

# **RIFGC BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 28, 2011**

Vera Bowen, president, called the meeting to order @ 10:10am.

Special guests Donna Nowatt, past president of CT and Rebecca Linney, Maine president were welcomed.

Roll call is taken with the attendance of the Annual Luncheon.

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Adelaide Clifford, Treasurer, read the "proposed" budget and it was approved.

Due to the NGC annual meeting conflict, Judy Hager, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, stated the May and June RIFGC Board Meeting will be consolidated and will be held June 2, 2011, as voted on by the executive board at the January 28, 2011 board meeting.

Vera spoke of the prison project. Three friends/garden club members from MA donated \$250.00. This will be used towards the Children's Garden. Vera will speak more about the project at the Life Member event on August 11, 2011 @ the Dunes Club.

Two properties for Habitat for Humanity are waiting to be planted. The hopeful date is mid June. Weather and cutbacks have caused the delays. It is suggested that we show pictures of Habitat for Humanity at the Flower Show.

The meeting was adjourned @ 10:20am.

## **RIFGC ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual meeting was called to order @ 10:20am

Vera gave her farewell talk. She's pleased w/ all the clubs in the RIFGC. They have touched her heart and enriched her life.

Hameho GC received the State Golden Days Citation for planting the most daffodil bulbs with 1,076 bulbs. A \$35.00 monetary award was given to them. The State planted 6,000 bulbs and hopes to win the Regional award @ Nationals.

Doris Stephens and Priscilla DiMarco presented the awards and thanked all who put the effort into the Books of Evidence. Thanks to Sue Redden and Vera Bowen for their help.

17 Books of Evidence are going to Nationals and 7 Books of Evidence are going to Regional.

The State Awards will be posted online.

Bristol GC is sponsoring "Hats off to Spring" on behalf of Blithewold. It is a Tea on May 17, 2011 with Daniel Senore speaking on the commercial end of floral design and De Feldman will speak about the competition side of floral design. Tickets are \$30.00 for RIFGC members.

Portsmouth is having an in house flower show @ The Atria in Aquidneck on April 30, 2011.

Gentian GC, Chatham Village GC, Wantaknowhow GC, and Quononoquott GC are all having plant sales on May 21, 2011.

Cindywood GC is having a plant sale on May 7, 2011.

Western Cranston GC is having a plant sale May14 and 15.

Edgewood GC is having a rosebush sale April 30, 2011

Sogkonate GC is having a plant and bake sale on May 28, 2011.

Gardeners of Westerly are having Ruth Loiseau on August 9, 2011 @ the OH. Topic is From the White House to Your House.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned @ 11:10am

## **INSTALLATION OF LIFE MEMBER OFFICERS**

Installation came to order @ 11:10am

Doris Stephens thanked all outgoing officers and presented the new officers with pansies which represent thoughtfulness. The new officers are as follows:

Chairperson – Gloria Westlake

Vice-Chair – BJ Stevens

Recording Secretary – Betty Sue Reid

Corresponding Secretary – Vera Bowen

Finance – Adelaide Clifford

Raffle – Bernie Larivee and Marje DeAngelis (received begonia which represents money)

The gavel was presented to Gloria Westlake.

The Scholarship Chairperson is Janice Panoff.

Installation adjourned @ 11:17am