



THE SEEDER



Newsletter of The Garden Club of Johnstown, PA

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March 13 GCI Meeting

Our March meeting will convene at 10:00 in the hall at First Presbyterian Church, 601 Luzerne St. Johnstown. The program will be “Dahlia Crazy” by Ali Single and Carol Peretin. They will reveal the secrets of growing beautiful dahlias and best practices for storing the tubers.



Garden Auction

While doing your spring cleaning, keep an eye out for gardening items you no longer want/need. Our annual Garden Auction will be held at the March meeting and we need any garden/garden décor items you can donate. Come early to set up and buy your chance tickets. The profit of this event goes to support our club activities and is hosted by the Ways and Means Committee.



By-law Changes

A copy of the proposed changes to our by-laws as presented and discussed at the February meeting is attached at the end of this newsletter for your final review. They will be voted on at the March meeting. The changes are suggested to clarify and simplify our operating rules. The complete by-laws can be found in your copy of our club Yearbook for 2022-2023, pages 40- 45.



Slate of Officers for 2023-2024

Also at the March Meeting, the slate of officers for the next year will be voted on by the members present. The slate is:

President- Mary Jo Gardill,
1st Vice President- Sue Konvolinka,
2nd Vice President- Janet Renner,
Recording Secretary- Nancy Rovanssek,
Assistant Recording Secretary- Jackie Johnson,
Corresponding Secretary- Cheryl Wytrowal,

Club Treasurer- Linda McCaulley,
Community Treasurer- Sheri Lowry,
Membership Secretary- Sharon Davidhizar,
Membership Secretary- Lana Custer
Historian- Toni Callihan,
Parliamentarian- JeanLivingston



Dues Are Due

March is the deadline for paying club dues. Members who have paid and are documented before the April meeting will be published in the club Yearbook. Send dues to Club Treasurer, Sue Konvolinka.



Committee Sign-Ups

Still deciding which committees you want to be on? The lists will be finalized for publication in the Yearbook at the March meeting so make sure you sign up for your favorites. There are still some openings for members and chairmen. Our hope is to have a pair of co-chairmen for each committee.



Workshop at Sandyvale Gardens

The Conservation/Environment Committee will be hosting a workshop at Sandyvale Garden Greenhouse on March 25 from 10-12 PM titled “The Fascinating World of Hummingbirds.” In addition to learning all about the feisty little beauties, participants will make a wine-bottle feeder. The cost is \$20 and you can register online or send in the application, both found on our club website, www.gcjpa.org.

Sandyvale also offers several other seminars in addition to this one. Find out more on our website, scroll down to “Special Classes.”

The Garden Club of Johnstown CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Proposed Amendments changes are in **red**
To be omitted is in ~~**bold**~~
(REFERENCE) sites the text as is currently written in the by-laws.

YEARBOOK PAGE 40:

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the **The** Garden Club of Johnstown.

Article IV – Officers

Section 2 – The officers shall constitute the executive committee. **The immediate past president may serve as a member of the executive committee.**

YEARBOOK PAGE 41:

Article V – Elections

Section 3 – A nominating committee shall be appointed by the E executive C committee.

Section 4 – The terms of the officers ~~**selected**~~ **elected** at the March meeting shall begin with the installation of these officers at the April meeting and continue for one year.

Article VI – Duties of Officers

Section 1 – The president, with the aid of the officers, shall oversee the preparation of the yearbook /handbook for each fiscal year (May 1-April 30); shall preside at all meetings of the

club and the executive committee; perform such duties as regularly pertain to the office, and be an ex-officio of all standing committees. It shall be the president's responsibility to **see ensure** that a monthly newsletter is composed and sent to each member of the club.

Section 3 – The recording secretary shall keep a record of the meetings of the club in a permanent form; **provide the minutes for distribution prior to the next meeting in a timely manner**; read the minutes at the regular meetings when requested to do so; and shall furnish information from these minutes when needed. The assistant recording secretary shall serve in the absence of the recording secretary.

YEARBOOK PAGE 42:

Section 6 – The club treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the club and disburse such funds as the club may direct with respect to The Purpose of The Garden Club of Johnstown and approval of the finance committee; shall collect all dues, send out delinquent notices, make an itemized monthly report to the club, and provide the books for annual audit. **The club treasurer will provide membership changes related to additions, deaths, and resignations to the GCFP data base manager and financial secretary.**

Section 9 - **LAST SENTENCE: The** parliamentarian is not entitled to make a motion, discuss motions, or vote.

Article VII – Membership

Section 1 – The membership of the club shall be limited to one hundred twenty five (125) **members exclusive of honorary and sustaining members.** The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP) is a 501c3, not for profit, educational organization and as such, does not regulate/restrict membership for any reason including gender, age, religious affiliation or ethnicity. Interested parties shall attend three meetings before establishing membership.

Section 2 – **Members** shall pay membership dues, participate in the activities of the club, and **be a have** voting ~~member~~ **privileges.**

~~(REFERENCE for previous Section 2): An Active member shall pay active membership dues, attend at least three meetings a year, shall participate in the activities of the club, and be a voting member. Any member not meeting attendance requirements shall be invited to become a sustaining member.)~~

YEARBOOK PAGE 43:

~~(REFERENCE: Section 3 is omitted): A sustaining member shall pay sustaining membership dues and is encouraged to participate in the club activities; shall have no vote but shall receive notices of meetings and the yearbook/handbook.~~

The following are renumbered:

Section **3** – Members of twenty-five years standing **may be recognized by the executive committee as Honorary.**

~~(REFERENCE for previous Section 3 was 4): Members of twenty-five years standing may be named to honorary membership by the executive committee. They shall pay honorary membership dues, may participate in the activities of the club and be a voting member. They shall receive notice of the meetings and the yearbook/handbook.~~

Section **4** – All resignations from the club shall be made in writing to **a** membership ~~chairman~~ **secretary** and shall be read at the first opportunity at a regular meeting.

NEW: Section 5 – All members shall receive notice of meetings and the yearbook.

Article VIII – Dues

Section 1 – Each member ~~active, sustaining, and honorary~~ shall pay annual dues as determined by the club. The amount of dues may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the

voting members present at any regular meeting with previous written notification of the intent to each voting member.

Section 2 – All dues for the ensuing year shall be payable on or before the February meeting. ~~All documented dues-paying members, by the April meeting, will be published in the yearbook.~~ New members joining from August 1st to the end of the fiscal year shall pay a pro-rated amount.

YEARBOOK PAGE 44:

Article X – Committees

Section 1 – Club committees funded by the club treasury shall be: auditing, **awards**, birds **and butterflies**, by-laws, finance committee, (~~president, first vice president, second vice president, club treasurer, and community treasurer~~) horticulture, hospitality, nominating, photography, **programming**, publicity/public relations, scholarship, telephone, ways and means, **and yearbook.**

Section 2 – Community committees funded by the community treasury shall be:

.....~~F~~ **f**lower show,

Section 3 – All committee chairmen\$100 over budget requires ~~E~~ **e**xecutive ~~C~~ **c**ommittee approval.

LAST SENTENCE: **The members of the F** finance C committee members **shall include:** president, second vice president....

Article XI – Annual Meeting Expenses

The club **treasury** shall pay the minimum expenses of the president **for attendance at** the annual meeting of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. In the event of co-presidents, the funds shall be paid ~~to~~ **for** both.

By-laws revision committee:

Charlotte Crissey, Mary Jo Gardill, Sue Konvolinka, Gloria LaMonaca, Jean Livingston, Janet Renner, Carla Straw

Presented to membership for review and discussion: 02.13.23 monthly meeting.
Amendment voting on 03.13.23 after publication in March Seeder for membership’s final review.



I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud By William Wordsworth



I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and beautiful spring!

Sincerely,
Charlotte Crissey
GCJ president