

## **GCGC GENERAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting:** Pat Townsend, Host – Welcome All

**Participants:** 26 for First Official Meeting of the season

**PLEDGE:** Pat Townsend

**INSPIRATIONAL READING:** Sharon Kennedy

### **INTRODUCTION TO BOARD MEMBERS:**

President: Patricia Townsend, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Mary King; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Kathy Erickson, Programs, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Claire Flynn, Membership; Corresponding Secretary, Karen Hauwuiller-newest member; Recording Secretary, Anne Duffy; Co-Treasurers, Diane Schmidt and Sue Hamilton; Past President, Diane Schmidt; Advisors – Anina Bachrach and Sue Hamilton.

- **Claire Flynn** reported as of this date 69 members
- **Diane Schmidt** reported transfer of GCGC account from PNC to Bank of America  
Acquired Sunbiz number filed under Florida State as Not For Profit. This is not the same as Federal Not For Profit – Fee: \$62/year. Thanked everyone for contributing to Blue Star Marker for the last two years. Reviewed cash flow and expenses.
- **Anina Bachrach:** Check your info on Web and advise her of any corrections. Pelican Landing Dental, Sponsor at \$325 has covered cost of Yearbook. Please patronize. Donated items for Elegant Sale will be posted on Facebook's Marketplace.

### **MEETINGS:**

- November – Zoom Meeting with Debbie Hughes, Edison Ford Estates via Zoom
- December – Palladio Trattoria – We will be the only ones there – closed on Mondays
  - Baskets – number depends on how many attend

**TRIPS:** None planned but Laura Sullivan exploring Estero Island Garden Club's idea of visiting various nurseries – will need to survey our members if interested in something like this.

**DISTRICT IX ZOOM MEETING:** Today is the last day to register\_– check your emails for link.

### **BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER:**

- Lorna O'Hara offered a \$100.00 donation to this project
- Being shipped October 16 to City of Bonita Springs
- Installation by the City at their convenience at no charge to us
- Suzy Valentine reported donations of bromeliads, native greens and mulch will bring plantings under the \$200 budget.
- Suzy requested a copy of the diagram prepared by Karen Hauwiller
- Date of dedication ceremony to be determined at a later date

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**SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW:** Diane Schmidt demonstrated napkin folding for Halloween and “rose” napkin. Can use cloth or paper–15”, 17” or 20” square. If using cloth, iron out folds

**EVERGLADES WONDER GARDENS** – Program via Zoom was presented by Jacob Winge. Jacob is a protégé of David Southall.

- Showed and explained what’s new and different at the Garden
- New Leadership with lots of young people and new exhibits
- Waiting for finalized lease from City of Bonita Springs
- In the process of building a 3-part learning center taking 4-6 months to complete and will have a small office, a catering kitchen and meeting room.
- Permits secured and will be open to groups and educational groups (possible GCGC meetings and or Flower Show?)
- Hours 10-4 with last ticket sold at 3 and are open seven days a week
- Limited capacity but no ticketed time
- Buy tickets online
- Resuming teas by the end of November – will be held twice a month
  - Register at least 2 weeks in advance
  - Capacity of 24 people with 4 at a table

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03

Submitted by Anne Duffy, Recording Secretary- 10/24