

GARDEN CLUB OF THE UPPER KEYS, INC.  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
OCTOBER 21, 2014  
FINAL

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Our speaker was keys historian Brad Bertelli. In addition to his talk, he told us about the new Keys Historical museum at the Islander, and brought copies of some of his books to sell.

Edna Waldorf called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM. The meeting was held at the Francis Tracy Garden Center.

The guests were recognized, and included Emily, the botanist from Kona Kai. Julie thanked the people who brought the table centerpieces.

The September minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of Kathy Holmes, it was explained that the Roger Hammer trip had been cancelled due to his mother being ill. The details for the November trip to the Kampong were repeated, and other people given the opportunity to join in.

#### **Garden Walk**

Jerri reported on the plans for the Garden Walk. It is our biggest fund-raising event for the year, and gives us the means to support our Clubhouse and gardens, as well as make donations to local organizations. She reminded everyone that we count on their help to make the event a success. We have 2 private properties confirmed, and 1 commercial property almost there.

Edna reported that Past President Marilyn Rogers has agreed to be the even co-chair.

Donna Hanson described what the hostesses do. They get to see all the properties in advance on Preview Day. She asked if some of the husbands could volunteer to direct parking.

Julie talked about the tea party held at the Clubhouse, and asked people wishing to volunteer for that to call her.

Evelyn is looking for vendors of succulents, jewelry, and artwork. She asked us to keep an eye out at other events and pass the word to those vendors. Then she asked for a volunteer for Hostess Coordinator, and described what that entails.

#### **Other Business**

Terry announced a workday on November 10 at 9 AM to tidy up before the 50<sup>th</sup> event.

Concerning the big event, we were told to watch for newspaper articles. There will be a Committee meeting on November 11.

The December potluck will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon. We will have a Secret Santa gift exchange. Those wishing to take part should bring a garden-related gift costing \$10 minimum. Everyone who brings a gift will get a number; then the numbers will be drawn at random and the participant will select a gift. There are no steals.

We were given a box of books by local Keys author Jerzy Tarasiewicz, for the members to take.

Jean Simmons asked for volunteers for Plantation Nursing Home on November 19.

### **Old Business**

The Board voted to donate \$500 to the YMCA camp at Jacobs Aquatic Center. Marilyn couldn't be here, so she will bring the books in December. Our new Club brochures are ready and were shown around.

### **New Business**

There was none.

We are asked to arrive at the 50<sup>th</sup> Party at 1:45.

There will be no Board meetings in November and December.

We raised \$51 for the Wild Bird center.

The meeting was then adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted,  
Donna Nussenblatt, Secretary