

**The Mercy St. Francis Garden Club
Mercy Community at Winton Woods
Newsletter for November, 2016**

The Purpose of the Garden Club

To work with management to help preserve and maintain our
historical building and surrounding campus.

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room at 2 PM. We plan programs and submit a written report to management for consultation and/or approval. All members and residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Steering Committee

Bro. Dominic Lococo #101 (Chaplain) Richard Eisele #105 (President)
Norman Noe #300 (Vice President) Glyn Halsey #210 (Treasurer) Carol Singleton #201 (Secretary)

Hello There!!!!

They say that "Time Fly's When You Are Having Fun". Well, it is already November and we haven't had a news letter for some time and we've been having lots of fun. Members of the Garden Club have been busy seeing to the grounds, painting, cooking, and a lot of things in general. In this letter, we hope to reach any new resident to the Winton Woods and the Stone Bridge Community to explain what we are about and what we do. We hope you will read this newsletter and become a part of the Garden Club and assist us either by volunteering your time for an activity or supporting us in the many charitable things that we do for others.

Steering Committee

Please come out to one of our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock in the Multi-Purpose Room to meet the committee and the others that meet with us to plan the work and the various activities that we sponsor. We are ordinary residents the same as anyone else that lives in the Mercy Community at Winton Woods. We are not all gardeners (in fact some of us are not able to get down and crawl around anymore) however, we do believe that we have a beautiful campus and want it to remain so.

Due to the resignation of Jinnie Hollmann, Glyn Halsey has agreed to accept the duties of Treasurer. Any monies in the form of donations, dues, or raffles should be given to Glyn. She is located in Apartment #210 and her phone number is on the resident directory.

Dues of \$2.00 are payable at the first of each year. And here again, \$2.00 is a small sum to pay to be a part of the good things that we accomplish.

Any money in the treasury is used towards new plants, potting soil, fertilizer, bird seed, replacement parts for the garden club machinery and a whole list of items that are necessary for the upkeep of a campus of this size.

More News and Information

Don't stop reading yet! On the back side of this sheet is news of our upcoming current events, as well as, on going activities.

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Garden Club Activities

Current Activities

Christmas Shoe Boxes

You are probably not getting this letter until after this activity, but each year in early November, we fill shoe boxes with items for children that will be shipped to Samaritan's Purse (connected with the ministries of Billy Graham), as well as shoe boxes that will go to the children in Appalachia. We try to fill at least 100 or more and divide them among the two recipients.

Cliff Niehaus and his wife take a portion of these boxes to Appalachia at their own time and expense and insure that the boxes go to the right people. Through the year, we buy small items at the stores that only charge \$1.00 per item so that we can get more for our money.

Some of you have been generous and helped with money donations for us to purchase these items. These gifts of love may be the only ones that the children get. Next year we will start collecting items in September.

Dinners - Thanksgiving and Easter

Thanksgiving - This dinner is held on the third Thursday of November. The food and preparation is done by volunteers. The menu is turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, glazed carrots, cranberry sauce, hot roll with butter, drinks, and dessert. We try to keep the cost to \$6.00 per person which helps the treasury for any cost for turkeys, etc. We have some excellent cooks in the building and this is a meal that you don't want to miss. We have split the pot, raffle puzzles, raffle a tree and give away 12 table decorations this year. So as you can see, we try to make it a fun event.

Easter - This dinner is held during Lent and before Good Friday. The time will vary according to the date of Lent. You will get a flyer with your monthly activities about it. The menu will change with Ham as the entrée and some changes in the vegetables. Once again, the cost is \$6.00 and we will follow the same fun things that we do for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Lights

A large quantity of outside lights have been purchased to light up the Christmas season and to bring notice to our beautiful sacred building. It takes some planning, as there are not a lot of outside connections. Many lights and extension cords will be needed. This is still in the planning stage.

Tree Program

As some of the trees reach old age and have to be replaced, sometime ago, we adopted a program for tree replacement. This is an important part of keeping our campus beautiful. More about this in the next edition and our other activities.

See you at the Garden Club meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 2 PM in the multi-purpose room.