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MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - February 9, 2012

The Club met at the Valentine-decorated home of Linda Millette. Since Linda's Birthday is February 13, she decided to make the get-together her Birthday Party. In addition to a fabulously decorated home, Linda gave Valentine-wrapped gifts to each member. Delicious Valentine-inspired refreshments were served.

Two ladies from _____ were introduced to the Club and told us about a house in Clinton, MD which will be a home for needy Mothers and their children. There is also acreage. Much renovation has been done to the house but now there are areas that need to be Landscaped. They were asking for help from the Club. Some questions were asked, the ladies were thanked and told that we would be in contact with them. Discussion will be under "New Business".

PROGRAM - Gilda Allen introduced Matt Robinson from the District Department of the Environment who gave us an interesting program on the Chesapeake Bay. In 1980 Sen. Mac Mathias founded the Federal Clean Water Act. Since that time, progress has been made on cleaning up the Bay but there is still a long way to go.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 16 Members present.

Each Member was asked to bring a Valentine arrangement made up of natural materials. Winners were: Joyce Meyer, Marian Moreland, Pam Smart and Mary Beth Williams. Julie had each winner explain the materials used. Gifts were presented to the Winners.

MINUTES - Due to the absence of the Recording Secretary, no Minutes were read from the January 2012 Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Carol Ober was not present, but Julie reported \$637.00 in the Treasury.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - No report since Marsha Kirchoff was absent.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Mary Beth Cecil had no report.

CONSERVATION - Diana Morse talked about Plants and Wetlands and told us the difference between a Marsh and a

Swamp. She noted that the Patuxent is a Fresh-Water Marsh.

DESIGN - Linda Millette read to us about the Elements of Design i.e., ~~Space, Line, Form (shape and size, Texture, Pattern, and Color.~~ She also gave handouts to each member.

HORTICULTURE - Elaine Arnold asked us again to remember to plant Native Plants, decrease lawn space, plant to attract birds, also to invite insects since there are good as well as bad insects. Elaine also gave us two (2) handouts.

PUBLICITY - Marian Moreland had no report.

SUNSHINE - Arminta sent Birthday cards to Ann Williams 1/24 and Iona Black 1/28. Also a Get-Well Card on 2/06 to Esther Neckere who had been hospitalized.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia had no report.

TELEPHONE - Pat Hall had no report.

WAYS & MEANS - No Report in the absence of Lena O'Quinn. Julie asked us to remember the Plant Sale on May 5th.

OLD BUSINESS - DISTRICT I MEETING is the first Saturday in March at Behnke's ^{Nichols} ~~Clubhouse~~. There will be two (2) Seminars - one at 11AM and one at Noon. Shirley Nicolai will have a "PRESIDENT'S COFFEE" on Saturday, June 16th.

NEW BUSINESS - Julie said this will ^{be} ~~the~~ our GARDEN CLUB'S 35th. YEAR and asked if we wanted to commemorate it this year or wait until 2017 for the 40th. Anniversary. After a discussion, it was decided to wait 'til the 40th. Julie asked if we wanted to continue the CHILDREN'S GARDEN at Concordia Lutheran Church for another year. It was agreed that it was a very worthwhile project; several members worked diligently, especially Gilda but more members need to participate. Decision was to keep it going for the coming year. In reference to the CLINTON, MD HOUSE - it is a major project and before we commit, we need to meet with the Director first to determine what we could do. Gilda said there is also funding available for this kind of project. Joyce volunteered to design an entrance garden and could get help to do the heavy work. Gilda also suggested using military men to do the work. She will find out their needs and will make a make an appointment to see

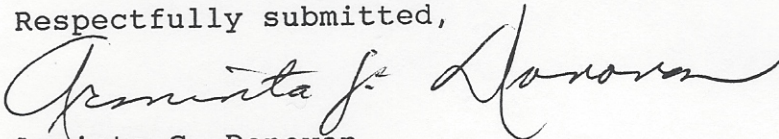
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the house and land. Julie had made a lovely FLOWER ARRANGEMENT as an example of what we will be making at our March Meeting. The Meeting will be a "Floral Design Workshop" and each member is to bring a shallow dish, a "pin" and greenery. Club will provide flowers.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

A Fifty-Fifty was held.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Armintha G. Donovan". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Armintha G. Donovan
Acting Recording Secretary