



Longboat Key  
Garden Club, Inc.  
Longboat Key, Florida

Yearbook 2023-2024

**LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB**

**Yearbook 2023-2024**

A Social, Philanthropic, Eco-Friendly Organization

P.O. Box 8375

Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Website: [www.lbkgardenclub.org](http://www.lbkgardenclub.org)

Total Number

Members.....223

Family Memberships..... 70

Single Memberships..... 83

Organized 1969

Florida State Flower.....Orange Blossom

Florida State Wildflower.....Yellow Coreopsis

Florida State Bird.....Mocking Bird

Florida State Song.....Suwanee River

Florida State Tree.....Sabal Palmetto

Florida State Shell.....Horse Conch

Florida State Pie.....Key Lime

Florida State Beverage.....Orange Juice

Florida State Gemstone.....Moonstone

**LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB LOGO**

***~Agave~***

The logo was chosen by the founders in 1969. Agave, a genus of about 300 species of plants of the Agavaceae family; some species require many years to bloom, hence the name Century Plant. Agaves can be called American aloes, although not a true aloe. Massive, fibrous leaves with a tall flower stalk were admired growing all over Longboat Key. They adapt well to dry sandy soil.

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**LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB – 2023-2024  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS**

President .....Melanie Dale  
 President Emeritus, Head of Special Projects.....Susan Phillips  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....Lyn Haycock  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....Cathy Bishop  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.....Susan Mason  
 Treasurer.....Jennifer Shimek  
 Recording Secretary.....Sharon Meier  
 Corresponding Secretary.....Susan Loprete

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Arbor Day & Annual Meeting.....TBD  
 Beautification and Butterfly Garden.....Our Garden Gloves Team  
 Camps.....Chris Parker  
 Dinner & A Movie.....Susan Phillips & Steve Branham  
 Field Trips.....Kathryn Ruscitto  
 Grants.....Linda Ulrich  
 Hospitality (Refreshments).....Diane Blake  
 Home Tour.....Cathy Bishop & Team  
 J. McLaughlin Bi-Annual Fundraiser.....Melanie Dale  
 Membership.....Susan Mason  
 Newsletter.....Lyn Haycock  
 Programs.....Kathryn Ruscitto  
 Social Events.....Debra Sauers & Janice Reiser  
 Scholarship.....Susan Phillips  
 Taste of the Keys.....L Haycock/J. Reiser/J Shimek/D Sauers  
 Website.....John & Tori Newman  
 Yearbook.....Linda Ulrich

**Board Meetings - Thursdays @ 9:00 AM**

**LBK Chamber of Commerce, 5390 Gulf of Mexico Dr, #102 & ZOOM**

September 7	February 8
October 5	March 7
November 2	April 4
December 7	May 9
January 4	

## EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS FOR 2023-2024

We are looking forward to seeing you all back again this year! We are very excited about our events, programs, and new Field Trips this season which have all modified based on your feedback! You will continue to receive newsletters via email about all the upcoming programs and events, or you can check online at the LBKGC website to see what is happening <https://lbkgardenclub.org>. BUT SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES!

### **EVENTS**

#### **November 7 - Welcome Back Lunch at Marina Jack's**

2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota – 11:30 – 2:00

Come and join us all for lunch and catch up with all your friends. Please feel free to invite potential new members.

#### **November 11 - Town Center Pavilion Ribbon Cutting**

(LBKGC's beautification project) Details to follow.

#### **November 25 - Annual LBK Tree Lighting**

Join us for this annual event of LBK's tree lighting at dusk at the LBK Town Center. The LBK Garden Club will be distributing poinsettias and signing up new members. Bring family and friends!

#### **November (Thanksgiving) through December (Christmas)**

**Christmas in the Garden at Island Chapel Garden.** The LBK Garden Club will join other organizations and erect a holiday tree which will be lit each evening after dusk in the chapel garden. Come and help set up and/or visit this lovely peaceful spot during the busy season.

#### **December 14 – Holiday Party at The Crab and Fin Restaurant**

St. Armand's Circle – 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Join us for our annual holiday party! And you can also enjoy all the festivities on the Circle as well! This is a very fun event with music and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

#### **January 18 – 20- J. McLaughlin Trunk Sale**

J. McLaughlin Store on LBK – 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

This is a great fundraiser for the LBKCG! Come out and support this sale!

**February 1 - Taste of the Keys**

Longboat Key Club – Harborside Ballroom

Back by popular demand is the original Taste of the Keys! It is truly the event of the season and not to be missed!

**February 14 - Valentine's Day Event**

This is always a fun event so keep your eye out for details!

**March 2 – The Longboat Key Garden Club Annual Home Tour**

We are finally back for the Annual Home Tour! Stay tuned for details!

**March 22 - Dinner & a Movie (Rain date 3/23/24)**

Mark your calendars for this fun event and full of prizes! Details TBD

**April 26 - Arbor Day Picnic & Annual Meeting**

Don't miss this terrific event. Lunch is provided. Grant and Scholarship recipients receive their awards and will discuss what our awards mean to them! It makes all our fund-raising efforts all the more meaningful.

**May 2 - 4 - J. McLaughlin Spring Trunk Sale**

Mark your calendar for this fund-raising event! Come out and take advantage of the sales and help the Garden Club at the same time!

**PROGRAMS**

In-person meetings will be held at Windward Bay Community Room located at 4888 Gulf of Mexico Drive at 7:00 pm. Refreshments provided. Recording of program meetings can be found on the Garden Club website at [www.lbkgardenclub.org](http://www.lbkgardenclub.org) after the event. Events start at 7:00 with social time starting at 6:45.

More details to follow in the LBKGC newsletter:

**January 16 – Marie Selby Gardens – Jennifer Romanecki, CEO**

Come hear updates on Selby's new facilities and plans for continuing research both at Selby and Spanish Pointe. Jennifer is a passionate leader and looks forward to updating the LBK Garden Club.

**February 13 – Mote Marine Laboratory - The Keys to Restoring our Oceans, Innovative Science, Local Partnerships with Global Impact.- Dr. Crosby, CEO.** Join Dr. Crosby as he shares the latest on Mote's new Science Education Aquarium(SEA) and the revitalization of its current research facility on City Island. Plan to be inspired and anxious to learn more.

**March 12 – Sarasota Bay Estuary Association, Dave Tomasko, Executive Director.** The Sarasota Bay Estuary Association makes grants, does monitoring and research and is active across the Key. Join us to hear about their work and efforts to stabilize the environmental threats on our Key.

**April 16 – Lyme Disease and Ticks in FL**

Lecture on Ticks, Safe Hiking and Gardening, and key contacts across Florida. It's a tough topic but prevention is the key to safety when hiking and gardening. Come learn about ticks in our environment, and the tips for safety with our pets, and families.

**FIELD TRIPS**

The LBK Garden Club has some very exciting field trips scheduled for this year. Save these dates!

**November 9 - Spanish Point – 11:00 – 1:00**

Join us for a guided tour and lecture on the history of this thirty-acre museum and environmental complex. This unique preserve showcases native Florida plants, and the Palmer legacy. We will meet at the entrance at 10:30 am. 401 North Tamiami Trail, Osprey Florida. Cost \$40 per person; lunch is included!

**January 25 – LBK Estuary Projects Lecture, Lunch and Tour (10:30 – 1:30)**

The water that surrounds LBK is our unique asset. Enjoy a tour of multiple sites along Longboat Key. Learn about how the Bay is doing and how we can contribute to its health. Meet at the Towne Center parking behind Publix to board the open-air trolley at 10:30. Includes lunch from Publix to enjoy at one of our parks. Cost is \$55 per person including lunch.

**February 21 – Tour of Historic Cortez including the Maritime and Cultural Museum (10:00 – 1:30).** Join us for a special guided tour of the Maritime Museum, the Cultural Center, and the Village of Cortez. This is a unique opportunity to hear from the historians of this area and to see the collections. Meet at the Maritime Museum at 10:00. Includes lunch on the dock from Starfish and lecture by Nancy Bell, owner of Starfish. Cost is \$40 per person including lunch.

**March 28 – Sarasota Honey Company Tour and Tasting (10:00–12:00) 2227 University Parkway, Sarasota.** Have you ever wanted to learn more about bees and honey in Florida? Join Aliana Johnson, the founder and owner of the Sarasota Honey Bee Company for a tour, honey-tasting and serving ideas. Optional lunch at the Honey Tree Café nearby following the tour.



**LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB  
PAST PRESIDENTS**

1969-1971.....	Thomas H. Jones
1971-1972.....	Alfred M. Jones
1972-1974.....	Mrs. Milton Freudenheim (Patricia Kroh)
1974-1976.....	Josiah Child
1976-1977.....	Mrs. Richard D. Oldham
1977-1979.....	Richard Getman
1979-1982.....	Mrs. George B. Vetter
1982-1984.....	Isodene McCall
1984-1986.....	Charles King
1986-1988.....	Janet King
1988-1989.....	Charles King
1989-1990.....	Marjorie Brett
1990-1992.....	Kit Fernald
1992-1994.....	Dutch Arends
1994-1996.....	Penny Rosenthal & Virginia Sanders
1996-1997.....	Virginia Sanders
1997-1999.....	Claire Hunter
1999-2001.....	Jeremy T. Whatmough
2001-2003.....	Gillian Busard Doll
2003-2005.....	Barbara Kerwin
2005-2007.....	Judy Williams
2007-2009.....	Susan Landau
2009-2011.....	Jackie Salvino
2011-2015.....	Madelyn Spoll
2015-2023.....	Susan Phillips
2023-Present.....	Melanie Dale

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS AND BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The LBK Garden Club awarded \$73,575 in 2023 in scholarships and grants supporting education of future generations in conservation, the environment and protection of our natural resources and helping non-profit environmentally-focused organizations do great work conserving local natural resources.

*Please join us again in thanking our member, Janet Hartman, for encouraging our Club to apply for a \$10,000 grant from her late Father's charitable foundation. The Charles T Bauer Foundation, among other philanthropic missions, is to support scholarship awards. For the fifth consecutive year, our grant application for \$10,000 was granted, to award a single \$10,000 scholarship.*

*We would also like to thank The Robert Russell Foundation for its very generous contribution of \$10,000 for the 2022-2023 LBK Garden Club year. This award was used for summer camps for students not otherwise able to afford camp at Mote Marine Laboratory and Marie Selby Gardens and well as for environmentally oriented summer day programs for students at the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties Newtown campus.*

*Finally, we would like to thank Ken Schneier and Cynthia Craig for their continued generous support of our philanthropy mission with a donation of \$5,000.*

### **2023 Scholarship Awards**

The Longboat Key Garden Club awarded \$25,000 in scholarships for students studying environmental science or related fields.

#### **Tori Guarino – Florida Gulf Coast University - \$10,000**

Pursuit of a BS in Biology with minors in Environmental Education and Chemistry. She enjoys both lab research and field research so this combination of majors will allow her to pursue both in her career in ecosystem remediation including using her expertise in botany to include phytoremediation. Ultimately, Tori plans to receive her MS and Phd degrees in an environmental field with an emphasis in wildlife conservation and environmental remediation.

#### **Devin O'Hara – University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee Campus - \$5,000**

Biomedical Science and researching methods of assisting wildlife adjustment to increasing populations, and industrialization of lands formerly available for habitat. In one element of Devin's upcoming semester, she will be participating in an Urban Ecology class to learn how engineering and environmental sciences help countries maintain natural diversity while challenged by industrialization of

land masses.

**Carter Oleckna – Florida Gulf Coast University - \$5,000**

Biology major with concentration in micro-biology. Following graduation, Carter plans to pursue his doctoral degree in Agricultural Sciences. His goals are conservation, and coastal plant restoration methods including the impacts of phytoremediation on improving water quality.

**Sophia Pearce – University of Central Florida - \$5,000**

During her first two years of college her degree was centered around the major of marine biology/zoology. At UCF her major shifted to Zoology to support her goal of working with animals in zoos, aquariums, and rescue rehabilitation. One of Sophia's goals is identifying and preventing negative impacts to animals. Her most recent internships earned her certifications in Animal Behavior and Research, Animal Nutrition, and Animal Presentations and Encounters.

**2023 Grant Awards**

The LBK Garden Club awards grants to Not-for-Profit organizations which the following objectives (1) stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; (2) preserve the natural beauty of Longboat Key and/or surrounding areas; (3) foster the preservation of our wildlife and the purity of our waters; (4) support wider environmental concerns and to educate our youth and/or adults accordingly.

The LBK Garden Club awarded \$35,000 this year to the following recipients:

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens - \$2,000**

The LBKGC grant will provide eight (8) needs-based scholarships for Camp Lookout, a summer camp designed for nature lovers entering first through fifth grade. This year, the themes of the four sessions include "Plant Power," "Magical Marine Life," "Scientific Survivors," and "Factual Florida."

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens - \$2,500**

The grant will cover one full-day educational tour of Marie Selby Gardens Sarasota and then excursion by boat to Historic Spanish Point for underserved children in the community, many of whom have never been on the water before. The boat holds 36 children and adult chaperones.

**Mote Marine Laboratory - \$3,900**

Six (6) needs-based one-week camperships will be covered. The camp supports marine STEM education to increase educational access for individuals whom the National Science Foundation defines as being underrepresented and underserved in the sciences. Includes all materials and snacks.

**Mote Marine Laboratory - \$3,500**

Mote Aquaculture Research Park (MAP) was constructed in 2001 to pioneer the development of sustainable aquaculture technology to help feed the world, restock depleted species, and address the need to develop a viable domestic aquaculture industry. Recently, the program received funding from the Wolf Foundation to pilot a facility that has the capacity to produce fish and vegetables year-round. This grant will help connect the water systems in these modules together to provide adequate nutrients to the sea.

**Save our Seabirds - \$7,000**

The Bird Habitat Project is being launched with the planning and construction of 32 new avian habitats. The aviaries house SOS's non-releasable resident birds in a natural setting. A native plant landscape designer will be hired to layout and source the plants. This grant is part of a \$50k project.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota & DeSoto Counties - \$5,000**

The LBK Garden Club grant will provide summer enrichment field trips to Mote, Selby, and other environmentally focused organizations for students of BGCSDC of Newtown who cannot otherwise afford to participate given the \$6 per field trip cost. This will allow at least one trip per student.

**Longboat Key Turtle Watch - \$2,500**

The grant money will be used to print educational materials for the annual "Flip a Switch Make a Move" campaign. Materials include table tents, coasters, window clings, chair tags, and door hangers. The grant money will also be used to pay for the Chamber Visitor Guide ad. The primary goal is to bring conservation awareness to residents and visitors about turtle season.

**Southside Elementary School - \$2,000**

The Green Team at Southside provides a weekly opportunity for students to learn in an edible garden comprised of around 200 earth boxes for 33 classes. The funds will be used to purchase supplies for the garden.

**St. Martha's Catholic Elementary School - \$2,000**

The grant will cover supplies for the garden including new plants, compost bins, soil and educational materials. The school maintains tower gardens, raised bed gardens, hydroponic tower gardens, butterfly garden, butterfly habitat, solitary beehive, compost bins, rain barrels, meditation garden, water refill stations, Fresh salad from the garden is available for each school lunch.

**Longboat Key Center for Healthy Living - Paradise Center - \$2,000**

Funds will be used to maintain the garden beds and add more planting cycles throughout the year. It includes garden materials (soil, fertilizer, plants, and any necessary tools). The Center will provide herbs/vegetables for donations.

**Florida Maritime Museum - \$2,600**

The grant will cover the installation of native plants at the entrance to the museum and in the mosaic butterfly garden.

**Other Camp Grants - \$3,025**

Eleven (11) scholarships were given to children of Longboat Key residents or persons employed on Longboat Key to attend Mote Marine Summer Camp.

**Beautification Project for the Town Center - \$10,000**

Grant allocated to Town Center Pavilion/Stage and entrance to Town Center Green beautification.

**Longboat Key Camperships - \$3,575**

Each year the LBK Garden Club awards camperships to Mote Marine Laboratory for children of Town residents or employees who work on LBK. This year, we awarded 13 scholarships to Mote Marine.

**DUES**

**Dues:** \$40 - Family Membership  
\$30 - Single Membership

## HISTORY OF THE LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB

**Founder:** Mrs. Milton Freudenheim (Patricia Kroh)

The Longboat Key Garden Club was organized in 1969 by a group of men and women whose goal was to help preserve and encourage further beautification of the Key. To date, the Club's goal remains the same, including stimulating the knowledge of gardening, encouraging the preservation of our wildlife, birds and purity of our waters.

The Club is a philanthropic, social, and eco-friendly organization which carries on a wide range of activities to implement its objectives. In the past, we have memorialized or honored the Club's founders, members who have made significant contributions, and victims of September 11, 2001.

Each Arbor Day at least one tree is planted to continue the Garden Club's goal of beautifying Longboat Key. Historically, the Garden Club has maintained various projects within Bicentennial Park, sustaining the "Butterfly Garden", and has also planted trees, and landscaped other Town parks, and public places. The Garden Club's first project was in 1970 through a contract with Arvida to clear and create a park in donated land, which created Bicentennial Park. Our early years of fundraising, the Home Tour, was for funds to create, and maintain Bicentennial Park.

At our Annual Meeting, beautification awards are given to commercial establishments, condominiums and homeowners who have excelled over the past year to improve their property appearance by the use of landscape materials. At this meeting, we also award scholarships to students involved in environmental studies, and present grants to organizations to further the environmental purposes of the Club. Local children are funded by the Garden Club to attend Summer Camps at Mote Marine Aquarium & Laboratory, Selby Botanical Gardens, and others.

Academic scholarships are awarded upon application and selection, to junior, senior, and graduate level college students attending FL colleges studying an environmentally-related fields. Grants are made available upon application from local non-profit organizations planning to embark on environmentally-related projects.

Monthly Program meetings are open to members/guests and cover wide-ranging subjects including South American expeditions, environmental sustainability projects, coastal environmental initiatives, island conservation, wine vineyards, and other interesting topics. Fun and social, field trips are made

to various regional locations which are very popular with members and guests.

The Club also hosts several social functions, and fundraising events: Traditional Welcome Back party, Holiday Party, Wine Tasting, Valentine's Day, Taste of the Keys & Fashion Show, Dinner & A Movie and Annual Home Tour. With the generosity of Longboat Key residents, some of the most beautiful homes on the Key are featured.

The members of the Longboat Key Garden Club give their support by volunteering their services for our events, and participating in our fundraisers. Our Club and the services we provide would not survive without our members.

## **LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB GOALS & CONTINUING PROJECTS**

### **Goals**

1. To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and to teach the special art of gardening on Longboat Key.
2. To preserve the natural beauty of Longboat Key and surrounding areas and to further enhance its' beautification.
3. To encourage the preservation of our wildlife, birds, beaches, and purity of waterways.
4. To look at wider environmental concerns, and to stimulate this learning in our youth.
5. To encourage a wider awareness of our many philanthropic activities, social events, and actively involve more members.

### **Continuing Projects**

1. Beautify Longboat Key through observing Arbor Day, and participation in the Town's annual Goals and Objectives Workshop.
2. Award scholarship(s) to worthy higher education students to study horticultural, environmental or other related subjects.
3. Provide Summer Camp scholarships to area youth, for fun, learning appreciation of nature, and the environment.
4. Donate environmental books for youth, to a non-profit organization.
5. Participate in numerous environmental and conservation concerns.
6. Organize and host our annual Longboat Key Garden Club fundraisers, to support the Club's many philanthropic activities.
7. Increase membership and encourage new leadership on Club committees.
8. Maintain Bicentennial Park Butterfly Garden.
9. Provide commemoration bricks for the Butterfly Garden.
10. Members personally support a holiday gift giving collection to benefit the

youth of Childrens' First, which is a private, charitable, non-profit organization that serves over 600 of Sarasota County's most vulnerable children, birth to five years of age, and their families.

## **BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

When looking for a relaxing spot to read or rest, visit Bicentennial Park "Butterfly Garden" located at the corner of Gulf of Mexico Dr. and Bay Isles Road. You can also volunteer to help in maintenance and re-planting each year.

In 2007, a group of Garden Club members restored this garden, reestablishing the Club's former presence in the Park. The Town of Longboat Key and Department of Public Works support is appreciated. Fundraisers and special contributions help to maintain a variety of Butterfly friendly plants and an annual Butterfly release.

Our Club sponsors orchestrates a "Butterfly Release" each year as part of the Town's Annual Freedom Festival on July 4. Children and adults alike, love participating by freeing one of the 100+ butterflies we bring to the event.



# **LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB, INC. BYLAWS**

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Amended: January 1996, April 1997, April 2000, October, 2003

October 2010, October 2014, April 2018

### **Article I – Name**

The name of this club shall be the Longboat Key Garden Club, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the club.

### **Article II – Object**

The object of the club shall be to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among its members; to enlighten the community in the special techniques of gardening in the sandy soil of Florida; to beautify roadside plantings; to improve and preserve the beauty of Longboat Key; to encourage civic planting and to aid in the protections of native plants, wildlife and the environment.

### **Article III - Members**

**Section 1** - Membership in the club shall be comprised of persons who are residents of Longboat Key or nearby communities. There shall be two classes of membership: Family and Individual.

**Section 2** - Application for membership shall be presented in writing to the Membership Chairman. Upon payment of dues, the applicant shall become a member of the club.

**Section 3** - Members whose dues are not paid by August 1 may not be listed in the Yearbook. The Membership Chair will inform these individuals that their memberships have lapsed and that they will no longer receive communications from the club.

**Section 4** - Honorary membership may be conferred on any person who has notably promoted the purpose of this club. The name of such person shall be voted on by the Board of Directors. An honorary member shall be exempt from dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of active membership.

### **Article IV - Fiscal Year: Dues**

**Section 1** - The Fiscal year shall be from May 1 through April 30 of each year.

**Section 2** - Annual dues will be determined by the Board and are due by August 1.

## **Article V - Budget and Finance**

**Section 1** - The president, first vice president and treasurer shall constitute a Budget Committee, of which the Treasurer shall be the chairman. It shall be the duty of the Budget Committee to draw up a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and to present the same to the membership for its approval at the regular meeting in October.

**Section 2** - Obligations may be incurred and expenditures made for all budgeted activities and items upon request of the duly authorized committee chairman or officer. Expenditures may be authorized by the Board of Directors for items not budgeted provided such expenditures do not exceed \$500. But if a proposed non-budgeted expense exceeds \$500, it will be handled as follows:

- a. The item shall first be approved by the Board.
- b. The Board shall then announce the proposed item(s) to the general meeting.
- c. The membership shall then vote on the item at a general meeting.

**Section 3** - The Board of Directors may establish and maintain special funds for the promotion or enhancement of particular club projects or activities, and may accept gifts made to such purposes. The Treasurer will keep a separate accounting of all such funds.

## **Article VI - Officers**

**Section 1** - The officers will be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting to serve for up to two years and shall be eligible for re-election.

**Section 2** - The President will preside at all meetings of the club, will appoint the standing committee chairmen, and may sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. The President will be a member ex-officio (having one vote) of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and will present a written report at the Annual meeting.

**Section 3** - The First Vice President will assist the President and will perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or inability to serve.

**Section 4** - The Second Vice President will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and will also be chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee.

**Section 5** - The Third Vice President will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President and will also be chairperson of the Membership Committee.

**Section 6** - The Recording Secretary will keep a record of all meetings of this organization, and will be custodian of the Bylaws and will maintain a record of all officers and committees.

**Section 7** - The Corresponding Secretary shall send notices of meetings conduct such correspondence and maintain such files as may be requested by the President or Board of Directors.

**Section 8** - The Treasurer will keep an account of all monies received and of all disbursements and issue receipts as may be necessary; will deposit all club funds in the name of the club in the bank of the club; will make disbursements in accordance with these Bylaws; will keep accurate accounts and will prepare an up-to-date financial report for presentation to the Board and membership at each Board and regular meeting of the club. A copy of the Budget shall be presented to each member at the October membership meeting.

#### **Article VII - Directors**

**Section 1** - The elected officers of this club, together with the Immediate Past President and Committee Chairs, will constitute the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will transact the routine business of the club, will prescribe the duties of all committees, and may appoint special committees; and will, by majority vote, fill all vacancies in elective offices.

**Section 2** - Regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held each month unless otherwise notified.

**Section 3** - Seven (7) members of the Board will constitute a quorum.

#### **Article VIII - Standing Committees: Parliamentarian**

**Section 1** - There may be the following standing committees: Budget, Camps, Civic Beautification, Environmental Protection, Grants, Hospitality, Program, Publicity, Scholarship, Ways and Means, and Youth Activities. Additional committees may be established at the Board's discretion.

**Section 2** - In addition to appointing the chairpersons of the standing committees, the President will appoint a Parliamentarian, whose duty it will be to advise the President, officers and directors and other members of the club in regard to parliamentary law and procedure when requested.

**Section 3** - Each officer and committee chairperson will submit to the President, at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a written report of the activities of his or her office or committee during the preceding year and recommendations for the future

#### **Article IX - Nominations and Elections: Voting**

**Section 1** - The Nominating Committee is for the purpose of selecting the officers of the club and will consist of three (3) members. The Board of Directors at the February meeting will elect from the directors who have served on the Board at least two years, one person who will be Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The other two members will be selected by the Chairperson from among members of the Board.

**Section 2** - The Nominating Committee will present its report at the March Board meeting.

**Section 3** - At the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor, in addition to those previously made by the Nominating Committee.

**Section 4** - Votes by proxy will not be received at any meetings; only the votes of members present will be counted. At all meetings of the club, those enrolled as Family members will be entitled to one vote each.

#### **Article X - Meetings**

**Section 1** - General membership meetings and/or programs will be held each month, October through April unless otherwise voted by the Program Committee with the approval of the President. The meeting schedule will be published in the Yearbook.

**Section 2** - Special meetings may be called by the President or by vote of the Board upon written request of 10 members of the club, allowing for sufficient notice to the membership.

**Section 3** - The regular meeting in April shall be known as the "Annual Meeting" and will be for the purpose of electing officers, installing officers, presenting awards, and

transacting any other business that may arise.

**Section 4** - Twenty (20) members will constitute a quorum at all club meetings.

**Article XI - Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised will govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent.

**Article XII - Amendments to Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting at any regular meeting of the club, provided the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting or sent to each member at least one month before the meeting.

**Article XIII - Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c) 3 and 170 (ex2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

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