



**FEDERATED FACTS  
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**“Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, and Enjoy Garden Club”**

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**Diane’s Diggings**

I am happy to report our editor Kathy Donahue is recovering nicely from anterior cervical discectomy surgery. The GCG winter board meeting was held in Rome January 13, 14, and 15. Berry College and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. partnered to place a Blue Star Marker on Veterans Highway at the entrance to Oak Hill. The dedication ceremony was held at the Martha Berry Museum and retired Colonel Earl B. Young was the keynote speaker. On Wednesday evening, ninety board members and guests enjoyed dinner in the ballroom at the Coosa Country Club. Jane Davis and members of Spade and Trowel made it an evening to remember by providing beautiful floral arrangements. At the January Federation meeting the 2015- 2017 officers were elected. They will be installed at the Day in May Celebration.

Continue to keep Suzanne Wheeler, our GCG President, in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her treatments. Her address, if you wish to send a note is Suzanne Wheeler c/o Frank Wheeler, 547 Payne Hill Drive, Clayton, GA 30525 We need to remember that President's Reports are due in February. Club dues need to be paid and mailed to Kathy Donahue, 4 Quail Hollow Road, SE, Rome, GA 30161



**RFGC Officers for 2015-2017**

Co-Presidents – Ansley Saville and Marla Janes (Seven Hills)

First Vice President – Dedee Sanderson (Camellia)

Second Vice President – Jane Davis (Spade and Trowel)

Third Vice President – Mary Louise Dixon (Three Rivers)

Fourth Vice President – Barbara Ivey (Thistle)

Recording Secretary – Jeanettia Rush (Three Rivers)

Corresponding Secretary – Carrie Wilder (Seven Hills)

Treasurer – Ruth Martin (Townview)

*Parliamentarian and chaplain are appointed by the incoming president.*

**Special points of interest:**

- Dues are due
- President’s reports should be completed and mailed
- Put the Day in May on your Calendar
- Hope you are going to the GCG at Jekyll in April

## TOWNVIEW YAYAS ENCOURAGE YOUTH AND ENJOY THE COMMUNITY



The YaYas are a fun group of fantastic ladies who enjoy each other's company and the activities that garden club provides. Recently, the January meeting had despair written around it as natural events of rain and workmanship caused the cancellation of the monthly luncheon. Lavender Mountain Hardware, thanks Virginia, stepped right up and offered a hands on meeting at their location. The activities focused on the fairy gardens. In the center photo, Davis Donahue, was delighted to take a seeded birdhouse to his recovering YaYa so that they could watch the birds together. (Don't forget that it is about time to complete the backyard bird survey that we do.) In the first photo, Paul Mitchell (he said just think of shampoo when you think of him) showed the birdhouses that the FCCCA Garden Club had made for the YaYas. It was fun explaining how they need to be able to be opened for cleaning. The Youth Group will go back and make some revisions.

### ARBOR DAY



The annual Arbor Day Program will be Thursday Feb 26, 2015 at Noon at Rotary Park. The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., Xavier Chapter, NSDAR, City of Rome, and the Rotary Club are all partners for the Arbor Day Activities.

Remember our website and keep your club up to date:  
[www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com)

The **Annual Garden Club of Georgia Conference** is very close, April 15 – 17. It will be held on the beautiful Jekyll Island

### ARE YOU GOING?

in a new hotel and conference center. Will you attend? If you have entered awards, hopefully you have, this would be a wonderful time to enjoy the conference and the fellowship.

The **Deep South Regional Conference** is being held in Birmingham, Alabama. This would be an excellent opportunity for

Romans to attend.

The **National Garden Club Annual Conference** is being held in May 12-18 in Louisville, Kentucky.



**DAY IN MAY CELEBRATION:** May 4, 2015, Monday at 11:00 at the South Rome Boys and Girls Club. There will be lunch, community partner and member recognition, and the installation of the 2015-2017 officers. All members are invited. An RSVP is necessary.



**Calendar**

February 12: Laurel District Board Meeting, Ball Ground Garden Center:

February, 2015	Townview	Paper Towels and Bathroom Supplies
March 2, 2015	Lavender View	Refreshments

Library Arrangements:

January 14 – January 27	Three Rivers
January 28 – February 10	Townview
February 11 – February 24	Camellia
February 25 – March 10	African Violet Study Group

**President’s Report and Dues for the Federation**

Occasionally, as I am sure you have noticed, this editor makes a comment. So here we go: The President’s Report is due. How much I miss the way that Suzanne Wheeler led us through the process of completing the reports. My take on this is “Thank goodness she was with us last year when we were all “new presidents”.” By this time we are experienced and know to go online, get the form, complete it online, and mail the copies to the District Director, the State President (Suzanne Wheeler c/o Frank Wheeler,

547 Payne Hill Drive, Clayton, GA 30525), and the Rome Federated President. The RFGC President needs your report to complete the Council Report. Following the format on the GCG website will just make it easier for the council report to be completed.

RFGC Dues: Please submit a copy of the form that you receive from GCG along with your check. The check is \$10 per member, plus \$20 (\$5 for youth, \$15 for education). Mail to: Kathy Donahue, 4 Quail Hollow Road, SE, 30161

**SHOULD I CALL WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT OR THE DUES? NO,**



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