

Garden Club Journal

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January 2017

Well, here is the start of 2017 -- where did 2016 go? I want to thank each of you for all you did during the past year, and I hope you all look forward to the many things to learn about and do in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this another wonderful and successful **Holly Berry Brunch** fundraising event! Due to the diligent efforts of members to gain donations from area businesses as well as direct member donations - we had *141 raffle gifts* for people to choose from and *19 silent auction* items to bid on. The "50/25/25" raffle sales, under the direction of *Rose Wiggle*, increased in popularity.

Once again the wrapping committee used their talents to make the gifts look spectacular. And *Carol Chrzastek* managed the dollars coming in from the committee selling the raffle tickets. Thanks to *Paul Butler and Brenda Lemecha* for handling the payments for silent auction items. And, thank you to *Sandy Butler* for assembling all the information and ads into the program book. Behind the scenes *Karen Marzonie and Laurine Griffin* logged information about gifts so that donors received credit.

In addition to raising money for our many community projects, it was a friendship building event. The room resonated with the happy conversations of people getting together. People commented that the ball-room looked so beautiful with the table set with poinsettias and colorful ornaments planned by *Kathy Gapa*. The staff at Dearborn Inn was very helpful in setting up for lunch, for the gifts, the registration tables, the coffee for the workers, and the bar for a bit of spirits. Committee leaders said the staff was courteous in providing things they requested.

I'm so sorry **we missed the opportunity** for our **Pot Luck luncheon meeting on December 12**. Due to a heavy 7- inch snowfall, the Presbyterian Church was not open for events. We missed all the expected food and chance to share our greetings.

Now, get ready for our January 9th regular meeting, when our speaker will be *Carol Brodbeck*, the 1st V.P. of the Michigan Garden Club. (Soon to be elected President). She will describe how a young newlywed settled into the wilderness of the 'New World' (United States) and learned to use available fruits and vegetables.

Mary Bugeia, President



KEY MEETING DATES

Board Meeting
Jan 4, 10:00 am
McFadden Ross

General Meeting
Mon., Jan 9, Noon
First Presbyterian
Church

Program:
Carol Broadbeck
1st VP - Michigan
Garden Clubs -
Origins of fruit and
vegetables

Exhibits:
Forcing Bulbs;
Feeding Winter Birds

Holly Berry Brunch 2016 Draws Nearly 500 Participants



Carol Chrzastek, right, and Judy Polcyn in raffle ticket sales area at HBB 2016.



Left to Right: President, Mary Bugeia, Wanda Unis-Flaim, and Mayor John O'Reilly and Christina O'Reilly enjoy HBB 2016.

Happy Birthday!

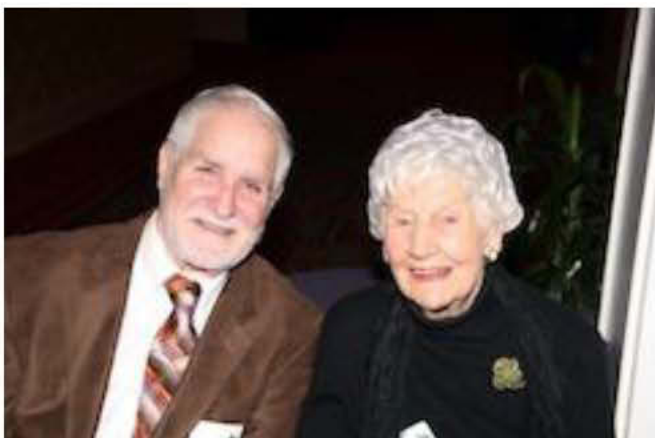
Cynthia Pempeit	3 Jan
Sandy Bruce	8 Jan
Wanda Flaim	8 Jan
Sharon Olshansky	10 Jan
Mary Dietrich	15 Jan
Margaret Engstrom	17Jan
Rose Wiggle	20 Jan
Beth Brown	20 Jan
Ellen Savage	22 Jan
Gloria Rusin	23 Jan
Sandy Butler	24 Jan
Mickey Johnson	27 Jan
Betty Sue Pisula	29 Jan
Meredith Scharf	29 Jan



Brightly decorated tables welcomed members and guests to HBB 2016, the 20th Annual Garden Club of Dearborn Fundraiser.



Donna Wallace (right) with friends



Above: Mary Ellen Zell and William Horman, Owner Sunnybrook Farms



Upper Right: Garden Club of Dearborn thanks HBB 2016 Sponsors

Right: GCD President Mary Bugeia and City of Dearborn Mayor John O'Reilly welcome guests and announce raffle and auction winners.





More than 140 Raffle items on display at Dearborn Inn create excitement among HBB 2016 participants.

Mark Your Calendars - Events in January/February

- *January 7th, 1pm* - English Gardens - Free Seminar "Live Healthier with House plants"
- *January 14th, 1pm* - English Gardens - Free Seminar "Guide to Succulents"
- *January 21st, 1pm* - English Gardens - Free Seminar "Cooking with Herbs"
- *February 4th, 1pm* - English Gardens - Free Seminar "Attracting Birds to Your Yard"
- *Plan Ahead for February 19th, Valentine Tea* - Garden Club of Dearborn, First Presbyterian Church
- *Plan Ahead for Michigan Garden Clubs 86th Annual State Convention* to be held June 7-9, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor.