

## Lake Placid Garden Club General Meeting, February 12, 2025

The meeting took place at the Lake Placid Government Center.

Members socialized. Wanda Dickson gave the invocation then members were called to lunch. There were 68 members and 2 guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 by President Sandy Rosch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A new speaker and microphone system was in use. There were several microphones including wireless microphones which can be used remotely. The Audio Supervisor is Ray Adelman.

Lunch Coordinator Pat Reiser reminded hostesses that they are needed between 10:30 and 10:45 on meeting days. The March lunch was described, hostesses were named.

The President's Message was a reading from The Garden of Daily Living.

Deb Meyer introduced her guest, Judy Smith.

February birthdays were feted with the birthday song. Those honored were Therese McDonald, Marcia Price, Nick Price, Bettie Zimba, Donna Glenn, Monica Griffith and Wendy Parent. President Sandy Rosch also has a February birthday.

Donna Glenn, Wendy Parent, Wanda Fitzgerald and Gia Cerbone were introduced as new members.

Karen Denning gave a memorial tribute to deceased member Shirley Puzey.

Our speaker, Bruno Kapacinskas from the Southwest Florida management District was introduced by Sharon Diaz, Co-First Vice President.

Sunshine Chairman Carol Coyle reported sending cards to Robert Puzey and Scarlet Bergner on behalf of the club.

Connie Adam presented the Horticulture segment. Her topic was caladiums. She had interesting information from the founder of Classic Caladiums in Avon Park, Dr. Robert Hartman. The development of his caladiums takes 7 to 8 years with an emphasis first on beauty then on resilience and other specific criteria.

Members were reminded of the Basket Making workshop February 20.

In the Fuss and Brag segment, Sharon Diaz presented a tulip arrangement. Vicki Maxwell warned members about two invasive plants she encountered in her yard.

There were no corrections or additions to the January minutes so they were accepted as written.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen gave the Financial Report.

The Coins for Camp jar was passed.

Member Mark Ponsler was honored for his opening his garden in the 2024 Holiday Home and Garden Tour and for maintaining the Main Street Garden. He was awarded the Golden Trowel.

Trips and Tours Chairman Nick Price reported on the April 1 Fort Myers trip. 27 members have signed up to attend; members still have time to sign up. After the March meeting, any empty seats can be sold to non-members.

Robin Shear spoke about the Nell Coe Award. Members are urged to log their activities. The club's entry needs to be submitted by March 15.

There is no word on Civic Beautification yet.

The club renewed their ad in the Chamber's Visitor Guide.

Carol Lambert, Youth Gardening, told members that the students were surprised and excited to find monarch caterpillars on their plants. This month, the group will plant bush beans.

The Executive Board has voted that the club will contribute a granite bench to the Robert W. Chatterton Masonic Mural Garden. The bench design has not yet been decided.

Marcia Price, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported she found a member willing to serve as President. She urged members to take a position. The office of Publicity Chairman is vacant. Her committee will present the slate of officers for 2025-6 at the March meeting. Voting will take place in April. Installation of officers will take place at the May meeting.

Vicki Maxwell, the Plant Sale Co-coordinator, asked members to contribute plants to the LPGC March 1 plant sale to be held at the Masonic Lodge and further, to start plants for next year's sale. The Plant Sale next year will take place later in the month of March.

Membership dues are due beginning next month. Check your yearbook for the amount.

Members are asked to check their listing in this year's yearbook and report any changes to Sue Rood.

Members are reminded to check the Power Point presentation at each meeting and check the signup sheets. Further, they are advised to look at the agenda and emails listing news and upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

The winner of \$78 in the 50/50 drawing was Marian Chambers.

Those members winning table arrangements were Joyce Miles, Fran Bomberger, Laura Krumm, Carol Coyle, Stephanie Moreo, Wendy Parent, Linda Hunley, Donna Glenn, Jeannie Dietl and Sharon Diaz.

Winners of Opportunity Table items were Wendy Parent, Vicki Maxwell, Chris Currier, Pam Rosenberg (2), Kathie Hutson, Shannon Johnson and Mary Greeley.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Miles

Recording Secretary

