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Mister Vice-President:

The 2027 TGCI State Convention committee has met 2 times since the June Board Meeting and we have secured speakers and vendors, created a budget and a tentative 3 day schedule, and are working on securing a block of hotel rooms. We will get you the information for reserving rooms with the code in the next month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8.

All North Central clubs have had a busy 3 months.

All 7 clubs have taken advantage of summer weather to enjoy field trips:

- 4 Winds traveled to Meijer Gardens for the Chihuly exhibit.
- Peru enjoyed the DeFries Calendar Garden and Wellfield Botanic Gardens.
- Syracuse-Wawasee took tea at Ruthmere and then visited Wellfield.
- Iris-Elm visited a u-pick flower farm.
- Terra Verde enjoyed a wholesale flower farm as well as visiting a local county park to learn about its programs and take a stroll.
- Monticello went to their local library and visited their makers room.
- Michiana traveled to a lavender farm, the Quilt Gardens in Elkhart County, and the Indiana Dunes.

Some clubs got crafty:

- 4 Winds made herbal vinegars.
- Syracuse-Wawasee made birdseed wreaths.

Some stayed inside in the air conditioning and heard speakers:

- Iris-Elm learned about canning in-season vegetables.
- 4 Winds found out about creating a winter landscape.
- Peru heard about how to incorporate native plants in the landscape as well as learning about chocolate.

Summer demands picnics:

- Terra Verde, Monticello and Syracuse-Wawasee all enjoyed pitch-ins.

Summer also brings the responsibility of organizing the annual fall meetings:

- Iris-Elm worked on hosting the District's Annual Meeting at Tippecanoe River State Park.

Bring on the cooler weather of fall!

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