

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the 2017 Fall Board Meeting
Gold Country Casino and Hotel, Oroville, California
October 4 – 5, 2017
Host: Buttes District
President: Krystal K. Migliore

Business Meeting #1

President Krystal Migliore called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4.

The Recording Secretary was present.

Awards Chairman Berni Hendrix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Flower Show Judges Credentials Chairman Kathy Bramhall gave the Inspiration.

President Krystal Migliore introduced the 2017 – 2019 Executive Committee and welcomed the former CGCI presidents in attendance: Mary Lou Goodwin (1991 – 1993), Robert Gordon (2003 – 2005), Elisabeth Tufo (2005 – 2007), Robin Pokorski (2007 – 2009), Julie A. West (2011 – 2013), Rita Desilets (2013 – 2015) and Sue Bennett (2015 – 2017).

President Krystal Migliore recognized Circle of Poppies members in attendance: Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig.

President Krystal Migliore acknowledged those members serving on the 2017 – 2019 National Garden Clubs Board of Directors, including two members serving as officers: Corresponding Secretary Robin Pokorski and Historian Shane Looper.

Those members serving on the 2017 – 2019 Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc Board of Directors were acknowledged.

Fall Board Meeting Chairman Ilene Herringer welcomed the CGCI members to Buttes District.

President Krystal Migliore thanked Buttes District, Chairman Herringer, the host committee and district volunteers for hosting the Fall Board Meeting.

City of Oroville Mayor Linda Dahlmeier welcomed the CGCI members to Oroville, and on behalf of the California Consultants Council, Carolyn Villi presented a Landscape Design Commendation to the City of Oroville.

The page for this meeting is Janet Gomes from Garden Club of Colusa County.

Timekeeper Jeanne Desilets was introduced and explained the time limits for oral reports.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst called the roll and the Chair declared a quorum.

Excused: Lili Aram-Bost, Ted Benson, Beverly Brune, Anne Capes, Pat Clayes, Nancy Compton, Joyce Dean, Janet Eyre, Helen Gates, Josie Goodenow, Mike Gould, Mavis Hansen, Joelle Holford, Rosalie Hooper, Marjorie Johnson, Bette Langford, Brenda Leal, Maryanne Lucas, Cindy Martin, Dorothy Roton, Terry Sampson, Hoberley Schuler, Deedee Speer, George Speer, Beverly Switzer, Bob Taylor, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, George Unrine, Judy Unrine, Gloria Utley, and Pat York.

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the registration report with a total registration of 124.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting on June 3, 2017 for this entire term. They can be found on page 33 of the 2017 –

2019 Yearbook, Manual & Roster and page 6 of the Fall Board Meeting Program.

Fall Board Meeting Chairman Ilene Herringer moved to adopt the Fall Board Meeting Program as printed. **Motion Passed.**

Chairman of the Minutes Review Committee Greg Pokorski moved to adopt the minutes of the May 31, 2017 Pre-Convention Board Meeting in San Luis Obispo, California, distributed by Jane McKee for Gail Vanderhorst on July 14, 2017, as subsequently posted (corrected) on the website. **Motion Passed.**

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Without objection, President Krystal Migliore appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Judy Bates and Martha Smyser.

Financial Report

Treasurer George Perko reported:

Financial Report: August 31, 2017

Net worth:

Total cash in checking/savings accounts	\$128,014	
Total other assets	\$359,247	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$487,261
of which restricted funds are	\$317,285	
Cash Balance Available		<u>\$169,976</u>

The Treasurer's report will be filed as presented.
See Attachment A

Officers' Reports

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment B.

Communications Director Jane McKee reported. See Attachment B.

Treasurer George Perko read the CPA Financial Review (dated September 23, 2017) prepared by Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA for 2016-2017. Gudrun Kimmel moved for its adoption as required by the Bylaws Article XII, Sec. 10. **Motion Passed.**

Financial Secretary Launa Gould reported.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported that the deadline for emailed reports is Monday, October 9, 2017.

Corresponding Secretary Marlene Kinney reported. See Attachment B.

The meeting was recessed at 2:27 p.m.
The meeting was reconvened at 2:44 p.m.

3rd Vice-President Martha Smyser reported on membership and moved to ratify the following organizations who are clubs joining CGCI and clubs transferring from the membership type of club to APS membership.
Motion Passed. See Attachment B.

Clubs joining CGCI:

- o Floral Artists of the Bay Area, Bay Ocean District, 10 members, President: Elisabeth Covey-Snedegar
- o Happy Valley Garden Club, Diablo Foothills District, 50 members, President: Sandra Rowe

Clubs Transferring to APS status:

American Begonia Society-Westchester Branch	Greater Los Angeles District
Coachella Plumeria Society	Palms to Pines District
LA Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society	Greater Los Angeles District
Los Angeles Geranium Society	Greater Los Angeles District
Malibu Orchid Society, Inc.	Greater Los Angeles District
Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Soc.	Palms to Pines District
Sunset Succulent Society	Greater Los Angeles District

2nd Vice-President Lynne Batchelor reported on Making Connections and the Chairmen’s Forum. See Attachment C.

1st Vice-President Shane Looper deferred her report to individual committee reports.

President Krystal Migliore reported.

Committee Reports

Advisory Council Chairman Sue Bennett reported. See Attachment C.

Nominating Committee Chairman Sue Bennett reported. See Attachment C.

Awards Committee Chairman Berni Hendrix reported. See Attachment C.

Board of Trustees Chairman Julie West reported. See Attachment C.

Endowment Fund Promotions Chairman Robert Gordon reported.

Organizational Study Committee Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Krystal Migliore reported the following clubs are withdrawing from the GTEP program and moved to ratify their withdrawal.

- Calimesa Community Garden
- Hughson Garden Club

Motion Passed.

Life Membership Chairman Carlotta Wixon-Welker reported on new life members for NGC and CGCI and moved for their ratification. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment C.

Scholarship Chairman Martha Smyser reported.

President Krystal Migliore read the second reading of the 2017-2019 President’s Project: Sustainable and Ever-Growing Scholarships and moved for its adoption. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment D.

Leadership: Seeding the Future chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

2017 CGCI Convention Chairman Bob Gordon reported.

2018 CGCI Winter Board Meeting Chairman Lisa Cosand and others invited CGCI members to Thousand Oaks January 30 – February 2, 2018 for the CGCI Winter Board Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 3:55 p.m.

Business Meeting #2

The meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Executive Committee Recommendations

On behalf of the Executive Committee Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to ratify or approve the following recommendations.

1. Accept with regret the resignation of Pamela Fish as 2018 Convention Chairman, Valley Lode District.
2. Accept with regret the resignation of Martha Smyser as a member of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.
3. Accept with regret the resignation of BJ Doerfling as a member of the Awards Committee. **Motion Passed (items 1-3 processed jointly).**

4. Ratify Robert Taylor as 2018 Convention Chairman, Valley Lode District.
5. Ratify Judy Bates as a member of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.
6. Ratify Nancy Lee Loesch as Anza Borrego Desert State Park Chairman.
7. Ratify Art Loesch as California State Parks Chairman. **Motion Passed (items 4-7 processed jointly).**

8. To approve Terry Fairfield to serve concurrently as Desert Empire District Director and Arbor Day Co-Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
9. To ratify the 2017 Fall Board Meeting registration fee be \$60 and early registration fee postmarked by August 31, 2017 be \$35. (Monetary amounts remain the same, only the date has changed by extending from August 20 to August 31.) **Motion Passed.**
10. To approve the 2018 Winter Board Meeting registration fee be \$65 and early registration fee be \$40. **Motion Passed as amended.**
11. To ratify change in dates for 2018 Winter Board Meeting. The dates for the meeting are January 30-February 2. **Motion Passed.**
12. To ratify the dates for the 2018 Convention hosted by Valley Lode District at Black Oak Resort Hotel in Tuolumne to be held June 4 – 7, 2018 (contract pending). **Motion Passed.**
13. To ratify the following Official Calendar dates

February 3-4, 2018	Landscape Design School Series 27(Course 1) Sponsored by Colfax Garden Club Chairman: Ingrid Elsei
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February 10-11, 2018	Landscape Design School Series 27 (Course 2) Sponsored by Colfax Garden Club Chairman: Ingrid Elsei
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March 3-4, 2018	Landscape Design School Series 27 (Course 3) Sponsored by Colfax Garden Club Chairman: Ingrid Elsei
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March 10-11, 2018

Landscape Design School Series 27 (Course 4)

Sponsored by Colfax Garden Club

Chairman: Ingrid Else

Motion Passed.

14. To remove Susan C. Bennett, immediate past President 2015-17 as a signer on ██████████ bank accounts ██████████-Checking, ██████████-Symposium, ██████████-Events and ██████████-Maximizer account; ██████████ CDs ██████████ and ██████████, Vanguard Endowment –CGCI (LC ██████████) and Vanguard Endowment Scholarship (LC ██████████) and cancel CGCI credit card account. **Motion Passed as amended.**
15. To add Krystal K. Migliore, President 2017-19 as authorized signer on ██████████ accounts: ██████████-Checking, ██████████-Symposium, ██████████-Events and ██████████-Maximizer account; ██████████ CDs ██████████ and ██████████, CGCI credit card to be established and number reported when obtained; and Vanguard Endowment – CGCI (LC ██████████) and Vanguard Endowment Scholarship (LC ██████████) for the 2017-19 term. **Motion Passed.**
16. To approve CGCI Judges Council offer to sponsor a Standard Flower Show or exhibition during the conventions held in even-numbered years when funds permit. CGCI will provide the venue, i.e. hotel lobby, dedicated or shared room; and the Judges Council will bear any expenses of the show. **Motion Passed as amended.**
17. To approve funds to replace the CGCI bench in Abraham Lincoln Memorial Gardens in Illinois. Funding in the amount of \$750 to include bench, engraving (laser cut) of Lincoln's quote and "California Garden Clubs, Inc." and installation of bench including bolting onto a concrete pad. Monies to come from the Honor Book Fund Restricted without donor restrictions board designated LC ██████████. **Motion Passed.**
18. To approve funds for a hotel deposit of up to \$1000 to be paid when due for the 2019 Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. convention hosted by CGCI. Monies to come from the general fund. **Motion Passed.**
19. To approve Blue Star Memorials Grant Application submitted by Cayucos Garden Club. Grants of \$350 are available for highway and memorial markers. Monies to come from Blue Star Memorial LC ██████████, a restricted fund without donor restrictions. **Motion Passed.**
20. To accept the invitation from Golden Foothills District to host the 2018 CGCI Fall Board Meeting. Dates and location to be determined. Chairman: Nina Blonski. **Motion Passed.**
21. Profits from the 3-year calendar sales for 2020-2022 will be for Reforestation & Restoration (Board Restricted Fund line code ██████████). **Motion Passed.**
22. To continue Charlene (Shane) Loooper as signer on ██████████ accounts; ██████████-Checking, ██████████-Symposium, ██████████-Events and ██████████-Maximizer account for the 2017-2019 term. **Motion Passed.**

The meeting was recessed at 11:49.

Business Meeting #3

The was meeting reconvened at 2:01 p.m. on October 5, 2017

Dan Gluesenkamp, Executive Director of California Native Plant Society, presented a program providing an update on the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt.

The meeting was recessed at 2:41 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:59 p.m.

Chairmen Coordinator Lynne Batchelor introduced those Chairmen who reported. See Attachment C.

The meeting was recessed at 4:13 p.m. for the Executive Committee to meet.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:19 p.m.

On behalf of the Executive Committee Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to approve the following recommendations:

To accept Palomar District's offer to host the 2019 Winter Board Meeting. Date, place and chairman to be announced. **Motion Passed.**

That bank account and line code information be masked from publicly posted minutes and be available only by request to an Executive Committee member. **Motion Passed as amended.**

District Director Coordinator Shane Looper introduced those who reported. See Attachment E.

The meeting was recessed at 4:51 p.m.
The meeting was reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Board Meetings Courtesy Resolutions Chairman Mary Lou Goodwin read the Courtesy Resolution. See Attachment F. Robin Pokorski moved its adoption. **Motion Passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
CGCI Recording Secretary

Attachment A Financial Statements

Balance Sheet is included in original minutes and in the copies distributed to board members.

Profit and Loss Statement is included in original minutes and in the copies distributed to board members.

Attachment B Officers' Reports

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski

Since Convention this officer has reviewed the six sets of minutes from that meeting, worked with the president on agendas for this meeting, and responded to inquiries and requests from several districts and garden clubs, including the review of bylaws.

Issues that are seen in club and district bylaws:

- Confusion between executive committees and executive boards. They are not the same thing. See recent articles in *WACONIAH* and *Golden Gardens eNews*.
- Clubs and districts who are members of CGCI's GTEP program must abide by IRS language requirements. I see some organizations forgetting why those provisions are in their bylaws and trying to change them. Any organization that is a member of the GTEP program needs to re-read the GTEP Handbook (on our website) before changing bylaws.
- If you do any email voting your bylaws must provide for it. I strongly discourage this practice, especially at the club and district level. Don't use it for other than urgent matters that cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting. See NGC and Pacific Region Standing Rules for examples of email voting guidelines. I can provide CGCI's Executive Committee email voting guidelines.
- As usual, CGCI's bylaws and standing rules were updated during the last year. Those changes are posted on our website and included in the new 2017-2019 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. Be sure to refer to the most recent version.

I have been asked what our clubs need to know about the Brown Act. Nothing. It guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. It is not applicable to garden clubs.

Club parliamentarians should read and be familiar with *How to Be a Blue Ribbon President*. That can help you better assist your president and your club.

Communications Director, Jane McKee

- A new Board of Directors Contact Information Form was created at the request of the President. The form is to confirm or update the data for all board members.
- Penny Pines:
 - The new webform, created to replace the paper notification form mailed to the CGCI Chairman, went into effect July 1. Clubs have found and started to use the new form.
 - The form is printed to be mailed with check to the Forest Service. The notification to the CGCI Chairman is submitted electronically and goes directly to that chairman eliminating the need for mailing.
 - The webform also generates a spreadsheet that simplifies creating the monthly report. To date there have been over 50 submissions using the new form.
- New Chairman's page:
 - It's under the About CGCI menu.
 - It explains briefly a chairman's duties and lists all current chairmanships. Those chairmanships that have established pages (official projects, membership, awards etc.) are linked to the individual pages and/or forms.

- Those that don't have an already established individual page can have a special page. Arbor Day is the first of these.
- Online security:
 - The "spoofers" are still out there and continue to try to gather/steal information and funds. Some don't even try to spoof the "from" email address...and I particularly like the "Hello Perko" and "from Migliore Krystal"
 - Following the report of the Equifax hacking, users should be particularly vigilant in changing passwords and reviewing suspicious emails.
 - Consider fraud alerts on individual accounts (maximum \$\$ amount or limit number of transactions) or freezing your account with the 3 credit reporting companies.

Marlene Kinney, Corresponding Secretary

Thank Note from Pat York

Sympathy Cards Sent To:

Family of Pat Grulke – NGC

Le Roy Overton – Alice Overton – NGC

Get Well Cards Sent To:

Brenda Bentley P2P – Speedy Recovery

Elisabeth Tufo – Cataract Surgery

Berni Hendrix – Speedy Recovery

Liaison to Inactive Districts:

Palms To Pines – Conversation via phone with Joyce Dean & Robin Pokorski

Top O' The State – Communication in process with Edie Adams

Publication Awards Chairman For:

51 – Publication Awards, Received 1 application to date

52 – National Garden Week Award

53 – Website Award

Youth Awards:

63 – High School Essay Contest

Nominating Committee: FBM 2017:

Work In Progress – First Meeting on 10/3/17 – 7:45p.m. - 9:45p.m.

Martha Smyser, 3rd Vice President, Membership Chairman

As of October 2, 2017 --Paid

Clubs 226 12,925 members

APS 39 2,738

Affiliates 1

Total 266 12,925

As of 2016 Fall Board--Paid

Clubs 221 13,473 members

APS 37 2,547

Aff. 7

Total 269 16,020

RATIFICATION OF CLUBS:

Floral Artists of the Bay Area, Bay Ocean District, 10 members: Elisabeth Covey-Snedegar

Happy Valley Garden Club, Diablo Foothills District, 50 members, President: Sandra Rowe

CLUBS TRANSITIONING TO APS STATUS:

American Begonia Society, Westchester Branch (was in Greater Los Angeles District)

Coachella Valley Plumeria Society (was in Palms to Pines District)

Gates Cactus & Succulent Society (was in Palms to Pines District)

La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society (was in Greater LA District)

Los Angeles Geranium Society (was in Greater LA District)

Malibu Orchid Society (was in Greater LA District)
Riverside-San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society (was in Palms to Pines District)
Sunset Succulent Society (was in Greater LA District)

CLUBS DROPPING OR DISBANDING;

Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley (was in Palms to Pines District)
Hughson Garden Club (was in Valley Lode District)
Sunnyvale Garden Club (was in Santa Clara Valley District)

YOUTH CLUB LOSING SPONSORSHIP: Bishop Buds Grades 1-6 (was sponsored by Sunnyvale Garden Club in Santa Clara District)

**Attachment C
Chairmen and Committee Reports**

Advisory Council, Sue Bennett

The Advisory Council met on Wednesday, for new members the Advisory Council consists of all previous CGCI Presidents. We have taken on the challenge of updating the "Policy Section" in the yearbook, that starts on page 103. Don't hold your breath for a quick answer as we have time with the one term yearbook. We also discussed how we can get more members to attend meetings.

Arbor Day, Terry Fairfield and Mary Lou Goodwin

Thanks to the passion and gusto of a tree-lover named J. Sterling Morton, Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872 by planting an estimated one million trees on the treeless prairie. Since its inception in the 1800's, Arbor Day has been celebrated around the nation as a day to plant and care for trees. **California's Arbor Day is celebrated on March 7, in honor of famed horticulturist Luther Burbank's birthday. The celebration may continue until March 14th.** Check the Cagardenclubs.org website for more details about trees and suitable ceremonies.

Arboreta & Botanic Gardens, Sherry Molinari

The difference between Arboretum & Botanic Gardens. An Arboretum in a narrow sense is a collection of trees only. Related collections include shrubs and Vines. Commonly, today, an arboretum is a botanical garden containing living collections of woody plants intended at least in partly for scientific study. An arboretum specializing in growing conifers is known as a pinetum. A botanical garden is dedicated to the collection, cultivation, & display of a wide range of plants labeled with their botanical names.

Awards, Berni Hendrix

At Business Meeting #1, this Chairman was requested to report to the members. In that this Chairman was presenting at the joint District Directors and Chairmen Forum, the Report at the Business Meeting #1 was that the Awards Committee was reviewing Awards and will make recommendations for improvements.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Carolyn Villi

A HEALTHY HABIBAT:

It's very important for us to plant habitat gardens to help support a healthy environment for our planet. Without our birds, insects and other pollinators survival would be impossible. So many people don't realize how a little bird and bee are connected to our food.

Board of Trustees, Julie West

Two proposed bylaws changes were sent to the Bylaws & Policy Committee adding additional responsibilities to members of the Board of Trustees. The CPA's Financial Review Statement for 2016-2017 was recommended for adoption.

Note regarding Endowments: Donors earmark which endowment their donation is for: CGCI or Scholarship. There is no 50/50 rule that automatically splits donations equally. YOU as the donor specify. Endowment Fundraising Goal for 2017-2019 is \$3,000 for CGCI Endowment and \$5,000 for Scholarship Endowment equals total of \$8,000.

Calendar, Official, Carolyn Hoyum

Since the convention this chair has had to terminate a flower show school series that was to be held over the next two years. But on the bright side a Landscape Design School Series 27 has been added in February and March of next year. Periodically check the CGCI web site under Calendars to see what is going on in the State, Region, and Nation in garden clubs and locally where you can advertise your next event!

Chairmen Coordinator, Lynne Batchelor

I am so happy that Krystal appointed me to be the Chairmen Coordinator for this term. I am looking forward to meeting our new and returning chairs this weekend. You will be hearing reports from many of these chairs tomorrow. In addition Krystal has provided an opportunity for the district directors and chairmen to meet together at every term meeting with our first combined meeting centering on awards.

Flower Show Symposia, Mary Arakelian and Lili Aram-Bost

On May 4-6, 2018 the 68th annual CGCI FSS Symposium will be held in the Dublin/Pleasanton area. Hotel negotiations are incomplete at this time, and will be announced at the upcoming CGCI Winter Board meeting. Our Horticulture Instructor will be Dottie Howatt, who will instruct on both Displays and Collections, and also Spring Annuals and Bulbs. Our Design Instructor will be Penny Decker, past president of CFAA, and Wafa participant. She will instruct on her new creative "Design," entitled "Exploration" which in the new NGC 2017 Handbook is under the Botanical Arts section. She will also be sharing her expertise with the new Cascade design, with an emphasis on downward thrusting of plant material within the design. Penny is one of the most creative instructors that NGC has, so Save the Dates!

Gardening Schools, Greg Pokorski

Why hold Gardening School? Clubs and districts can offer schools, involving four two-day courses, as significant team activities, to provide education to members and the public, to attract new members and hopefully to serve as a fundraiser. Why attend Gardening School? Learn more about all aspects of gardening – from soil to planting to enjoying the resulting flowers, fruits and vegetables. Contact this chairman to get your school started. We are down to 119 Gardening Consultants – all are eligible to refresh this year at the Tri-Refresher, Reimagining the Existing Garden, offered by Long Beach GC on October 27 & 28. Information and forms are available on the CGCI website and in the District Director mailboxes.

Home Grown, Myrtle Findley

Are we gardeners? Do any of your club members grow vegetables, fruit, nuts, or citrus? HT-4 only had one entry last year. This award offers \$100 for the first three winners. Without more entries this year, perhaps HT-4 should be cancelled. Are we gardeners?? Entries are so easy now, especially if the rules are followed, and the evaluation sheet is reviewed as well.

Judges Council Liaison, Myrtle Findley

The California Garden Clubs Judges Council offers to sponsor an National Garden Club Flower Show during The even year convention, (such as 2018-2020-2022, etc.). We believe this will be an educational experience for judges as well as other attendees, and will enhance the entire Convention experience for all. Provided CGCI provides the venue, i.e.: hotel lobby; dedicated or shared room; the Judges Council will bear any other expenses of the show. We look forward to an invitation.

Landscape Design Schools, Alexis Slafer

This Chair is pleased to report that the Multi-refresher sponsored by the Long Beach Garden Club, Costa Verde District, will be held on October 27-28, 2017. Also, Colfax Garden Club will be hosting our next Landscape Design School in February & March of 2018. Please check with this Chair regarding questions concerning your credentials. Our consultants are great resources to your clubs. Please don't forget them! This Chair is available and eager to assist clubs and districts with sponsoring a new Landscape Design School.

Life Membership, Carlotta Wixon-Welker

This chairman again would like to stress the importance of sending all new applications to this chairman. After the names are recorded in our records, the applications and checks are sent on to the appropriate chairmen.

District Directors and Club Presidents, please notify this chairman if any Life Members in your club have passed, so their names may be removed from the *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Since the 2017 Convention, this chairman has processed three (3) new Life Members for CGCI. There were also three (3) new National Life Members.

CGCI Members:

Barbara Simone	Huntington Harbour Garden Club	Orange County District
Betty Wilkinson	Pioneer Garden Club	Sacramento River Valley District
Myrna Bergeron	Woodside Hills Garden Club	Bay Ocean District

NGC Members:

Ilona Buratti	West Valley Garden Club	San Fernando Valley District
Mary Fischbach	West Valley Garden Club	San Fernando Valley District
Maile Melkonian	Sequoia Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District

Making Connections, Lynne Batchelor

Krystal has also appointed me as the chair of the new committee Making Connections: Resources and Community Outreach. This committee has two assignments. The first is to gather a list of resources where you may seek assistance with your projects for example until Krystal reported that they had gotten help from their local Mormon church, I had never considered that as a source to consult. If anyone has info that you can share about similar sources, please let me know. The second half of our assignment is to write a 5 minute script and deliver it club and district meetings. This provides us with the opportunity to get to know future leaders in your area as well as to provide your members with an opportunity to connect with the state organization. Please invite us.

Nominating Committee, Sue Bennett

The committee members present were introduced. The 2017-2019 Campaign Slogan is "Run don't walk -- Run for a position as a CGCI Officer. Detailed information can be found in the yearbook on page 91. Forms to fill in, recommend members can be found on the website. Remember, "Run don't walk -- Run for a position as a CGCI Officer"

President's Project Donations, Carolyn Hoyum

It is exciting to see the enthusiasm of the clubs as they come back after summer to begin their fiscal years and send their donations to Krystal's 2017-2019 President's Project. You can donate as a club or you can donate as an individual! Donations will be split equally between the CGCI Scholarship/Donations and Life Memberships Fund and the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund. To date we have \$375 in the fund. We are anxiously awaiting your donation!

Registrar, Robin Pokorski

The package plan includes everything except tours and raffle tickets – the registration fee is included in the package plan already. Remember that in our garden club world, the rule of thumb is to never make a check payable to an individual. Generally the registration checks will be made payable to the host district but check the bottom of your registration form – it now will always indicate to whom the check should be made payable.

Reuse, Recycle & Repurpose, Chuck Goodwin

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES Every year Americans fill an estimated 4 billion prescriptions. However they are difficult to recycle. Here are projects we can make, using pill bottles.

HIDE-A-KEY – Hide a spare one in a pill bottle with a real rock glued to the top.

MAKEUP ORGANIZER – For beauty products and tools.

JEWELRY HOLDER – Use when traveling.

BAKERS – Keep piping tips safe and organized.

FIRE STARTERS – Petroleum-jelly-soaked cotton balls for fire starters. But don't burn the bottle!

TRAVEL-SIZE SHAMPOO – When traveling or camping, fill an empty pill bottle.

COTTON SWABS – They fit perfectly!

MINI SEWING KIT – When you need some thread, needles, pins, safety pins and buttons!

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Management Area, Mary Lou Goodwin

This chairman will promote awareness of the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project which is to preserve the native western azaleas (*Rhododendron occidentale*) located on Highway 101 in Humboldt County, mile post 112.5, with an exit on Kane Road. It was purchased in 1982 and dedicated in 1984 by the California Parks Foundation with help from California Garden Clubs, Inc. members. Since the California State Parks funds are limited, donations are needed for maintenance, improved signs, benches and a supply of new azaleas grown from cuttings or seeds, to be planted on Stagecoach Hill. The 3 year project plans to add 300 plants to the reserve. Two new pamphlets have been created and are available from this chairman. California State Parks is in the process of creating a new trail suitable for Americans with Disabilities. Further information, Donation Forms and Pictures are on the CGCI Web site, Californiagardenclubs.org

Water Conservation & Education, Ward Habriel

It is easy for us to take water for granted and even the storage and distribution of it. But we still have a 1960's infrastructure in California. There are 15 million more people now. Some climatologists believe the next worst 'drought' will be 10 – 12 years long or longer. Are we ready? Gardeners and Garden Clubs are very good educators about conservation. We can help avoid the peril of another drought by encouraging conservation to our neighbor, then to our community, and last to our town and the county.

Attachment D President's Project Resolution

2017-19 President's Project Resolution *Sustainable and Ever-Growing Scholarships*

Whereas, California Garden Clubs, Inc., hereafter referred to as CGCI, is a 501c3 charitable, educational nonprofit organization, and;

Whereas, The Diamond Years: Seventy-Five Years and Growing published in 2007 for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, reports the first two scholarship recipients received \$500 each, with the announcement appearing in Golden Gardens in May 1965, and;

Whereas, \$500 awarded in 1965 when allowing for inflation would in 2017 equate to \$3,869.10, and;

Whereas, in recent years we have awarded two \$2,000 scholarships annually to recipients with funds coming from the existing *Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund*, and;

Whereas, "The cost of a college degree has increased 1120% since 1978", as reported by the Huffington Post, and;

Whereas, we have many more scholarship applications from well-qualified and worthy students than funding available for the scholarship program, and;

Whereas, the *CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund*, a Permanently Restricted Fund whose charter appears in the current Yearbook, Manual and Roster beginning on page 108 was adopted at the 79th Annual Convention on June 6, 2010, and; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, now is the perfect time for the largest state organization in National Garden Clubs, Inc. to add a bit of "California Style" as we begin to correct this imbalance between the growing need and our ability to meet the need, and;

Resolved, that California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt “**Sustainable and Ever-Growing Scholarships**” as the 2017-19 President’s Project. The purpose of this project is to raise funds to increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or to increase the number of scholarships awarded beginning in 2019 and in the long run to increase the amount donated to the *CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund* so that the principle will generate more investment income and it will be available to be awarded as scholarships sooner, and;

Resolved, that donations made by members, clubs, districts, individuals from the general public, and companies be made payable to “CGCI” with “President’s Project 2017-19” added in the memo line and be sent to the President’s Project chairman, who will keep records of the transactions and forward the donations to the CGCI Treasurer for deposit into the Temporarily Restricted Fund 2017-19 *President’s Project (Line Code [REDACTED])*, and;

Resolved, on, or around June 15, (in 2018 and in 2019) the balance will be divided equally, with 50% transferring to the CGCI’s Temporarily Restricted *Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund (Line Code [REDACTED])*. Should the amount transferred exceed \$5000 per year to the aforementioned fund, the funds received in excess of \$5000 per year may be awarded after the 2020 scholarship year. Funds from this 2017-19 President’s Project shall be used to meet the highest scholarship need, as determined by the Scholarship Committee, and;

Resolved, with the other 50% transferring to Permanently Restricted *CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund (Line Code [REDACTED])*; and shall be treated the same as any other donations to the Scholarship Endowment Fund, and;

Resolved, that any funds remaining in the Temporarily Restricted Fund 2017-19 *President’s Project* as of June 30, 2019 shall be split equally and transferred to CGCI’s Temporarily Restricted *Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund (Line Code [REDACTED])* and CGCI’s Permanently Restricted *CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund (Line Code [REDACTED])* for the purposes detailed in the two previous paragraphs.

Respectively Submitted,
Krystal Migliore
President

Attachment E District Directors’ Reports

Bay Bridges District, Bonnie Smith

The clubs are aging out, BUT! NEW members are signing-up and stepping-in filling the ranks. The Bay Bridges District is still vital and going strong: featured guest presenters, July 4th Festival participation, contributed several items to an 100 year-old-time capsule, Butterfly Garden over 5 years, Alameda Garden Club 75th Anniversary, Hillside Gardeners of Montclair 70th Anniversary, Hoe and Hope Garden Club 60th Anniversary, Orchid Society of California 25th Anniversary, Pinole Garden Club, Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement. The District will grow, maintain our stewardship as preservers, and continue to be a major player in the ecological scheme of things.

Golden Foothills District, Ann Wallace

Since the last report in June, the clubs in Golden Foothills District have been busy installing new officers, creating budgets and planning for the new club year. A new idea: Roseville Better Gardens Club co-vice presidents led a meeting to discuss potential speakers, tours and workshops, and then the membership voted on them. Now the club has a variety of programs, 5 tours and 2 workshops scheduled, and I’ll bet they have great attendance at all of them! This club also has a community service project helping Boonie Lang prepare her Japanese Garden, Myo Wa En, for both Fall and Spring tours. A unique program: The Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County met in September with Eric Sandoval, manager of the UC

Davis Botanical Conservancy as speaker. He addressed the role of plant hormones, especially during propagation. His power point presentation can be found on the UC Davis Botanical Conservancy website. A youthful outlook: During the summer, Colfax Garden Club had 2 workdays at their Youth Garden — weeding, spreading weed cloth and filling new beds with soil. This club has had the Youth Garden at Colfax Elementary School for the past 10 years, and currently has five participating docents working in the classrooms with teachers. A giving group: In spite of an aging membership, and not holding their Garden Tour this year, Lake of the Sky Garden Club funded grants of \$1,000.00 to Tahoe City Downtown Association for hanging baskets in Tahoe City, \$500.00 to the Kings Beach Library and \$500.00 to Slow Food Lake Tahoe for their demonstration garden. In addition they awarded a scholarship to Jennifer Christian to attend College of the Redwoods in Eureka. I am proud to be representing these wonderful clubs from the Golden Foothills District.

Orange County District, Bette Langford

My first year as Director of the Orange County District of the California Garden Clubs, Inc., began with our installation at the beautiful Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona Del Mar, June 12, 2017. The new Board was introduced and awards from the California Garden Clubs, Inc., were given to the winners. A discussion with the members was held; sharing our ideas and plans for the coming year. It was amazing the projects, social activities, plant sales, etc. the Orange County Garden Clubs have organized for their club's community. It was suggested that a Leadership Workshop lead by Robin Pokorski would be very useful to our members. A site was schedule for August 21. Robin made it fun and interesting, and a lunch was served. The treasurers in attendance had many questions concerning finance and budgets and we all learned that being a leader is fun. Three meetings, including information pertaining to the programs and the dates were scheduled for 2017-2018 and sent to the garden clubs for their Yearbooks. We are now getting ready for our November 6th meeting with a speaker and a social hour. Launa Gould will be attending the CGCI Board Meeting and will share the information she gleans from the event.

Palomar District, Adele Kelly

Palomar District's new theme is: "Plant America – One Member at a Time!" This theme emphasizes not only sustaining and growing our membership base, but also growing each member within our organizations. On August 15th, the District hosted a successful Leadership Workshop led by Robin Pokorski. We had 18 clubs represented and 51 attendees. The District has a new club, the American Begonia Society, Mabel Corwin Branch. Within our District, we allow affiliate memberships that are not members of CGCI. Our newest affiliate is Southwestern Judges Council. The Council joined to help build relationships with clubs. We are also planning a Flower Show in August 2018.

Yosemite Gateway District, Mary Brooks

All is fine with three very active clubs. Our District Meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

**Attachment F
Courtesy Resolution
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Gold Country Casino and Hotel, Oroville, CA**

WHEREAS,

The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors attending the 2017 Fall Board Meeting "Water Colors Our World: How we use it today determines the beauty of tomorrow" at Gold Country Casino & Hotel in Oroville, California on October 3-5, 2017 met and benefitted from information learned at this meeting and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHEREAS,

California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Krystal Migliore with her theme "Plant America-California Style," the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction, and inspirations presented by Marlene Kinney, Kathy Bramhall, Ward Habriel, Carolyn Villi and Mary Lou Goodwin were enjoyed; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED,

That CGCI President Krystal Migliore, through her gracious presiding, and the members, chairman and

officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to Linda Dahlmeier, Mayor of Oroville, for her greetings. She was also presented with a California Consultants Council Landscape Design Certificate for the City of Oroville Centennial Plaza; and

RESOLVED,

That sincere thanks be given to the Buttes District Director and chairman of the meeting Ilene Herringer and committee chairman: Willora Louton, Robin Pokorski, Rita Desilets, John Vafis, Ward Habriel, Julie Jones, Lynne Spivak, and Janet Gomes. The following garden clubs provided the table centerpieces: Garden Club of Colusa County, Friendly Garden Club of Orland, Lake Oroville Area Garden Club and Bidwell Designers; and

RESOLVED,

That thanks be given to all of the District clubs who planned and participated in the success of the meeting, The Fair-Butte County Style and assured its success by their many courtesies extended, including a tour to the Lake Oroville Visitor's Center, as well as the many state chairmen who presented informative reports; and

RESOLVED,

That special appreciation be given to our speakers: Geoff Shaw-"California Water Project and the Oroville Dam", Whitney Brim-DeForest presenting "Rice in California" and Kevin Foley sharing "Mushrooms and Sustainability", and the California Consultants Council presenting Landscape Design Commendations to the Buttes County Administration Building Atrium and the Lake Oroville Area Garden Club for their hours of labor on the project, and the Lundberg Family Farms for creative use of water in the demonstration of growing rice; and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended the to the Banquet Manager, Paulette Villegas and Ashley Silva, Front Desk Supervisor and staff of the Gold Country Casino and Hotel, Oroville, California for their many courtesies extended; and

RESOLVED,

That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies to be sent to our CGCI President, Krystal Migliore, District Director and 2017 Fall Board meeting Chairman, Ilene Herringer; Secretary Gail Vanderhorst and the staff of the Gold Country Casino and Hotel in Oroville, CA.

Mary Lou Goodwin
Courtesy Resolution Chairman
(Adopted October 5, 2017)