



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

January 18-19, 2008

Winter Board Meeting

Red Lion Hotel, Redding, CA

President: Robin Pokorski

Hosts: Cascade District

Amenities and Protocol Chairman Marjorie Johnson introduced President Robin Pokorski.

President Pokorski called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janet Eyre, Memorial Gardens Chairman

The Inspiration was given by Carlotta Wixon, Life Memberships Chairman

President Pokorski introduced the Executive Committee seated at the head table; former CGCI Presidents Robert Gordon, Beverly Brune, JoAnn Gould and Mary Lou Goodwin; Pages Deedee Speer and Erlyne Owens and Timekeeper Martha Ann Walter.

Recording Secretary Jane McKee called the roll and a quorum was established.

Excused: Catherine Accardi, Gloria Aminian, Harriet Behrens, Virginia Bennetts, Joan Blankenship, Geanne Brown, Glen Burroughs, Dorothy Dempsey, Ed Dempsey, Nellie Dewey, Elin Doehne, Edris Edgar, Eileen Fiumara, Mary Francis, LaVerne Harms, Betty Hedtke, Linda Lang, Ron Lang, Sandi Lord, Bob Marlin, Joyce Marlin, Angela Michaels, Helen Miller, Alexa Moss, Doris Nagy, Wilma Parker, Joan Patten, Merrilee Ray, Joyce Reid, Jean Reiley, Betty Rohan, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley Schuler, Robert Schuler, Carol Sexton, Mary Tebo, Jane Troutman, Elisabeth Tufo, Gail Vanderhorst, Carolyn Villi, Mary Waddington-Merritt, Emily Wisneski, Kay Wolfe, Marie Zimmerman

President Pokorski announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June and would be in effect for the entire term.

President Pokorski thanked Cascade District for hosting the Winter Board Meeting.

Lorna Bonham, Chairman 2008 Winter Board Meeting, moved to adopt the Winter Board Meeting program as published. **PASSED.**

The Registration Report was deferred until the afternoon business meeting.

Julie West moved to approve the minutes of the 2007 Fall Board Meeting in Long Beach as distributed. **PASSED.**

President Pokorski appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: George Speer, 3rd Vice-President, Elaine Billeter, Diablo Foothills District Director, Lorraine Ornelas, Arbor Day Chairman.

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary, Joelle Holford, reported that much work has been done to update the records management procedures and reminded all members that copies of deposits and requests for reimbursements should be sent to the Financial Secretary as well as to the Treasurer.

George Perko, financial advisor, presented the financial reports in the absence of the Treasurer. He noted that to remain within FDIC limitations, funds held in Certificates of Deposit are now in three different financial institutions and have been divided accordingly. **Attachment A**

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Pat Clayes, read thank you notes from Patrick's Point GC and Sherman Library and Gardens and letters concerning the Southern California wildfires from: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, North Carolina Garden Clubs, NGC President Barbara May and Mary Francis, President, Roseville Arrangers Guild.

President Pokorski presented an NGC 4-star certificate to Pat Clayes.

Executive Committee Recommendations/Ratifications:

Recording Secretary, Jane McKee, read the following Recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Ratifications:

1. To order 10,000 poppy bookmarks at a cost of \$138.23 plus tax and shipping. Money to come from the Promotional Materials/Publicity fund. **PASSED.**

Recommendations:

2. To approve Gayle Davis as Press Release Chairman **PASSED.**
3. To approve Doris Nagy as Stamps Chairman **PASSED.**
4. To approve Ruth Angevine as 2009 CGCI Fall Board Meeting Co-Chairman **PASSED.**
5. To accept Mendo-Lake District's offer to co-host 2011 CGCI convention **PASSED.**
6. To approve 2008 CGCI Convention Registration Fee of \$35 and late registration fee of \$60. **PASSED.**
7. To approve 2008 CGCI Symposium, San Mateo, Registration package of \$185. **PASSED.**
8. To move \$5847.15 of Jubilee income from the General Fund to the Wildflower Fund. **PASSED.**
9. For CGCI to subsidize the NGC/Principal Financial Group "Let's Go Native" grants to ensure a combined minimum award of \$250 per applicant. Program cost not to exceed \$5000. Monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED.**
10. That CGCI obtain a no annual fee credit card. Approved signers to be CGCI President and Financial Officers. **PASSED.**
11. To adopt a Resolution on behalf of the Districts affected by the 2007 wildfires requesting funds for reforestation of the afflicted areas from NGC's National Disasters Fund.

Discussion:

-Lorraine Ornelas moved to amend the resolution to request funding from NGC's Penny Pines Fund instead of the National Disaster Fund.

-Lorraine Ornelas moved to lay the question of the amendment on the table pending further review.

President Pokorski announced

-that the Pacific Region Convention will be April 3-5, Portland, OR and that CGCI is entitled to up to 12 delegates. Gayle Davis will be the official CGCI delegate.

-that the NGC Convention is April 23-28, Memphis, TN. CGCI will have no delegates other than the elected officers and NGC Board members attending.

-that CGCI is entitled to one member and one alternate on the NGC Nominating Committee. The requirements are that the person shall have served as an elected officer of CGCI, shall have served two years as a member of the NGC Board of Directors and shall have attended two of the last three NGC Conventions (Memphis, Boston, Orlando). Only 2 CGCI members are eligible: Beverly Brune and Mary-Jo Noth. Beverly Brune nominated Mary-Jo Noth as the member. Beverly Brune accepted the position as the alternate. **PASSED** with no objections.

Presidential Awards:

President Pokorski introduced Sharon Thorne and Marilyn Oberti as the newest President's Winners.

Photography Team presented President Pokorski with a camera and carrying case and reminded members to submit photos (in any format) for the record.

President Pokorski presented CGCI directories to the Board members.

Officers Reports:

- **Parliamentarian:** No report
- **Golden Gardens editor:** Diane Charbonneau noted that two copies of the original *Golden Gardens* published in October 1932 had been found. She thanked all of the staff and subscribers for their support.
- **Treasurer:** No further report
- **Financial Secretary:** No further report
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Pat Claves reported that 133 out of 145 board members now receive their official notices via electronic mail. Those without electronic mail access or who experience difficulty in receiving documents receive copies via the US Postal Service. In November, an updated list of all club presidents and district directors was forwarded to National Garden Clubs, Inc. for *The National Gardener* and *Keeping In Touch* for club presidents and *Keeping In Touch* for district directors.
- **Recording Secretary:** Jane McKee
 - moved to ratify the following CGCI Calendar items:
 1. Environmental Studies School, Bay Ocean Series, Course 3
November 1-2, 2008, San Mateo, CA **PASSED**
 2. Gardening Studies School, Series 20
Soka University of America, Alisa Viejo
Sponsor: Orange County District **PASSED**
 - Reminded members to notify Yearbook Chairman, 3rd Vice President/Membership, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary of changes to e-mail addresses.

- **3rd Vice President:** George Speer expressed appreciation to Maryanne Lucas for creating membership posters, rack cards and bookmarks and moved to ratify the following new clubs and affiliates:
 Clubs:
 Garden Club of Colusa County – Buttes District, 32 members
 Gardeners of the Grove - Sacramento River Valley District, 14 members
 Elk Grove Garden Club - Sacramento River Valley District, 24 members
 Carmichael Geranium Society - Sacramento River Valley District, 75 members
 Ikebana International, Monterey Bay Chapter No. 231 – Santa Clara Valley District, 70 members
 Affiliates:
 California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, 1500 members
PASSED
- **2nd Vice President:** Julie West presented the following reports:
 - **Policy Committee:** The committee is working on policy for CGCI's website. Maryanne Lucas, Ed Dempsey and Lynne Hansen have met with us to provide their input on general guidelines. At Fall Board, the Committee agreed upon a general definition and guidelines for use of the Calendar of Events.
 - **Participating Sponsor program:** The number of sponsors has increased from 34 to 49 in the past year. A website calendar to post the sponsors' special events is being developed and members are encouraged to submit names of nurseries and garden centers to be considered for this program.
 - **Publicity:** Members were reminded of and encouraged to use the publicity guideline available on the CGCI website.
 - **Strategic Planning Committee:** Recommended that a special committee of past Convention and Board Chairman be formed to investigate the possibility of reorganizing CGCI Conventions/Board meetings to increase revenues for the host and CGCI and enhance the experience for members. Suggested topics of review include reducing the number of days, reducing the number of oral reports, making Chairmen more accessible, eliminating redundancy and providing more educational opportunities for attendees.
 - **75 Year History:** *The Golden Years* covering CGCI's first 50 years has been data entered. Various portions of this book have been distributed to volunteers for updating. The target deadline is February 1 and five have been received. Three other sections require updates and volunteers are needed. Minutes from 1980-2006 will be reviewed in the next few weeks. The publication goal is Convention 2009.
- **1st Vice President:** Maryanne Lucas moved to ratify the following clubs for 501©(3) exemption: Pioneer Garden Club, Sogetsu-San Fernando Valley Branch, Fortuna Garden Club, Chula Vista Garden Club, La Jolla Garden Club, Garden Club of Colusa County, Newman Garden Club, Southern Humboldt Garden Club, Inc., Desert Planters of Ridgecrest, Red Bluff Garden Club. **PASSED.**
- **President:** President Pokorski thanked the 17 clubs and 16 districts visited to date and announced the following:
 - A new program from NGC and Gro-Well Brands. As of January 1, 2008 clubs and districts are eligible to receive a \$3 rebate on each Gro-Well Brand product purchased. Gro-Well makes organic fertilizers and repellents. \$100,000 is available to clubs this year and another \$100,000 will be available for 2009.
 - CGCI is eligible to receive two \$3,500 scholarships from NGC in 2008 and in 2009 we will be eligible for two \$4,000 scholarships. The deadline for application is March 1.
 - Principal Financial Group will sponsor the CGCI membership cards for 2009.
 - Principal Financial Group will provide \$250 grants for Blue Star Byway Markers ordered and dedicated by June 2009 with the option to renew the program.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Advisory Council:** Did not meet - No report
 - **Tours:** Bob Gordon noted that the April 6-8 Pacific Region post-convention tour is nearly filled; there is \$50 deposit and the total price is \$395. There is still space available for the CGCI 2008 fundraising tour – July 9-15 to London for the Hampton Court Flower Show with a pre-tour to Greece – July 2-9 and post-tour to Scotland - July 15-20; each segment is approximately \$1500.
 - **Board of Trustees:**
 - 1) George Perko reported from the Scholarship Committee that the Tebo fund has \$1400 remaining and the scholarship amount is \$1500. Maryanne Lucas moved to move \$100 from general scholarship fund to the Tebo fund. **PASSED.**
 - 2) Evelyn Broadus, Scholarship Chairman, announced the 2008 recipients:
 CGCI - \$2000 Rebecca Hernandez, CSU Fullerton
 CGCI - \$2000 Katherine Kinglets, Cal Poly SLO
 Tebo - \$1500 Lisa Boray, Cal Poly SLO
 - 3) George Perko moved to authorize a CGCI sponsored scholarship in the name of Robert Gordon to be administered by Cal Poly SLO. **PASSED (unanimous)**

- **Budget & Finance:** Joelle Holford moved to allow Blue Star Chairman expenses to come from Blue Star pin sales. **PASSED.** The committee has begun review of the 2008-09 budget.
- **Bylaws:** Mary Jo Noth moved to recommend the following amendments to the voting membership at the 2008 Convention:
 - 1) **Article V. Section 4 (a):** The Recording Secretary shall: (a) keep minutes of meetings and distribute copies to the ~~board of directors~~ **appropriate recipients** within six weeks of each meeting. **Rationale:** clarifies recipients, i.e. executive committee receives minutes of executive committee meetings, but board of directors does not. **PASSED**
 - 2) **Article XI Section 8:** Convention, registration and credentials chairmen and treasurer, who ~~shall~~ **may** be members of a club in the host district(s), ~~shall~~ **may** be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district(s) following the selection of the convention locale. **Rationale:** allows current CGCI chairmen for Registration and Credentials to serve. **PASSED**
 - 3) **Article XII Section 5:** Net proceeds from conventions shall be placed in the General Fund. Half of the net proceeds from conventions shall be placed in the General Fund and the remaining half may be retained by the Host District(s) or Host Club(s). **Rationale:** specifies distribution of proceeds from conventions. **PASSED**
 - 4) **Article XII Section 7:** The following are budgeted from the General Fund: (a) president's ~~allowance~~ **reimbursement** of up to ~~\$3000.00~~ **\$5000.00** annually for verified expenses incurred for state travel and office expenses including mileage reimbursement in accordance with the current IRS business mileage rate, (b) president's ~~allowance~~ **reimbursement** of up to \$5,000.00 annually for verified expenses incurred in attending two meetings of NGC and one Pacific Region meeting, (c) president-elect's ~~allowance~~ **reimbursement** of up to \$1,500.00 for verified expenses incurred in attending one meeting of NGC and (d) ~~an allowance~~ **reimbursement** of up to \$1,500.00 annually for verified expenses when the Pacific Region director is from California. **Rationale:** current allowance in subsection (a) is insufficient; the increase will allow for reimbursement of more of the CGCI president's official expenses. The increase was proposed by the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council. Other changes: "reimbursement" is the correct procedural term, not "allowance". **PASSED**
- **Nominating:** Bob Gordon distributed personnel information forms to be completed by end of day to update all records.
- **Fall Board Meeting 2007, Long Beach:** Diane Charbonneau thanked all who participated and attended; the net revenue was \$1925.13 and a donation to the President's Project was presented to President Pokorski.

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 11:30 A.M. for lunch
 President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

Lorraine Ornelas moved to take the question of the wildfire resolution amendment from the table. **PASSED**

Lorraine Ornelas withdrew the amendment to the wildfire resolution.

Jane McKee, Recording Secretary, moved to approve
 CGCI Resolution 2008-1 **ADOPTED (unanimous) Attachment B**
 CGCI Resolution 2008-2 **ADOPTED (unanimous) Attachment C**
 CGCI Resolution 2008-3 **ADOPTED (unanimous) Attachment D**

President Pokorski appointed a Special Committee of Past Convention & Board Chairmen: Mary Lou Goodwin, Judy Picinini, Pat Claves, Linda Riddle and Shane Looper to review conventions and board meeting procedures.

Jane McKee, Recording Secretary moved to ratify the Landscape Design Study Program, Series 22, Course II, May 3-4, 2008, San Andreas, CA. **PASSED**

- **District Director Coordinator:** Maryanne Lucas introduced the District Directors' reports. **Attachment E.**
- **Chairman Coordinator,** Greg Pokorski, introduced the Chairmen's reports. **Attachment F.**

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting, Saturday, January 20, at 8:00 A.M.

President Pokorski announced the appointment of Mary Crowell as Chairman of Cactus/Succulent section of the Horticulture Team. George Speer moved to ratify. **PASSED.**

Chairmen's reports continued.

Carlotta Wixon, Life Memberships Chairman, moved to ratify the following Life Memberships:
CGCI: Ann Ashbaugh, Eltha Hannum, Lena Knowles, Barbara Ingle, Dorothy Chainey, Theresa Hannig; Pacific Region: Ann Ashbaugh and NGC: Salli Day. **PASSED.**

Jane McKee, Recording Secretary, read a Courtesy Resolution and moved to adopt. **PASSED. Attachment G**

President Robin Pokorski adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Submitted

Jane McKee
CGCI Recording Secretary

CGCI Financial Statement
1/15/08

ASSETS-Cash & Bank Accounts

CD #1 (BA 6854)	43,429.04	
CD #2 (LB 49052-5)	90,670.69	
CD #3 (WF 2245)	90,739.78	
Cash-Checking	44,103.37	
TOTAL		268,942.88

ASSETS-Other

Golden Gardens Account	24,774.48	
Prepaid Deposits-Hotels & Meetings	2,000.00	
TOTAL		26,774.48

TOTAL ASSETS

295,717.36

Restricted Funds

Awards	7,972.18	
Blue Star Memorial	2,203.80	
Blue Star Principal Financial	2,400.00	
CGCI Scholarship Fund	60,010.89	
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund	1,410.01	
Donor Copeland Fund	12,015.04	
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund	3,250.00	
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flower School	5,213.65	
Donor Wil J. Tebo Scholarship	1,400.45	
Educational Schools Fund	7,825.00	
Flower Show School	620.79	
Gardening Consultants Council	810.65	
Gardening Study	2,231.26	
Habitat for Humanity	55.00	
Honor Book	7,651.09	
Landscape Design Council	2,169.48	
Landscape Design School	4,212.19	
Liability Insurance	35,503.95	
Reforestation Fund	700.00	
Symposium Reserve	12,137.62	
Wildflower Conference	7,482.07	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		177,275.12

Total Assets less Restricted Funds

118,442.24

Funds available for operation: \$118,442.24 - \$26,774.48

91,667.76

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CGCI Budget Report

7/1/07 through 6/30/08

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME (Interim report 7-1-07 to 1-15-08):			
Dues-Affiliates	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)
Dues-Associate Plant Societies	4,207.50	1.00	4,206.50
Dues-Clubs	17,820.25	26,250.00	(8,429.75)
Fundraising-President's Project	260.00	1.00	259.00
Fundraising-Tours	0.00	1.00	(1.00)
Fundraising-Misc	960.00	2,500.00	(1,540.00)
Non-profit Group Exemption fees	415.00	800.00	(385.00)
Insurance-premiums	19,489.75	27,063.00	(7,573.25)
Insurance-certificates (special events)	5,740.00	6,760.00	(1,020.00)
Interest-Bank accounts	3,703.42	3,000.00	703.42
Meetings-Convention/Board net revenue	1,073.95	1.00	1,072.95
Misc Income	5,106.43	3,335.00	1,771.43
Scholarship	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)
State Pins & Sales	1,037.50	2,000.00	(962.50)
Yearbook Sales	934.85	500.00	434.85
Total Income	61,348.65	78,712.00	(17,363.35)
EXPENSES (Interim report 7-1-07 to 1-15-08):			
Administrative:			
Auditor	1,500.00	1,700.00	200.00
Director/Officers Insurance premium	0.00	1,850.00	1,850.00
Dues-NGC	10,295.00	10,500.00	205.00
Dues-NGC Youth	10.00	1.00	(9.00)
Dues-Pacific Region	360.00	360.00	0.00
Fidelity Bond	0.00	450.00	450.00
Filing Fees & Taxes	60.00	100.00	40.00
Golden Gardens-Complimentary copies	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Hospitality-Gifts	0.00	100.00	100.00
Insurance	358.28	31,973.00	31,614.72
Misc Expense	131.25	1.00	(130.25)
Chairmen:			
Awards	24.00	500.00	476.00
Chairman Coordinator	0.00	50.00	50.00
District Director Coordinator	0.00	75.00	75.00
Membership-3rd VP	186.93	1,000.00	813.07
Chairmen (44 @ \$50 each)	159.02	2,200.00	2,040.98
District Directors (26 @ \$50 each)	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Smokey Bear Poster Contest	0.00	150.00	150.00
Yearbook Chairman	0.00	250.00	250.00
Youth Activities	0.00	750.00	750.00
Officers:			
Corresponding Secretary	82.00	300.00	218.00
Financial Secretary	0.00	150.00	150.00
Parliamentarian	0.00	50.00	50.00
President-NGC & Pacific Region	963.28	5,000.00	4,036.72
President-Travel & Office Ex	41.80	3,000.00	2,958.20
Recording Secretary	0.00	200.00	200.00
Treasurer	10.27	300.00	289.73
Other:			
Fall Board Tour	598.50	1.00	(597.50)
Flower Show School Awards	16.86	1.00	(15.86)
Flower Show School Credentials	16.69	1.00	(15.69)
Jubilee Door Plaque (Award)	43.22	1.00	(42.22)
Membership-Posters & Brochures	996.38	1,000.00	3.62
Membership-Cards	456.77	1.00	(455.77)
Misc	0.00	1.00	1.00
Office Supplies	0.00	300.00	300.00
President's Project	260.00	1.00	(259.00)
Promotional Materials-Banners	169.20	1.00	(168.20)
Promotional Materials-Publicity	188.37	1,000.00	811.63
Scholarship	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00

State Pins & Sales	1,041.05	1.00	(1,040.05)
Website	95.40	100.00	4.60
Yearbook Printing	4,905.15	5,000.00	94.85
Total Expense	22,969.42	78,719.00	55,749.58
Net Revenue	38,379.23	(7.00)	38,386.23

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RESOLUTION
California Garden Clubs, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is well known that in 2007 extensive wildfires devastated over 500,000 acres in Southern California including areas in Cleveland National Forest, Los Padres National Forest, and San Bernardino National Forest.

WHEREAS, Cleveland National Forest, Los Padres National Forest, and San Bernardino National Forest are supported by the clubs of Channel Islands District, Montana de Oro District, Orange County District, Palomar District, and Palms to Pines District of California Garden Clubs, Inc. through the Penny Pines and Reforestation programs.

WHEREAS, funds are urgently needed for replanting of the lost forest areas and to replenish the U.S. Forest Service nurseries.

WHEREAS, although clubs of California Garden Clubs, Inc. have collected funds for many years in support of the Penny Pines program and more recently the Reforestation program, monies in addition to those collected within the State and Districts are necessary for proper reforestation of these National Forests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that California Garden Clubs, Inc., on behalf of the clubs of Channel Islands District, Montana de Oro District, Orange County District, Palomar District, and Palms to Pines District, requests funding from National Garden Clubs' Natural Disasters Fund in the amount of \$31,500 (63 clubs, \$500 per club) to assist in the reforestation of our precious National Forests.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. sincerely thank National Garden Clubs, Inc. for any assistance that they may be able to provide in this important endeavor.

Robin Pokorski
President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Adopted by California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Date: January 18, 2008



CGCI Resolution No. 2008-1

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Robin Pokorski
President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Date: January 18, 2008



CGCI Resolution No. 2008-2

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that California Garden Clubs, Inc., on behalf of the clubs of Channel Islands District, Montana de Oro District, Orange County District, Palomar District, and Palms to Pines District, requests funding from National Garden Clubs' Reforestation and Restoration Fund in the amount of \$31,500 (63 clubs, \$500 per club) to assist in the reforestation of our precious National Forests.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. sincerely thank National Garden Clubs, Inc. for any assistance that they may be able to provide in this important endeavor.

Robin Pokorski
President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Date: January 18, 2008



CGCI Resolution No. 2008-3

District Director Reports

Arboretum: No report

Bay Bridges: One club's fundraising luncheon featured five types of quiche with angel food cake for dessert, the program was a book review of garden-related books and a laminated bookmark was given as a favor to attendees. District bylaws are being updated.

Bay Ocean: Two clubs have evening meetings; District will co-host 2009 convention; several groups sponsor successful garden tours and District will sponsor Environmental Studies School in November.

Buttes: No report

Cascade: Hosts of Winter Board 2008; celebrated 95th birthday of Velma Crain long time member; inaugurated District Newsletter; encouraged clubs to participate in CGCI Awards program designating "coaches" and holding workshops; several clubs have projects ranging from landscaping to garden-of-the-month contests.

Channel Islands: Two clubs made wreaths to sell during holidays; two clubs have therapy workshops for seniors- one is a hands-on workshop where the seniors make topical holiday projects; one youth group had an all youth flower show in November and is now preparing for a Table Setting Exhibition in February-these junior gardeners also collected funds for 5 Penny Pines plantations in 2007; one club is preparing for a Standard Flower Show in April, and CGCI President Robin Pokorski will make an official visit to the District in March.

Costa Verde: No Report

Desert Empire: District Flower Show planned for April at the fair grounds; *Desert Planters GC* purchased 11 Penny Pines plantations in 2007 and raised funds for five trees for USO Building renovation project; *Desert Rose GC* has four members on the city beautification committee; *Oasis GC* will celebrate 50th anniversary in 2008 and *Boron GC* made 250 stockings to distribute at Christmas.

Diablo Foothills: Dedicated a Blue Star marker in Walnut Creek; held awards workshop; *Montelindo GC* sponsoring lecture series; *Livermore-Amador Valley GC* planted thousands of daffodils and *Contra Costa Rose Society* will offer expert rose pruning services. The District hosted the CGCI President twice in 2007.

Golden Foothills: Two arranger's guilds provide arrangements for library and other local establishments. *Chicago Park GC* held their Annual Victorian Tea with guest CGCI President. Proceeds benefit their Meditation Garden. Colfax GC has active youth program, plants and maintains five areas in the city, helps decorate the town at Christmas, and club members volunteer in the schools. *Divide GC* maintains native garden and decorates 100 donated trees at Christmas. *Lake of the Sky GC's* annual garden tour grossed over \$8000.

Greater Los Angeles: No report

Humboldt: No Report

Luther Burbank: Completed Series 19, Gardening Study School with net profit of \$2100; Hosted CGCI President; presented landscape design award; *Men's GC of Santa Rosa* sponsored pumpkin contest at County Fair; *Petaluma Rose and GC* did rose pruning at train depot; *Santa Rosa GC* sold Shooting Star Hydrangeas as holiday fundraiser; *DIGS* and *Green Thumb GCs* made floral arrangements for seniors at a nursing home and *Peacock GC* collected contributions for the local food bank.

Mendo-Lake: *Ukiah Garden Club* holds evening meetings with program only-no business; *Clearlake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club* has outstanding club newsletter supported by monthly raffle; *North Lake Garden Club* draws new members through programs and newsletter with local gardening information; *Potter Valley Garden Club* holds tours and plants sales keeping focused on local interest; *Willits Garden Club* has a float in the local parade; *Fort Bragg GC* had a Potting Party at a meeting in which members brought plants/bulbs/cuttings, board members supplied dirt/pots/labels and fresh potted plants were sold at the annual plant sale.

Montana de Oro: No report

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Orange County: Attempting to reorganize *Floral Arts Guild* that disbanded in 2007; sponsoring Gardening Study School in March, updating bylaws, donated \$1000 to Helena Mojeska Home for purchase of native plants; approximately one third of clubs have websites and a *Horticultural Society* member maintains a site with information of interest to Orange County gardeners.

Palms to Pines: Planning winter event featuring Small Standard Flower Show, workshops on poisonous plants, creating an award winning year-book, and flower-show 101 to encourage clubs to have flower shows; *Redlands Horticulture & Improvement Society* revived the Fall Flower Show (last held in the 1940's) in the form of a Table Setting Flower Show held at the Historic Kendall House in Redlands, CA; have an information booth at the 3rd Annual Desert Garden Community Day in Palm Desert in October to explore the possibility of starting a new garden club in the desert.

Palomar: An awards workshop was held in early October led by CGCI Awards Chairman, Nancy Lee Loesch. Wildfires resulted in cancellation of fall district meeting and clubs were encouraged to increase fundraising efforts for Penny Pines. Speaker at spring meeting will be Dr. Tim Barnett who collaborated with Al Gore on the issue of global warming.

Roadrunner: Maintains a list of speakers for use by clubs; clubs maintain gardens within their cities, collect food, toys and clothing for food banks, shelters and nursing homes, donated books to the library.

Sacramento River Valley: Sponsored display at Home and Garden Show and staffed information table resulting in 3 new clubs. *Davis GC*, in exchange for restoring landscaping at local senior citizens center, will receive free meeting room.

San Fernando Valley: *Southern California GC* held tour of L.A. Flower District and rooftop gardens of Disney concert hall; a *West Valley GC* member's drought resistant garden was featured in the Daily News and they sponsored two workshops – one on fire and water wise gardening and one on health in the garden.

Santa Clara Valley: One club made 130 flower arrangements for facilities in three towns, maintains three gardens and has a school program. The *Bishop Buds* youth group planted vegetables on school grounds and will display at show in May.

Sequoia Foothills: No report

Top o' the State: No report

Valley Lode: *Modesto GC* sponsored a Flower Show School, Course I and will host Course II in 2008; *Calaveras County GC* sponsored a Landscape Design Study Program, Course I and will host Course II in 2008; CGCI President visited the fall district meeting and CGCI 2nd Vice President will be the guest at the winter district meeting.

Yosemite Gateway: Two flower shows and three garden tours are planned by clubs in 2008; *Merced GC* donated a rototiller to high school horticulture program and \$1000 to new UC campus for trees at entrance; one club invited football team members to fulfill community service requirement by pruning roses; Blue Star marker will be dedicated in May.

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CGCI Committee Chairmen Reports

Chairmen Coordinator: Serves as liaison between chairmen, the Executive Committee and District Directors and joined with District Director Coordinator to produce a combined pre-Board Meeting newsletter for all board members.. A Chairmen's Forum was held on January 17 with at least 50 in attendance. Attendees were divided into seven groups to discuss a series of questions of interest to CGCI. A full report will be submitted to the Executive Committee for their information and consideration.

Amenities/Protocol: No report

Arbor Day: Information on Arbor Day was distributed to all district directors and clubs are encouraged to participate in the annual celebration by planting trees in their communities.

Arboreta/Botanic/Gardens of California: No report

Associate Plant Societies: Only two groups requested a CGCI yearbook and dues are current on all but one group.

Awards: The theme of Convention 2008 Awards Night Banquet will be "Golden Gnome Awards" and invitations to the program were distributed.

Awards Finances: All sponsors for 2007-2008 have remitted their payments for the awards to be presented at Convention in June 2008. Approximately 54 sponsors fund the 87 awards available totaling \$4,350.

Blue Star Memorials: Principal Financial Group will provide \$250 for the first eight clubs or districts that apply to order a By-way marker in 2008. PFG is also providing funding for landscaping around markers that contain 80% native plants. Details are available from the chairman or the CGCI website.

Civic Development: February 1, 2008 is deadline for Civic Development award. There is \$50 award in each of two categories.

Conservation Team

Butterflies: No report

CA Native Plants: Plant natives to attract and support wildlife in the garden. A list of requirements for wildlife and list of plants that are particularly good for wildlife was provided.

Composting: No report

Insects: The Light Brown Apple Moth has been discovered in California and is potentially devastating to a significant number of crops and ornamentals. Members were cautioned to be aware of quarantine areas, observe all quarantine regulations and to report any evidence of the pest to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Recycling: No report

Vermiculture: No report

Water: Described the problems facing California and offered suggestions for home conservation.

Wildflowers: No report

Conventions/Board Meetings:

Convention 2008: The convention will be in Woodland Hills, June 5-9, 2008 and the theme is "Gardening – A Global Link". Featured countries will be England, Italy, France, Mexico, China and Japan. Tour will include a Blue Star marker dedication and President's Project at Conejo Valley Botanic Garden. Honored guest is NGC President Barbara May.

District Director-Mailbox: Directors should pick up items in their folders or arrange for someone to do so in their absence.

Educational Encounters: No report

Endangered Species: No report

FAST: The San Francisco Flower and Garden Show will be March 12-16, 2008.

Flower Show

Awards: In 2007 seven books of evidence qualified to be judged for NGC awards. The deadline for CGCI entries is February 1. Schedules should be sent to the Schedules Chairman and entries are needed for Flower Arranger and Designer's Choice Award.

Schedules: Schedules can be sent to chairman for review prior to printing.

Judges Credentials: 33 judges attended the 2007 symposium for credit; 14 took the test and passed; 5 accredited judges advance to Life status; due to the fires, 18 judges were unable to attend and their credentials will be held for approval to attend the 2008 symposium. In October nine student judges passed the reading exam. Judges records are being maintained electronically

Judges Council: No report

Symposia: The 2007 Symposium was held in Palm Springs, CA. Instructors were P. Nuse, FL and C. Hawkins, GA. The 2008 Symposium will be held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, July 24-26. Julia Clevett, design instructor, Dottie Howatt, horticulture. The Symposium brochure will be distributed at CGCI Winter Boards as well as at Convention, via email, on the CGCI website, and by Judges Council Chairmen at Council meetings. Fees are approaching \$200.00 per attendee per Symposium.

Garden Therapy: The committee continues to plan hands-on workshops for each of the CGCI meetings. In support of the 75-year history book project, District Directors have been asked to contact club presidents for information on garden therapy projects of the last 25 years. Using the information gathered the committee will circulate a newsletter sharing the ideas.

Golden Gardens

Angels: Proceeds from the Angel fund supports *Golden Gardens*.

Circulation: All club accounts are paid and the chairman is working with clubs to keep errors to a minimum.

Season's Greetings: No report

Dateline: No report

Honor Books: No report

Horticulture Team

Horticulture: The theme is "Helping Your Garden Tolerate Drought". Native species and Mediterranean plants are good water-wise choices.

Container Gardening: No report

Fruits/Nuts: No report

Herbs: Herbs are good choices for a drought tolerant garden.

New Cultivars: No report

Roses: Roses are not drought resistant and need additional attention to bring them through a dry spell.

Trees: Western Redbud is excellent tree for a drought tolerant garden. A list of other trees is available from the chairman.

Vegetables: Issue 3 of Veggie News covered Asparagus and the next issue will be on Artichokes. Twenty garden club members are participating in the Pacific Region "Heirloom" project.

Weeds: No report

Insurance: No report

Legislation: The California Lighting Efficiency and Toxics Reduction Act has become law; San Diego Gas and Electric is proposing to construct a new power line through the Anza-Borrega Desert State Park, a recent global warming conference could lead to a new agreement replacing the Kyoto Protocol and the IRS is creating a new reporting form – 990-N – for non profits with annual gross receipts under \$25,000.

Life Membership: Six CGCI, one Pacific Region and one NGC life memberships were processed and ratified. The chairman will have display at Convention and information/application is available from the chairman, the CGCI website or *Golden Gardens*.

Memorial Gardens: The gardens are a way to honor a person, place or event and the chairman reviewed the history of the project.

National Garden Week: Books of evidence for 2007 programs/projects are due February 1.

NGC-Member Services: Free materials from NGC are displayed at all CGCI meetings and can also be reviewed on the NGC website.

NGC-Principal Grants: Twenty-one NGC/Principal grant applications were received prior to the deadline including one state application, which, if funded, will provide an opportunity for all CGCI clubs and districts to apply for funds for native plant landscaping of Blue Star sites. Applications were read and graded by this chairman at the state level and were then sent to the national chairman for final judging and determination of grant funds. All applied for the \$1000 maximum amount. The projects were extremely worthwhile and were very well stated in their respective applications. Applicants should receive notification of judging results and their checks, if funded, by mail in early February.

Operation Wildflower: No report

Penny Pines: Due to the 2007 wildfires the chairman has seen a significant increase in donations. Checks are to be sent directly to the forest office.

Permanent Files: All files have now been moved to new location in Van Nuys.

Photographer: No further report

President's Project: \$5000 in donations received to date; the first group of trees planted are doing well and a matching fund grant for all donations is available until August 1, 2008.

Procedure Books: No report

Reforestation: The fund stands at \$1700 and all members, clubs and districts are encouraged to donate.

Roommate Coordinator: Chairman is available to assist in finding roommates.

Schools/Councils

Finance Chairman: No report

Flower Show School: Nine student judges passed the 2007 exam and became accredited. Two sessions will be held in 2008: Course II, April 15 in Modesto and Course I, August 21 in Encinitas.

Environmental Studies School: No report

Environmental Consultants Council: No report

Gardening Study Schools: Three Gardening Consultants refreshed in September. Series 19/Santa Rosa concluded in October – with 14 new Gardening Consultants. Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation were presented to Luther Burbank District and the local school committee by the CGCI President during her official district visit in October. Series 20, Course I will be March 28-29 in Alisa Viejo. Additional Tri-Refresher opportunities this year are at the Pacific Region post-convention tour in Portland in April, the NGC Convention in Memphis in April, and the CGCI FBM in September. Information on status or sponsoring a school is available from the chairman.

Gardening Consultants Council: Council has 45 active members and members are writing articles for *Golden Gardens* and the website. The Council presents the HT-1 Horticulture Award and Certificates for Beautiful Gardens recommended by clubs. The certificate is available on the website. A tri-refresher is planned following Fall Board 2008.

Landscape Design Study Program: Eleven students passed the 2007 exam and became accredited Consultants; Maryanne Lucas and Renate Gaurano became Master LD Consultants; 69 students attended the October course and the next session will be May 3-4, 2008. NGC has approved combining Courses 1 and 2 on a one-time basis. The class will be held in Temecula in September or October 2008.

Landscape Design Council: Certificates have been presented to seven groups or individuals for their landscape design projects.

Sales: No report

Sempervirens Fund: Donations of \$500 for Grove #10 received since September 2007. Site selection for this new Grove should take place in the next few months.

Stationery: No report

Website: Chairman reported on the redesign of the website.

Workshops: No report

Yearbook, Manual & Roster: 560 yearbooks have been distributed. The chairman reminded members of the procedure for submitting corrections or additions.

Youth Activities Team:

COURTESY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 2008 Winter Board Meeting at Redding, California, January 17-19, 2008 have benefited from information learned at the Board Meeting and will disseminate said information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Robin Pokorski, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Robin Pokorski, through her gracious presiding, and the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this Winter Board Meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED, That sincere thanks be given to Lorna Bonham, Chairman of the 2008 Winter Board Meeting, and Kathy Bramhall, Director of the Host District, Cascade District, and all of the members of the Cascade District who have planned and participated in the success of the 2008 Winter Board Meeting and assured its success by their many courtesies extended;

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to all of the floral designers of Anderson Valley Garden Club, Cascade Arrangers Guild, Cottonwood Garden Club, Lake California Garden Club and Redding Wonderland Garden Club who provided the table designs; and Sue Prah and Glenda McCoy who provided floral designs for the President's Room and Hotel Lobby.

RESOLVED, That appreciation be given to Anne Capes and Robert Gordon for their informative workshops.

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to Karlene and Terry Stoker for opening their beautiful garden, which is an excellent example of good land use.

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to From The Hearth Bakery for providing delicious food for the Icebreaker.

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to the Western Open Fiddlers, who provided exciting entertainment.
And

RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies be sent to those mentioned above.

Resolutions Chairman

Adopted by California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Date: January 2008