Minutes of Town and Country Garden Club. August 3, 2022.

The August 3 meeting of Garden Club was called to order by President Ann Baker, our hostess, at 9:23. Ann thanked her co-hostesses, Sue Hazelwood, Donna Fischer, Andrea Waterhouse, and Paula Lubenow. An excellent breakfast was served.

Ann also thanked Annie Cochran and Jennifer Rielly, program chairs.

Sally Steele, 1st VP reported that GC now has 26 members and 8 associates. 2 guests joined us: Rise’ introduced Evelyn Olson and Anne Stranberg stated that Nicole Juppe’, guest, will be meeting us at the seed nursery.

Rise’ Barkhoff, Treasurer, reported a total balance of $20,704.78, which includes the Money Market Fund of $5033.40.

Norma Seymour, Secretary, read a nice note from Gay Fosberg thanking Ann for hosting the get-together in her honor and for the distinction of being named a Life Time Member of Libertyville Town and Country Garden Club. Gay is moving to Arizona.

Sally Steele, 1st VP assumed leadership of the meeting, as Ann was called away.

Anne Stranberg, Civic, reported that the plantings throughout the community are doing well.

Jennifer Rielly, Programs, reported that we had a fabulous turnout for the trip to the Seed Nursery. The Tour was conducted by Dr. Pati Vitt and Matt Veltzen. Andrea Moore greeted us and thanked Jennifer for our participation. The tour and the lunch following made for a very special day. Jennifer will accept ‘thank you’ messages for Andrea, as she will pass them on to her.

Annie Cochran, Programs, announced that the September meeting will be at the home of Peg Samuelson at 11:00 A.M.. Arborists will speak on helpful facts about trees and care of trees.

Peg Samuelson, Publicity, had no report.

Marlene Elkins, Horticulture AND Sunshine, stated that “deadheading” Is what’s going on in gardening now… it promotes growth.

She announced that the August Birthdays are Sue Hazelwood, Patrice Rehm, Paula Lubenow, and Pam Hume. Check your book for exact dates!

Paula Lubenow, Conservation,

GREEN BENEFITS OF GARDENING

**Gardens are pretty, but they are actually the building block for reducing our carbon footprint**

      Sources:  US Green Technology & Green Matters

Plants Clean the Air and Soil

Through photosynthesis plants take in Carbon Dioxide and release oxygen and water.

Plants also absorb chemicals, bacteria and harmful elements through this process

Carbon Dioxide is a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere

and impacts global warming and climate change.  We need oxygen to live.

Plants Prevent Soil Erosion & Filter out Harmful Chemicals and Heavy Metals

Plants bind the soil together and make it less likely that top soil washes away in heavy rain.

They also add nutrients to the soil when they break down, and that reduces our soil usage overall

and increase the nutritional value of what we grow.

Plant roots filter out chemicals and heavy metals in our soil and groundwater.

Growing Food Reduces our Carbon Footprint

When we grow our own food we make fewer trips to the grocery store, and create

less demand for produce that is transported from great distances (using fossil fuels).

Composting & Mulching Reduce Waste in Landfills

30% of landfill waste is from food scraps and yard waste.

Landfills emit methane which is a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere.

*idea from Univ. of IL Ext was to grind up leaves in fall and use as mulch.*

Gardens support Pollinators

Pollinators help our plants and food grow.

Trees and Shrubs reduce cooling/energy costs and use of fossil fuels

They also reduce noise pollution by absorbing sound and creating sound barriers

PLASTIC WRAP ALTERNATIVES:

Just say no to plastic wrap!

Wax paper & tin foil were recyclable alternatives, but now there is....

BEESWAX FOOD WRAP

Nothing Fancy Supply Co. Brand is being sold at Sunset Foods

(at the front of the store with candles etc.)

--also available on Amazon

--seals with the warmth of your hands

        --works well with glass containers

--comes in a variety of sizes/designs (

        --small $12, large $26 (both 2 sheets per pack)

--reusable; rinse in cold water

--not for use with raw meats

--lasts 6 to 12 months

--no chemical food wrap in contact with your food

Garden Walk—Ann Baker will Chair the 2023 Garden Walk, Julie Eberspacher will Co-chair. There was a discussion about possible gardens, so if you have ideas and possibilities, please contact Ann or Julie. More gardens are needed. Everyone’s help is needed.

Ann Baker has approached the village with a proposal of possibly setting up a memorial garden or Garden of Remembrancea, in the downtown area of Libertyville… Senior Center and/ or near Village Hall, where a native plants garden is being considered. There will be more information to come.

Rise’ Barkhoff, chairman of Nominating Committee will meet with committee members, Lizz VerBeten and Norma Seymour to prepare a slate of nominees for new officers. She will be alerting the membership and asking for possible nominees for Pres., V.P., and Treasurer.

There was a motion to adjourn, second and we adjourned.

Secretary, Norma Seymour

Secretary, Norma Seymour