



FEDERATED FACTS

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“ All of the flowers of today are in the seeds of today.” Proverb

President's Remarks

Hello to All. What beautiful Fall weather we have experienced that makes for a wonderful Thanksgiving that I know everyone enjoyed. Now it's so nice to have some cooler weather for Christmas. It just puts us in the spirit doesn't it? I know all of you have beautifully decorated homes, using your greenery from your yards. It's a special time to be a gardener and a member of a Garden Club.

The Federation is celebrating our 75th Anniversary this coming year at our Day in May. Our planning committee has begun meeting with lots of great ideas. We are still looking for a maybe blue pamphlet that Elizabeth Neal wrote on the history of the Federation so if you have one please let us know. When the City Commission heard about our 75th they chose to honor us with a Proclamation which we gladly received on your behalf last month. We greatly appreciated their attention to all that our clubs do for our community.

May your Christmas Season ring brightly with HOPE, JOY, LOVE, and PEACE, and may you deepen your love for the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Anita

ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS, INC. November Minutes

The November 5 meeting of RFGC. Inc. was held at the Garden Center with 13 members representing six clubs present. President Anita Bridges called the meeting to order and thanked Mountain View Garden Club for providing refreshments. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Chaplain Ann Bradfield presented a "Prayer for Thanksgiving".

Guest Speaker

Joy Puckett introduced the program, speaker Savannah Cecchini, a senior from Berry College, who presented a PowerPoint program outlining the essential relationship between the Monarch butterfly and native milkweeds. Both populations are declining due to use of insecticides and herbicides, loss of habitat, and climate change.

President's Report

President Bridges noted that the minutes of the August meeting are available in Federated Facts and asked for corrections or additions; being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

President Bridges announced the addition of a Seed Swap Box on the deck at the Visitors' Center; everyone is invited to donate seeds or take seeds from the box.

The Penny Pines Box is on the desk by the front door, and will remain there until the goal of at least \$50 is in it. The proceeds go toward planting trees on public lands.

President Bridges reported the City of Rome will issue a resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of the RFGC, Inc. The resolution will be issued in a ceremony at 5:30pm, November 12, in the Sam King Room in the Rome City Auditorium.

Day in May

Day in May will also celebrate the 75th anniversary. Each club will be asked to contribute \$50 toward this milestone event.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Caroline Alford reported a total of all accounts as of November 4th of \$ 24,161.70. A detailed financial report is included with these minutes.

Clocktower Workday

Cheryl Melton reported that eight members plus the City Horticulturist and his Assistant met at the Clock Tower workday on October 24. The group pulled weeds and trimmed back dead plant material in preparation for winter.

Garden Spots

Donna Knighten reported information from GCG offering the availability of a Blue Star Marker restorer. There are 10 markers in Rome. Donna has visited all of the Garden Spots with the City Horticulturist and his Assistant prior to requesting the City take over Spots where clubs are no longer in existence or are unable to maintain their spots. The City will begin maintenance of the Clock Tower at the completion of the current 2-year project. They have already begun maintenance of the Myrtle Hill Meditation Garden.

Committee Reports

Environmental Concerns

Jennifer Kearns reported on a Xerxes Association project, "Leave the Leaves", explaining that leaves provide mulch for plants and shelter for numerous creatures over the winter. In addition, she pointed out that gas-powered blowers and mowers contribute to pollution.

Savannah Cecchini, who presented today's program will be starting a milkweed project in a fallow field on Jennifer's farm.

Ways and Means

Jan Mendence introduced this year's Bussey's Flower Cards. Last year's campaign earned \$1520 with 76 cards sold. Cards were distributed to the club presidents at this meeting.

Habitat for Humanity

Marilyn Hendrickson reported that Habitat for Humanity plans to start construction on a new house in January, with a targeted closing date in April or May. She asked for members to sign up to donate gardening tools for the family.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business

New Business

There was no New Business.

The Calendar and Announcements are attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bridges.

Acting Secretary,

Jeanettia Rush

Upcoming Events!

Tues. Jan. 7th- RFGC Meeting- 9:30- Seven Hills -Refreshments
Hannah Bagley with Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful program

Sat. Feb. 15th- President's Reports due

Tues. Feb. 18th- Capitol Conservation Day

Fri. Feb. 21st- Arbor Day in GA

Thurs. Feb. 27th- Clocktower Workday-9:00 am



Receiving of the City of Rome Proclamation Honoring 75th Anniversary of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs