clubs: 1, Unpaid APS:2, Unpaid affiliates:2.

Sue Bennett moved to ratify:

3 CLUBS

California Organic Gardening Club, Orange County District, 42 members, President: Emily Wisneski.

Orange County Fuchsia Society, Orange County District, 18 members; President: Carol Liu.

Valley of the Moon Garden Club, Luther Burbank District, 100 members; President: Bonnie Brown.

1 AFFILIATE

Los Angeles Mycological Society, APS, 194 members; President: Gordon Harding.

The above 3 Clubs and 1 Affiliate RATIFIED

3rd Vice President Pat Claves reported for Awards and *Golden Gardens eNews*. (See Attachment A).

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski reported. (See Attachment A).

Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan reported. (See Attachment A).

Corresponding Secretary, Joelle Holford reported.

Four letters received:

September 20, 2012 from Friends of the Arboretum, UC Davis, Nancy Shapiro and Martha Ozonoff, thanking CGCI for \$500 contribution for the tile in the Nature's Gallery in the Arboretum.

November 5, 2012 from Awards Committee Chairman NGC, Bobbie Verser, thanking CGCI for sponsoring award # 20.

The winner of this award was Calcutta Garden Club, Ohio.

December 31, 2012, from CGCI President Julie A. West an IRS letter to board members for 2012 CGCI meetings held.

January 25, 2013, from the President of Lodi Garden Club, Valley Lode District, Jeanette K. Moore, thanking CGCI for the assistance of \$75 for purchase of Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker.

Financial Secretary Charlene Looper reported.

Treasurer Joan Patten reported. (See attachment C).

Standing/Special Committee Reports

Advisory Council Chairman and Youth Activities Coordinator Maryanne Lucas moved to ratify:

One Youth Group: California City High School Garden Club, sponsored by Desert Rose Garden Club, Desert Empire District, with 15 members grades 9 through 12. **RATIFIED** No Advisory Council Report.

Board of Trustees Chairman Robin Pokorski recognized the members of the Board of Trustees and reported. (See Attachment D.)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Robin Pokorski moved that upon cessation of *Golden Gardens* all remaining principle in the Copeland restricted fund shall be transferred to the scholarship endowment fund. **PASSED**

Endowment Committee Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

Budget and Finance Chairman Charlene Looper introduced the committee and reported.

2012 Fall Board Chairman Shane Looper reported. Total registration 102.

Golden Gardens Editor Julie A. West reported. (See Attachment D.)

CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Mary-Jo Noth reported. (See Attachment D).

Mary-Jo Noth moved to approve adding Butte District to the CGCI Group Tax Exemption program. **PASSED**

Financial Advisor George Perko reported and read a letter regarding the use of alcoholic beverages at garden club events.

George Perko moved that the full memo be included in the minutes. **PASSED**. (See Attachment D).

Life Membership Chairman Carlotta Wixon reported. (See Attachment D).

Carlotta Wixon moved to ratify the following life members:

CGCI:

Lynne Hansen	Walnut Creek GC	Diablo Foothills District
Jane Johnson	Laguna Beach GC	Orange County District
Sandi Rodish	Cactus Wren GC	Roadrunner District
Emily Bueermann	Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Soc.	Palms to Pines District

Pacific Region:

Emily Bueermann	As above
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National:

Emily Bueermann	As above	
Lorraine Ornelas	San Pedro GC	Costa Verde District

All of the above RATIFIED

Nominating Committee Chairman, Kathy Bramhall presented the slate of officers candidates for the 2013-2015 term.

President	Rita Desilets	Recording Secretary	
1 st Vice President	Sue Bennett	Corresponding Secretary	Rosa Radicchi
2 nd Vice President	Krystal Migliore	Financial Secretary	Charlene Looper
3 rd Vice President	Josie Goodenow	Treasurer	Joan Patten
		Communications Director	Jane McKee

President West recessed the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday February 7.

CGCI Convention 2013 Chairman Jane Mckee reported. Exhibit and Registration forms to be offered electronically.

Pacific Region Convention 2013 Registrar Robin Pokorski presented an invitation to the Pacific Region Convention, to be hosted by CGCI in Santa Rosa CA, April 22-24 2013.

President's Project Chairman Ruth Browning and President's Project Coordinator Linda Simonds reported.

Bylaws and Policy Chairman Rita Desilets introduced the Bylaw Committee.

On behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Chairman Rita Desilets presented the following bylaw amendments, and moved their recommendation by the voting membership.

1) ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Sec. 3 (a) (Page 133) Now Reads: Sec. 3 (a) Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per capita which shall include dues to NGC, effective July 1, 2008.

Amend by deleting "effective July 1, 2008"

To read: Sec. 3 (a) Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per capita which shall include dues to NGC.

Rationale: Simplifies by removing unnecessary wording. **PASSED**

2) ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Sec. 3 (e) (Page 134) Now Reads: (e) If dues are not paid by October 1, clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for CGCI liability insurance and participation in the CGCI awards program. In addition, clubs also become ineligible for the CGCI 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption.

Amend by replacing "501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption" with "Group Tax Exemption Program."

To read: (e) If dues are not paid by October 1, clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for CGCI liability insurance and participation in the CGCI awards program. In addition, clubs also become ineligible for the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.

Rationale: Updates to current wording. **PASSED**

3) ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Sec. 3 (g) (Page 134) Now Reads: (g) Life memberships are honorary and require a one-time contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Life membership contributions after June 1, 1997 will not include *Golden Gardens*. A club or associate plant society shall pay CGCI dues for all members, including life members.

Amend by deleting "Life membership contributions after June 1, 1997 will not include *Golden Gardens*."

To Read: (g) Life memberships are honorary and require a one-time contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A club or associate plant society shall pay CGCI dues for all members, including life members.

Rationale: With the elimination of the *Golden Gardens* hard-copy publication, this is no longer relevant. **PASSED**

4) ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 4 (c) (Page 134) Now Reads: (c) notify the board of directors of their elections or appointments,

Amend by deleting (c) and renumbering the remaining items.

Rationale: This is not the responsibility of the recording secretary. **PASSED**

5) ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec 5 (d) (Page 134) Now Reads: (d) mail (electronic or postal), following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the names and addresses of CGCI president, *Golden Gardens* editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation,

Amend by deleting "*Golden Gardens* editor" and replacing with *Golden Gardens eNews* editor."

To read: (d) mail (electronic or postal), following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the names and addresses of CGCI president, *Golden Gardens eNews* editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation,

Rationale: Updates to current title. **PASSED**

6) ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec 6 (c) (Page 135) Now Reads: (c) serve as chairman of the finance and budget committee.

Amend by deleting "finance and budget committee" and inserting "Budget and Finance Committee."

To Read: (c) serve as chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Rationale: The correct name for the committee is "Budget and Finance." **PASSED**

7) ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Sec. 2 (d) 3 (Page 136) Now Reads: 3. At the Fall Board Meeting, in odd-numbered years, the committee shall notify all board members of offices to be filled, such notice to be published in *Golden Gardens*.

Amend by inserting "eNews" after "*Golden Gardens*."

To Read: 3. At the Fall Board Meeting, in odd-numbered years, the committee shall notify all board members of offices to be filled, such notice to be published in *Golden Gardens eNews*.

Rationale: This is the correct title. **PASSED**

8) ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec.1(h) (Page 136) Now Reads: (h) editor and members of the Golden Gardens committee and

Amend by inserting "eNews" after "*Golden Gardens*."

To Read: (h) editor and members of the *Golden Gardens eNews* committee and

Rationale: This is the correct title. **PASSED**

9) ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 7 (Page 137) Now Reads: Sec. 7. Business may be conducted by mail when necessary. A report of any action taken by mail shall be made a part of the minutes of the next board meeting.

Amend by adding "(electronic or postal)" after "mail."

To Read: Business may be conducted by mail (electronic or postal) when necessary. A report of any action taken by mail shall be made a part of the minutes of the next board meeting.

Rationale: Clarifies the methods of communication. **PASSED**

10) ARTICLE IX - DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS Sec. 3 (Page 137) Now Reads: Sec. 3. The district director shall attend all regular meetings and be present at all business sessions of the board of directors. Permission for non-attendance must be obtained from the president. The assistant district director shall attend in the absence of the director.

Amend by replacing "The district director" with "District directors" and by inserting "or authorized alternate" after "assistant district director." Insert "and shall have voting privileges" after "in the absence of the director."

To Read: Sec. 3. District directors shall attend all regular meetings and be present at all business sessions of the board of directors. Permission for non-attendance shall be obtained from the president. The assistant district director or authorized alternate shall attend in the absence of the director and shall have voting privileges.

Rationale: Provides increased possibilities for District representation. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

11) ARTICLE XI - ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 4 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 4. The voting membership at all conventions shall consist of members of the board of directors, club, associate plant society presidents, or their alternates, and delegates or alternates of member clubs and associate plant societies. Members of the board of directors are entitled to one vote each, and their vote shall not be counted in the voting quota of their respective clubs. There shall be no proxy vote.

Amend by replacing the comma after "board of directors" with a semi-colon and insert "authorized alternates of district directors. Replace the comma between "club" and "associate plant society presidents" with "and." Replace the comma after "alternates" with a semi-colon.

To read: Sec. 4. The voting membership at all conventions shall consist of members of the board of directors; authorized alternates of district directors; club and associate plant society presidents, or their alternates; and delegates or alternates of member clubs and associate plant societies. Members of the board of directors are entitled to one vote each, and their vote shall not be counted in the voting quota of their respective clubs. There shall be no proxy vote.

Rationale: Corrects punctuation and includes alternates of district directors in voting membership. **PASSED**

12) ARTICLE XI - ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec.11 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 11. Financial records of the convention shall be maintained under the direction of the district convention chairman and shall be reviewed by a member of the Finance & Budget Committee. Copies are to be filed with the president, financial secretary, treasurer, and boards and conventions chairman within 90 days of the close of convention.

Amend by deleting Finance & Budget and inserting "Budget and Finance."

To Read: Sec. 11. Financial records of the convention shall be maintained under the direction of the district convention chairman and shall be reviewed by a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Copies are to be filed with the president, financial secretary, treasurer, and boards and conventions chairman within 90 days of the close of convention.

Rationale: This is the correct title. **PASSED**

13) ARTICLE XII – FINANCES Sec. 3 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 3. District directors, presidents of all member clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates shall receive *Golden Gardens* during their term of office, subscription to be paid from the General Fund.

Amend by inserting "eNews" after "*Golden Gardens*" and deleting "subscription to be paid from the General Fund."

To Read: Sec. 3. District directors; presidents of all member clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates shall receive

Golden Gardens eNews during their term of office.

Rationale: There is no subscription fee for *Golden Gardens eNews*. **PASSED**

14) ARTICLE XII – FINANCES Sec. 6 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 6. The finance and budget committee shall:

Amend by deleting "finance and budget committee" and inserting "Budget and Finance Committee."

To Read: Sec. 6. The Budget and Finance Committee shall:

Rationale: This is the correct title. **PASSED**

15) ARTICLE XII – FINANCES Sec. 11 (Page 140) Now Reads: Sec. 11. Accounts of financial secretary, treasurer, and *Golden Gardens* finance chairman shall be audited/reviewed annually at close of fiscal year by a certified public accountant approved by the board of directors. This audit/review report shall be presented for action at the fall board meeting. A special audit/review shall be ordered by executive committee in the event of a vacancy in a financial office.

Amend by deleting ",treasurer, and *Golden Gardens* finance chairman" and inserting "and treasurer."

To Read: Sec. 11. Accounts of financial secretary and treasurer shall be audited/reviewed annually at close of fiscal year by a certified public accountant approved by the board of directors. This audit/review report shall be presented for action at the fall board meeting. A special audit/review shall be ordered by executive committee in the event of a vacancy in a financial office.

Rationale: *Golden Gardens eNews* finances will become a line item instead of an account. **PASSED**

16) ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS (Page 141)

Amend by inserting "ENEWS" after "GOLDEN GARDENS."

To Read: ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS ENEWS

Rationale: This is the correct title. **PASSED**

17) ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS Sec. 1 (Page 141) Now Reads: Sec.1. The official publication of CGCI shall be *Golden Gardens*, electronic or print. [which shall be delivered electronically.*]

*NOTE: Bylaw amendment will take effect with the 2013-2015 administration.

Amend by inserting "eNews" after "*Golden Gardens*."

To Read: Sec.1. The official publication of CGCI shall be *Golden Gardens eNews*, which shall be delivered electronically.

Rationale: This is the correct title. **PASSED**

18) ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS Sec. 3 (Page 141) Now Reads: Sec. 3. The *Golden Gardens* editor shall (a) supervise publication of *Golden Gardens*, (b) keep the cost of publication within the budget adopted by the board of directors; any additional expenditures shall be presented to the executive committee for approval prior to incurring indebtedness, (c) be chairman of the *Golden Gardens* Committee and (d) report to the board of directors at all board meetings and conventions.

Amend by replacing Sec. 3 with New Sec. 3.

To Read: Sec. 3. The *Golden Gardens eNews* editor shall (a) supervise publication of *Golden Gardens eNews*, (b) be chairman of the *Golden Gardens eNews* Committee and (c) report to the board of directors at all board meetings and conventions.

Rationale: Corrects the title and eliminates reference to expenditures. **PASSED**

19) ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS Sec. 6 (Page 141) Now Reads: Sec. 6. Funds from advertising and gifts shall be deposited in an account entitled "California Garden Clubs, Inc., *Golden Gardens*." Checks on this account shall be signed by *Golden Gardens* finance chairman or a designated alternate.

NOTE: Sec. 6 will take effect with the 2013-2015 administration.

Amend by replacing Sec. 6 with new Sec. 6.

To Read: Funds from advertising and donations shall be deposited in the General Fund.

Rationale: *Golden Gardens eNews* does not require a separate checking account. **PASSED**

20) ARTICLE XIV - New Sec. 7 (Page 141)

To read: The Board of Trustees, together with the Golden Legacy Society Chairman, shall constitute the Golden Legacy Society Committee.

Rationale: Defines the Golden Legacy Society Committee members. **PASSED**

On behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Rita Desilets moved the amendment of the following standing rule amendments:

21) SR 36. (Page 145) Now Reads: 36. The finance and budget committee shall recommend and include as a separate item in the yearly CGCI budget the dollar amount from the Scholarship Fund to be offered for scholarships. The number of scholarships offered in one year from this fund shall not be more than four (4).

Amend by replacing "finance and budget committee" with "Budget and Finance Committee."

To Read: The Budget and Finance Committee shall recommend and include as a separate item in the yearly CGCI budget the dollar amount from the Scholarship Fund to be offered for scholarships. The number of scholarships offered in one year from this fund shall not be more than four (4). **PASSED**

22) SR 55. (Page 146) Now Reads: Upon approval of the board of directors, the National President and/or the Pacific Regional Director may be invited to attend a state meeting. Expenditures for courtesies of accommodations, meals, and amenities at a board meeting shall be paid from the General Fund. These expenses at a convention shall be paid from the Convention State Account.

Amend by inserting "Garden Clubs Inc." between "National" and "President" and by replacing "Regional" with "Region."

To Read: Upon approval of the board of directors, the National Garden Clubs Inc. President and/or the Pacific Region Director may be invited to attend a state meeting. Expenditures for courtesies of accommodations, meals, and amenities at a board meeting shall be paid from the General Fund. These expenses at a convention shall be paid from the Convention State Account.

Rationale: The correct titles are National Garden Clubs Inc. President and Pacific Region Director. **PASSED**

23) SR 1 (Page 143) Now Reads: Articles of Incorporation shall be printed before the bylaws. Standing rules shall be printed immediately following the last article of the bylaws. Policy shall be printed immediately following the last standing rule. Amendments to standing rules and policy may be made at any convention or board meeting by a majority vote with notice or a two-thirds vote without notice. Amendments to standing rules and policy shall be submitted to the bylaws and policy committee chairman.

Amend by deleting SR1, renumbering SR2 to SR1 and inserting the following as SR2 and SR3. Renumber Standing Rules 3,4,5 and 6.

To Read: **SR2** Articles of Incorporation shall be printed before the bylaws. Standing rules shall be printed after the bylaws. Policy shall be printed after the standing rules.

SR3 Proposed amendments to standing rules and policy shall be submitted to the bylaws and policy committee chairman. Amendments to standing rules may be made at a convention or board meeting by a majority vote with notice or a two-thirds vote without notice.

Rationale: Organizes the Standing Rules concerning Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy in a logical order and separates information about location and procedure for amending. **PASSED.**

President West recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
President West reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RATIFICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan presented the following recommendations.

RATIFICATIONS:

Chairman Ratifications

1. The resignation of Lorraine Ramshaw, Top o' the State Liaison. **ACCEPTED WITH REGRET**

Appointments

2. Edie Adams, Top o' the State Liaison.
3. Sue Swackhamer, San Francisco Flower and Garden Show 2013 Co-Advisor.

Article XI Annual Meetings, Sec. 8 for 2013 Convention:

4. Joan Patten, Registration Chairman and Treasurer.
5. Adele Kelly, Credentials Chairman
6. Article VI, Sec. 4 (c)3 (page 136 of CGCI yearbook) requires Election Board of five members from the Board of Directors be appointed for Convention.

Chairman:	Lorraine Ornelas
Teller # 1:	Margaret Strachan
Teller # 2:	David West
Clerk:	George Speer
Judge:	Greg Pokorski

1 THROUGH 6 RATIFIED

Calendar

- August 24-25, 2013 Gardening Study School, Colfax Garden Club, Nevada City, Course II, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- September 5-7, 2013 CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Ayres Hotel, Costa Mesa
Host: Orange County District – Chairman, Annie Hall Bosché

- September 28-29, 2013 Gardening Study School, Colfax Garden Club, Nevada City, Course III, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- October 26-27, 2013 Gardening Study School, Colfax Garden Club, Nevada City, Co Course IV. Chairman Myrtle Findley
- September 3-5, 2014 CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Redding
Host: Cascade District - Chairman: Anne Capes
 - October 23-24, 2014 Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course I, Luther Burbank District, Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson
 - April 23-24, 2015 Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course II, Luther Burbank District, Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson
 - October 22-23, 2015 Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course III, Luther Burbank District, Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson
 - April 28-29, 2016 Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course IV, Luther Burbank District, Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson

ALL CALENDAR DATES RATIFIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That effective immediately no further clubs or districts be added to the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program for the remainder of this fiscal year (ending June 30, 2013) so that the list provided to the IRS by March 31, 2013 will be a true list of the current members of the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. **ADOPTED**
2. That the asterisks be removed in the Yearbook, Manual and Roster beside the names of those persons who were made life members after June 1997. **ADOPTED**
3. That we standardize on CGCI letterhead the IRS wording acknowledging donations for all chairmen who receive donations. **ADOPTED**
4. That it is acceptable that CGCI, if asked, agrees to provide a Pacific Region Director twice as often as the current rotation. **ADOPTED**
5. That CGCI may be receptive to hosting the Pacific Region Convention more frequently if the convention is biennial. **ADOPTED**

On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Charlene Looper moved that the balance of the Virginia Bennetts Memorial Restricted Fund, \$475.00 be moved to the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund. **PASSED**

On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Charlene Looper moved that the balance in F.A.S.T. Restricted Fund, \$1000.00 be moved to the CGCI Endowment Fund. **PASSED**

President West recessed the meeting at 10:39 a.m.
President West reconvened the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

District Director and Chairman Reports

District Director Coordinator George Speer and Chairman Coordinator Robin Pokorski introduced in mixed order, the district directors and chairmen who reported.

District Director reports: see Attachment E.

Chairmen reports: see Attachment F.

Scholarships co-chairman Albert Chang reported and announced two \$2000.00 CGCI Scholarship winners:

- Alyssa Fluss, attending Whittier College
- Stacy Hishinuma attending UC Davis (See Attachment F)

Approved Pacific Region Scholarship Applicant

- Jency James, attending Saint Mary's College, CA. (See Attachment F)

President West recessed the meeting at 11:23 a.m.
President West reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

District Director and Chairmen reports continued.

President West recessed the meeting at 3:46 p.m.
President West reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Friday February 8, 2013.

Nominating Committee Chairman Kathy Bramhall presented Gail Vanderhorst, as the Recording Secretary candidate for the 2013-2015 slate of officers.

Price Sheppy, from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy gave a special presentation on CGCI's Project Mission Blue.

Courtesy Resolutions Chairman Joan Craig read the Courtesy Resolution. (See Attachment G)

Joan Craig moved to adopt the Resolution. **PASSED.**

President West presented Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig, co-chairmen of the Winter Board Meeting, with Presidential Citations.

There being no further business and no objection, President West adjourned the Winter Board Meeting of California Garden Clubs, Inc. at 9:53 a.m. on Friday February 8, 2013.

Submitted

Friday March 22, 2013

Margaret Strachan, Interim Recording Secretary

Date

CGCI Winter Board Meeting, 2013 –Attachment A

CGCI Officer Reports President Julie West

Highlights since 2012 CGCI Fall Board

It was an honor representing CGCI at National Garden Club's Fall Board held Sept. 26-29th in Little Rock, Arkansas. The humidity did not deter us from tours of the Moss Mountain Farm grounds and Garden Home Retreat of P. Allen Smith from PBS. At the business meeting, it was approved that NGC partner with *flower* magazine as a means of promoting membership. NGC will receive \$2.00 for each *flower* magazine subscription purchased at the discounted rate of \$17.99. Each member of CGCI's Board of Directors should have received a complimentary copy of the magazine along with subscription details with their registration packets.

Additional highlights are visits to clubs and districts that include the following:

- San Leandro Garden Club celebrating their 50th Anniversary September 18, 2012.
- Golden Foothills District October 4, 2012
- Yosemite Gateway District October 10, 2012
- Roadrunner District October 17, 2012
- Humboldt District October 24, 2012
- Santa Clara Valley District October 29, 2012
- Chicago Park Garden Club's Victorian Tea November 8, 2012
- Buttes District November 9, 2012
- Stockton Garden Club's Christmas luncheon December 6, 2013

These official visits are rewarding when I hear about the activities and projects supported all over California! It is an honor when club members show me the Waterwise Awareness Garden created in Lucerne Valley, the colorful curb plantings in downtown Fortuna, Bishop Buds school garden in Sunnyvale and the many other community projects I have seen in my travels within the state. Communities in California are fortunate to receive so many benefits from local garden clubs.

- October 28, 2012 was the dedication of the 2000-2010 CGCI Past Presidents Tree at Big Basin Redwoods State Park through the Sempervirens Fund. With each decade beginning in 1970, CGCI honors its presidents with a redwood tree in CGCI's Grove #8. This particular tree was honoring Dorothy Roton, Virginia Bennetts, Robert Gordon, Elisabeth Tufo, Robin Pokorski and Maryanne Lucas. Robin Pokorski was present for the dedication to represent the decade of presidents being honored along with nine other CGCI members including this president and 2nd Vice President, Sue Bennett...the past, the present and the future.
- Attending Course II of Flower Show School at South Coast Botanic Garden January 7-8, 2013 was both educational and fun for attendees. NGC instructors, Dottie Howatt and Julila Clevett are always informative and entertaining in their subject matter presented. This is an example of an educational opportunity not to be missed. Being a NGC Four-Star member, it is important to take advantage of the inexpensive educational opportunities presented when districts and clubs sponsor an NGC school! Encourage your district or club to sponsor any one of the four NGC schools available.

Pursuing CGCI's objectives is our primary focus. A good example of that is the support received for the two-year President's Project and long-term projects that include Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Project Mission Blue, Reforestation & Restoration and Sempervirens Fund. A preview to Linda Simonds' President's Project report is the fact that we have made a 50% deposit toward manufacturing the first sign for Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden - the Riparian Plant Community. Kenneth M. Stocking's daughter, Lynn Ferguson, recently matched her brother, Steve Stocking's donation made last fall. We are less than \$500 away from ordering the second sign for the Wetlands Plant Community.

I hope you plan to join us for Pacific Region Convention that CGCI is hosting April 22-24, 2013 in Santa Rosa. Chairman Dave West along with Assistant Chairman, Linda Simonds have worked together as a team to put together a program of interesting speakers covering a variety of subjects. Three optional tours have been arranged to visit

wineries, Quarryhill Botanical Garden and Luther Burbank Home & Gardens. You will find more information in the winter issue of *Golden Gardens*, the *Golden Gardens eNews* and posted on CGCI's website. Plan to attend so you will hear the results of the *Tally Ho Project - Let Me Count the Ways* and how many millions of dollars are donated in time, community projects and scholarships throughout the eight states of Pacific Region.

I found the following recently and would like to share it with you:

Behind every success is effort...
Behind every effort is passion...
Behind every passion is someone with the courage to try!

I believe that CGCI's success is due to the efforts and passion of its members and their courage to try! Exploring the possibilities in conservation, gardening, creativity and inspiration together is how CGCI as an organization can make the difference! Thank you for the opportunity and honor to serve as your representative.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. West

President-Elect Rita Desilets

Personnel Chairman

This chairman has been securing outstanding candidates for the Board of Directors during the 2013-15 term of office. Although many positions have been filled, some are still available and await a word from you – the word is “YES!” This pertains mostly to current district directors who will soon be released from their District obligations. If you said “YES” to continue in your present chairmanship on the questionnaire, the job is yours. If you wish to hold a chairmanship, please let me know as soon as possible. A list of unfilled chairmanships is available from this chairman. Letters of confirmation will be sent out in mid March.

Board Meeting and Convention Chairman

We are grateful to the Districts that have agreed to host Board meetings and conventions during 2013-15. We are looking forward to visiting your district and sharing the experience with your members.

Permanent Files Chairman

The chairman has recently organized and inventoried the CGCI Permanent Files located at my house. The Permanent Files contain historical books and records of CGCI such as copies of *Golden Gardens*, the Yearbook, Manual and Roster and minutes of board meetings and conventions as well as a variety of other items.

Second Vice President Sue Bennett

In October, this Vice President had the privilege to attend the 2000 through 2010 CGCI Past Presidents Tree Dedication in *Big Basin Redwoods State Park* in the Mountains of Santa Cruz. Along with past president, Robin Pokorski, our current president, Julie West and a future president, myself, I was honored to be a part of history.

In November, this Vice President had the privilege to attend the Annual Victorian Tea Affaire, hosted by the Chicago Park Garden Club of Golden Foothills District.

On Veterans' Day, this Vice President had the honor of representing our President, Julie West at the Meadow Vista Garden Club, Golden Foothills District, Blue-Star Memorial By-Way Marker Dedication. Then later that day this Vice President, once again had the honor of representing our President, Julie West at the Blue-Star Memorial By-Way Marker Re-Dedication hosted by the Colfax Garden Club of the Golden Foothills District.

In November, this Vice President also had the privilege of hosting lunch for the Diablo Foothills District fund raiser, and was able to join along in their two tours, one to Boonie Lang's Japanese Garden in Granite Bay and the other to High Hand Nursery in Loomis. We couldn't have asked for better weather.

Last but not least, this Vice President sent the Winter 2013 issue of *Golden Gardens* to the printers on Monday.

Now on to membership.

As of January 31, 2013, **279 clubs** with **17,035** members; **51 associate plant societies** 3,572 members, total membership **20,607** with **16 paid affiliates**.
From one year ago, we have three more clubs (276 versus 279) and 425 more "club" members (16,610 versus 17,035) we have the same amount of APS 51 but 11 more members;

CGCI promotional materials are in the lobby for pick-up. Be sure to remind those who take these materials to put their club information in the space provide before using.

It is my pleasure to introduce 3 new clubs and 1 new Associate Plant Society to CGCI:

California Organic Gardening Club, Orange County District, 42 members, President: Emily Eisneski
Orange County Fuchsia Society, Orange County District, 18 members; President: Carol Liu
Valley of the Moon Garden Club, Luther Burbank District, 100 members; President: Bonnie Brown
Los Angeles Mycological Society, APS, 194 members; President: Gordon Harding

Madam President, I move to ratify these 3 clubs and one Associate Plant Society. Sue Bennett

Third Vice President Pat Clayes

Golden Gardens eNews

With only one more printed issue (the spring issue) of *Golden Gardens* to be printed, now is the time to ask your garden club members to subscribe to the *Golden Gardens eNews*. It's free, and It's simple subscribe. The link to subscribe is on the CGCI homepage, upper right-hand side. All that is needed to subscribe is your first name and email address; then just pick which newsletter you want to receive – the *Golden Gardens eNews* or the *Consultants eNewsletter*. Also, this editor can subscribe your club members for you.

Chairmen: Please send interesting articles to this editor for the eNews. Club articles are also welcome.

This editor would like to thank those who wrote articles for the *Golden Gardens eNews*. And, here's a huge thank you to the proofreaders: Sue Bennett, Rita Desilets, Shane Looper, Robin Pokorski and President Julie West.

Awards

Many award winners were forwarded to NGC and Pacific Region last month. And many more will be going to Pacific Region by the second deadline of March 1. This chairman has already received word from NGC that CGCI has been awarded one of its biggest awards – but you'll have to wait until the convention in June to find out about it! At convention, we will once again have our fun awards program with the PowerPoint presentation of the top winners with each district director coming forward to receive all of the certificates, ribbons and checks. And, although the Flower Show Award winners will be announced the night before the Awards Banquet at the Judges Council Banquet, they will also be announced again at the Awards Banquet.

The new three-page application form was very well received. Only a few people had questions. However, once directed to the four sample application forms on the CGCI website, all were well on their way to creating successful application forms. This chairman is very proud of all of you who were able to read and follow the directions in the Awards Manual and on the CGCI website.

The members of the Awards Committee are: Win Archibald, Susan Coolidge, Joelle Holford, Shane Looper, Dolores Moffat, Linda Riddle, Deanna Ridolfi with President Julie West.

The Toll Free Number and CGCI email

CGCI continues to receive voice mail through our Vonage account and its email address. This Chairman receives the messages and forwards them to the appropriate chairmen to answer.

The CGCI Facebook Page

We are growing! We now have 226 people who "like" our Facebook page! 79.3% are female; 24.5% are 65+; 20.1% are between 55-64; 19.5% are between 45-54. Many clubs and districts are sending their newsletters to this chairman who extracts information, which may be important to other clubs, individuals, etc., such as gardening and landscaping information. This page is also a place to brag about your accomplishments! Please send your information to this chairman to post on the CGCI Facebook page.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski

Today's parliamentary lessons:

Roll call was taken a little while ago. We don't do this in order to give out attendance awards. It is done to establish that there is a quorum present so that CGCI's business can be conducted in compliance with its bylaws.

A reminder that only board members have a vote in these proceedings, in compliance with the rules of order for board meetings and our bylaws.

Since Fall Board Meeting, this officer assisted in the review of draft Fall Board Meeting minutes and draft Winter Board Meeting agendas.

Fall Board Meeting actions were recapped for *Golden Gardens eNews*.

Parliamentary articles were written for *Golden Gardens eNews* and *WACONIAH*.

I have learned that the study of parliamentary procedure is an ongoing process. You never really learn it all and you need continuing experience in thinking on your feet about various situations that can arise during the course of meetings. Club and district parliamentarians are encouraged to continue this learning process.

This officer is again facilitating a Parliamentary Procedure Workshop on 3/23 at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino on behalf of Eta Pi Parliamentary Unit. (I held up the flyer.) I placed flyers in the mailboxes of districts in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley District. Because they do not identify me or reference garden clubs, I wanted to mention what this is and why you received it.

Madame President, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI during this administration.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan

The minutes of the Fall Board Meeting were distributed to board members on Friday October 19, 2012, following review and approval by the review committee, chaired by Lorraine Ornelas. Website Chairman Ed Dempsey then posted them on the CGCI website.

Please send me your chairman and district reports for inclusion in the minutes, keeping them within 100 words. If your reports are longer than 100 words, I have to condense them and your report may lose an important point that you wish to make. As always, if possible, the best way to send the reports to me is by email, and the deadline is Monday February 18th.

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**2013-2015 President's Project Resolution
Habitat for Humanity Landscaping**

Whereas, one of California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s (CGCI) objectives is the betterment and beautification of the community; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity's mission is to lift working families out of an endless cycle of poverty housing so they can build a brighter economic future; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity Affiliates are the agencies that provide affordable housing in small neighborhoods and connect families to social services that provide education and self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, there are forty-nine Habitat for Humanity Affiliate offices located throughout the state of California; and

Whereas, in May of 1999, a partnership was formed between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity, emphasizing enhancement of the environment by landscaping Habitat for Humanity homes with hardy native trees, shrubs and plants that also attract butterflies; and

Whereas, the goal of this president's project is to encourage districts and garden clubs to become involved in the landscaping of Habitat for Humanity homes; and

Whereas, a Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Grant Program shall be established for the 2013-2015 term of office to financially aid clubs and districts seeking funding of up to \$250 to complete a landscaping project; and

Resolved, California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt "Habitat for Humanity Landscaping" as the 2013-2015 President's Project; and

Resolved, donations from individuals, clubs, districts and businesses shall be held in a CGCI Restricted Fund – "Habitat for Humanity Landscaping" until such time as grant applications are approved and the monies distributed; and

Resolved, all CGCI clubs and districts submit a description of their Habitat for Humanity Landscaping project so a record can be maintained of the scope of CGCI's participation; and

Resolved, any funds remaining in the CGCI Restricted Fund – "Habitat for Humanity Landscaping" as of June 30, 2015 shall be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

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01/28/13
Cash Basis

Balance Sheet As of January 25, 2013

	Jan 25, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	
10101 · BofA Business MMA 4096 .13%	57,610.02
10102 · BofA CGCI Checking 12962	32,196.47
10103 · G Gardens BofA Checking 06688	28,083.65
10105 · Symposium BofA Checking 17584	4,122.57
10106 · Events BofA Checking 75519	4,000.00
Total 10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	126,012.71
10300 · Certificates of Deposit	
10302 · L Burbank CD899-2 5/25/13 .98%	61,749.97
10303 · L Burbank CD075-3 3/27/13 1.03%	30,592.64
Total 10300 · Certificates of Deposit	92,342.61
Total Checking/Savings	218,355.32
Total Current Assets	218,355.32
Other Assets	
18000 · Prepaid Deposits	2,093.41
18500 · US Bank CD7664 4/8/14 4.00%	90,288.50
19000 · CGCI Endowment	
19010 · Principal Endowment-CGCI	34,400.00
19050 · Allowance for Change in FMV	1,335.12
Total 19000 · CGCI Endowment	35,735.12
19500 · Scholarship Endowment	
19510 · Principal Endowment-Scholarship	67,830.00
19550 · Allowance for Change in FMV	4,223.74
Total 19500 · Scholarship Endowment	72,053.74
Total Other Assets	200,170.77
TOTAL ASSETS	418,526.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets	
30700 · General Activities	
30701 · Available General Activities	72,968.28
Total 30700 · General Activities	72,968.28
31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	
31001 · Blue Star Memorial	3,400.15
31002 · Educational Schools	13,099.66
31003 · F.A.S.T.	1,000.00
31006 · Golden Gardens	28,083.65
31007 · Honor Book	8,660.99
31009 · Liability Insurance	62,957.83
31010 · Reforestation Fund	5,930.00
31011 · Symposium	
31011-1 · Symposium Reserve	15,515.62
31011-2 · Symposium Checking	4,122.57
Total 31011 · Symposium	19,638.19
31012 · Wildflower Conference	
31012-1 · Wildflower Conf Reserve	12,108.29
Total 31012 · Wildflower Conference	12,108.29
31013 · Youth Fund	2,142.48
Total 31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	157,021.24
Total 30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets	229,989.52

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Cash Basis

Balance Sheet
As of January 25, 2013

	Jan 25, 13
31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets	
31501 · Awards	9,544.97
31503 · E. Miller Memorial Fund	3,250.00
31504 · H. Minor Memorial Fund	3,213.65
31505 · V. Bennetts Memorial Fund	475.00
31508 · Gardening Consultants Council	1,021.55
31509 · Judges Council	1,169.47
31510 · Landscape Design Council	1,421.91
31511 · President's Project	11,036.30
31512 · Project Mission Blue	1,759.04
31513 · Scholarship Donations Life Mbr	6,525.00
31514 · Endowment Marketing & Publicity	841.91
31515 · DFGC Memorial for the Fallen	6,775.00
31516 · Anza-Borrego Desert Project	1,365.00
31517 · Scholarship Endowment Income	2,534.64
31518 · Sempervirens Fund	410.00
Total 31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets	51,343.44
31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets	
31801 · Copeland Fund	12,238.01
31805 · Endowment - CGCI	34,400.00
31806 · Endowment CGCI to Tnsf	500.00
31810 · Endowment -Scholarship	67,830.00
Total 31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets	114,968.01
Net Income	22,225.12
Total Equity	418,526.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	418,526.09

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CGCI Standing Committee Reports

Golden Gardens Editor President Julie A. West

This is the last year of *Golden Gardens* in its current format with the bylaw change that passed at convention. The subscription list continues to drop so we have also reduced the number of printed copies of each issue from 4,000 to 3,200 to 2,700 of the winter issue. President-Elect, Rita Desilets, kindly agreed to serve as Assistant Editor for the Fall and Winter issues. Pat Clayes did the layout for the fall issue while Sue Bennett did the layout for the Winter issue that is at the printer.

Presidents of clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates who have an email address are receiving the *Golden Gardens eNews*. It includes the majority of articles from the printed magazine plus more timely information that you may easily read more about with a simple click of a button.

Deadline for the ONE remaining printed magazine issue is:
March 15, 2013 Spring Issue

Board of Trustees Chairman Robin Pokorski

A quorum of four of six Trustees met at the Winter Board Meeting. We reviewed CGCI scholarship applications (two) and Pacific Region scholarship application (one). Several proposals for fund balance transfers were discussed and prepared for the Budget and Finance Committee including the Copeland Restricted Fund as well as the recommendation to consider/research annuity products as investment opportunities prior to two CDs coming due. School grants policy was discussed with no recommendation proposed.

CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Mary-Jo Noth

CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program: Mary-Jo Noth, Chairman. Since CGCI Fall Board 2012, notified Gardeners92130 it was accepted into the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program; mailed renewal packets on September 29 to 113 clubs and 5 districts; sent reminder e-mails to the clubs and districts that had not returned renewals by January 1. The "Current IRS List" was received and reviewed and corrections will again need to be made. All but 4 clubs had returned their renewal information by Winter Board 2013. The CGCI Board approved adding Buttes District to the Group Tax Exemption Program. Cash receipts have been processed.

Financial Advisor George Perko

February 7, 2013

Memorandum from: George Perko, CGCI Financial Advisor
Julie West, CGCI Insurance Advisor

Subject: Alcoholic Beverages for Fundraising

Dear fellow CGCI members:

CGCI has been asked to comment on the appropriateness of alcoholic beverages as prizes in raffles, auctions, etc. for fundraisers. With the caveat that CGCI is neither a law firm (and thus is not giving legal advice) nor a tax advisory firm, the following conclusions can be deduced from publicly available Board of Equalization (BOE) and Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) documents:

1) ABC regulations state that any time money is being paid for an alcoholic beverage, it constitutes a sale of alcohol and requires the seller to hold a liquor license. Nonprofits often conduct a variety of activities which directly or indirectly are still considered sales, such as:

- a) Sales of food, meals, beverages, and similar items under a number of different circumstances;
- b) Sales of tickets that buyers will exchange for food, beverages, or physical products;
- c) Sales of tickets for fundraising events when the ticket price includes amounts for food or beverages;
- d) Sales of items at rummage sales, bazaars, carnival booths, community events, and other fundraisers;
- e) Sales of merchandise in Internet, live, or silent auctions.

2) For nonprofits, which conduct such sales irregularly, ABC regulations would require the nonprofit to obtain a temporary permit to conduct the sale.

3) The CGCI Liability Insurance policy has a clause regarding coverage for liquor liability. Insurance coverage is

EXCLUDED if the nonprofit is in the business of manufacturing, distributing, SELLING, SERVING or FURNISHING alcoholic beverages.

4) Conclusion from the above regulations: if a nonprofit obtains a permit to sell alcohol either directly or indirectly via raffle baskets, etc., then the activity will be excluded from coverage under the CGCI liability insurance policy.

5) Simplest solution to the above situation: Select garden-related items for all gift baskets/prizes used in raffles and auctions.

Additional comment: CGCI does not have to search for or report de minimis infractions that other nonprofits may commit.

Please consult your local legal or tax adviser for further information.

Life Memberships Chairman Carlotta Wixon

In spite of the slow times we managed to acquire four (4) new CGCI members, one (1) for Pacific region and two (2) National members. Now is the time to start thinking of those people in your club, district or state organizations you would like to honor with this special gift, especially those officers and volunteers you would like to thank for a job well done.

Thank you to those district directors and club presidents that have checked the Life members list in the back of the yearbook and sent in corrections or notifications of death to this chairman.

There are three Life Membership awards given out each year. As mentioned before, we have some districts that have not submitted any new Life Membership applications since this chairman took over this job in 2003. This chairman has delivered letters and applications to these district directors.

Applications for CGCI, Pacific Region or National Life Memberships are available from this chairman or go to our website. Updated applications should be used instead of the old outdated forms.

Names to be ratified:

CGCI:	Lynne Hansen	Walnut Creek GC	Diablo Foothills District
	Jane Johnson	Laguna Beach GC	Orange County District
	Sandi Rodish	Cactus Wren GC	Roadrunner District
	Emily Bueermann	Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Soc.	Palms to Pines District

Pacific Region:	Emily Bueermann	as above
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National:	Emily Bueermann	as above	
	Lorraine Ornelas	San Pedro GC	Costa Verde District

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District Director Reports

Arboretum District Director Shirley Stewart

Sharing of tours and gardens is our goal this year. Member's favorite –Theodore Payne Foundation, Gamble House, Tournament of Roses Gardens, Japanese Gardens.

Programs included Emerald Necklace, Dinosaurs in Our Gardens, Edible Gardens, Camellias, Area Old Trees, and Familiar Land Birds.

Favorite event our Annual Luncheon in May. All clubs are eager to help on this event.

All clubs are given scholarships to deserving young students.

Clubs are donating to their communities. Year Around Garden Club donated to City of Whittier for a succulent garden along the 5-mile Greenway Trail and monies to the Fullerton Arboretum to start an orchard.

Bay Ocean District Director Nancy McDougal

Bay Ocean has focused on stimulating club interest in both district & state by strengthening communications with every club. Our newsletters are sent mostly by email, with only a few clubs wishing to continue mailed notices. Personal communication with club officers is by email and by phone, especially seeking out those we don't see at meetings. By scheduling one meeting after each of CGCI's meeting (three rather than four yearly) plus the get-acquainted "president's coffee" in August, we hope to draw more participants to each meeting. Officers and all interested club members have been encouraged to subscribe to *e-news*.

Buttes District Director Krystal Migliore

Buttes District is proud to report clubs are noticing an increase in membership.

Paradise Garden Club has added approximately 30 new members since September and some of the credit goes to the club's upcoming garden tour in June.

Lake Oroville Area Garden Club has added 19 members this year. The club's new Garden Gift Sale held last May showcased the diversity among the talented club members and that has attracted new members.

Chico Horticultural Society noticed a number of their new members are from the Rose society. This is mutually beneficial since both groups hold annual flower shows.

Channel Islands District Director Beverly Switzer

The Channel Islands District reports an increase in club memberships, an increase of as few as two new members to an increase of fourteen.

On February 5th Westlake Village Garden Club offered a design demonstration by Rene Van Reim, including lunch.

The Conejo Valley Garden Club is hosting the district annual lunch and Pleasant Valley Garden Club is excited about the various activities offered by CGCI and the opportunities for the Pleasant Valley participation.

Costa Verde District Director Lorraine Ornelas

Members of Costa Verde District held a successful Horticulture Show with Gudy Kimmel serving as chairman. The show was held at the South Coast Botanic Garden on the third Thursday in October, the day the Garden is open free to the general public. We had over 150 guests and were able to use this as an opportunity to acquaint the public with the location of various garden clubs in the area. Over 75 members had entries and there were many ribbons presented. Certificates to the Gift Shop at the Garden were issued in 5 categories, our sincere thanks to the judges who took time from their busy schedules to join us that day.

A highlight of the Holiday party held in December was our past CGCI president leading us in a hilarious rendition of "Twelve Days of Christmas" using garden related items. A special guest was President-elect Rita Desilets and members had an opportunity to see table decorations representing Hanukkah, Kwanza and of course Christmas, an Advent Wreath and Nativity set.

Several clubs in the district have been presenting awards for beautiful gardens to members and San Pedro Garden Club has been doing residential and commercial awards in the community. As a result some of the awardees have joined the club.

Members have contributed scholarships and money to the State Scholarship fund as well as working with their Junior Gardeners and preparing for their Arbor Day Celebrations.

Diablo Foothills District, Co-District Directors Jane Berger and Mona Dunlop

During the past several months, DFD has made a concerted effort to bring our Clubs, Societies and Affiliates into compliance with the IRS. In doing so, we found that some groups had unknowingly been filing under incorrect EIN numbers, and that the job description of Treasurer was a little nebulous!

To that end, this co-District Director asked CGCI President Julie West and CGCI Financial Advisor George Perko for a monthly checklist for Treasurers, much like the guidelines for District Directors. They complied with "The Generic Club Treasurer's Duties," which has been invaluable to us, and hopefully to the rest of the Districts. THANK YOU, JULIE and GEORGE!

In the midst of all this, our DFD Treasurer tried to open an account at a bank that had merged with our original bank and in so doing, had lost our Articles of Incorporation! As it turned out, so had we through the years, and you cannot open an account for a 501 (c) (3) without that document! Our Treasurer tried laboriously to get a copy from the State Department, but it was not forthcoming. Finally, we found the original. 1st lesson: Keep important documents in a safe place, with copies to executive officers. Those documents should ceremoniously be passed to succeeding officers who must be made aware of their importance.

We've also had some fun! DFD organized an overnight bus tour to Boonie Lang's MYO WA EN Garden, stopping for a delicious luncheon in Granite Bay at the home of CGCI 2nd Vice-President, Sue Bennett, where we admired her 200+ roses! THANK YOU, SUE!

Our DFD Membership meeting this month features Dr. Isha Ray, professor at UC Berkeley who will speak on "Water and Environmental Justice in the Central Valley."

Our focus this past term has been twofold: to bind our clubs together for the betterment of all and to further educate members on the symbiotic relationship between clubs, district and state. Our award-winning newsletter, *'Round the Mountain* works for both! The individual address list grows daily as members wish to know what's going on around

them. Toward the second goal, to those members who still ask 'what happens at the state level,' we say "Come Join Us and Find Out!"

Humboldt District Director Janean Guest

We had a visit from President Julie at our district meeting in October. She gave out many awards for long time memberships to Garden Club. Betty Thomas from the Southern Humboldt Garden Club received an award for 60 years of membership!

Eureka Sequoia Garden Club has been doing an interesting ongoing Landscaping Design contest. They take certain streets and points score the front yard landscape. They take photos and talk to the owners, and present a certificate at a meeting of the club. They have gotten great coverage with the photos and descriptions they send to the newspaper which for the past 5 months has done a ¾ page write up promoting this "Garden Jewels" contest. It has been a wonderful way to promote their club.

Fortuna Garden Club has taken on the Fortuna Main Street corner flower gardens. Weeding and planting new plants, fertilizing and putting down fresh mulch. The citizens and business owners have been very appreciative and many donations were made to the club, enough that the club did not even have to spend any money on the ongoing project. The district has been sponsoring a GSS and the third one will be April 5 and 6.

Fortuna Garden Club will be having its 38th annual Daffodil Show March 23 and 24. You are all invited to come to enter your floral designs or daffodils or just come to enjoy!

Luther Burbank District Director Bev Davies

Petaluma Garden Club provided \$1,500 for *Mini School Grants*. The purpose to fund small requests from local schools for horticulture needs in order to promote nutritional education.

Requests were: from mostly elementary schools; from affluent to poor; and from mainstream to a day school which provides alternative to the disadvantage economically and language.

Items requested included a garden arbor, weather monitor, worm box, irrigation supplies, composting bins; soil, garden tools, and seeds. Request criteria: to link what the students eat for the nutrition necessary for healthy minds and bodies through providing school gardens

Though small in amount, this grant helped so many.

Mendo-Lake District Director Virginia Stranske

High/Lows of Mendo-Lake District. Beginning with low, one club, we have not been able to energize, offering suggestions, no acceptance, I have not given up. Each club has a continuing project. Very successful garden therapy and spring plantings. Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis has continued to plant a Historical Site in keeping with civic beautification.

Successful Chrysanthemum show. Holiday wreath program, one to decorate a Blue Star Memorial. Great local news coverage. Outstanding garden therapy. Tree planting - 379 in 2012. Ft. Bragg entered a "Sidewalk Garden" for the CGCI "Community Impact". Garden therapy created gifts for a care home. Planting a historical location. Potter Valley made holiday gifts and is working on spring plantings. Ukiah has a holiday open house, featuring crafts and specialty desserts. This club owns its clubhouse, so is continually improving building and garden. Willits Garden Club entered their Landscape of the Mendocino Co. Museum ground, at the entrance, being also a roadside improvement. Holiday wreath program, and scholarship program. Mendo-Lake is continuing to work and grow.

Orange County District Director Launa Gould

Orange County District consists of 24 clubs and about 1500 members. We welcomed a new club in summer and two more will be ratified in February 2013.

Our District project consists of maintaining historic gardens at Crystal Cove State Park.

Our annual District Flower Show was held in October 2012 at Sherman Gardens.

Looking for a way to share with clubs how they fit into the big picture of District, CGCI and National Garden Clubs, I offered a succulent wreath demonstration. The offer has been well received.

Each club has contributed to needs of their Community.

Planting open spaces, Maintaining community gardens

Garden Therapy, Garden Tours

Successful Junior Gardener programs

Stimulating speakers, workshops and field trips that hold the interest of members

Palms to Pines District Director Dann Dunst, report presented by Patricia Clayes

I regret that I am unable to give you my report in person, as all of us in the Palms to Pines District are very excited about our upcoming Garden Festival and Flower Show March 16th, 2013.

In keeping with the objectives of the CGCI and Palms to Pines District we are sponsoring this Festival/Flower Show as a social and educational event. The event is primarily organized to appeal to the public and to increase the public's awareness of Garden Clubs within our District. As such, we have rented the facilities of the City of Colton's Community center.

Our Festival will include District Clubs and outside vendors who will offer everything from Orchids, homegrown plants, and garden supplies. We have arranged for food vendors who will carry a wide variety of foods, beverages and yummy funnel cakes for dessert! The Home Depot will be in attendance with their gardening "Children's Project."

All of our Clubs will be afforded their own table to display information regarding their Club's activities and membership, along with a table for District and CGCI information. Throughout the day we will have hourly drawings from baskets and other items donated by our District Clubs.

As you can surmise, this is not necessarily a fundraiser for the District, rather, an educational and social event; however, enough funds should be generated to cover all costs.

We would like to invite any and all of you to attend, Saturday March 16th, 10 am to 4 pm at the Hutton Community Center in Colton, California. We have a flyer posted on our District's CGCI website.

San Fernando Valley District Director Pat Zarnowski

"Change—it's a good thing" was the first program we had last year. **Burbank Valley Garden Club** put this to practice when they were forced out of their meeting place of twenty plus years, which was in a building in a public park. A local church made them an offer they couldn't refuse: more space, more than enough tables and chairs and a very low rent guaranteed for two years. They are very happy and growing each month.

Cherry Blossom had several field trips to notable homes and gardens in the L.A. area along with a trip to the Reagan Library to see the Christmas Trees of the World. **Gardening Club of Santa Clarita** has been working on their 10 x 20 garden plot in a community garden. All their produce is donated to the local food pantry.

Southern California Garden Club had a successful bus trip in October to the South Coast Botanic Garden as a fund raiser. The first three courses of the Garden Study School conducted by Robin Pokorski have been completed and the fourth course will be completed in March. **Toluca Lake Garden Club** has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Toluca Lake and others by contributing funds to help maintain the up-keep of the city.

West Valley Garden Club had a successful tea and fashion show in November. **Woodland Hills Floral Designers** had their first standard flower show in many years and are planning to do it again next November.

Santa Clara Valley District Director Roseann Costabile

Currently the SCVD has 9 clubs in the District, which covers the Santa Clara Valley and the Monterey Bay coastal cities. One of our first clubs, Las Jardineras established in 1949 sadly is closing as of May 2013. The good news is that San Jose Garden Club is thriving and has a waiting list of persons wanting to join.

Ikebana International of Monterey is celebrating its 25th year. This club holds school workshops and provides floral designs for the Museum of Art and Westland House in Monterey. Programs in the Fall included "Exploring Fall" and "Using Multiple Containers", the designs can be seen on their webpage.

Recently the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden has caused a sensation and received much press and many local and national awards. With more than 4000 roses in the garden and an army of volunteers, the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden has returned to its roots as a showplace, a destination, an oasis of tranquility and beauty. In fact, after a nationwide contest by the All-American Rose Selections it has been named "America's Best Rose Garden."

In October, the SCVD hosted CGCI President Julie West, Robin Pokorski, Sue Bennett and spouses for the dedication of the CGCI Presidents tree in Big Basin State Park. Led by Linda Ewell of Sempervirens we had a wonderful adventure. The perfect weather, clean air and magnificent trees created a memorable event.

CGCI Winter Board Meeting, 2013, Attachment F**Chairmen Reports****Awards Finance Chairman Win Archibald**

As of this date, \$3845.00 in payment has been sent to the CGCI Treasurer. All sponsors have made requested payments except one. Payment has been promised by that sponsor, but it has not yet been received. Two new

sponsors were recruited to replace sponsors who declined to participate for the 2012 award year. \$50 was refunded to a sponsor whose award was cancelled. Awards Finance records show a balance for the Awards Restricted Fund of \$9484.41 including a carryover balance of \$4725.20.

Backyard Habitat Chairman Carolyn Villi

After 40 years of gardening in the sandy loam of the Kings River area, we moved to the Sierra Foothills. Instead of the locals trying to attract wildlife, they try to discourage them. I've potted plants and put them out as a test site to see which plants will survive the local deer herds. So far the Foxglove, Iris, Helebors, Buddleja, Margaritas and Rosemary are doing well.

Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairmen Sandy Rogers

This Blue Star Chairman has been quite busy in Northern California with two recent dedications. Meadow Vista Garden Club dedicated their Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker at the Meadow Vista Community Center in Meadow Vista, Calif. on Veterans Day, Sunday Nov. 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. By 2:30 p.m. this chairman was downtown Colfax, Calif. for the rededication of their By-Way Marker next to Mr. Colfax Statue Flower Bed. Filling in for CGCI President Julie A. West was CGCI 2nd Vice President Sue Bennett.

Looking into the future this chairman has just ordered two new Blue Star Memorial By-Way Markers. One for Lodi Garden Club to be dedicated April 2013 and one for Discovery Bay Garden Club to be dedicated on Veterans Day 2013.

CGCI Blue Star Co-Chairman, George Unrine of So. Calif. has placed an order for Bakersfield area and has helped with a dedication of a Blue Star Marker near San Diego. Oasis Garden Club, Desert Empire's large Memorial Marker has been received and plans are in the works for this next Blue Star Memorial Dedication. LETS KEEP THOSE BLUE STARS SHINING.

California Natives Chairman Margaret Strachan

Soon it will be time to celebrate California's Native Plants again. California Native Plant Week is the third week of April, each year.

Dozens of public events from the North Coast to San Diego celebrate California Native Plant Week. For example, last year my chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains, had a day long symposium including a plant sale from Theodore Payne, various guest booths, e.g. The Audubon Society, and a horticulture show of many native plants all from members gardens. It was a friendly and informative day.

I encourage you all to see if your area has a Native Plant Week event this April. For a complete list of local events, activities and more information on California Native Plants, as we approach April, visit the website www.cnpweek.org

Certificates Chairman Lynne Hansen

Since September 2012 I have issued long-term certificates to:

Eureka Sequoia Garden Club -Humboldt District

Jean Rigden, 32 years, Andrey Sandberg, 28 years

Anne Van Zandt, 22 years,

Eureka Sequoia Garden Club, 45 years

Southern Humboldt Garden Club- Humboldt District

Jeanne Johnson, 60 years

Ferndale Garden Club- Humboldt District

Kathy Leonardi, 49 years Donell McCanless, 38 years, Karin King, 38 years

Larry Martin, 32 years Lucille Scilacci, 29 years

Betty Ann Koch, 26 years Patricia Meinhardt, 24 years

Westlake Village Garden Club- Channel Islands District

Barbara Ballmann, 42 years Millie Dove, 42 years Joyce Prouty, 42 years Beverly Brune, 41years

Chairmen Coordinator Robin Pokorski

- *All A-Board*, the joint newsletter, for CGCI chairmen and district directors was published approximately one month prior to the Winter Board Meeting. At the WBM, a joint meeting of chairmen and district directors was held for the purpose of disseminating items of note and/or interest to all at the same time. This included protocol, reporting and reports. The remainder of the interactive meeting highlighted membership promotion

emphasizing that all CGCI chairmen and district directors are membership promoters and the methods and means available to increase membership and awareness of CGCI and our clubs.

Flower Show Awards Chairman Susan Coolidge

2012 saw 17 flower shows registered. 15 were evaluated; 4 Books of Evidence were submitted for NGC Awards and 3 for CGCI Awards. Nine of the twenty-six Districts were represented. So far, one show has been registered for 2013. Show evaluators are reminded to send their completed evaluation to the FS Awards Chairman within a week of the show, and to meet as a team with the Show Chairmen after judging. This Chairman will resign at the end of her term and plans to pass along all materials to the new Flower Show Awards Chairman at Convention in June.

Gardening Study Schools Chairman Greg Pokorski

Annual Consultant updates appear on pages 86-88 of the 2012-2013 Yearbook. Southern California GC's Series 22 successfully held Courses I in July (42 tested & 3 refreshed) and II in August (38 tested & 2 refreshed) – producing 36 Provisional Gardening Consultants, a 39% increase – for a total of 128 Consultants. Courses III and IV will be in January and March of 2013. Course I of Humboldt District's Series 23 begins October 12. Remaining courses will be in January, April and July, 2013. Course I of Series 24, sponsored by Colfax GC, beginning in Nevada City July 27, 2013, was ratified at this meeting. Additional course dates TBA.

Landscape Design Council Chairman Patricia Clayes

The Council now has 85 members!

No council awards were applied for during the past several months. However, hopefully two awards will be given at Convention.

Dave West is representing the Council on the bylaws committee of the California Consultants Council (CCC), which will replace the Council and Gardening Consultants Council after the June Convention. The CCC will be comprised of Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants who wish to become members. The draft bylaws are being refined at our joint council meeting during this board meeting and adopted at convention.

Landscape Design Schools Chairman Alexis Slafer

This Chair is pleased to report that the 26th Landscape Design School has been ratified. The Luther Burbank District, beginning in October 2014, will sponsor this school.

There are almost 20 consultants whose credentials will lapse at the end of 2013. There is not an opportunity to attend a school or refresh during this upcoming year. This Chair is available and eager to assist clubs and district members with planning a new school in 2013. There is plenty of time.

National Garden Week Chairman Helen Gregory

NGC materials related to National Garden Week, June 2 – 8, 2013 were distributed to the district directors at the fall board meeting September 6 – 9, 2012. The materials were mostly the same as were distributed to them at the previous winter board meeting as they were prepared for a two year period. Since that time I have had no new requests for posters or information.

District Directors are encouraged to promote National Garden Week to their clubs and their awards chairman. For the sake of paper conservation, I have not prepared more duplicate packets at this time, but district directors are encouraged to review the information previously provided to them, and contact me if they require more at this time.

New Cultivars Chairman Judy Powers

Have you begun to plan your garden season for 2013? Do you know what you want this year? Are you open to new plants? It's not too late for you gardeners to look through seed catalogues, garden magazines, and even the internet to find those new, special, or even unusual plants and seeds for the upcoming year. Winter is not just for pruning, but the time to pour over the resources mentioned to enhance your garden.

In March you can check out some of the new cultivars at the San Francisco Landscape and Garden Show. Sometimes you can find new cultivars for sale or perhaps a long forgotten plant that is coming into vogue again. Check out all the nurseries in your area to see if they have any new plants coming in this year. If not, maybe if you have already done your homework, you can have them order some for you.

It takes a few to several years for a propagator to have plants ready for the retail market. Proven Winners has one propagator in California. Several new cultivars can be grown, but if they do not pass qualifications for the state or area, they may not show up in California or even be used at all. Keep your eyes out for Superbells Lemon Slice *calibrachoa*,

that is self cleaning, the spent flowers fall off by themselves. If you like hydrangeas but need one that only gets 3' tall look for Bobo panicle with big white flowers. Both of these are proven winners.

Operation Wildflower Co-Chairman Merrilee Ray

The Operation Wildflower Committee is hopeful to host another Wildflower Conference in the spring of 2014. The committee will desperately try to avoid any holidays or State or national events, and hopefully the attendance will improve. These wildflower conferences are very educational, and all who attend, enjoy the speakers, programs, entertainment, and company of all attendees. As soon as a date is set and announced, this committee hopes you will save the date on your calendar, and plan to attend.

Stand by.....more to come.

Scholarships Co-Chairman Albert Chang

My co-chairman, Evelyn Broadus and myself are pleased to announce that the scholarship survey we have been conducting over the past year is nearly completed. We have contacted 194 clubs and districts which have memberships of thirty (30) or more, and we report that our clubs and districts will give over two hundred scholarships for a total of over \$155,000. We thank the Executive Board, the Board of Trustees, District Directors and the individual club presidents for their help. When this survey is completed, we hope to post it to the CGCI website to help students, teachers and administrators.

At this Winter Board, the scholarship committee awarded two CGCI Scholarships, and approved an application to be forwarded to the Pacific Region for their scholarship. A reminder, the deadline for applying for one of the two National Garden Club Scholarships is March 1, 2013. Please tell the schools in your area about the opportunity.

CGCI Scholarship Winners

- Alyssa Fluss, a junior majoring in environmental science, from Oceanside, CA, attending Whittier College.
- Stacy Hishinuma, a second year Ph.D. candidate in entomology (the spread of a walnut tree disease by a species of beetle), from Burbank, CA, attending UC Davis.

Pacific Region Scholarship Applicant Approved by the Scholarship Committee

- Jency James, a junior in environmental studies. A resident of Roseville, CA, attending Saint Mary's College of California.

Shrubs/Trees Chairman Linda Smith

It's February! - Our winter gardens are beginning to awaken. It's time to get those bare root selections planted. Trees and roses need pruning and dormant sprays need to be applied now. Try growing something new - like a new variety of Acacia c., called Cousin Itt. It's a very attractive shrub with feathery soft foliage. Grows approximately 3x3 in size. It would be a beautiful new addition to the garden.

Something edible should be incorporated in the home garden. A few great choices are berries, fruit trees, grapes or kiwi. And, don't forget the flowering shrubs and vines, such as, clematis, forsythia, lilac, roses and quince. They will not only add color but wonderful fragrance to the garden. And for a little extra shade this summer, plant a grapevine on a fence or arbor, so you may sit a bit and enjoy the sweet fruit of your labor.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman Denise Davis

For 52 years the National Garden Club has been sponsoring the Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl poster contest to teach children the importance of fire prevention and to encourage personal responsibility for the environment.

This year, in California alone, more than 785 children participated by making and entering posters. This included 16 public schools, 3 private schools, 2 charter schools and 1 scout den.

Sixteen garden clubs were represented from 10 districts. This chairman received 103 posters, which were judged at the winter board meeting

State Parks Chairman Janet Eyre

All together there was \$54 million found. \$35 million will be used to keep up off Haway Recreation Areas and \$20 million will be used "most" for maintenance and new sewers systems and fixing old systems in much needed repair for other State Parks. All State Parks are staying open for a year and we'll see what happens then.

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COURTESY RESOLUTION

Holiday Inn Auburn, California --- February 5–8, 2013

WHERE AS,

The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 2013 Winter Board Meeting “Explore the Riches of the Golden Foothills District” at the Holiday Inn Auburn, February 5-8, 2013 have benefited from information learned at this meeting and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHERE AS,

California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Julie A. West, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction, now therefore be it

RESOLVED,

That CGCI President Julie A. West, through her gracious, informational and delightful presiding, and the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED,

That sincere thanks be given to the Golden Foothills District, District Director Josie Goodenow and Co- Chairmen of the Winter Board Meeting, Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig, as well as all of their committee chairmen--especially those involved with the table and hotel floral designs, gift bags, raffle baskets and those helping with the gently used book sale---and all 102 district members from the 13 garden clubs who helped plan and also participated in the success of the meeting by their many courtesies extended; and

RESOLVED,

That sincere appreciation be given to Price Sheppy from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy reporting on CGCI's Project Mission Blue, and special presentations sent by Phil Sexton on Agricultural Gold; Carol Arnold on Placer County Gold; and Robin Pokorski presenting NGC: Growing Our World – Greening Our Communities; and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to our workshop presenters Ed Dempsey and Pat Clayes on our website; Hung Doan from UC Davis on edible mushroom cultivation; and our speakers Collin Hobbs on Solexx greenhouses; Donna Howell on Romantic Tahoe and Carolyn Singer on Sustainable Vegetable Gardening, and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation also be extended to the Begin Family for their special entertainment; and to the entire staff of the Holiday Inn Auburn for their many courtesies extended; and,

RESOLVED,

That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies be sent to our CGCI President Julie A. West, Golden Foothills District Director Josie Goodenow, Winter Board Co-Chairmen Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig; and Secretary Margaret Strachan as well as the staff of the Holiday Inn Auburn.

Joan Craig, Courtesy Resolutions Chairman

(Adopted February 8, 2013)