

## Plum Beach Garden Club Meeting

November 12, 2019

Marion Bartkiewicz, President, welcomed members and thanked our hostesses, Joan Peet, Linda Tamaro, Cynthia Corbridge, Wanda Yelle, Linda Sollitto, Anne O'Neil and Barbara Dawson. The centerpiece made by Barbara Dawson will be raffled off. Guests were introduced, Paula Childs and Meredith Moody. The collection box for the Federation's Penny Pines fundraiser was passed around for the last time.

Joan Peet made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, it was seconded by Linda Oliver-Hughes.

**Treasurer, Ellen Abell**, reported we have \$21,594.61 in the bank. She will be accepting checks from members for the NK Food Pantry, which will be matched up to \$500. She asked those members who still have not paid for nametags or daffodils to please see her.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kathy Romeo**, reminded members of the following Federation events:

Education Day, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Roger Williams Casino. Today is the last day to register.

Holiday luncheon, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sakonnet Point Club in Little Compton.

Boston Flower Show, March 11-15.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Linda Hughes**, reminded members that our Holiday Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup> will be at Queen Anne's Loft in Newport from 10-2. This will include the installation of officers for 2020. There is no elevator and we are up to two flights. An email will be sent out.

### Committee Reports

**Barbara Dawson, Awards**, has identified 5 awards for which she will submit an application. She asked for help identifying past speakers at our Dunes Club Event from 2006 to 2013. This speaker series is one for which she will submit an application.

**Sue Shriner, Birds and Conservation**, shared some facts about the Bufflehead duck, which can be observed in Wickford Harbor. This is the smallest American duck, 9.5 ozs to 19.4 ozs. and migrates from Alaska each year. The male is black and white with iridescent green and the female is gray, they are monogamous and travel in small groups.

**Jane Brockway, Brick Sales**, sold 5 bricks this month and the Club will install one in memory of Nancy Davey. She shared a letter from Janet Schoniger, from Colorado, who bought 4 of the bricks in memory of family members. The family has many fond memories of Wickford and lived here for many years.

**Betsy Ray, Design**, will be making a wreath for the police station and invited members to help. Also, will be making arrangements for the Meals on Wheels clients. An email will be sent all members when the dates are set.

**Sharon Pickering, Membership**, reported that there are 48 active members, 2 associate, 5 honorary, and 1 on the wait list.

**Diana Geisler, Nursing Home**, reported that the committee worked with 15 clients at Roberts Nursing Home on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Nursing Home has a web page and they posted several pictures of the activity, so check it out.

**Kathy Barrette, Webmaster**, reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> session to learn about our website and using the member's forum was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next one is scheduled for Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Linda Sollitto, Civic Beautification**, reported that 250 bulbs were planted at the police station. This Friday at 12, will be the last cleanup of the year. She will be pruning the Holly and the Winterberry and volunteers will be able to take some home.

**Barbara Halavik, Daffodil Project**, announced that there are still about 1000 daffodils left if members want to purchase. There will be about 250-300 planted at the Davisville Library and Zekes Corner, and 350 were planted last week in the north end of town.

### **New Business**

After last month's presentation by John Campinini from the RI Tree Council, Martha Parks found out about North Kingstown's efforts to preserve trees in the town. She spoke with Donna Hutchinson, a member of the Conservation Commission, and found out that there is a position but no activity right now. Barbara Dawson suggested the Club write a letter to the Conservation Commission advocating for more focused attention on the town's trees. Marion will identify someone to draft the letter which will be emailed to members for their approval.

The Conservation Commission is planning on planting a tree in Wilson Park in memory of Al Southwick, long time NK Recreation Director. Barbara Halavik suggested we donate the tree we will get from the RI Federation for Arbor Day to be used for this purpose. Members agreed. We will need to coordinate this with Conservation Commission and choose an appropriate tree for the location.

Adjourned at 9:55.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Diane Devine, Recording Secretary**