

Garden Club of Annapolis February 2013 monthly meeting

February 2013 @ Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC)

Business Meeting:

Shahla wished everyone a Happy Chinese New Year which will be celebrated until February 25 and an early Happy Noruz (Persian New year) since she won't be with us next month.

Guest Anne Carmen (guest of Gale Johnson) was welcomed and a thank you was extended to Jenny Henry for the day's workshop which had a theme of dancing to go with the meeting's program.

Birthday girls, Tessie Ballard, Phylis Millan, Evie Renz and Fran Spector were acknowledged. Shahla said that if anyone was left out it is because they didn't volunteer their birthdate.

The latest news on Evie is good. She is home and as far as we know responding well to treatment.

District Business:

The District is still looking for a Host Club for the April 9 Daffodil show. So far only Kate Duffy has offered to help, she will need at least 4 more helpers do be able to pull this off. D2 has a \$200 budget for the event. Shahla asked for volunteers to step forward.

Membership voted in favor of the latest proposed changes to the District Bylaws. The major changes concern Section 9 –Finances, where the rules have been tightened and an audit will be done at the end of each administrations term, and in Section 11 about the Member Club participation and removal.

Membership voted in favor of the District funding an intern horticulturist for Cylburn and for a \$50 donation from GCA for the Disaster Relief Fund.

Nominating Committee

A special thank you was given to the Nominating Committee; Bylle Patterson, Sharon Chappell and Amy Sibb. The slate of officers who will be installed on June 5th consist of Kate Duffy, President, Jenny Henry and Kathy Antosek, co- First Vice Presidents, Mary Gatanas, Second Vice President, Carol Miller, Treasurer, Carol Small, Secretary.

June Picnic

Shahla announced that GCA's annual picnic and officer installation will be at the beautiful home of Susan Veccia which has a spectacular view and whose garden should be at its peak. Adele Maguire, past president of CGC and past D2 officer will preside. To make sure that space does not become an issue, all except the new officers are requested to leave partners/spouses behind.

Fundraisers

Sheryn Blocher has graciously stepped forward to head the May Fair event and many members have volunteered to assist. Vendors and silent auction donations are being solicited and Aida Cipriani is collecting items for the white elephant table.

Treasurer's Report -Submitted by Sheryn Blocher,

Previous Balance as of Jan. 31, 2013		\$3,721.03
Expenditures:		
Speaker Fee	\$100.00	
Feb. Program fee	\$150.00	
Dancers lunch	\$50.00	
Total expenditures		\$300.00
Total Deposits		\$00.00
Balance as of February 28, 2013		<u>\$3,421.03</u>

Gardening tips of the month

Kathy Antosek shared with members that chicken scratch feed from Bowens can also be used as bird feed. Kathy warned members to stay alert for ticks even in the winter because they can live for 7 years before finding a host and can jump from trees down upon you or your dogs. She shared that she has had good success with a squirrel baffle from Ace Hardware on her bird feeder.

February Program:

Relationship between *Flowers and Dancing-A Study*. — Presentation by two professional ballroom dancers, Catalina Levay and Ray Clifton.