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### The Garden Line

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### GraceAnn Morawek, District Director

Robert Bauer, Editor Lucille Bauer, Production Asst.



Directors Message By Graceann Morawek

Dear Members,

We wish to thank all of you for giving us the privilege of being co-directors of District One Federated Garden Clubs of New York State.

On April 2 – 5 we attended the FGCNYS, Inc. Conference at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, NY with Carol Berardi, outgoing First District Director, Lucille Bauer, incoming 1st Vice-President of FGCNYS, Inc., and Rob Bauer, Jo-Anne Schiffner, State Yearbook Chairman, Evelyn Koehler, 1st District Yearbook Chairman, Peggy Cullimore-Klein, 1st District Judges' Council Chairman and John Klein, Cynthia Turpin-Friday, Virginia Bodrate and Edward Bodrate and me. First District was well represented. In addition to the meetings we attended we had an opportunity to attend many informative workshops including a design workshop on Leaf Manipulation; making Hypertufa Planters, setting up Fairy Gardens and a presentation about the new flower show handbook. We met a friendly and well informed group of Garden Club members from all over the state.

At our Annual District Luncheon and Installation held on April 27th at the Staaten Virginia and I and the First District Executive Board were installed by Monica Hansen, President of FCNYS,Inc.. At the luncheon the achievements of our wonderful outgoing District Director, Carol Berardi were presented and celebrated, led by Jo-Anne Schiffner and Carolyn Pinto to "Oh, Carol". The luncheon was well attended and featured a presentation by Pinot's Palette at which 10 lucky members were able to paint their versions of Monet's Irises. All were different and beautiful.

Virginia and I were invited to a wonderful lunch hosted by South Shore Garden Club at which Virginia installed the club officers on April 11, 2017. On April 28th, with members of GKGC, and others members of the District and the NYC Dept. of Parks we celebrated Arbor Day at Seaside Nature Park. A bald cypress tree was planted.

We have lots of events coming up in the near future including the 1st District meeting on June 5th to which all members are invited and the District Flower Show, Lights, Camera, Action on June 17th. Setup is on June 16th. Please, always check the monthly agenda and/or The Garden Line for upcoming Dates to Remember and other business going on in the 1st District.

We would like to stress and increase the district membership and to that end we are trying to set up a membership table at the Richmond County Fair during Labor Day Weekend. We need active, participating members in order to help the district grow. If you have any suggestions and/or comments please email one of us. We are in the book! All changes in address, email addresses, and telephone numbers should go to your presidents who in turn will update the member directory and inform us. We are looking forward to the next 2 years of our term serving First District and its clubs and members.

Graceann Morawek and Virginia Bodrate

Sincerely, Graceann Morawek District Director

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#### **District Officers**

Graceann Morawek
Virginia Bodrate
Co-Directors
Denise Solomon
Assistant Director
Marilyn Curcio
Corresponding Secretary

Bess Cordella Recording Secretary Bonnie Rogers, Treasurer Theresa Corey Asst. Treasurer

#### **Club Presidents**

Castle Manor

Lucille Bauer Evelia Foster

**Great Kills** 

Marilyn Curcio

Richmond-Evergreen - Linda Conlon

**South Shore -**Gertrude Sokolowsky **Staten Island -** Teresa Torsney

Carolyn M. Brown -Rhodes

### **Upcoming Events**

2017

June 3-11 - National Garden Week

June 14 - CMGC Trip to Chinese Scholars Garden

June 17 - District Flower Show - "Lights, Camera, Action"

Sept. 17-19 - FGCNYS Fall Conference, Best Western Plus, Kingston, NY

October 7 & 8 - St. Pauls Flower Festival

November 4 - REGC Tea—Excelsior Grand

December 9 - SSGC Holiday Party

#### WEB LINKS

National Garden Clubs: http://gardenclub.org (Login with "member" as a user name and

"world" as a password to access full site.

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State: www.fgcnys.com

**District One, FGCNYS**: sigardenclubs.org.

Don't Miss District 1's Upcoming Flower Show

Lights, Camera, Action

Saturday June 17, 2017—1 to 4PM New Dorp Moravian Church Open to the Public—Free Admissiion

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Club News

### **Castle Manor**

Our club wants to congratulate the State News Editor, Robert Bauer for being awarded a Presidential Citation at the Buffalo Annual Conference by State President Pat Wania for his hard work and dedication to the FGCNYS, Inc.

Our members also want to congratulate our new District Director Graceann Morawek and Co-Director Virginia Bodrate who were installed by our newly inducted State President Monica Hansen at our District Luncheon at the Staaten on April 27.

We held election of officers for 2017-2019 and District Director Carol Berardi held a beautiful installation. I want to introduce our new Co-President Evelia Foster and Recording Secretary Barbara Cucci. On April 12, Pastor Tracy Pryor of Great Kills Moravian Church gave our members quite a presentation on Herbal Oils in Biblical Times.

Our club held our annual Flower Bingo games on May 10 which was so much fun and educational too. On May 24, we will have a club luncheon at Jimmy Max and guests are always welcome. On June 14, we have a 2-hour tour of the Chinese Scholars Garden in Snug Harbor followed by lunch at Harbor Eats. Thank you to member Stephanie Woodley for making these arrangements for our members. The new club landscaping project is underway at PS 37 and we look forward to attending the Richmond County Fair with our sister clubs.

We were all saddened by the unexpected passing of Stephen Brown, State Chairman of the Blue & Gold Star Memorials. Stephen was former District Director of District 5, a National FS Judge, District 5 Judges Council Chairman and President of his garden club. Steve was very involved in his community. I found Steve to be a quiet man who accomplished so much during his lifetime. Steve was generous with his time and helped me enormously at the Utica Fall Conference. We send our condolences to his wife Carol and family.

Everyone have a great summer and see you all in September!

Lucille Bauer, reporting

### **Great Kills**

Spring began with our annual trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. It was, as always, a great success. Our January meeting was cancelled due to the weather. In February we installed our new officers. The March meeting was cancelled due to an ice storm. Our April meeting was a program demonstration and lecture on how to grow herbs all year round in various containers. Skye Suter was the speaker. She served six years as president of the Herb Society. She spoke on the importance of using natural materials instead of harmful ingredients. The First District Annual Meeting and luncheon will be held on April 27 at the Staten. Arbor Day Tree planting will be held as Seaside Park at 10 AM. A clean up at Bloomingdale Park was held on Saturday with Bess Cordella, Mattie Sollitto, Dolores Sollitto and Lilian Ferrelli all helping Bess clean up the Garden. The next Garden Clean Up will be held November 1, 2017

Have a wonderful summer!

Lillian Ferrelli, reporting

### RICHMOND EVERGREEN

At our March meeting two members were installed; Lenora Mauch became First Vice President and Nancy Correra became Second Vice President. Mae Gagliano, Peg Galligan, Evangeline Katsoris and Irene Marraccini are now Honorary Members of the Club.

Members of the club were encouraged to attend the Districts Annual Meeting and Luncheon on April 27th at LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant. Monica Hansen, FGCNY, Inc. President will be installing the new Board of Officers. A District Flower Show will be held on June 17th at the New Dorp Moravian Church Parish Hall called "Lights, Camera, Action" all were invited to participate.

At Aprils meeting we had speaker John Karl, Worm Farmer, who spoke on raising Red Wigglers for over 15 years and on composting. It was a very interesting and informative talk! Besides our regular June meeting, we will have Luncheon on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Canlon's. Also save the date for our annual fund raiser Tea which will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Excelsior Grand this year. Details will follow.

Doreen Bedford, Reporting

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### **SOUTH SHORE**

Thanks so much to all those that supported our annual fundraiser, our Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 17th at the Old Bermuda Inn. It was both a social and financial success. At our March meeting the election and installation of officers took place. The following officers were installed by Virginia Bodrate, past District Director and Co-District Director and assisted by Grace Morawek, Co-District Director: Gertrude Sokolowsky, President, Lynne McNamara, Vice President, Debra O'Brien Lapiedra, Recording Secretary, Lori Burgess, Corresponding Secretary, Charles Sokolowsky, Treasurer. The following Board of Directors were installed: Mary Balderacchi, Florence Casazza, Audrey Hansen and Shirley Walsh. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Vivian Heyl, a member of our garden club, who passed away recently. Our club won two awards at the recent Spring Luncheon, the First District Membership Silver Bowl and a World Gardening Citation. In celebration of National Garden Week in June, our members will be filling two window boxes with flowers and herbs outside our meeting hall at the Paul Kroon Center of the Messiah Lutheran Church. Our members continue to place flowers and herbs at the Blessed Mother Grotto at St. Joseph's Church especially during the month of May. Our members will be participating in the upcoming District Flower Show on June 17th. Our club will also be hosting the Judges Luncheon at the District Flower Show. Save the Date our Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, Cost: \$40.00. For reservations, call Lynne McNamara (917)301-3124. Have an enjoyable summer.

Gertrude Sokolowsky and Lynne McNamara reporting

### STATEN ISLAND

2017 began with a meeting at President Paulette Russo's home for our monthly programs, committee plans and yearbook printing. Happily, some of our new members attended as well as volunteered for various projects. At our February meeting officers for 2017-2018 were installed by District Director Carol Berardi. She also graciously gave an informative talk about the different aspects and levels of garden clubs; from the five individual clubs in our district to the state, regional and national organizations. Best wishes to our Co-Presidents Carolyn Brown-Rhodes and Teri Torsney, Vice President Annmarie Midland, Recording Secretary Debi Jost, Corresponding Secretary Diana Bonelli, Treasurer Terry DeFazio, and Board Members: Alma DiSimone, Pat Harder, Celide Hogan, Ingrid Jennings, Paulette Russo and Dolly Smith.

In February and March we eagerly looked ahead to spring at the New Jersey and Philadelphia Flower Shows and also cleaned away the debris of winter at the Alice Austen grave and Gaeta Park. Some of us also braved a damp morning at the Healing Garden. Hurry spring! Also in March was our Flower Arrangement Workshop. All members used fresh cut flowers and garden greens to create arrangements in preparation for the District flower show in June. An enjoyable time was spent learning (or reviewing) basic design elements and everyone brought home something to admire. Our April meeting speakers were club members, Eileen Reiman and Teri Torsney. Together they teamed up to explain damaging insects and natural repellents. Teri, a registered nurse and staff development instructor, explained various critters that can harm us and what to look for. We felt a bit itchy until Eileen, a holistic health advocate, demonstrated various natural essential oils that repel these nasty buggers.

The next day 22 of us attended the District Luncheon at the Staaten. Our club chaired a busy and very successful boutique, greeted our new State President Monica Hansen, watched an interesting presentation by Pinot's Palate, chatted with many friends, became acquainted with new members and happily accepted the District Participation Award.

We are now looking forward to our Spring Luncheon Fundraiser at Casa Belvedere on May 17. Our guest speaker will be Meg Ventrudo, Executive Director of the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art. Bonnie Rogers reporting

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#### **District One Gardens and Projects**

Our clubs maintain many gardens and carry out other projects around Staten Island that help beautify our neighborhoods. Below is a list of current projects being carried out by our clubs.

#### **District Projects:**

Healing Garden, Clove Road & Targee Street St. Paul's Episcopal Church Flower Festival, St. Paul's Avenue Blue Star Memorial at Ft. Wadsworth First District Annual Flower Show

#### **Castle Manor GC**

Maintain 9/11 Manresa Council Garden Plant and maintain 9/11 Garden at All Saints Episcopal Church P.S. 37 - Landscape Project Maintain Blessed Mother Statute at Cedar Grove Beach

#### **Great Kills GC**

Bloomingdale Park Garden - corner of Ramona Ave and Lenevar Ave. Restoration of Seaside Nature Park Garden at foot of Nelson Ave. A Annuals & small memorial garden at Seton Foundation for Learning - 850 Hylan Bvd.

#### Richmond Ever-Green GC

Plant & maintain Amundsen Circle Park, Clarke Avenue & Amboy Road Silver Mount Cemetery, Victory Blvd. opposite Silver Lake Park Plantings at Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, 420 Tompkins Avenue Holiday Decorating at Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Provide Floral Arrangements for home for Amethyst House members A cornucopia of plantings in front of various fire houses West Brighton Housing and PS 18 Memorial Garden

#### **South Shore GC**

Down Syndrome Herb, Vegetable & Flower Garden - 74 Pleasant Plains Avenue Damiania's Secret Garden - 74 Pleasant Plains Avenue Window boxes at Messiah Lutheran Church, Paul Kroon Center-199 Jefferson Blvd Tommy Monahan Tree & Garden, located at the Conference House St. Joseph's Church at Blessed Mother's Statue, Poplar Avenue

#### Staten Island GC

Alice Austen Grave - Moravian Cemetery
Alice Austen House Museum Grounds - 2 Hylan Blvd
Holiday Decorations at Alice Austen House Mueum
Church of the Ascension Sept. 11 Memorial & grounds, 1 Kingsley Avenue
Firemen's Memorial at Church of the Assumption
Arbor Day Tree Planting at Alice Austen House Museum
NYC Greenstreets Projects on Slosson Ave & Todt Hill Road
Immanuel Union Church Grounds, 693 Jewett Ave

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# THE HEALING GARDEN ROSE REGISTRY



A ROSE BUSH HAS BEEN PLANTED IN RECOGNITION OF......

THE SOLDIERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST GERALD AND MADELINE TENEBRUSO JOHN OPULSKI MR. & MRS. HENRY SCHMIDT MR. & MRS. THEODORE WOYTOWICH PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE STATEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MEMBER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT FGCNYS, INC. CHRISTOPHER CUSACK ANGIE PUCCARELLI YETTA RICCIARDI WALTER MATUZA JEFFREY STARK JOHN NAVARRO **ROSE BRUNO** ROSE YASOSKY WALTER REPAGE ROSE (DOLLY) COMPETELLO EZZAT B. EL-MARAGHY ANGELA REVELO **KEITH ROMA** DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICA REVOLUTION STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER CIRA MARIE PATTI JESSIE BOUTILIER GREEN JAMES RUSSELL NICHOLSON. JR. MR. & MRS. JOHN GIORDANO JOSEPH L. PETELEY NADIA & THOMAS MURPHY JOSEPHINE JOHNSON ANDREW F. HOSIE **FELIX DOGLIO ROSE YASOSKY** FRANK BARBARINO, JR. KATHRYN VAN CANEGHAN CATHERINE CUSAK KELLY FRANCES DE SYLVA HOLY CHILD PRESCHOOL **CAROLINE & PETER DE MONTE BOOTS & JACK CHRISTOPHER TOM GALLIGAN** FREDRICK JACKSON

**LOLA MELUSO** FRANCIS J. RYAN PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE RICHMOND EVER-GREEN GARDEN CLUB MEMBER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT FGCNYS, INC. KAREN I. WOYTOWICH FRANCES KUDLESS **ETHEL SMITH ROSEANN LORANO ELI GABEL** CATERINA CERMOLA SUSAN BERNSTEIN COLLEEN MC CLOSKY ARTHUR T. BARRY JOSEPHINE MARESCA ALBA FONTANA MARIA DI MARIA FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY DELLE DONNE AND WIFE OLIMPIA DELLE DONNE PHILOMENA VESCIA JOSEPH PINTO **ROSE WHALEN** ALYSSA BARBERI **BETTY PINTO** JONATHAN HUBAND SALLY CIOFFI SALVATORE CIOFFI, SR JONATHAN HUBAND JONATHAN HUBAND JONATHAN HUBAND JONATHAN HUBAND JONATHAN HUBAND JOSEPH PINTI NICHOLAS SERAPICA **IRENE TREZZA** SYLVIA BREITBERG PHILIP J. GEBBIA **ANTHONY CAPUTO** VICKI ETTINGER PHYLLIS CASSETTI ROBERT HOSIE JEAN BENNETT JACK GOLDWASSER

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### THE HEALING GARDEN ROSE REGISTRY, continued

MARY PIRAINO **BEA NICHOLSON BARBARA HOSIE** (In Appreciation) KATHY & JACK HOLER (In Appreciation) VIOLET HANSEN **DAMIAN RUSSO** BARBARA KNABE **INGRID HOLSTEIN** THE 26 VICTIMS ADULTS & CHILDREN OF THE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT **RUDOLPH MORAWEK** DOROTHY ETERGINOSO

LOUISE KNEILING
JEAN BECK
ANTOINETTE JACKSON
FIREFIGHTER ROBERT KOETH
LEE GUGLIADA
ELAINE DIPIETRO
LUCY VOLLAND
SUSAN SPERANZA
JUDITH NUGENT
DOUGLAS MATTHIUS
ELVIRA MCLEES
EVELYN MORIO
JOHN LANGAN
JOSEPH MORA
RUTH DELANY

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER A
ROSE BUSH IN RECOGNITION OF SOMEONE SPECIAL IN "THE HEALING GARDEN LIVING MEMORIAL"
MAY CALL
CAROLYN PINTO, CHAIRMAN
AT (718) 987-5759

#### World Gardening—Water for South Sudan



Since 2005, 300 wells have been drilled in South Sudan. Your generous donations have brought fresh clean water to tens of thousands of people transforming life in their villages. Please continue to support the FGCNYS World Gardening Project "Water for South Sudan." Donations can be sent to Teresa Barbieri, District One World Gardening Chairman payable to FGCNYS, memo line "World Gardening."

### **Book of Recognition**

If you would like to honor a member by recognizing their ability and dedication to your club, you may do so my adding his/her name to the FGCNYS, Inc. BOOK OF RECOGNITION. This can be done individually or by your club. You can download a form from the FGCNYS.com website in Applications and give it to Linda Conlon, the Book of Recognition Chair for District with a check, payable to FGCNYS, Inc. for \$10.

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## **Photo Gallery**



New FGCNYS Officers at the Annual Meeting in Buffalo, N.Y.
From l to r: Lynne Pezold, Ellen Webster, Diane Schliphack, SueAnn Robinson, Vicki Bellias,
Lucille Bauer, Monica Hansen, Lynne Arnold and Carol Anderson.



Robert Bauer received a Presidential citation from Pat Wania at the FGCNYS Annual Meeting for his work as Editor of The News



Newly installed 1st Vice Pres. Lucy Bauer & State Pres. Monica Hansen in Buffalo, N.Y.



District One Members Virginia Bodrate, Graceann Morawek, Carol Berardi, Lucy Bauer and JoAnne Schiffner at the FGCNYS Annual Meeting

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## **Photo Gallery**



Carol Berardi introduces new State President Monica Hansen.



Installation of District Director Graceann Morawek and Co-Director Virginia Bodrate by Monica Hansen.



State Citations awarded to Club Presidents at District Luncheon.



South Shore CG President Gertrude Sokolowsky receives District Membership Citation.



State President Monica Hansen trying out some fancy brush strokes at District Luncheon.

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## **Photo Gallery**





Blue Star Memorial at Fort Wadsworth with Chairman Evelia Foster, Linda Conlon, Stephanie Woodley, Lauren Ball, Graceann Morawek, Carol Boylan and Lenora Mauch.



Celebrating World Water Day on March 25, 2017 FGCNYS World Gardening Chairman, Lucy Bauer and Salva Dut, Founder of Water for South Sudan met in New York City.







Members of Richmond Evergreen GC made wreaths for graduates of Amethyst as part of a Garden Therapy Project