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***Optimism is the one quality  
associated with success.***

### ***Welcome-2021***

Looking back at 2020 I decided to remember the good things that happened, like learning new ways to have meeting, fundraising, sharing information and keeping in touch. Many realized how much we missed all the activities involved with our garden club family. Looking forward we will be dealing with some of the same challenges that 2020 gave us. Meetings and activities might look and be different for a while to come. The one thing is we will appreciate being together and participating in club activities once again. Eager to help out and make your meetings and activities better than ever.

### **We Are All Volunteers**

I want to honor all the club Presidents. They have many duties that needed to be done despite having meetings or not. Many hard decisions had to be made this past year and coming up with ways to keep a club going. They had to follow the state and county guideline keeping everyone safe. Many had to sign documents stating they would follow the rules for meeting together in indoor buildings. Let them know you appreciate all they do.

Your club Treasurers need to be appreciated for deadlines that still had to be met for district, CGCI and government paperwork and filings. To show your appreciation and make their jobs easier when dues are requested send them in right away. They have deadlines to give names and total number of members to update the CGCI yearbook before it goes to print. When things come in late it makes more work for them to fill out more forms and resubmit to have you covered for insurance, etc.

The secretary's job is appreciated by all for they are the record keepers of our meetings keeping you informed. How nice to send a note of thanks to any or all your board members.

***Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but  
greatness, because greatness is determined by service.***

***Martin Luther King Jr.***

All of your club chairmen enrich your meetings and activities by organizing and planning. Think of your community service projects, field trips, fundraising, plant sales, workshops, year-book, website, Facebook, newsletter and much more. The members that share their knowledge by giving workshops, writing articles on gardening, designing, native plants, birds and pollinators, and endless topics of interest. There are so many things to learn when we get together. ***Come for the knowledge, stay for the friendship*** is said often about garden clubs.

**We are all volunteers** and I know each and everyone of you has something to share. This coming year I am asking all of you to offer your talents and service to your club, help out on projects, step up to fill an office or chair a committee. If there is something you would like your club to be doing then help to get it started. Be creative, think out side the box with the new ways we do things and what worked from the past. Lets reset as we all look forward to the year ahead.

***What can you do?*** Step up and take on a responsibility to make your club even better. Help the members that do so much and keep things going. Check your emails or Facebooks prior to a meeting to see if it happening. Write things down on your calendar. We hear "Oh I forgot" too many times. Respond to requests ASAP so they know how to plan. Show your appreciation to the members that have been keeping things going.

Your club will grow and flourish this year with your help, feel proud of the beauty and service you add to your community. As spring is around the corner now is the time to think of what you can do for your club.

Hope all are well and staying safe and eager to help create the future of you garden club.

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