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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
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The year 1981-82 started off with a "show stopper" for those from this club attending the state convention May 6, 7, and 8, 1981. At the awards banquet, our club received seven awards, National, Deep South and State, for the landscaping of the Plantation Key Government Center. The biggest thrill of all was when Betty Wilson^s was called to receive her seventh award. There was a short standing ovation of some three hundred people. The award certificates have been framed, and donation of a member, and are on display on the north wall of this club room. This was a difficult act to follow.

Starting off with some firsts. Key Largo Garden Club and our club were hosts for the District XII meeting in May, 1981 at the Plantation Yacht Harbor. There was excellent attendance. Our decoration, favors and the menu were much appreciated by the District members. Several from Dade County stopped at the Government Center to see our multiple award winning project.

Another first: Anne Eaton opened her ocean front home for our picnic, also in May. She invited Mrs. Roger Albury, who with her husband had lived in the house in Tavernier during the 1936 hurricane.

The house has been restored beautifully in its new location.

During the summer of 1981 the D.O.T. and the Aquaduct Authority consulted with the president several times about saving the trees in the highway median strip in Tavernier. Also, during the summer, the air conditioner on the north wall of the club room was replaced. New,

redesigned stationary was a gift of a board member and her husband.

The Windley Key quarry area preservation took much time from a few members during the summer.

A major change in our by-laws was made in November, 1981. The fiscal year was changed from February 28 to March 1st to May 31st to June 1st, to correspond with the District XII fiscal year. This meant paying dues for a longer period and the present officers would hold office for an extended time. The membership chairman and the treasurer had difficult jobs during this transition.

The sale of plants and goodies for the benefit of the Camp Wekiva scholarships was very successful and hopefully will continue.

Alison Fahrer found that she was unable to continue as the U.K.G.C. representative of the Monroe County Highway Beautification Committee. Mary Evelun Wulff was appointed to fill the vacancy with Helen Philbin as her assistant.

In January of 1982, the Garden Walk was our major money raising event of the year. It was both a financial and social success.

The resignation of Evelyn Oliver as 2nd Vice-president was accepted with regret. This vacancy was fill by Bobbi Green.

The flower show was accomplished with the help of many people--but no chairman, the president acting in the capacity. It is hoped that this chairmanship can be filled for future shows.

Beth Van Alen for ten years has been chairman of the weekly, 12 months a year bridge group resigned as of April 1, 1982. This activity nets the club about \$1200.00 a year. Betty Smith is now the chairman of this weekly activity.

At the District XII meetings, our club is nearly always near the top for attendance. This is a good way to learn what the Federation of Garden Clubs is all about.

Our programs have been varied---something for everyone. We welcome constructive criticism and we did receive some, such as the new position of the head table.

Our club membership averages around 100. Attendance at meeting is unusually good. We do need more members and I am certain if they participate they will find this club as rewarding as I have.

A grounds Beautification Chairman was appointed in the spring. Jenny Smith accepted and a committee was formed. It was voted to allot this committee working funds of \$8-900.00.

I purposely have not mentioned too many names but I must thank you all. If you want a good feeling at the end of next year, volunteer if we don't ask you to do some task---say yes if we do.

I must thank publicly an excellent group of people: the officers; the chairman of committees and our local press. These people gave your novice president much needed support.

Thank you.

Myra Steiner