

Garden Club of Annapolis (GCA) January 16th meeting

January 16, 2013 @ Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC)

Shahla Butler wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed members and guests; Cathy Strom (guest of Corrine), Sylvia Earl (guest of JoAnn Kidwell), and all the members of the Severn River Garden Club who joined us for the January Meeting.

Birthday wishes were extended to the club's January birthday girls; Aida Cipriana, Mary Gatanas, Carol Miller, Karen Wass, and Pat Wayson and December's birthday girls; JoAnn Kidwell, Betty Fairbanks, Gale Johnson, Brenda Larson and Carol Manion.

Appreciation was extended to Phyllis Millan for the Scottish themed flower workshop conducted prior to the day's business meeting and presentation.

As everyone knows by now, our dear Evie is battling lung cancer and is in everyone's thoughts and hearts. We sent a basket of flowers on behalf of the Garden Club, and a card was passed along at the meeting for everyone to sign. Shahla suggested that individual thoughts and thoughtful gestures would also be appreciated by Evie.

Collections- GCA collected over \$175 for Toys for Tots, lower than last year's \$750, and collected \$159 for the AYC staff's Christmas tip.

Projects-

- The GCA's room at the Hammond Harwood House Christmas decorations was a wonderful success. Thanks and congratulations were extended to Carol Small, Betty Fairbanks, Sheryn Blocher, Linda Elliott, Corinne Johnson, Eva Kapitan, Pudy Palmer and Ann Peterson. Shahla said it would be hard for anyone to follow in their footsteps.
- The Yacht Club decorations were lovely as usual and the club's gratitude was given to Ann Peterson and the roughly 20 members that helped.
- The District is looking for a host club for the April Daffodil show and has a \$200 budget for the event. To date, only Kate Duffy from GCA has offered to help and four more helpers from GCA would be needed in order for GCA to be the club to host this event.

Fundraising- The Club is hoping to have another May Fair Fund Raiser and needs someone to step forward to take the lead.

Board Meeting- The current administration had its last board meeting. Among the topics covered were what is expected from a 501c 3 non-profit organization and what activities must we engage in order to maintain our status and not be liable for heavy IRS penalties. The board members thought that the information collected was important and that all members should know how the IRS rules affect what activities we must be involved in. The details are posted on our website under meeting minutes and copies of the last page which summaries the rulings were distributed to the members. Shahla offered to answer any questions that members had.

Shahla appealed to all members to step up and do at least a little so that all the effort needed to keep the organization activities running doesn't become a burden on the few.

Nominating Committee- Byllie Patterson gave an update on the efforts of the nominating committee. The club is still in need of someone to volunteer as co-V.P of programming but the other positions have volunteers willing to serve. Kate Duffy – President, Jenny Henry – V.P. of Programming, Mary Gatanas – V. P. Membership, Carol Miller – Treasurer, Carol Small – Secretary.

Treasurer Report- prepared and reported by Sheryn Blocher

November 2012 Balance	\$4, 739.45
Expenses (HHH & board lunch)	280.43
December 31 st Balance	\$4,459.02

Gardening Tip of the Month- Kathy Antosek shared her favorite catalog – Select Seeds. It mainly offers flowers with few vegetables but has wonderful information on growing conditions for the plants and if they are deer resistance, good for birds and butterflies etc.

Program- January's guest speaker was *Jane Murphy from Hickory Hill Heath and Heather.*

Amy Sibbo, secretary