

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
January 9, 2018  
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Gale Dulian at 1:01 p.m. She welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests:** Gale asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves and acknowledge the member who invited them.

**SPEAKER:** Donna Saalfeld introduced the speaker for today's meeting, Mark Hurley, who has over 28 years' experience with the Lake County Forest Preserve, Public Relations Department. Mark gave an educational presentation on owls and hawks and brought an adorable live owl and a magnificent 30-year old red-tailed hawk to the meeting. He demonstrated their effective wing and talon capability to catch prey.

Mark reported there are 8,000 species of birds in the world, 320 species reside in the Chicago Area and 150 species nest here.

The original presentation scheduled for January on Pollination had to be cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Roll Call:** Gale Dulian reminded everyone to sign in and pick up their nametags. There were 50 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

**January Birthdays:** Gale invited the January birthday members to stand for acknowledgement: Judy Anderson, Ruthann Davis, Cheri Florczyk, Janet Melin, Linda McKinney, Sandra Nichols and Suzanne Raiden.

**Minutes:** The Minutes from December 12, 2017 were posted at the meeting, emailed and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cheri Florczyk presented the Treasurer's Report, which was posted with a combined final balance of \$8,398.46 for both the checking and savings accounts. A motion was made by Donna Saalfeld and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Sunshine:** Helen Koetz reported no cards were needed to be sent.

**Garden Gloves:** Helen Koetz stated she has garden gloves for \$4.00.

**Activities:** Darlene Robinson reported that there are no current activities scheduled and that activities will be planned for spring.

**Workshops:** No workshops are currently planned.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Campbell Soup Mug:** Gale Dulian stated a Campbell Soup Mug was missing from the decorations prepared by Fran Isaac for the Christmas Luncheon. If the mug remains missing, IDGC will purchase a replacement mug for Fran.

**Zion City Flower:** Cheri Neal has been actively working to make the "Zinnia" the Zion City Flower and reported many Zion businesses will be purchasing and growing flats of a series of beautiful Zinnias. Cheri encouraged support of their efforts. A photo contest will also be conducted at the Zion Benton Library and prizes will be awarded on the judging date, August 30, 2018.

**Motion for "Zinnia for Zion Program":** Gale Dulian presented the following Motion, "Upon the recommendation of the Board, I move that IDGC endorse the 'Zinnia for Zion Program' which will promote the planting of Zinnias, help select winners of a related photo contest held at the Zion Benton Library, and offer prizes from IDGC Club Members." The motion was accepted with the following change: Members voted unanimously that prizes will be provided from the IDGC Treasury rather than from IDGC Club Members. Claire Erickson so moved; seconded by Jill LaBelle. Motion passed and accepted.

**Publicity:** Fran Isaac reported she is awaiting a response to her email regarding the publication of "The Zion Benton Times."

## **Garden Q & A:**

Gale Dulian discussed how you can start seeds by using a simple light. Those with little seed-starting experience should start with a very small amount of seeds. Take notice on the seed package how long seeds take to

germinate; Zinnias for example can germinate within 5 days. Gale also mentioned if you wish to share your cherished seeds, place them in an envelope with your name, identification of seed and date, and later participate in a seed exchange.

April Meyers stated we should note whether the seed is a Direct Sow; the seed can then be placed on the ground and when the snow melts the seed will go into the soil. Remember to mark the seed's name and placement. April also reported there are several articles on the Information Board on selecting and starting seeds and on taking special care for garden plants in winter.

Regarding disposal of real Christmas trees, April suggested disposal of trees at Van Patten Forest Preserve where they shred the trees for use on walkways and mulch. If the Christmas tree branches were still healthy, you could cut the branches off the trunk and use them on your garden beds as a ground cover.

Fran Isaac suggested we plant lettuce seeds on St. Patrick's Day and Shirley Solberg stated we could plant potatoes on Good Friday (providing weather and soil temperatures are correct).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Member Inductions:** There were no new members inducted at the meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Gale Dulian reported a Nominating Committee needs to be formed today to allow sufficient time at the next February meeting for the speaker to conduct the presentation.

The following two Members volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee: Peggy Evans and Suzanne Raiden. Current Officers, April Meyers and Joyce Lomonaco have volunteered to serve on the Committee. Selection of new Officers by the Nominating Committee is slated for the March 13, 2018 Meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The Illinois Audubon Society Event:** April Meyers stated an event at Starved Rock in Oglesby, Illinois on "Discover the Eagles" will be held on January 27th and January 28, 2018. All were encouraged to attend.

**January Refreshment Committee:** Gale Dulkan thanked Lead Jan LaBelle, Greeter Claire Erickson, and Members Carol Behm, Glenda Clark, Lori Coady, Barbara Draegert, Jill LaBelle, and Brenda Perez for their delicious refreshments and elegant table.

**February Speaker:** It was announced our speaker for February, John Rouse, will present a visual history of the 160 remaining barns in Lake County, Illinois.

**February Refreshment Committee:** The members of next month's Refreshment Committee are as follows: Lead Ruthann Davis, Greeter Gail Cavender, and Members Janet Melin, Connie Mills, Dolores Mink, Judy Sims, Lauren Yahiro, and Darlene Robinson.

**IDGC Tea Set:** The Club received a thank you note from the Zion Women's Club for their use of the IDGC Tea Set at their Christmas Fundraiser.

**Prayer:** Josephine Galassini led us in prayer prior to the refreshments being served.

**Adjournment:** A Motion was made by Fran Isaac and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Joyce Lomonaco  
Secretary