

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
February 13, 2018
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Gale Dulian at 1:00 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, John Rouse, who presented a beautiful visual history of the 160 remaining barns in Lake County, Illinois through his PowerPoint presentation, a display of some of the barns he photographed, and several books he authored. John explained he travels throughout Lake County to preserve the barns through his photography before they disappear and pursues learning the original owner and builder of the barns. John reported 240 acres were needed to obtain a profit in farming and that in 1900 there were 1700 working farms and today there are only 400.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: Gale Dulian reminded everyone to sign in and pick up their nametags. There were 41 members and 11 guests present at the meeting.

February Birthdays: Gale invited the February birthday members to stand for acknowledgement: Marty Butler, Helen Collins, Gale Dulian, Sandra Inglis, Jan LaBelle, Doreen Matteson, Barbara Meyer, Darlene Robinson and Judy Sims.

Minutes: The Minutes from January 9, 2018 were posted at the meeting, emailed and will be 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 \$8,413.46 for both the checking and savings accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Helen Koetz will report at the March meeting.

Garden Gloves: Helen will have garden gloves for \$4.00 at the March meeting.

Activities: Darlene Robinson suggested a tour of the San Filippo Mansion in North Barrington, Illinois. The tour cost would be \$25 per person.

Workshops: No workshops are currently planned.

OLD BUSINESS

Campbell Soup Mug: Gale Dulan stated since the Campbell Soup Mug remains missing from the Christmas decorations prepared by Fran Isaac, the Club will replace the mug for Fran.

"Zinnia for Zion" Program: Gale reported that making "Zinnia" the City Flower for Zion is up for vote at the City Hall Meeting on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Cheri Neal shared with Gale that she hopes Club members will attend the meeting.

Publicity: Fran Isaac will report at the March meeting.

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

Nominating Committee: Joyce Lomonaco reported the Nominating Committee met recently and as a result most of the Officer positions have been filled. She mentioned that we still need a Co-President and Treasurer and encouraged members to consider filling these positions.

Joyce and Gale thanked the members who have already accepted officer positions for the next term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Garden Q & A: There was an informative discussion on fresh-cut roses.

Spring into Gardening: Linda McKinney placed brochures for members to take if they are interested in attending the "Spring into Gardening" event slated for March 10, 2018 at Westosha Central High School in Paddock Lake, Wisconsin.

Did You Know? To coincide with the Winter Olympics, Gale Dulan mentioned that our Garden Club Member, Lauren Yahiro, is a National Senior Pairs Figure Skater.

February Refreshment Committee: Gale thanked Lead Ruthann Davis, Greeter Gail Cavender, and Members Janet Melin, Connie Mills, Dolores Mink, Judy Sims, Lauren Yahiro, and Darlene Robinson for their abundant refreshments and decorative table.

March Speaker: It was announced our speaker for March, Curzio Caravati, founder of the "Kenosha Potato Project (KPP)", grows over 300 varieties of potatoes on his farm in Kenosha, WI. Curzio's presentation is called, "For the Love of the Spud".

March Refreshment Committee: The members of next month's Refreshment Committee are as follows: Lead Jennifer Mendez, Greeter Anne Gendreau, and Members Sonja Bedrosian, Charlene Blair, Ethel Blanton, Helen Darsnek, Joyce Frederick and Beth Rankin.

Information Board/Name Tags: Gale reminded everyone to check the Information Board for interesting articles and to return their name tags before leaving the meeting.

Prayer: Gloria Askew led us in prayer prior to the refreshments being served.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Liz Grulke and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Joyce Lomonaco
Secretary