



All On Board!

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Winter Board Meeting:

“North State Adventure”

January 17-19, 2008
Red Lion Hotel
1830 Hilltop Drive
Redding, CA 96002

Mission Statement:

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
promotes gardening, floral design,
civic beautification, environmental
responsibility and the exchange of
information and ideas.

The Next Issue:

You are welcome to submit news,
ideas, questions, suggestions,
announcements, whatever for
inclusion in this newsletter.
The deadline for the Convention
issue is May 5, 2008. Please
e-mail information to Greg
Pokorski or Maryanne Lucas.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANOTHER YEAR... ANOTHER IDEA...

Newsletter Merger

At the request of President Pokorski and in the interest of “one organization, one team,” your District Director Coordinator and Chairmen Coordinator are combining forces to provide one newsletter for all members of the board of directors.

*Progress is a tide. If we stand still we will
surely be drowned. To stay on the crest, we
have to keep moving.*

~ Harold Mayfield

Let us keep moving in this new year.

Greg & Maryanne

...and a few words from the President

I hope to see everyone at our “North State Adventure” in Redding. The Cascade District has pulled out all the stops for our enjoyment. As an enticement, I have a gift for every member of the Board of Directors that you will like – I will be surprised if you want to “re-gift” this little treasure – interested? You must be there in person to get it!

We will also present some late-breaking news at Winter Board. Just a hint – start saving your cancelled postage stamps again. If you are intending to order one of the new CGCI banners and PVC pipe stands – then get your order in to George Speer as soon as possible if you want your stands delivered at this meeting (the banners are shipped directly to you but George has to make the stands). I’m ready for a “North State Adventure”

– see you in Redding!

Winter Board: What to Expect

Good Ideas

FRIENDSHIP

FUN

Information

ANSWERS

News You Can Use

food

Ice-Breaker

A meet and greet ice-breaker proved successful in Long Beach (people found it in spite of a change of venue!) and will be tried again in Redding. Come to Room 246 from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 16 to meet or get reacquainted with fellow board members and garden club guests.

Parliamentary Workshop

Forty students attended the workshop given in Long Beach prior to the Fall Board Meeting. Another opportunity to participate in this review of parliamentary procedure will be provided in Redding on Wednesday, January 16 from 8:30 to 12:00. After the lunch break, those who wish to take the National Association of Parliamentarians membership exam may do so. Remember this activity is open to everyone, not just board members, and not just garden club members. Members of any organization that relies upon parliamentary procedure might benefit from this, and it could be a positive introduction to garden club for them.

Written Reports

Refer to the last issue of the Chairmen's News and to the CGCI Yearbook. Three reports are required:

1. Report to the President – any length
2. Report to the *Golden Gardens* Editor – any length
3. Report to the Recording Secretary – 100 words maximum. Summarize key accomplishments and/or promote significant upcoming activities. Indicate your name, your position (e.g. Bird Chairman or District Director of X District), and the meeting (Winter Board '08.) This version of the report is distributed with the minutes of the meeting for all board members to read.

Written reports may be submitted when you report orally at the meeting or by email to:

President – RobinP@juno.com

Golden Gardens Editor – Hummeow@aol.com

Recording Secretary – Jmckee1276@aol.com

If submitting by email, please indicate on the subject line:

"District Director" or "Chairman" report, which ever is applicable.

Unable to Attend the Winter Board Meeting?

Remember that permission for non-attendance at any regular meeting is obtained from President Pokorski (per Article VII, Section 4 (a) of the CGCI Bylaws). CGCI is a California corporation, governed by its bylaws, and required to have the meetings as listed in the bylaws, with board members expected to attend.

Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.

~Author Unknown

CALENDAR

- Jan 16 Parliamentary Workshop
Pre-Board Meetings, Ice-breaker
- Jan 17-19 CGCI Winter Board Meeting
- Jan 17 Chairmen's Forum, 2:00-4:30 P.M.,
Siskique/Cascade Room
District Directors Meeting #1, 2:00-4:30 P.M.,
Executive Room
- Jan 18 District Directors Meeting #2,
4:45 -5:45 P.M., Siskique/Cascade Room
- Jan 18-19 Business Meetings – be prepared to report
- Feb 1 Submission deadline for most CGCI Awards
- Feb 15 Deadline for the April/May issue of
Golden Gardens
- Mar 28-29 Gardening Study School, Series 20,
Course I, Aliso Viejo
- Apr 3-5 Pacific Region Convention, Portland
- Apr 15-17 Flower Show School, Course II. Modesto
- Apr 24-29 NGC Convention, Memphis
- May 3-4 Landscape Design Study Program, Series 22,
Course II, San Andreas
- Jun 6-9 CGCI 77th Convention,
Woodland Hills. Hilton Hotel

We've all had our humbling gardening experiences and will continue to have more, which is one of the best parts of the pursuit--there is always a plant about which to learn, a part of the garden to renew, or a technique to master.

~Sara Begg, Executive Editor,
Horticulture Magazine,
May 2007

And isn't garden club the same?

Always something more (a project, a function, an activity) about which to learn. Let us enjoy learning together in this natural place to grow!

This 'n That

Tree Counts Needed

Please gather the count of trees planted by your clubs (include all trees planted by all club members) and submit to Tree Chairman Gudrun Kimmel by February 1. The report form was given to all District Directors at the Fall Board Meeting. CGCI board members donated funds to provide special \$20 awards to the club and district that planted the most trees in 2007. See article on page 18 of the December/January issue of *Golden Gardens*.

Roster Corrections

The street address for Robin Pokorski and Greg Pokorski should be 512 (not 510) Newton Street. Rosalie Hooper and Jackie Jackman have a new email address: LeeHooper@goldrush.com.

Fall Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes from our last CGCI meeting were emailed to board members on November 2, 2007, and are posted on the CGCI web site. Have you reviewed them? Whether or not you attended the Long Beach meeting, you should be aware of the actions taken and information reported there, and it is beneficial to review where we are coming from as we go into our next meeting.

REMEMBER!!!!

February 1 is the submission deadline for most CGCI Awards

Chairmen Coordinator's Message

Happy 2008. I hope you found some time to relax and enjoy the holidays, and have now made your new year's resolutions to continue your good work in support of CGCI and of your own clubs and districts. Those efforts are appreciated and will help continue to make this a productive and exciting term.

Did you see the article about YOU on page 7 of the December/January issue of *Golden Gardens*?

I look forward to meeting with you again at our Chairmen's Forum in Redding. We meet from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 17 in the Siskiyou/Cascade Room. Among other things, we will be trying something new – "Dialogues," based on a positive experience at the last NGC Fall Board Meeting. Since I have not received many questions from you since our last meeting, I assume you have the tools and information you need to do your CGCI jobs. If you have questions or issues, bring them up for discussion at this meeting – it would be helpful if you could email such questions/issues in advance – by January 13.

-Greg

The primary goal of chairmen is to serve as a resource and educate members about CGCI and the objectives of their chairmanships.

Handouts

Chairmen who have printed information for the District Directors should bring 27 copies for the districts and an additional 10 copies for the Executive Committee. Providing courtesy copies of these materials to the Executive Committee is a practice that we have gotten away from in the last few years. Your materials may generally be given to mailbox co-chairmen Ruth Brooker and Mary Francis for distribution to the District Directors and the Executive Committee, but since Mary is excused from this Winter Board Meeting, Ruth will be your sole contact for this meeting.

Convention Exhibits

A convention exhibit is a great way to show off or promote some aspect of your chairmanship. Please consider how your chairmanship might benefit from an exhibit. The Request for Exhibit Room Display Space is being sent as an attachment with this newsletter. If you decide to exhibit at the Woodland Hills Convention, please notify Exhibit Room Chairman Sally Bagley by submitting the completed form to her by May 10.

Oral Reporting by Chairmen at the Winter Board Meeting

All are encouraged to report orally, but please prepare in advance and observe the three-minute maximum. The Horticulture, Conservation, and Youth Teams are again encouraged to come up with a team report.

For information about written reports, see page 2 of this newsletter.

District Director Coordinator's Message

It's a brand new year... a time of hope and a chance to renew good intentions and make a fresh start. I hope you have made your new year's resolution to continue your good work in support of your clubs, your district, and of course, CGCI! Please know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

It is almost time to gather together in Redding. I hope that you are looking forward to this chance to get together as much I am. You asked to have more time to meet and your wish has been granted. There will be two District Director meetings in Redding. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, January 17, from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. in the Executive Room. We will focus on "Services: What CGCI Has to Offer." By going through the CGCI website, you will become familiar with what is offered and where to find information when you need it! We will then discuss the topic "*I Took This Darn Job, Now What Do I Do With It?*" and any issues or problems you may be facing.

If you get bored as you make your way to Redding, think about what CGCI should be; what role it should be playing in the state and how it can best help you and the clubs in your district. Your input will be welcome during our brainstorming sessions.

Our second District Director session will be on Friday, January 18, from 4:45 to 5:45 P.M. in the Siskiyou/Cascade Room. This meeting will be a wrap-up session to discuss what has taken place during the meeting, a chance to clear up any confusion, and the opportunity to "charge you up" so you can go back to your district and have a great new year and a lot more fun!

See you soon.....
Maryanne

Oral Reporting by DD's at the Winter Board Meeting

District Directors will be up first to give reports at this meeting. Everyone wants to hear good ideas to take back with them to try at home, so please prepare accordingly and try to pack as much exciting information as you can within the three-minute maximum. If you have a rotten night before your report and you just don't feel up to it, there is no need to ramble-on to fill the full three-minutes. Just "give 'em the best you've got" and you will be able to return to your seat satisfied that the folks got what they came for!

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A convention exhibit is a great way to show off or promote some aspect of a chairmanship, but why not show off your district? Please consider how your district might use an exhibit. Conventions are a great chance to network and exchange ideas. A display can help get a good dialogue going. The *Request for Exhibit Room Display Space* form is being sent as an attachment with this newsletter. If you decide to exhibit at the Woodland Hills Convention, please notify Exhibit Room Chairman Sally Bagley by submitting the completed form to her by May 10.