CALL LETTER

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. - North West District Annual Meeting

Tuesdays, October 24, 2023

Spa Special Events Center

333 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304

Conserving, Managing, and Protecting Our Natural Resources

Honored Guests: Jayne Kesler, State President - The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

AGENDA

10:00 am Registration

10:30 am APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST

Mariellen Smith, District Director
Munster Garden Club

10:45 am INTRODUCTION AND MESSAGE FROM STATE PRESIDENT

• Jayne Kesler, State President, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

11:00 am BUSINESS MEETING - CALL TO ORDER - North West District Business Meeting.

- Approval of the 2022 Minutes Gloria Notaro, Secretary
- Approval of the Budget Report Linda Dingee, Treasurer

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion and Vote on District Tax Exempt Option Mariellen Smith
- Report and Update on TGCI Website Gloria Notaro
- Advisory Board Details

NEW BUSINESS

- Introduction of Club Members Chosen to Serve on the District Board
- 2024 Summer Walk-About August 15, 2024, Vale of Paradise /garden Club, Valparaiso
- Any Other Business

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING

11:30 pm CLUBS IN REVIEW – Crown Point, Duneland, Hobart, Munster, and Vale of Paradise. *Pictures are worth a Thousand Words* – *Power Point* Mariellen Smith, District Director

12:00 BOX LUNCHES and "Happy Auction"

1:45 – 2:45 Conserve, Manage and Protect Our Northwest Indiana Resources

Shirley Heinze Land Trust – Bridget Harrison, Deputy Director

Shirley Heinze Land Trust preserves and restores natural lands and waters in Northwest Indiana, and engages people in nature and conservation

CommuniTree Program – Jennifer Birchfield, Natural Resource Planner, NIRPC

CommuniTree grew out of the need to promote community tree plantings and maintenance in Northwest Indiana. NWI coastal communities can apply for free native trees to plant in public space through the NIRPC CommuniTree program.

NOTES TO STATE & CLUB OFFICERS & MEMBERS

CLUB PRESENTATION:

- 1. Club Presidents must provide information to the District Director about their activities, goals, successes, and challenges.
- 2. This presentation should highlight club activities for 2023.
- 3. Provide pictures and info to District Director for inclusion into a Power Point mesmith3515@gmail.com

STATE CHAIRMEN OR OFFICERS:

1. If you have information to share with the NW District and would like to speak or if you need display space of any sort notify Mariellen Smith, <u>mesmith3515@gmail.com</u>.

CLUB DELEGATES:

- 1. Delegates are elected or appointed by their respective clubs.
- 2. No delegate may have more than one (1) vote even if qualified under another capacity.
- 3. The number of delegates from each club is determined by club membership. *Up to 24 members: 1 Delegate 25 to 49 members. 2 Delegates 50+ members 3 Delegates.*

ADDITIONAL VOTING DELEGATES:

1. District Officers, Club Presidents, District Chairmen, State Life Members, and Scholarship

Patrons.

Mariellen Smith, Munster Garden Club NW District Director, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. <u>mesmith3515@gmail.com</u>

Registration Form - Return this Page with your check. REGISTRATION COST (Includes Box Lunch) <u>MEMBERS and/or GUESTS - \$22.00 each</u>

ALL RESERVATIONS DUE BY Tuesday, October 17, 2023

SEND your remittance to:

Gloria Notaro - 2654 Blarney Stone Dr. - Valparaiso, IN 46385 gnotaro@mail.com 219-406-5925

NAME:	
PHONE	
E-MAIL:	
CLUB:	
District Other Than North West	

Sandwich Choice – Circle One	Turkey	Ham	Veggie
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CREDENTIALS/CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

National Officer	State President	State Scholarship Patron	Member.
National Chairman	State Past President	Gold Star Member	Guest
National Life Member	State Officer	District Officer	
Regional Chairman	State Chairman	District Chairman	
Regional Life Member	State Life Member	Club President	

State Officer or Chairman offering oral report or greeting:

We appreciate your attendance and support of the North West District of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Remember both members and guests are welcome. Please consider car-pooling See You October 24th at the SPA