

GARDEN CLUB Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We hope this finds everyone well after enjoying the holidays with families and friends. We are looking forward to upcoming meetings, events, and even SPRING on the horizon.

The mini Holly Berry Brunch, held on December 4, 2021, while on a much smaller scale than previous years, was nevertheless a success - raising \$2,565. Thanks to the enthusiastic work of the HBB Committee members, who arranged for 33 raffle prizes, silent auction items, and a delicious buffet lunch. A special thanks to all who attended to make it an enjoyable event.

The holiday spirit filled the room as Holly Berry guests arrived. Park Place was beautifully decorated with wreaths, roping, and trees, providing backdrops for lots of photographs. Otto Baumgart came in to be the official photographer. Mary Bugeia sourced lush red poinsettias for table centerpieces. An envelope on each table allowed guests to place \$1 and a slip of paper with their name inside. Names were later drawn, and winners awarded the poinsettias.



The baskets and silent auction items were beautifully arranged and wrapped by Cynthia Casillas and her crew of elves - Sharon Snider, Jo West and Carol Chrzastek. The mix of donated items generated a great deal of interest and jars quickly filled with raffle tickets. The winner of the 50-50 raffle donated a portion of her winnings to the wait staff who worked hard and helped make the event a success.



In attendance at the Holly Berry was scholarship recipient Daniel Arini. Daniel, a student at UM-Dearborn studying Environmental Science, thanked the Garden Club for receiving the beneficial financial assistance. Also in attendance were Dr. Claudia Walters, Director of Environmental Interpretive Center and Eva Gogola, Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services at UM-Dearborn. Eva spoke briefly thanking the Club for its continued support.



Plans for the annual Valentine Tea are moving forward. We will treat ourselves to a Happy VALENTINE Day luncheon. We will move our **February meeting to Park Place, 23400 Park Street, Dearborn on Monday, February 14 at 12:00 noon**. Tickets will be \$15 each. Please send your checks made out to Garden Club of Dearborn and mail to Laurine Griffin at 22750 Alexandrine, Dearborn 48124. [In order to get a headcount, please let Laurine \[griffinretired@yahoo.com / 313-274-8930\] know by February 7th if you plan to attend the Valentine luncheon.](mailto:griffinretired@yahoo.com) Our speaker will be Jonathan Furman,



Jonathan will present table-settings from his extensive personal collections. He will describe the various patterns and provide some information on glass. Covid safety protocol will be adhered to during the event. We are looking forward to a fun activity in the middle of winter.

January Birthdays



Keith Bankwitz
Sandy Butler
Margaret Engstrom
Meredith Scharf
John Spencer

Sandy Bruce
Mary Dietrich
Marietta Lynch
Rose Wiggle





