

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
February 14, 2017
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Gale Dulian at 1:00 p.m. She extended a warm welcome to all and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 44 members and 7 guests present at the meeting.

SPEAKER: Donna Saalfeld introduced the speaker for today's meeting. Robert Beezat, author, businessman, public official and community leader, gave a motivating discussion derived from his book, Knowing and Loving, The Keys to Real Happiness. Robert also showed several videos which were very entertaining. His presentation encouraged us to "plant our own seeds of happiness".

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: Gale Dulian reminded everyone to sign in and pick up their nametags.

February Birthdays: Gale has a birthday in February and invited all other February birthday members to stand for acknowledgements: Marty Butler, Sandra Inglis, Jan LaBelle, Doreen Matteson, Barbara Meyer, Darlene Robinson, and Judy Sims.

Minutes: The Minutes from January 10, 2017 were posted at the meeting, emailed and will be posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained and accepted. A motion was made by Marty Butler and seconded by Donna Saalfeld to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cheri Florczyk presented the Treasurer's Report, which was posted with a combined final balance of \$8,318.08 for both the checking and savings accounts. A motion

was made by Gloria Askew and seconded by Josephine Galassini to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Darlene Robinson reported a donation was made to the Zion-Benton Library in the amount of \$25.00 in memory of Pat Kolonko who sadly passed away on January 24, 2017.

Garden Gloves: Darlene Robinson stated garden gloves are available for \$4 a pair.

Activities: Darlene stated no trips are planned at this time.

Workshops: There are no workshops currently planned, but a stepping stone workshop will be scheduled for late winter or early spring.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasury Excess Funds: Gale Dulian stated the Executive Committee recommended two motions which were read at the meeting by Co-Secretary Joyce Lomonaco as follows:

Motion on Lake County Children's Advocacy Center: The Illinois Dunesland Garden Club make a charitable donation in the amount of \$500.00 for one large brick (8"x16") with engraving to the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion on 2017 Annual Christmas Luncheon: The Illinois Dunesland Garden Club pay the entire cost for the paid members for the 2017 Annual Christmas luncheon.

Gale Dulian stated detailed rationale for each motion including the importance of the Healing Garden in the first motion and the appreciation of our hard-working members regarding the second motion. Each motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Inductions: Gale Dulian stated there were no new members to be inducted at the February meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February Refreshment Committee: Gale Dulian thanked Lead Jennifer Mendez, Greeter Sonja Bedrosian, and refreshment committee members Char Blair, Helen Darsnek, Anne Gendreau, Karen Monsen (for Deborah Ann Rogers), and Pat Campanella (for Anne Miller). Deborah and Anne will be re-scheduled for the April refreshment committee. Caryn Dupon was on the refreshment committee but has since resigned from the Garden Club.

March Speaker: Perry Plescia, owner of "Honey Works", will discuss what it takes to start your own hive.

March Refreshment Committee: Gale announced the members of next month's refreshment committee: Lead Ludwina Homer, Greeter Barbara Farrell, and Members Naomi Friedrich, Sandra Inglis, Marge Leable, Elizabeth Perez, Elizabeth Spannraft, and Ingrid Tjader.

Master Gardener: Gale reported Garden Club member Fred Pitts was not able to attend the meeting since he is finishing up his master gardening classes and will then be another asset to the club.

Gardening Demonstration: Gale announced Rolling Hills Nursing Home in Zion, IL has requested some type of gardening demonstration for Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Some demonstrations could include potting up indoor plant arrangements or fresh flower or tea up arrangements. Gale Dulian, Donna Saalfeld, and Joyce Lomonaco will attend. Additional members are welcome to participate.

Suggestion Box: Gale stated Jennifer Mendez has created a suggestion box for members to place any suggestions they may have. We will be pleasantly surprised to see the new suggestion box at our March meeting.

Gale requested members note the postings on the board of upcoming events for which some forms are required to attend:

11th "Annual Spring Into Gardening": This event on March 11, 2017 will be held at Westosha Central High School in Paddock Lake, WI at a cost of \$40.00 by February 23, 2017. The cost will increase to \$45.00 after that date.

Landscape Design School Course: The Garden Clubs of Illinois is offering this course on April 24-25, 2017 at a cost of \$70.00.

District IX, 38th Annual Meeting, "Plant A Rainbow", also offered by the Garden Clubs of Illinois will be held on March 14, 2017.

Gloria Askew led us all in prayer before refreshments were served and read the following poem:

Love is something that cannot be touched
But when it's given it is felt so much
A warm kindness from a friend
Can melt your troubles so you will mend
But no matter what the world will see
Love touches your heart and will always be

Gale reminded everyone to turn in their name tags and to have a wonderful Valentine's Day with love to all.

A motion was made by Darlene Robinson and seconded by Sylvia Adams to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Joyce Lomonaco,
Co-Secretary