



The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Hello, Federation Friends!



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!! I hope that you survived the cold, messy weather last month, and were safe and warm! Hopefully, spring is just around the corner – and not a minute too soon!

Our annual **Life Member Recognition Luncheon**, scheduled for February 26, was cancelled due to the forecast for really nasty weather that Thursday morning. We always err on the side of caution, as we don't want to take a chance with the safety of any of our members. The good news is that it has been rescheduled for this month, so please join us on Thursday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. as we recognize these special folks. The Federation Board will provide lunch.

Following the Life Member Recognition Ceremony, we will install the following officers for the 2015-2017 term:

President	Lorene Falkenberry	(Lullwater)
First Vice-President	Deanna McFarlan	(Shenandoah Rose)
Second Vice-President	Sandy Suggs	(Lake Ivanhoe)
Third Vice-President	Diane Hunter	(Breckenridge Garden Arts I)
Fourth Vice-President	Lorraine Loftis	(Lullwater)
Recording Secretary	Denise Finley	(Smoke Rise)
Corresponding Secretary	Quill Duncan	(Smoke Rise Morning Glories)
Treasurer	Ann Purr	(Mountain Mums)

Due to the length of our ceremonies, the speaker, Z Ganaway, originally scheduled for this meeting, has been rescheduled for next year. Also, due to the fact that we are having a luncheon this month, there will be no refreshments prior to the meeting. Therefore, the two scheduled clubs, Heaton Park and Henderson Estates, get a “free pass” until next year! There will be no mini-flower show this month. It has been rescheduled to the May meeting. However, please remember to bring horticulture to share!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 23. This will be a catered event, and the invitations and reservation forms were sent to you via e-mail/mail earlier today. It should be a lot of fun!! Please get your reservations to Treasurer, Ann Purr, by April 15.

There will be a free shredding event at Smoke Rise Charter School in Stone Mountain on April 18, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Georgia Perimeter College Native Plant Garden will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sunday, April 19 – Saturday, April 25. There will be plant sales, tours, etc. Check their website www.gpcnativegarden.org for complete details.

Ban The Bag Chairman, Deanna McFarlan, still needs feedback from clubs and individual members as to how you have replaced plastic bags in your daily lives. This has been a big issue in the Legislature this session.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming **Federation** events:

- Installation of 2015-2017 Federation Officers **March 26**
- Life Member Recognition Ceremony **March 26**
- Annual Awards Luncheon, **April 23**
- Presidents’ Recognition Ceremony and Jewelry Sale **May 28**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Deep South Convention, Birmingham, AL, **March 24-25**
- GCG State Convention, Jekyll Island, **April 15-17**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 19-25**
- NGC National Convention, Louisville, KY, **May 12-18**

On a final note, our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Suzanne Wheeler, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., who died on February 28. DeKalb Federation was well represented at her memorial service on March 6 at the State Botanical Gardens in Athens, followed by a lovely reception at GCG State Headquarters. It is my understanding that this is the first time we have had the death of a sitting President, and we will miss her.

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