

## **RAPPAHANNOCK GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**June 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, by President, Mary Hutya. The blessing was given by the president following the call to order.

**WELCOME:** New member Kathy Gilson was welcomed by the membership.

**THANK YOU:** Judge Bonnie Schaschek and clerks Cathie Elliott and Debbie Burgess were thanked for their services in connection with the Horticulture and Design exhibits.

Hostesses Susan Edmonds, Muffin Fitzpatrick, Helen Johnson and Mary Ann McKay were thanked for their efforts in setting up the buffet lunch and providing beverages and dessert.

The president also thanked the membership for providing the delicious pot luck salads for our lunch.

**BIRTHDAYS:** June, July and August birthday members were wish Happy Birthday. They included for June Carol Clark, Muffin Fitzpatrick, Marcia Robison, Betty Wachter Baylor and JoAnn Smith. July birthdays included Helen Johnson, Trisha Tetlow, Bonnie Schaschek and Aleta Hoffman. Mary Snyder was wished Happy Birthday for her August Birthday.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Members were reminded that RGC is enjoying it's 60<sup>th</sup> year. The club was founded in 1962.

**AWARDS:** Bonnie Schaschek announced the blue, red and yellow award winners for their horticulture and design exhibits. Debbie Burgess won Best in Show.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:** Aleta Hoffman, a past RGC president, conducted a lovely candlelit induction of RGC's new officers. Each of the new officers was announced and called to the podium individually. The new officers are Debbie Burgess, President; Cathie Elliott, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Carol Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Trisha Tetlow; Recording Secretary; and Bonnie Schaschek, Treasurer.

As each of the new officers came to the podium, Ms Hoffman outlined all of their duties in the position being filled as covered in RGC's by-laws. Each of the officers were given a flower. Following the charge of duties to the new officers, the duties of the membership were outlined to the members and following each duty, the members were asked if they agreed to perform these duties and all replied in the affirmative.

The new officers were given a lit candle noting the candles are a symbol to the light the way of the new officers. Ms. Hoffman then closed the ceremony with a prayer and declared the officers duly installed. The outgoing president passed the president's pin and gavel to the new president and the new president took over the meeting.

Ms. Burgess thanked the outgoing officers for their service. She told the group plans have already been made for the programs in the coming year noting the club will continue with a mix of garden

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tours, speakers and workshops which have been popular this past year. After briefly talking about the programs, Ms. Burgess asked the club's new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Cathie Elliott, to talk to the members about signing up for hostess and judging duties. Ms. Elliot noted that there were sign up sheets being handed around to sign up for various committees. Additionally sign-up sheets for hostesses (when required) and judge and clerk duties were being passed around. She strongly encouraged members to sign up before leaving so that arrangements for each of the upcoming meetings could be quickly confirmed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Burgess announced RGC's next meeting will be held on September 8 at Grace Church. Noting there was no further business to come before the group, she wished everyone a happy summer and adjourned the meeting.