

President Betty Abercrombie called the March 1997 meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers to order at the home of Jimmy Nell Finley, Recording Secretary, May Kemp, read the minutes from the January meeting which were approved as read. Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Finley read thank you notes from Marie White, Peggy Martin, and Julie Harrison. She also read thank notes from the Scholarship and World Gardening chairmen of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs thanking us for our \$50. donation to each fund. Jimmy Nell expressed her appreciation to Betty Abercrombie for substituting as Sunshine Chairman during Jimmy Nell's recent illness. Treasurer, Anne Williams spoke about a possible change of checking accounts due to a recent \$8.00 charge with our present bank. She announced that our annual dues of \$20.00 was due. Our balance on hand is now \$539.54.

The following Committee reports were given. Betty reported that Historian Marie White is seriously ill. Vice President and program chairman, Peggy Martin, reported that our April program will be Madge Overly who will present a program on Moribana flower designs. The meeting will be held at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. May Kemp represented Marie White at the District I Federation meeting. She accepted the following awards for the Mt. Airy Claybreakers: Outstanding Yearbook, Certificate of Merit, and Citations for Garden Club Achievement, Garden Maintenance, and Community project. Peggy Martin conducted the Installation Ceremony for the new District I officers. It was also announced that the State Federation Installation Luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at the Sheraton Premier at Tyson's Corner. A District I NCAFGC Paddleboat Cruise and Virginia Plantations tour will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 1997. Horticulture Chairman, Marian Moreland gave a report on the Mayapple. She also expanded on the definitions of spices and herbs that had been discussed at the last meeting. Photographer, Liz Saniga, handed over pictures taken at the last three meetings. Hospitality Chairman, Dotty Garrison will arrange a Claybreakers 20TH Anniversary luncheon for Saturday, April 19th, at 1:00 PM at the Spring Inn in Davidsonville on Central Avenue. Dotty Garrison has also taken over the Design Committee from Marie White and encouraged everyone to participate in entries for the design and horticulture categories for the Flower Show in April. The overall theme will be "Rhapsody of Spring" and there will be six classes to enter. Dotty read an article of suggestions to use when creating flower designs. Peggy Martin discussed the possibility of a special award to honor Marie White for her many years of service to the Claybreakers. Peggy Martin made a motion, seconded by Julie Harrison to "establish an annual award beginning in 1997 consisting of a silver tray or bowl engraved with the name of the member who had won the most blue ribbons at Flower Shows during that year." Ways and Means Chairman, Peggy Martin announced that the pressed flower notecards and pin needle Kenzans were in. More can be ordered of the latter.

Under unfinished business there were announcements of the Georgetown Flower Show and Landscape Design class. Under New business, Betty reported about a request from the Federation to provide food for the March 25th Federation meeting. After discussion, the Club felt that our Club was too small and could not honor this request. Betty offered dried plant material received from a friend to the members to be used in flower designs. A discussion was held about Marie White's status as a Club member. It was decided to continue with the present status. A motion to adjourn the meeting was

made by Julie Harrrison and seconded by Margaret Hicks. The 50/50 raffle was won by Marilyn Berkut. Following the business meeting, Joyce Meyer, presented a slide show on Landscape design.