

Lake Placid Garden Club General Meeting, January 14, 2026

The meeting was held at American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid.

At 12:05 President Doris Rohner began the meeting by joining members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rohner recognized and thanked the Post's Brandi Hayes for her help. She then recognized Pat Smith, President of the Lake Placid Friends of the Library, speaker for the meeting.

Two other guests were introduced. Jadyne Cospers, baker of today's deserts, was introduced by her grandmother, Mary Greeley. Shay Cross was introduced by Donna Ferchen-DeSimone.

Members who were present, Marian Chambers, Mary Meisenheimer, Robin Nowak, Connie Adam, Wendy Parent and Kat Moseley celebrate January birthdays and were feted with the birthday song.

The Coins for Camp jar was passed. Funds collected are sent to Camp Wekiva to be used as needed.

Agnes Smith was recognized for keeping the Tree Book.

Both the Membership Picnic (March 21) and the LPGC Plant Sale (March 28) will be held in March. Danny Green will host an African violet workshop in March 23.

There will be a new way to run the centerpiece drawing. Each table is numbered. The first name drawn will get the centerpiece on table one, the second on table two and so on.

Wanda Dickson gave the Invocation.

Members were called to lunch with the head table going first then table #1 going next, etc. Lunch featured sandwiches and salads provided by members. Dessert was furnished by Jadyne Cospers.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 by President Rohner. Recording Secretary Joyce Miles confirmed there was a quorum with 66 members and 3 guests present.

President Rohner read a letter of appreciation from a student in Youth Gardening program.

First Vice President Stephanie Moreo introduced Pat Smith, President of the Lake Placid Friends of the Library.

Sharon Diaz moved the December LPGC General Meeting minutes be accepted as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen-DiSimone reported that the club's checking account had a \$9413.89 balance. Cash on hand is \$200. Vanguard account is \$41909.32 plus current interest of \$133.45. Total interest earned since the club established a Vanguard account is \$3463,05. The report was accepted subject to audit. Figures from the December 6 Holiday Home and Garden Tour are not yet complete but it appears our profit is equal to what was budgeted.

Laura Krumm moved today's meeting agenda be accepted as written. The motion passed.

Historical Society Garden Chairman, Renee Richter told members she would appreciate any donation of member's native pollinator plants. Signup sheets for maintaining the gardens at the Legion, the Masonic Lodge and the Depot Museum are available today. Pat Smith asked the club to consider "helping" with the courtyard at the library.

Robin Shear and Karen Denning reported on the 2026 Holiday Home and Garden Tour. One home has been secured, another repeat home, "The Place," has also been offered.

The Membership Picnic, March 21, will feature fried chicken and ice cream but will rely on contributions from club members to round out the meal. Signup sheets are available.

Vicki Maxwell, Plant Sale Chairman, reminded members that the club Plant Sale will be March 28 and she will need plants from members. She is available to help.

Nick Price, Trips and Tours Chairman, reported that the 56 seats on the bus for the January 27 trip to the Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota have been sold. He will maintain a stand-by list. As the club representative to Manna Ministries, he told members 332# of donations were delivered to Manna Ministries after the December meeting as well as \$1400 in checks.

The Acorn Project volunteers meet tomorrow at Royce Ranch. Garden Therapy helped 20 residents make flower arrangements. Youth Gardening will use a sunflower theme.

Participants in the Fuss and Brag segment were Jan Vedernjak, Sharon Diaz, Marian Chambers and Donna Ferchen-DiSimone.

Centerpieces were won by Deb Meyer, Jerry Meisenheimer, Lunda Hunley, Jennifer Marsh, Lisa Hartman, Marcia Price, Mary Greeley, Barbara Dagastino, Carol Coyle, Sharon Diaz and Deborah Pollard.

Opportunity Table winners were Bettie Zima, Wanda Fitzgerald, Renee Richter, Kathleen Hartman and Terry McDonald.

The 50/50 winner of \$60 was Margaret Gleave.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05

Joyce Miles, Recording Secretary