



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message



I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. As I was trying to think about this article, I decided to try to summarize our year. WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

We really started off with a bang and had two regular meetings. It looked like we would have a great year and planning was under way for our plant sale, garden walk, and flower show and bulb sale. Boy were we surprised when Covid-19 arrived and we got the order to "Stay Home" and we could no longer meet.

As it turned out, our board had to make some very difficult decisions but they were able to consider all aspects that would affect our members and made those decisions. I thank them so much for being such a great help to me on my first year as President.

However, we did have some fun in June, July, August, September and October when we were able to meet at the Depot Pavilion for outdoor meetings. They were somewhat different, (especially October, Brrr) but we had a wonderful turn out with everyone wearing masks, bringing their own chairs, and safe distancing. We were even able to have some wonderful programs. Thank you to Marge and her team for talking about the hospital garden. They were able to change up their power point presentation into a manual look.

We also were able to enjoy the presentation of awards for Woodsy Owl and Smoky the Bear. Ruth Augustine and her wonderful team really pulled off a miracle by getting everyone together and also getting all the awards made (some overnight). I really enjoyed seeing all the kids and their parents as they received their awards,

We were able to do a little housekeeping by approving our budget and electing officers for 2021. We even honored Dorothy Sandoval and Joanne Hawkins with being selected for Life Membership. Boy were they shocked! Even though we were not able to meet every month our members kept in touch with each other. We even welcomed a new baby into our midst and we also sadly lost a member.

As I was doing some rearranging I came across a memo I have saved for years. It was written by a 90 year old woman about the lessons that life has taught her. I will not list all 45, but wanted to share a few with you.

- ◆ Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- ◆ Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- ◆ When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- ◆ Take a deep breath, it calms the mind.
- ◆ Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age.

- ◆ Frame every so called disaster with these words "in five years, will this matter?"
- ◆ Believe in miracles.
- ◆ Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- ◆ The best is yet to come.
- ◆ Friends are the family we choose for ourselves.

So my dear friends and "family", I wish you all good health and hope we can all get together again in 2021.

Martha

Meetings for January and February are cancelled due to COVID.

March Meeting TBD



February Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the February issue of the CAGC newsletter is January 25th.

Send your information and articles to:
bnds@att.net

A Time to be Born



In Celebration - A baby girl arrived on Friday, Nov 6th at 10:12 a.m. to Monica DeYoung and her family. Keturah Mae weighed 9lbs 1 oz. Delivery went very well.

A Time to Die



In Memoriam -Sarah Sievertson. Sarah had recently moved to Alma, MI. Sarah died on Friday November 6, 2020.

Sarah has been a member of the CAGC since 1993 and in 2002 she was awarded a Life membership. She was always a great participant in the Club.

In Memoriam - Joan Witting. Our dear friend and former member died at her home on November 23rd.

Joan was a member of CAGC from 2004 to 2016. Her children, Pam Witting and Dean Witting, had been caring for her. Joan and her husband, Paul, moved to The Villages a few years ago. Paul died in 2018. Joan will be missed because she was the friend we all want to have. Cards may be sent to Pam Witting, 1603 Golden Ridge Dr., The Villages FL 32162

In Memoriam -Bonnie Lenhart (Chris Helstroms mother-in-law and past CAGC member) passed away about a week ago.

In Memoriam -Kris Jones husband passed away recently.

Donations



Rhea and Mike Dow for the Depot Garden.

Susan Wilson made a donation to the Memorial Garden in memory of Sarah Sievertson.

The Garden Club made a donation to the Memorial Garden in memory of Sarah Sievertson.

Emily Newton of Charlotte, MI sent a donation to the garden club in memory of Sarah Sievertson.

Joan and Paul Nowak, and Audrey and Clint Etienne each made a donation in memory of Joan Witting.

Denise & Gary Fate, a general donation to support CAGC.

Lynn and Jonathan Friendly, honoring Joan Nowak.

Pine Point Owner's Association, in memory of Sarabelle Sievertson.

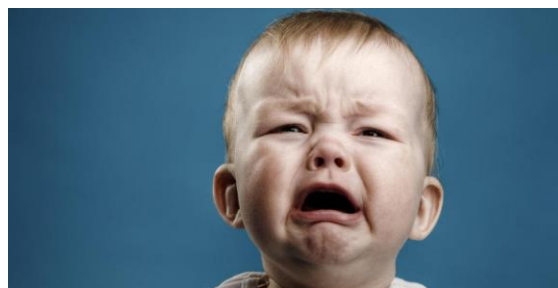
Carrie, owner of Petals Floral for her generosity in contributing our wreath that we installed at the Blue Star Memorial on Veterans Day.

Blues Star Memorial



Martha Rohr, Karen Joy, Co-President CEGC, Mary Lynn Heid, Lani Ochs, Co-President CEGC, Carolyn Navarre, Ingrid Nedwick, Diane McMahon

Good bye 2020



Hello 2021



CONSERVATION



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." -Anne Frank

A whole new year of opportunities to converse, to care for our world opens before us with our New Year 2021.

One important improvement we can make is to keep our cats inside and influence others to do the same. According to the Michigan Audubon Society's Winter 2020 Jack Pine Warbler Magazine, "Cat predation of birds is the most impactful human-caused direct threat to birds in Northern America. Free-ranging domestic cats kill an estimated 2.4 billion birds and 12.3 billion mammals each year in North America. Nearly one-third of all birds have been lost since 1970.

In addition, domestic cats are the number one carrier of rabies. Cats are the only known reproductive host for the *Toxoplasma gondi* parasite causing Toxoplasmosis. The parasite eggs are excreted in cat feces and humans can be exposed through inhalation or ingestion-like children playing in parks or your backyard, garden, and sandboxes. The disease can cause miscarriages, blindness, birth defects, developmental problems, memory loss or death, and can also be transmitted to wildlife.

Even well-fed free-roaming cats continue to follow their instincts and prey upon wildlife and birds, even with a full belly.

And cats can happily exist indoors. With plenty of indoor enrichment opportunities, your cat can live a full, satisfying life with no need to go outdoors if you provide cat structures such as cat condo trees, puzzles to get treats, and a variety of toys. Even wall shelves at various heights will work.

If you feel your cat wants to go outdoors, remember that leashes are not just for dogs. Cats can learn to wear a harness and enjoy a walk on a leash and you both can exercise.

In the end, keeping cats inside is a positive solution for all-for cats (their welfare and safety), for birds, and for you and me (public health, our peace of mind). Will you make a change at home and encourage your friends, family and community to protect not only birds but also cats?

Other risks for cats outside include:

- insecticides, rodenticides, fertilizers
- exposure to viral infections like feline leukemia virus (FELV), feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) as well as rabies
- internal parasites like roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, heartworms, tapeworms
- car injuries-death
- wounds from cat flights leading to infections, abscesses, medications
- predators like coyotes, foxes, large birds of prey

submitted by Carrie Minch
Information from Jack Pine Warbler, Winter 202



DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

From Janet Hickman

- Attached is my working document for the Monday Morning Member Meetings for January and February.

2021 Monday Morning Member Meeting
Planning Schedule Zoom Meeting ID: 912-729-4983 Passcode: mgcmeets. Go to website and sign in at 10:00 a.m.

January 4,	Charley Bohland - MGC Website
January 11, 2021	Judy Lindemulder - Blue and Gold Star Memorials
January 18, 2021	Lynn O'Shaughnessy - Photography Tips 7: Perspective; 8: The Background; Photography in the Winter
January 25, 2021	Rose Houk - Why Your Club Should Be A 501c3 Organization
February 1, 2021	Laura Grainger - Technology Year In Review
February 8, 2021	
February 15, 2021	Lynn O'Shaughnessy -- Photography Tips 9: Grooming Your Subject; 10: Light vs Dark; Taking Houseplant Photos
February 22, 2021	Carol Brodbeck - Seeds Up Close

- We'll have another "All Together Now" meeting. Mark your calendars for March 18th. For Club Presidents
- Our all Virtual State Conference will be held on June 1, 2, and 3. We are planning something that will include all the things we love about our conferences: Amazing speakers; fun; opportunities to socialize with our friends; and yes... shopping opportunities, too!
- Included in the conference, will be our Annual Meeting, where we will elect our new officers. I'll need your assistance preparing for that, to designate your club's delegates for voting purposes. More on that later.

I hope this email finds you and your families safe and healthy as we find ourselves at the end of one of the most difficult years any of us can remember. Through all the issues everyone has had to deal with this year, you all have continued to do your best to bring your club members together and by providing purpose in keeping all your community projects going this year, you have helped to brighten the days of your club members and your communities. I am so honored to be part of this amazing group of people.

As we approach the Winter Solstice, may the New Year bring us all good health, peace, joy in the world and people around us, and may our gardens remind us of the beauty, resilience and strength that lies within us all.

Thank you for the hard work you do for your clubs and your communities! Janet



NEWS 4 CAGC

District V has nominated Dorothy Sandoval for the District Director. She has accepted the nomination and elections will be held in June to confirm her position. She will serve for 2 years.

