

JANUARY 2013



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year everyone! The Garden Club wrapped up the year 2012 with a fabulous holiday dinner party chaired by **Pansy & Rich Waller**, who bravely stepped up to the challenge and did a marvelous job, and thanks to **Katie & John Balestreri** for generously pitching in to help with the project, as they so often do. I would also like to thank all the 22 volunteers who showed up in spite of the pouring rain the day before to decorate the tree, and to transform the clubhouse into a fabulous festive holiday setting. Later, to defray the cost of decorations, we put the table centerpieces (artfully arranged by **Eva Monroe**) for sale and all were taken!

Guests arriving were warmly greeted with free flowing manhattans and martinis, then treated with a delicious dinner presented by Knight's Catering. We danced it off to the music provided by **Candace Forest** at the piano and **Dan Feiszli** at the double bass. **Walter Farrell**, our talented resident crooner, serenaded us with his favorite Christmas carols and he also led us in a merry sing-along. In all, it was a Season to Be Jolly!

Thanks to the Association, we always have a Christmas tree in front of the clubhouse every year. But this year, the tree was particularly sparkle and bright, and twinkled with lights! The lights were professionally hung and this was a personal gift from **Diane Wara** to the Forest Hill community. Thank you, Diane!

Wishing you all the very best in 2013!

--Yen Bachmeier

Events

Monday, January 7 - Board Meeting

10:00 AM Coffee Time - Hosted by **Dottie McHugh** at the clubhouse
10:30 PM Meeting - Board and Standing Committee Chairs

Monday, January 21 - General Meeting and Games Day

01:00 PM Social
01:30 PM General Meeting
02:00 PM Games Day. Refreshments to follow.
This event is organized by Helen Scholten for Darlene Hartman
RSVP: **Helen Scholten** @ 566-0980

NOTES:

Upcoming Events:

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| ❖ 02/18 | Ikebana Presentation | ❖ 03/18 | Create a Garden Room |
| ❖ 03/10 | Lunar New Year Celebration | ❖ 04/15 | Garden Tour |
| ❖ 03/15 | Spring Party - Flower Power | ❖ 04/20 | Spring Community Service |

Games Day:

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and leisure. Reserve your card tables for bridge, scrabble, monopoly, checkers, domino or a puzzle, whatever your favorites. Spouses and guests are also welcome to make a group.

New Members:

If you have new neighbors or a long-time neighbor who you think might like to join, please let our Membership Chair Katie Balestreri (kkbal@att.net or 665-5140) know and she will send a note to ask them to join.

Sad News:

The Garden Club members send our deepest condolences to Louise Bacigalupi, whose husband Edmund, passed away on December 21st. Our hearts go out to Louise and her family.