

**Venice Area Garden Club  
Members Meeting  
May 2, 2013**

President *Susan Mather* called the spring luncheon members meeting at Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club to order at 11:41 a.m. A social preceded the meeting, starting at 11:00 a.m.

*Joan Piper* led the invocation, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA led by *Susan Mather*.

Members and guests were welcomed and guests were introduced.

*Susan Mather* reported that the secretary's report is online and approved.

*Susan DiNapoli* has the treasurer's report, available if anyone wants to see it.

**President's Report:** (*Susan Mather*)

-*Susan Mather* announced that as we began our final meeting with her as president, she thanked all for their hard work and dedication; we have had a wonderful year. *Tracy Ivey* and *Tina Bird* did a great job on the flower show, with lots of new members involved. For the Christmas luncheon, *Alice DeSomma* got a great speaker. The holiday decorations group did a great job, with *Rose Rodriguez* leading this group. *Mary Lou Levy* and *Pat Markland* did a wonderful job with the home tour. *Maxine Ginn* put together another wonderful tour with a trip to Amelia Island. *Bea Holt* came up with wonderful programs. Five of our members finished a 2 year course in Gardening Study.

-*Jan Fessler* announced that 30 years ago we presented our first scholarship, of \$500. This year, we are presenting \$8,000 in scholarships, bringing the total scholarship awards in the last 30 years to \$102,000 to graduates of Venice High School.

-This year's scholarship recipients and their parents were introduced. *Esther Mezhibovsky* was here with her father, *Alex*. She is majoring in Biomedical Science and Biology. *Kelsey Mahoney* was here with her mother, *Kerrie Mahoney*. She is majoring in Environmental Engineering. Both girls are completing their second year of college and have received scholarships from us the last 2 years. *Jarrett Quinn* was here with his parents, *James and Lynn Quinn*. He is graduating from Venice High School this year and will be attending The University of Oklahoma majoring in Meteorology.

-*Esther Mezhibovsky* was awarded \$2,500, *Kelsey Mahoney* was awarded \$2,500 and *Jarrett Quinn* was awarded \$3,000.

The meeting was interrupted for lunch at 12:00, and called to order again at 12:55 by President *Susan Mather*.

*Susan Mather* announced that our last members meeting of the year will be at Shamrock Park Pavilion on June 6 at 10:00 a.m. with a presentation on wildlife. We were going to bring our own sack lunches, but there has been a recommendation to have a catered lunch by 3 Sisters Tea. Menus have been placed on your tables, so take a look and we'll decide on it later.

*Sandy Walters* announced that the containers and floral designs on the tables were made by our own floral design group. She had the people that made them stand up, and thanked them. Raffle tickets had been placed at each seat, and winning ticket numbers were drawn to win these arrangements.

*Dee Feeney* introduced new member, *Maureen Foeller*. We have had 15 new members this year, bringing our membership up to 120 members including 14 associates. We will hopefully have another 4 new members in October.

*Susan Mather* announced that annual VAGC dues should be paid. See *Dee Feeney* if you haven't paid.

*Althea Bednarek*, a former president of VAGC presented the installation of executive officers for June 1 2013 - May 31, 2015. The new officers are:

President \_\_\_\_\_ *Sandy Walters*, replacing *Susan Mather*  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ *Tina Bird*, replacing *Bea Holt*  
Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ *Joan Piper*, replacing *Carol Malott*  
Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ *Rose Fullerton*, continuing on  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ *Susan DiNapoli*, continuing on  
Assistant Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ *Tracy Ivey*, replacing *Lynn Macedonio*

*Susan Mather* thanked the members for all they have done and said she has really enjoyed her 2 years as president. She was presented with a garden apron with hand tools and a gift certificate to Lowes. She was also presented with a Life Membership to FFGC.

A vote was taken on whether we should have our lunch for the June meeting at Shamrock Park catered by 3 Sisters Tea and the vote passed. See *Cheri Cetone* if you will be at the meeting.

The event concluded at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Carol Malott  
Recording Secretary