

**Garden Club of the Upper Keys
Membership Meeting
March 15, 2016
Frances Tracy Garden Center**

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Donna thanked our speaker Kim Gabel. Donna welcomed new members to the meeting. **Minutes** from Feb 2016 meeting were read by Eileen Sylvester. Minutes were accepted as read.

Julie Schneeberger also welcomed the new members. She asked for members to sign up for 1 table arrangement and thanked those who brought those for March.

Program-Kathy Holmes-April meeting-Jason Clayborn will speak about the Fairchild Challenge - Butterflies and Hydroponics.

Treasurer's Report-Jean Simmons- Jan. 2016 Balance-\$15,361.17
Feb. 2016 Balance-\$29,518.36

A detailed financial report from the Treasurer-Jean Simmon's was presented and filed for audit.

Program- Kathy Holmes-Please assist Kathy by gathering information for future programs and field trips. Tuesday April 5, 2016 is date of Members' Garden Walk. Kathy will send an e-mail indicating time and meeting place for car pooling.

Grimmel Road can be visited until June 25.

Clyde Butcher photography exhibit until March 30.

News and Notes- Kathy Janco- Please send to Kathy 2 weeks before meeting so they can be sent out by e-mail to members a week prior to meeting. Eileen asked for a show of hands to indicate News and Notes were read. A majority of those present raised hands.

Property- Terry Estep -A Night in the Tropics was advertised. P.A. System was located but reported it is the old one.

Fund Raising-Jerri Grossman- Garden Walk was a success. Jerri thanked all that helped and worked on the event. 602 tickets were purchased and there was a net profit of \$14,177. Jerri especially thanked Kathy Holmes and Julie Schneeberger and their work with volunteers and the Tea Party.

President's Report- Donna Nussenblatt- Donna also thanked those who worked on the garden walk. She worked at the Wild Bird Center and locals and visitors gave positive comments. A chair person is needed for the Garden Walk to take place in 2017.

Web-Site - Kathy Janco told us of changes on Site.

Members photos- Beverly will take photos and send to Suki Bell.

New Business-Flower arrangements at Nursing Home on March 16 will be led by Jean Simmons. Arrangements will be made for Mothers' Day in May.

VFW and American Legion property on Seagate Blvd. and Ocean Bay Drive- Marilyn reported that soil, small plants and workers are needed for May.

Crafty Tuesday - Mosaics cost is \$10 for materials. Bring flower pots, trays, picture frame, coasters. Tools needed pail, putty Knife, tile nippers, and tile cutters. Once craft is learned additional crafts made by members could be sold to raise funds.

Fall Festival- Beverly Middleton and Mary Jaeger- date was set for Saturday October 22, 2016. It will be a fun and educational event. Possible involvement from Fruit and Spice Park, Plant tomatoes and green s, teach germinating of seeds. Workshops and a bake sale May be included.

Nominating Committee-Board Members Jean Simmons, Beverly Middleton, and general members Shirley Abraham, Lisa Rufft, and Marietta Stoner.

The following is the slate of proposed officers and directors for 2016-2017:

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President- Donna Nussenblatt

VP Beverly Middleton

Secretary Eileen Sylvester

Treasurer Jean Simmons

Fundraising Evelyn McGlone /Jerri Grossman

Hospitality Mary Jaeger

Membership Kathy Janco

Program Kathy Holmes

Property Terry Estep

Publicity Misty Pace

Announcements- Janice Dusquenel will give a plant ID course on Thursday May 26. 20 people.

Juried Art show at History and Discovery Center- March 17 through March 20.- Free admission.

MCT- Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Crocodile Lake-Classes and workshops- Saturday March 23

Bird Basket- \$36.

31 members were present.

Door Prizes-Apron, Shamrocks and Garden tools.

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