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Madame Vice President:

The Garden Club of Indiana 's Central District has been very active the past few months. I am pleased to report on the garden clubs of Central District. Our Central District meeting was on October 31, 2023 at Allisonville Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN. It was attended by 62 garden club members representing the eleven garden clubs in Central District. State President Jayne Kesler spoke to the attendees, encouraging the clubs to utilize the resources found on the Garden Club of Indiana's website and members to work with young children and instill in them the love of gardening. Jayne also talked about her project of 'Plant Trees for Hope' and having our clubs get involved with non-profits to achieve their goals. Laura Kearby, Civic Chairman, also attended the meeting, reminding every one of the 2024 State Convention at Turkey Run State Park on April 16-17, 2024. She was pleased to report there will be a Flower Show at the Convention.

The date of the Central District Blue Star By-Way Marker Dedication at Holliday Park has been changed to sometime in the summer 2024. The date will be determined in early 2024.

Now about the Garden Clubs in Central District.

**Arbutus Garden Club**- last month I installed the new board members of Arbutus. It was a lovely ceremony and really was the first time for many of the members to be present at a New Officer installation. They just had their annual Christmas party at Bridgewater in Carmel.

**Broad Ripple Garden Club** took three new members in the last couple of months. They toured Republic Recycling facility, and enjoyed a tour of the facility. Also, they had a retired Science teacher give a presentation on Trees. Colette Kosiba spoke to the club on 'Spiders, They are Our Friends' in November and on December 1, they had their Holiday party at Crooked Stick Golf Club.

**Fall Creek Garden Club.** I was happy to attend their November, 2023 meeting at Holliday Park. The speaker, Ellen Jacquart, from the DNR, talked about Pesticide Use in the Home Garden. I highly recommend her speaking to your club on this interesting and informative subject.

**Friendly Garden Club** has invited me to their Christmas luncheon next week. They had a speaker talk about Fall Colors in October and also held their Make, Bake, Sew and Grow Fundraiser last month. In January they will visit Sullivan Hardware and Garden to hear a lecture on 'Hydrangeas: Which one should I choose?'

**Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club.**

**Green Thumb Garden Club** celebrated President Ruth Hartley's 100th Birthday in September with a lovely luncheon and party. In October, they made pressed flowers cards, in November Joyce Burlington lead a workshop on a Greenery Arrangement. December will be their Christmas Pitch-In Luncheon.

**Hillcrest Garden Club.** I was pleased to visit Hillcrest Garden Club in September when Alan Thompson of McNamara's Florists held a workshop on Fall arrangements. In November one of their members spoke on Brookgreen Gardens in Myrtle Beach, FL. In December they have their holiday Luncheon at Hillcrest Country Club.

**Irvington Garden Club** toured Amy Friendly's lovely garden in September. In October they had a very interesting presentation on Orchids. They will have their Holiday gathering at a member's home in December.

**North Harbor Garden Club** had Hamilton County Master Gardeners speaking on pruning and trimming in the garden at their September meeting. In October, they elected new officers and I am pleased they asked me to do the New Officer Installation next March 2024.

**Sages Garden Club** is a very active club and this fall they had meetings and speakers covering topics such as Thomas Swinford from the Nature Conservancy talking about Indiana's State Dedicated Nature Preserves. They also had speakers talk about Bats and You: Coexisting with Nature and in November a speaker from Indianapolis Orchid Society gave a presentation on Orchids.

**Shamrock Garden Club** visited White Pine Wilderness Academy in October and had a tour of the woods and fields at the Academy. In November they did a Christmas Tree Project for the Ironwood Garden at Westminster. In December they hold their Shamrock Shindig Christmas Pitch-in.