



## CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Double Tree Hotel, Bakersfield

President: Elisabeth A. Tufo

Host: Sequoia Foothills District

#### **CONVENTION 2007 BUSINESS MEETING #1**

- 1) Amenities and Protocol Chairman, Marjorie Johnson presented President Elisabeth A. Tufo who called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. Recording Secretary Rita Desilets was present.
- 2) Ruth Brooker, Memorial Gardens Chairman, gave the Inspiration and conducted the Candle of Remembrance.
- 3) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Thorne, Honor Book Chairman.
- 4) President Tufo introduced the members of the Executive Committee, Former Presidents, the Pages, and Official Timekeeper, Glenn Burroughs.
- 5) Credentials Chairman Joan Breen gave the First Credentials report - 196 voting members registered.
- 6) Registration Chairman Donna Klein gave the First Registration Report - 318 registered. The Chair declared a quorum was present.
- 7) Parliamentarian Wilma Parker read the Convention Rules.
- 8) Convention Chairman Gloria Aminian reported the following changes in the Convention Program:  
Page 10 – Business Meeting to begin 8:30 A.M. on Thursday.  
Page 11 - Thursday night reception to be held poolside.  
Gloria Aminian moved to adopt the Convention Program. **PASSED.**
- 9) Mary-Jo Noth reported that the minutes of the 2006 Convention in Ontario were approved as distributed.
- 10) President Tufo appointed members of the Minutes Review Committee (Business Meetings only) Chairman, Maryanne Lucas, Judy Unrine and Robert Schuler.
- 12) **Executive Committee Reports**
  - **Diane Charbonneau**, *Golden Gardens* Editor, thanked all those involved in producing *Golden Gardens* and described new features included in the magazine.
  - **Mary-Jo Noth**, Corresponding Secretary filed her report and read correspondence:
    - A. Copy of 4/24/07 letter sent by Rosa Radicchi, Chairman of CGCI Sempervirens Fund to Linda Yule, Sempervirens Fund Forest Programs Manager.
    - B. Letter from Pacific Region Director Beverley Brune thanking CGCI President Elisabeth A. Tufo and the CGCI members for hosting the 2007 Pacific Region Convention.
    - C. Letter from President-Elect Robin Pokorski, thanking CGCI President Elisabeth A. Tufo and the CGCI members for hosting the 2007 Pacific Region Convention.
    - D. Citation from Pacific Region Director Beverley Brune.
  - **Carol Sexton**, Treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (A)**  
Robert Gordon was recognized for his outstanding work as Jubilee Celebration Committee Chairman.
  - **Geanne Brown**, Financial Secretary, showed the cash receipt form and reimbursement form. Checks should be cashed before June 30, 2007.
  - **Wilma Parker**, Parliamentarian, complimented President Tufo on her knowledge of Parliamentary procedure.
  - **Rita Desilets**, Recording Secretary, discussed distribution of the Convention minutes and various ways of submitting reports.
  - **Maryanne Lucas**, second Vice-President, as Awards Chairman has prepared Awards summary sheets that are available in the Awards Room.
  - **Maryanne Lucas**, second Vice-President, as IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman, reported that 66 clubs now have 501(c)(3) status. Maryanne Lucas moved to have the names listed on the IRS letter (also to be listed on the CGCI Website) ratified. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (B)**

- **Robin Pokorski**, President-Elect, as Official Calendar Chairman, presented dates for ratification. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (C)**
  - **Robin Pokorski**, President-Elect, as Convention and Board Meeting Chairman, needs a location for 2010.
  - **Robin Pokorski**, President-Elect, as Policy Chairman, reported that policy is included in updated Yearbook that will be available at the Organizational meeting.
  - **Robin Pokorski**, President-Elect, read the 2007-2009 President's Project Resolution. Robin Pokorski moved to ratify President's Project Resolution. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (D)**
  - **Elisabeth Tufo**, President, told of her enjoyable visits to Districts and Clubs.
- 13) **Election of 2007-2009 Officers** Gudrun Kimmel, Secretary of the Nominating Committee read the slate of officers in the absence of Chairman, Dorothy Roton.
- President – Robin Pokorski
  - First Vice-President – Maryanne Lucas
  - Second Vice-President – Julie West
  - Third Vice-President – George Speer
  - Recording Secretary – Jane McKee
  - Corresponding Secretary – Pat Clayes
  - Treasurer – Ed Dempsey
  - Financial Secretary – Joelle Holford
  - Golden Gardens* Editor – Diane Charbonneau
- President Tufo asked for nominations from the floor for each office. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Carol Sexton moved to elect the slate as presented. **PASSED.**
- 14) **Nominating Committee for 2007-2009** was appointed. Joan Craig, Golden Foothills District; Anne Capes, Cascade District; Joyce Reid, Channel Islands District; Judy Picinini, Valley Lode District; Robert L. Gordon, Montana de Oro District; Lynne Hansen, Diablo Foothills District; and Marilyn Oberti, Bay Ocean District. Robin Pokorski moved that nominations be closed. **PASSED.**
- 15) **Julie West**, Third Vice- President, presented certificates to clubs celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries and to individuals earning longevity certificates.
- 16) **George Speer** introduced the individuals who helped Ed Angevine when he fell ill.
- 17) **Julie West**, Third Vice- President, thanked chairman who helped increase membership numbers.
- 18) **Beverly Brune**, former Pacific Region Director, reported on her activities as Pacific Region Director and as a member of the Board of Director of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- 19) **President Tufo** presented Presidential Citations to Merrilee Ray, Jean Reiley, Jill Coleman, Dolores Moffat, Shane Looper, Julie West, Angela Michaels, and Robert Schuler.
- 20) **President Tufo** suspended the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

#### **CONVENTION 2007 BUSINESS MEETING #2**

- 21) **President Tufo** resumed the meeting at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 7, 2007. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary Rita Desilets was present.
- 22) **Lydia Davis Jeffrey**, Director, Arboretum District, gave the Inspiration.
- 23) **Julie West** presented a Longevity Certificate to Marianne Kistler.
- 24) **Shane Looper**, Youth Chairman, moved to ratify two new youth groups. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (E)**
- 25) Credentials Chairman **Joan Breen** gave the Interim Credentials report - 196 voting members registered and the Interim Registration Report - 320 registered.
- 26) **Board of Trustees**, Hoberley Schuler, reported that CGCI will have two-\$2000 Scholarships.
- 27) **Website** Chairman, Ed Dempsey, discussed e-mail boxes.
- 28) **Bylaws Committee Chairman**, Nancy Lee Loesch presented the Bylaws Committee's recommendations:
- SR 104 – **ADOPTED.**
  - SR 106 – **ADOPTED.**
  - ARTICLE IV Sec 3 (g) MEMBERSHIP & DUES – **ADOPTED.**
  - ARTICLE IX Sec 6, DISTRICT AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS – Correction: “telephone numbers and email addresses” to replace “phone and email numbers”. Insert “affiliate presidents” after ‘club presidents’. Moved to strike the word “club” before “presidents” and add “the”. **PASSED.** The corrected Bylaw **ADOPTED.**

- ARTICLE XIV Sec 1, BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Beverly Brune moved to amend last sentence by inserting a period after “consecutive” followed by “No trustee shall serve concurrently as an officer.” **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE XVI Sec 1, LIABILITY INSURANCE – **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE III, CORPORATE SEAL – **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE VI, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS - **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE IX Sec 1, DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS - **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE XI Sec 3, ANNUAL MEETINGS - **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE XIX Sec 4, AMENDMENTS - **ADOPTED.**
- ARTICLE IV Sec 3(a) MEMBERSHIP & DUES – Voted by ballot. George Speer made the correction, adding “effective July 1, 2008.” Mary-Jo Noth moved to raise dues by \$.75. **NOT PASSED.** Robin Pokorski moved to move the previous question. **PASSED.**  
Election Board Chairman, Lorraine Ornelas described the voting procedure for voting by ballot. President Tufo read the results. 158 votes cast: Yes -128, No - 30. **ADOPTED.**

29) **District Director Coordinator**, Hoberley Schuler, introduced the **District Directors’ Reports.**

30) **Robin Pokorski** announced that the new Inspiration and Installation Books are available for purchase.

31) **President Tufo** suspended the meeting at 11:35 A.M.

### **CONVENTION 2007 BUSINESS MEETING #3**

32) **President Tufo** resumed the meeting 2:25 P.M. on Thursday, June 7, 2007. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary Rita Desilets was present.

33) **District Directors’ Reports** continued.

34) **Patriotic Tree Chairman**, Angela Michaels, awarded certificates for Patriotic Tree plantings.

35) **Chairmen Coordinator**, Greg Pokorski introduced the **Chairman’s Reports. SEE ATTACHMENTS (F)**

36) **President Tufo** dissolved the Jubilee Committee at Chairman Robert Gordon’s request.

37) **Gardening Consultant Chairman**, Greg Pokorski, distributed Gardening Consultant cards.

38) **Life Membership Chairman**, Carlotta Wixon, moved to ratify 33 new CGCI life members, three Pacific Region life members and three National life members. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (G)**  
Districts having two or more life memberships were awarded certificates.

39) **Honor Book Chairman**, Sharon Thorne, gave certificates to the two districts having the most Honor Book donations. The winners were Diablo Foothills District and Mendo-Lake District.

40) NGC Principal Grants, **Marilyn Oberti** distributed certificates of completion for Principal Grants projects.

41) **President Tufo** adjourned the meeting at 4:52 P.M.

42) Credentials Chairman **Joan Breen** gave the Final Credentials report at the Installation Banquet: 197 voting members out of 330 registered.

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Rita Desilets, CGCI Recording Secretary

## Convention 2007 – Attachments

### A) Carol Sexton – CGCI ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 5/31/07

Cash and Bank Accounts	
B of A CD	\$89,248.76
B of A Checking	37,688.45
B of A CD #2	102,329.17
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$229,266.38
Other Assets	
Golden Gardens	17,447.12
INVENTORY-ORNAMENTS	994.00
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meetings	1,500.00
TOTAL Other Assets	\$19,941.12
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RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Awards	\$4,655.77
Blue Star Memorial	1,984.66
CGCI Jubilee Grant Program	1,452.85
CGCI Magazine File Boxes	256.28
CGCI Scholarship Fund	49,720.28
Donor Christy Fitz Memorial Fund	1,410.01
Donor Copeland Fund	11,975.04
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund	4,500.00
Donor Helen Minor Memorial Flower School	5,213.65
Donor Wil J. Tebo Scholarship	1,400.45
Educational Schools Fund	7,825.00
Flower Show School	105.80
Gardening Consultants Counsel	449.65
Gardening Study	2,211.26
Habitat For Humanity	55.00
Honor Book	9,221.36
Junior Gardeners	371.32
Landscape Design School	4,212.19
Liability Insurance	35,503.95
Life Membership Scholarship	8,700.00
Permanent Files	2,500.00
Symposium Reserve	12,137.62
Wildflower Conference	4,208.66
Youth Conference Fund	572.66
Youth Gardener Grant	900.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$171,543.46
TOTAL ASSETS LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS	77,664.04
LESS TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	19,941.12
GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENSES AS OF 05/31/07	\$57,722.92

### B) Maryanne Lucas, Second Vice-President, as IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman: Clubs with 501(c)(3) status.

Arboretum District of CGCI	Del Mar Garden Club
Arden Park Garden Club	Del Norte Garden Club
Auburn Arrangers Guild	Descanso Garden Club
Auburn Garden Club	Desert Crossroads Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley
Bay Bridges District of CGCI	Divide Garden Club
Berkeley Garden Club	Donner Garden Club of Auburn
Burbank-Valley Garden Club	El Cerrito Garden Club
Canyon Crest Garden Club	Four Seasons Garden Club
Carmel Valley Garden Association	The Gardeners
Caruthers Garden Club	Hanford Garden Club
Chicago Park Garden Club	Huntington Harbour Garden Club
Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis	Huntington View Garden Club
Colfax Garden Club	Inland Empire Master Gardeners Club
Conejo Valley Garden Club	It's Garden Thyme

## Convention 2007 – Attachments (Cont.)

### Clubs with 501(c)(3) status.(Cont.)

Kids Growing Strong	Palms to Pines District of CGCI
LaCasa Garden Club	Patterson Garden Club
Lake Forest Garden Club	Petaluma Garden Club
Lake of the Sky Garden Club	Petaluma Rose & Garden Club
Lake Oroville Area Garden Club	Pleasant Valley Garden Club
Long Beach Garden Club	Ramona Garden Club
Los Angeles Garden Club	Riviera Garden Club
Los Osos Valley Garden Club	Roseville Green Thumb Garden Club
Marina Tree & Garden Club	San Clemente Garden Club
Meadow Vista Garden Club	San Pedro Garden Club
MiraCosta Garden Club	Sea Isle Garden Club of Huntington Beach
Monrovia Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District of CGCI
Moraga Garden Club	Shibui Arrangers Guild
Niguel Shores Garden Club	Southern California Garden Club
North Lake Garden Club	Vaca Valley Garden Club
Oakdale Garden Club	Village Garden Club of La Jolla
Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley	West Valley Garden Club
Orange County Organic Gardening Club	Year Around Garden Club
Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento Valley	Yreka Garden Club

### C) Official Calendar Dates and Information for Ratification – Robin Pokorski, CGCI President-Elect, Conventions/Board Meetings Chairman

**Environmental Studies School**, Course II, Series 4,  
San Mateo to be held on November 3 – 4, 2007.

Sponsor: Bay Ocean District, Chairman: Shane Looper

#### **2009 Winter Board Meeting**

Host: Desert Empire District, Chairman: Wanda Hewett

#### **2009 Fall Board Meeting**

Host: Diablo Foothills District

#### **2010 Convention**

Host: Channel Islands District, Chairman: Jean Reiley

### D) Robin Pokorski – 2007- 2009 President's Project Resolution

Whereas, A thirty-three acre site in Thousand Oaks, California was given in 1973 to the Conejo Valley Recreation and Park District by Klingbeil Corporation;

Whereas, The Gregor Mendel Botanic Foundation Inc. was established in 1973 to develop and maintain the site subsequently named the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden with the grand opening in 1981;

Whereas, The garden, an affiliate of CGCI, is supported entirely by memberships, donations, grants, dedicated members and volunteers, some of whom are CGCI members;

Whereas, This hilltop garden with a view of the Conejo Valley has native plants cultivated for display and preservation, a salvia collection, a butterfly garden, an herb garden, an oak grove, nature trails following a creek, a California Rare Fruit Growers orchard, a bird habitat and Kids' Adventure Garden;

Whereas, The garden is a sanctuary for the abundant wildlife and an educational resource for the community;

Whereas, The garden is in need of additional trees, many of which will be native trees, in the "Trail of Tress" section, installation expenses for these plantings, and a picnic area in the shade of the trees, therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc., for the 2007-2009 administrative term, adopt this fund-raising state president's project of helping to pay for trees, installation expense, and a picnic table in the shade of the trees, and;

Resolved, That checks made payable to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden or CVBG be sent to the CGCI state chairman for this project, who will keep records of the transactions for California Garden Clubs, Inc and forward the donations to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden.

### E) Shane Looper: Youth Group Ratifications

#### **SPONSOR**

Hanford Garden Club  
Hanford Garden Club

#### **DISTRICT**

Sequoia Foothills District  
Sequoia Foothills District

#### **CLUB**

Kings River Elementary School  
Oakvale 4-H

## Convention 2007 – Attachments (Cont.)

### **F) Chairman Reports:**

#### **Associate Plant Societies, Dorothy Dempsey**

This chairwoman has tried to keep an up-to-date list of all APS's. At this time we have 55 APS's with a membership of 4599. 27 e-mails and 28 letters were sent to APS's presidents asking for their current information for their presidents and treasurers. Two e-mails were responded to and six letters responded with the information ask for. A search for information was made on society web sites looking for the information, phone calls were made.

This chair woman will continue for the next two years to keep the list of APS's current and remind them if they become late with payments.

#### **Blue Star Memorials, Ruth Angevine**

The past year has been a record year for dedications of Blue Star Memorial markers as 14 were dedicated. Two clubs, Chula Vista and Donner Club of Auburn, even dedicated two by-way markers on the same day. Yuba City cooperated with California Garden Clubs to donate two highway markers. The first marker in Greater Los Angeles District was dedicated by Los Angeles Garden Club. So, there are been quite a few records this year. The most recent dedication was on June 3 at Lemoore when Hanford Garden Club dedicated a by-way marker to honor the personnel at Lemoore Naval Air Base. These markers honor not only veterans, but also those who are presently serving and those who will serve in the future. Although the price increased January 1, there is still some money available in the Blue Star fund for monetary assistance. Check the new yearbook for your listing by districts.

#### **California Gardens, Rita Desilets**

Over the past four years this Chairman has kept an updated list of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens in California available for viewing on the CGCI website. Support from individuals, clubs, Youth groups and districts, was encouraged through memberships, bus trips and donations. Several articles were published in Golden Gardens and the WACONIAH. Each year the G-7 Touring Award Books of Evidence were judged. The CA Gardens procedure book was recently updated. A new Photography Award, the G-10, Section 5, was created to promote appreciation of the beauty of our CA arboreta and botanic gardens, The award continues to be sponsored by this Chairman.

#### **Chairmen Coordinator, Greg Pokorski**

Newsletters were prepared and sent to all CGCI chairmen prior to all six 2005-07 state meetings, and Chairmen's Forums were held at all of these meetings. While geared especially toward currently serving chairmen, these meetings are open to all who may wish to attend. The Chairmen Coordinator's role is to serve as liaison between the chairmen and the Executive Committee and District Directors and provide direction and information to chairmen. This chairman is available to answer questions about what chairmen do and how they may assist District Directors, clubs, and others.

#### **CGCI Jubilee Grant Program, Marilyn Oberti**

The Jubilee Grant Program, honoring CGCI's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been successfully completed. Twenty-four California Garden Clubs received grants totaling \$10200. One club had to refund its \$200 grant due to weather conditions, bringing the total to 23 clubs receiving \$10,000. The estimated total value of the 23 projects is \$232,720. Donna Thomas has organized and set up an outstanding exhibit for this Convention displaying most of these innovative and worthwhile projects which incorporated native plants and wildflowers. My thanks for the success of the program goes to the able assistance of Carolyn Villi, President's Project Chairman, with whom this chairman worked hand-in-hand. Thanks to President Elisabeth Tufo, and her President's Project, these garden club members and their amazing projects have made great strides to MAKE CALIFORNIA BLOOM.

#### **CGCI President's Project, Carolyn Villi**

First of all this chairman has truly enjoyed this chairmanship and it has been a pleasure to work with Elisabeth on her Presidents Project. I truly feel that this was a great and generous idea from our President, although at times it seemed not to be completely understood my many. It amazed me to see how far some of you could take a small grant and generate hundreds and sometime thousands of dollars more to complete your projects. Is this what we all need, give us some funding, create an idea for us, and stand back and see how far we can take it.

We received 31 donations from September 2005 through May 2007; and were able to fund 24 Jubilee Projects for grants totaling \$10,200. The cost of completing these projects grew, though our clubs seeking additional funding, through outside sources and labor. Total for completed projects came to around \$206,567.64.

#### **Civic Development, Mary Waddington-Merritt**

This garden club year 2006-2007, we have had four entries submitted for the Robert Smith Civic Development Award. Winners are the Trinity Garden Club, Section A-small club and San Clemente Garden Club, Section B-large club. Trinity Garden Club won the Pacific Region Blue Ribbon Award as well for their revitalization of the landscaping at their County Courthouse. Beautiful projects – well done! This chairman wishes to thank our State President for this experience and wish our new Chairman an equally interesting adventure.

## Convention 2007 – Attachments (Cont.)

### **Flower Show Awards, Barbara Stevens**

Ten clubs registered their flower shows in 2006, with nine qualifying to apply for an award. Of the nine, six sent Books of Evidence and all received awards. Checks totaling \$200 were presented to the winners in the show and the schedule categories. Not all available awards received applications and chairmen are urged to review the list for possible additional awards for their shows.

### **Flower Show Schools, Dolores Moffat**

During these last two years we have completed two Flower Show Schools one in Petaluma and one in Redlands. That's a three-day school every six months. These schools have been attended by 60 to 75 people. We now have 15 new accredited Flower Show Judges: Nina Bloske, Susan Coolidge, Gayle Davis, Cheryl Feuerborn, Mary Hoblit, Sharon Kessey, Joanne Ludwig, Carol Mayo, Glenda McCoy, Virginia O'Donnell, Beverly Switzer, Yvonne Turner, Lou Ann Unger, Liz Warren, and Julie West.

### **Flower Shows, Symposia, Sandi Lord**

In 2006, the 46<sup>th</sup> Symposium was held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, San Mateo, California. Approximately 80 persons attended, and all of the 16 judges who refreshed passed their exams. The 2008 Symposium will be held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, San Mateo, California, July 24-26. Julia Clevett will be the design instructor. The Southern California Symposium will be held from October 22-24, 2007 at the Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs. Instructors will be Peggy Nuse and Carolyn Hawkins.

### **Gardening Consultants Council, Myrtle Findley**

The Gardening Consultants had a refresher this year as well as a school which will be graduating a class this October. Plans are to start a small area Council Group in the Santa Rosa area. A page has been posted on the CGCI Website explaining the two different Recognition Certificates this Council has made available to our members. One Certificate honors local residents and businesses that have worked hard in your club and community. The other Certificate is given by our Council at Conventions and board meetings. It is signed by our CGCI president, framed and presented in a formal manner for an outstanding garden in the area of our meeting. The recipient this year will be presented at the Youth Luncheon. The garden will be included on our tour.

**Gardening Study Schools (GSS), Greg Pokorski:** This chairman was privileged to attend the successful Course III of Series 19 in Santa Rosa in April. This course made money and we'd like other clubs/districts to make money by sponsoring a school series. This school will conclude with Course IV in October. Registration information should soon be available on the web site. Anyone interested in sponsoring a GSS should contact this chairman, whose goal it is to have a new school in progress by early 2008. During the past year, we've added two new Consultants and many new Provisionals. One Consultant achieved Master status. Many refreshed. Two took Emeritus status.

### **Golden Gardens Dateline and Schools, LaVerne Harms**

It's been a pleasure to have the opportunity to be on Elisabeth Tufo's board and to serve CGCI, and to publicize your information regarding Schools and Dateline. The deadline for the next issue is June 15. Remember we are no longer taking information from the CGCI Website, you must communicate directly with the *Golden Gardens* Editors.

### **Golden Gardens Circulation, Joelle Holford**

It has been a year since I took over *Golden Gardens* Circulation for CGCI. I have made some changes in billing, which I believe are working and they are: one bill two months ahead of the due date by mail. All bills go to the President of the club. I try to answer all inquires within 48 hours. We prorate all subscriptions after Jan. 1 and have solved the multiple copies sent to one address problem. By July 1 we will more or less know just how many Subscribers stayed with us at the \$5.00 rate. My goal last June when I took over Circulation was to have *Golden Gardens* paying for itself as soon as possible and I am anxious to find out if in fact we have met that goal.

### **Habitat for Humanity, Judy Unrine**

Over the last year, California cooperated with NGC and Habitat for Humanity in their joint landscape project, "Open Your Heart and Your Hands". During the 2006 NGC Convention in Orlando, members from California, including President Elisabeth Tufo, took part in the "Walk-a-thon". Californians also donated monetarily to that project. We reported our participation and qualified for a certificate signed by NGC President Kitty Larkin. This chairman continues to identify HFH projects garden club members are participating in. At present one project is being planned by San Pedro Garden Club in the Costa Verde District.

## Convention 2007 – Attachments (Cont.)

### **Honor Books, Sharon Thorne**

This chairmanship gave me the chance to meet so many more members of CGCI and get to know them so much better. At the beginning of my term, I offered a challenge to the District Directors that they couldn't pass up – a \$50.00 check to the district that sent in the most names to be entered into the Honor Books. Since there was a tie the winners each get \$25.00. The checks go to Diablo Foothills and Mendo-Lake Districts. They each sent in a total of twelve names. Since the beginning of my assignment I sent a total of twenty-one cash receipts to the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

### **Horticulture Chairman, Gudrun Kimmel**

This chairman at Fall Board meeting brought in six different ferns and gave a report about them. At Winter Board, gave a report on how to exhibit horticulture and gave a handout for all the District Directors on how to clean bottles for a neat presentation for the Horticulture exhibits at meetings and shows. Judged four HT-5 Home Garden Tour Award books and two HT-1 Horticulture Award/Club with a panel of judges.

### **Horticulture: Container Gardening, Mary Crowell**

In case some of you have missed it, this chair has been writing container gardening articles for the *Golden Gardens* since the inception of this chairmanship, hopefully they have been helpful and that you are pointing them out to your clubs. There have been just a few questions that have come in that have been fielded to this chair, some from other states asking about what grows well here in pots, as people move to California. Because this chair is changing to a new chair, I want to at least let people know that this chair, container gardening exists and anew chair is available for questions and answers in the future. It would be helpful for the new chair to know what you are interested in hearing about in the future.

### **Horticulture: Trees, Angela Michaels**

Each year CGCI has counted the number of trees planted or donated to the planting of trees by our members, whether by the club or individuals. The total of the eight states in Pacific Region is added to the reports of the seven other regions in the United States and reported at the Annual NGC Convention.

This is a marvelous total to assist in Global Warming and great marketing tool as to the strength of our collective membership.

### **Landscape Design Council Chairman, Jill Coleman**

Council meetings were held at the 2006 Convention, fall and winter boards. Applications for B-3 awards were judged and the Landscape Design Council Newsletter was published in September, January and June. The following awards were presented: A Landscape Design Commendation to the Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation in Rancho Cucamonga, a Certificate of Recognition to the Hilltoppers Garden Club, a Landscape Design Commendation to Jim Sullivan of Eureka, a Landscape Design Commendation to the City of San Luis Obispo and one to Alice Loh of San Luis Obispo. Credentials Chairman, Robert Schuler, has completed an exhaustive review of the Landscape Design Consultants and has notified active consultants of their renewal dates and the upcoming opportunities for renewal. Landscape Design Study Course 4 will be held July 25-26, 2007 in Riverside; Course 1 will be held September 5-6, 2007 in Temecula; and Course 1 will be held October 13-14 in San Andreas. We continue our efforts to promote and publicize worthy landscape design projects.

### **Legislative & Government, Dave West**

You have been advised of the bill here in California to reduce greenhouse gasses by 25% in an effort to combat global warming.

Federal action in the area of rewriting the National Parks Management Rules, and revisions to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Endangered Species Act.

Cities and Counties have struggled with the Genetic Modification of our crops.

All of these issues are certain to continue in the upcoming legislative sessions. It is your job as voters to find out as much information on these proposals from both sides of the issue so you can make an informed decision.

### **Life Membership, Carlotta Wixon**

Since the convention last year, CGCI has forty-five new Life Members, which translates into \$3,375.00 added to our Scholarship Fund. That is a wonderful accomplishment. Think of the students we are helping with this money. There has not been an increase in the Life Membership fee since 1984, 24 years ago. The fee will increase to \$100.00. This is a modest increase, considering how long it has been since the last one. Inflation eventually hits everything, including the CGCI Life Memberships. Application forms are available on the CGCI website.



## **Convention 2007 – Attachments (Cont.)**

### **National Garden Week, Jane McKee**

Over the past year this Chairman encouraged clubs and districts to plan activities during National Garden Week, use the opportunity to publicize their programs and projects and apply for the CGCI and NGC awards.

The procedure book was updated, a National Garden Week page added to the website, an article published in Golden Gardens and the PR-4 evaluation form updated to better reflect the public relations requirement of the award.

### **Native Plants, Wanda Hewett**

The Theodore Payne Foundation has announced that a 21-acre recreational area will be set aside for six native spirit gardens to be planted with California Native flora. Each garden will feature spirits of a natural plant, an animal associated with each plant, and the human uses for each plant. Each garden will be marked and tell the story of the spirits featured in the garden as well as a sculpture that depicts the related Native American activity. Visitors will be encouraged to touch, smell and learn about the way plants influenced the daily lives of the native Indians living in the area. Special courses in maintenance and care of the native plant gardens will be held on site and volunteers will help keep the gardens in excellent condition.

### **New Clubs, Joelle Holford**

My job as I saw it was to bring the CGCI message to individuals who were interested in gardening and wanted to form a club in their town. This was the dream of Virginia Bennetts our past State President. After a slow start the first two years, it became much easier to reach out and organize clubs throughout the state. In the past two years, with the help of Julie West, this chairman has brought in 10 newly organized and 18 clubs in total. To all those past District Directors who were willing to come along with me and welcome the clubs into CGCI and their district, I owe you my thanks. It truly made a difference.

### **Operation Wildflower, Merrilee Ray**

The 2007 CGCI Wildflower Conference was held May 8-10, 2007. The location was chosen by CGCI President Elisabeth Tufo who wanted all to tour the oldest living things on earth, The Bristlecone Pines. These are located in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest atop the White Mountains in the Eastern Sierra, Inyo National forest. Although rain and weather did not allow for many wildflowers this year, there were some, and the conference was a big success. There were 67 attendees at the conference.

### **Patriotic Trees, Angela Michaels**

This NGC Project was accepted by President Tufo as an opportunity to honor Firefighters who risk their lives in the protection of all of us. At each State meeting of her administration a tree has been dedicated to a group of firefighters. Unfortunately, member clubs did not readily join in the project. There are many excellent projects to choose from and many times clubs are overwhelmed.

### **Penny Pines, Art Loesch**

The fire season is expected to be one of the worst in history. This chairman encourages all CGCI clubs to support the USDA Forest Service Penny Pines Reforestation Program with more plantations than they have in the past to offset the losses encountered in our National Forests from both fire and insects. In 2006, 487 plantations were purchased totaling \$33,116. C-2 Section was awarded to Diablo Women's Garden Club, Diablo Foothills District. C-2 Section was awarded to Pinole Garden Club, Bay Bridges District.

### **Procedure Books, Lynne Hansen**

The procedures have been up on the website, for a while now, for people to examine and then anyone can let me know of any amendments they want to make for a more clear definition of any procedure. I have received only a few new updates and would appreciate any new updates from any chairman. I have received a few requests for procedure information that I have emailed also. Hopefully, those who have taken a moment to check out the procedures have found them informative. Personally, I would like to see many of the descriptions updated because Ruth Angevine and I just wrote up a rough description of each procedure. The more accurate the information is, the better it is for new people that are just filling in the new chairman's position.

### **Publicity, Myrtle Findley**

Competition is close in the final judging of Club and District Newsletters. The instructor used to judge the graphics was especially helpful, taking time to personally mark and make comments upon the pages of the judged newsletters to show where the competition was and how the newsletters were being evaluated and judged. It has been a wonderful experience to receive you club and district letter and I am the richer for reading and having them judged by panels in my home.

## Convention 2007 – Attachments (Cont.)

### Roommates, Mary Crowell

This chair has managed to put quite a few people together in a roommate situation, though I have failed a few, so sorry about that. Let me know if I can get the word out in the future for roommate and ride accommodations.

### Smokey Bear Poster Contest, Pat York

Of the 20 CGCI winning posters, two went on the National. There were three 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners in Pacific Region. The entries depicted Smokey Bear's theme of preventing forest fires. Some of the winners, with their families, will attend the Youth Luncheon on Thursday. Seventy-seven posters were received from five Districts. Only six of the 269 clubs submitted entries. We need to get the word out to more of our clubs and schools.

### Water Conservation, Donna Thomas

California faces increasing water needs for agriculture, urban use and environmental protection. Looking for new supplies of water is a priority for the state. Using water more efficiently is important. New technology such as desalination and treatment of brackish water is being studied and pilot projects are being implemented. The state is undertaking Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment by checking random wells to get a better understanding of groundwater quality. This information that the Department of Water Resources is gathering will be helpful in finding underground aquifers for storage of water in "good" years when snow melt and runoff is abundant.

### Website, Ed Dempsey

This Chairman has really enjoyed being your webmaster for the last few years. It has taught me many things. We have a better idea of what you all want on the site. This year we judged 17 local club and district web sites. This Chairman will be leaving this position to take on a new job for CGCI. I have been given the honor of the job of CGCI treasurer. I just hope I can get the help I will need there as I have had being webmaster.

### G) Carlotta Wixon: Life Membership Ratifications

#### CGCI

NAME	CLUB	DISTRICT
Morehead, Irene	Southern California Garden Club	San Fernando Valley District
Soults, Gerry	Visalia Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District
Burley, Peg	Bonita Valley Garden Club	Palomar District
Wagner, Evelyn	West Valley Garden Club	San Fernando Valley District
Ramey, Betty	Chicago Park Garden Club	Golden Foothills District
Massey, Ann	LaJolla Garden Club	Palomar District
Brandstad, Dorothy	Linden Community Garden Club	Valley Load District
Townsend, Marcia	Dos Valles Garden Club	Palomar District
Dodge Barbara	La Casa Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District
Powers, Judy	Hanford Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District
Nielsen, Linda	Hanford Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District
Cornelius, Margaret	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Desert Empire District
Sparks, Emily	Desert Rose Garden Club	Desert Empire District
Coolidge, Susan	Petaluma Garden Club	Luther Burbank District
Wheeler, Debbie	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Desert Empire District
Spiegel, Arthur	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Desert Empire District
Schafer, William	San Clemente Garden Club	Orange County District
Gould, Launa	San Clemente Garden Club	Orange County District
Grew, Bea	San Clemente Garden Club	Orange County District
Francis, Mary	Roseville Green Thumb & Arrangers	Golden Foothills District
Stone, Lois	Home & Garden Club of Modesto	Valley Lode District
Ringler, Joan	Santa Rosa Garden Club	Luther Burbank District
Collins, Pat	Santa Rosa Garden Club	Luther Burbank District
Parsons, Elizabeth	Santa Rosa Garden Club	Luther Burbank District
Dunlop, Mona	Walnut Creek Garden Club	Diablo Foothills District
West, David	Rohnert Park Garden Club	Luther Burbank District
Bullock, Sherry	Huntington Beach Garden Club	Orange County District
Johnson Smith, Mary	Hilltoppers Garden Club	Palms to Pines District
Ladra, Kathy	Atherton Garden Club	Bay Ocean District
Legallet, Suzanne	Atherton Garden Club	Bay Ocean District
Steinbein, Francie	La Jolla Garden Club	Palomar District
Mitchell, Maxine	Sherman Oaks Garden Club	San Fernando Valley District
McCreight, Sandy	Village Garden Club of La Jolla	Palomar District

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### Life Membership Ratifications (Cont.)

#### PACIFIC REGION

Vanderhorst, Gail  
Cooper, Jean  
Desilets, Rita

Southern California Garden Club  
Woodland Hills Floral Designers  
Southern California Garden Club

San Fernando Valley District  
San Fernando Valley District  
San Fernando Valley District

#### NATIONAL

Desilets, Rita  
Herberts, Nancy  
Palmbaum, Katherine

Southern California Garden Club  
Oasis GC of Indian Wells Valley  
Walnut Creek Garden Club

San Fernando Valley District  
Desert Empire District  
Diablo Foothills District