**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 11/15/17**

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**(1)Clarification (2)Correction\_\_\*\*\*See Addendum for name clarifications**

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The members of the FGC gathered at 11:30am with 41 members and 1 guest in attendance. A wonderful luncheon was presented by November’s Hospitality Comm. Nancy D., hostess, Loretta L, Jane C., Virginia S. and the lovely centerpiece by Joan H. The table settings were wonderful and reflected the season. Many thanks to the Hospitality Comm. Chair, Judy R. and the November Hospitality Comm.

**Item #1 Business Meeting Co-President, Charlotte Pollock**

The business meeting was opened by Co-President, Charlotte P. Charlotte began by thanking all members that brought greens in so that we could work on our seasonal centerpieces. There was an abundance of greens and cuttings for all to pick from. The table centerpieces were meant also to be used for our centerpieces. Each of these centerpieces was unique and beautiful and many members didn’t want to remove any of the greens from them as not to spoil their look. Also provided by FGC were some artificial items such as, candy canes, ribbon, leaves to use as enhancements to our arrangements. At this time Charlotte introduced, Leslie Griesmer, Business Manager, Fairbanks House.

Leslie began by thanking all FGC members for their hard work and care throughout the year in keeping the Fairbanks House flowerbeds and gardens in such beautiful condition. Also, many thanks for your help at the annual Fairbanks Family Reunion held at the Allin Church this year. This year’s reunion was a great success. To show our appreciation of the FGC, this year **(1)** we gave 2 very special members of FGC The Above and Beyond Award. One of the recipient’s was Lisa Brayton. Lisa reached out to other garden clubs to tour the Fairbanks House and gardens. Several garden clubs did tour the house and this outreach to garden clubs will continue. Ellen Donovan, the other recipient, has done some wonderful plantings and has been able to get things to grow in places that were impossible for anything to grow. Both of these 2 wonderful ladies spend hours caring for the Fairbanks House gardens. Leslie went on to say the Ghost Tours were very successful and sold out with 300 attendees. The Ghost Tours will continue every year. The Fairbanks House has a new website and this summer launched a Summer History Camp in partnership with the Dedham Community House. The Fairbanks house has received a grant to extend this Summer History Camp and activities. Dan Neff, Curator, helps with all activities of the House. At this time Charlotte thanked Leslie for allowing the FGC the privilege of helping at the Fairbanks House and for the use of the Fairbanks House grounds for our Annual Plant Sale. Charlotte told us that we had a very large clivia plant to offer for a donation but it was scooped up before the meeting began. Thank you all for the Food Pantry donations.

**Item #2 Recording Secretary, Rose Favret**

Rose F. asked that the minutes of the 10/18/17 luncheon be accepted. Minutes accepted.

**Item #3 Business Meeting Co-President, Annette Eddy**

Annette E. mentioned that the Pumpkin Patch Ways/Means fund raiser was a great success. $330.00 was raised. Thank you all for buying a pumpkin. Thanks to the FGC members that helped with this fund raiser. They are: Jeanette E., Rose F., Carol C., Joan H., Beverly G., and Nancy D. Annette went on to explain our next fund raiser. It is greens wreaths for the holiday season. $18.00 for a plain wreath and $20.00 for a wreath with a bow. Pick up for the ordered wreaths is

Dec. 1. Annette explained the Festival of Trees being held at the Elm Bank in Wellesley with profits going to the Mass. Horticultural Soc. our entry along with other beautiful decorated trees will be viewed by the public and raffled off. This event at the Elm Bank runs from 11/24 through 12/10. Annette encouraged all members to view all the beautiful entries and as part of the event to not miss the Snow Village that is part of the Festival of Trees.

**Item #4 Treasures’ Report**

Mary Devine-Bentz stated that last month’s speaker, Mr. Neal Sanders, donated 10% of his book sales to the FGC.

**Item #5 Maeve McHenry, Yearbook Chair**

Maeve handed out updated information for our yearbooks.

**Item #6 Loretta Larraga, Website Chair**

Loretta reminded us that for us to enter the members’ area of our website, the password needs to capitalize.

**Item#7 Carol Cook, Publicity Chair.**

Carol hoped we all saw the Pumpkin Patch and Fairbanks House flower beds cleanup pictures in the newspaper. Also, the Pumpkin Patch pictures were going to be in the Federation’s publication District Doings.

Publicity Comm. has 2 new members, Sandy S. and Mary C.

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**Item #8 (2)Charlotte P. for Mary Joyce, Programs/Workshops**

Many thanks to all that brought in their garden greens for this program today, and also their donations for Dedham Food Pantry. Your checks ($25.00) will be collected today if you are attending the Holiday Luncheon on 12/13/17 at the Olde Colonial, in Norwood. There will be a Yankee Swap if you wish to participate. The Christmas wreaths decorating workshop will be at the Endicott Community Greenhouse, on Dec. 7 at 9:30am.

**Item #9 Christine Page, Nominating Committee Chair**

This committee is in the process of looking at vacancies that will need to be filled. We are in need of a Plant Sale Comm. Chair. This can be 1, 2 or 3 people working together. Please consider this if you would like to help. Also, there are some preference sheets that still need to be made out.

**Item #10 Saroj Joshi, Membership Chair**

FGC has a new member, Janet Holmes, in attendance today. She is our 50th. member. Janet said that she already feels at home. She is the Executive Administrator of Dedham Civic Pride, member of Dedham Junior Womans Club, Friends of Dedham Library, and gives an after school gardening class. Welcome Janet to FGC.

**Item #11 Judy Raymond, Hospitality Chair**

Per Judy, thank you to this month’s Hospitality Comm. the new hospitality guidelines will be available to all that are scheduled to do the month’s luncheons and Loretta L. will be putting the guidelines on the website. Marilyn Warner to be in charge of the Tea Cup Brigade and is looking for volunteers.

**Item #12 Charlotte P. for Carol Dixon, Garden Therapy/Horticulture**

Our final cleanup of the Fairbanks flower beds on 10/19 had 11 FGC members in attendance. The flower beds and monuments looked great this year. Pictures of the cleanup were taken for the newspaper.

**Item #13 Marion Kirohn, Conservation/Tours**

Per Marion, there are no tours scheduled for this winter. Marion said that she is looking for tour suggestions. Possibly looking at a tour of the Emerald Necklace, Adams Estates Gardens and the Eustis Estate in Milton.

Business meeting ended at 1:15pm.

FGC members began their floral arrangements by picking out their greens. This was great because there was so much to pick from. It was great fun and every arrangement was different and reflected so much art, skill, and personality. All members helped each other and the laughter and socializing was priceless. Pictures were taken of all our handiwork and the cleaning up was shared by all with equal amounts of laughter and chatter as we worked. Some comments were,

“So much fun”,” “look what I did”, “best program” it was a fun FGC luncheon.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Rose M. Favret, Rec. Sec., FGC

1. Above and Beyond Award was presented by the Fairbanks Family in America
2. Mary Joyce presented the information about programs not Charlotte Pollock

\*\*\*Addendum:

Nancy D.=Nancy D’Attilio,Loretta L.=Loretta Larraga,Jane C.=Jane Crandall,Virginia S.=Virginia Swanson, Joan H.=Joan Hartzel,Judy R.=Judy Raymond,Charlotte P.=Charlotte Pollock,Jeanette E.-Jeanette Evans,Rose F.,-=Rose Favret Beverly G.=Beverly Gustavson,Sandy S.=Sandy Siber,Mary C.=Mary Compagnone,