

Barrington Council of Garden Clubs  
November 18, 1975

In attendance; Hazel Jackson, Fran Klein, Maxine Cook, Carol McClintock, Maxine Borah, Vivian Witz, and Mary Galvin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Each garden club will be assessed one dollar per member, with the exception of the new clubs, assess them \$10.00 (per club) because of limited treasuries. Sam Oliver will co-chairman with the fourth grade mothers in Country Home and Garden Club.

The library schedule was revised, and will be copied for all clubs.

The historical Society has requested flower arrangements from the clubs, May to Sept. of 1976. Hostesses are also needed, Sunday 2-4 O'clock. There is a brief training period.

The official names of the new garden clubs:  
Prairie State--Fourth Monday meeting in homes.  
Village Planters--fourth Tuesday in homes.  
Green Thumb--third Monday at Park..

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$8.41 in checking, \$600.00 in savings. Fifty dollars was paid to Mr. Smith when he broke his disk doing volunteer work on the Kuffel triangle.

It is felt that Mr. Ness has been supplying Arbor day trees as a favor, and because shipping is difficult, Sam will check with Klehm nurseries for the additional trees needed. A thank-you letter will be sent Mr. Ness thanking him for his past services.

Sam Oliver( bi-centennial committee) reported plaqued houses will be left alone, they do not want anything in, on, or around them. The first week-end has been chosen, after Memorial Day, for Barrington in Bloom.

In November, 300 bulbs were planted, red, white, and blue. Also, two flowering crabs. Streets are now being torn up and the specified areas will be ready to be planted in the spring. A clean up time will be necessary, starting in the business area and carried thru into the residential area.

The high school needs hanging plants for north light, no ferns, sturdy plants.

Penny Horne on Kuffel Triangle--Roy Crumrine had the derbis removed and property neated up. Steve Smith disked and smoothed the soil, and broke 3 disks, was reimbursed by council. Roy Crumrine and help, planted red clover, chipped bark from Commonwealth Edison, George Kay the landscape plan, Littel Garden Club the fertilizer, and Fire Dept. Watered. State of Ill. replaced the trees they cut off, and Mr. Kay will replace dead treed in spring. Home and Garden club planted Bishops Weed. Mrs. Kay will be consulted as to the placement of the Split Rail Fence which Mr. Crumrine will let us have.

Penny Horne, Sam Oliver, and Hazel Jackson will draft a letter to the village, stating that we fell a professional man(forester) is needed on the village payroll to supervise and maintain the village plantings. This will be sent before the needs are determined for new budget. Roy Crumrine has 4 men full time, and some men part time.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Borah

THE COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS.

The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs was formed under the leadership of Mrs. Willson (Mildred) McAllister, at the time the President of the Country Home and Garden Club of Barrington, in 1958.

The purpose of this organization is to serve as a co-ordinating body to aid inter-club co-operation. Each garden club in the Barrington area is eligible for membership. Two representatives, the president and one other, from each club form the membership of the Council. Five meetings a year, or more if necessary, are held, in the Field House. The main committees consist of Ruth and Robert Work Park; Beautification; Conservation and Arbor Day.

In 1958~~9~~ the Council sought permission to landscape the 33 acres at the intersection of Northwest Tollway and Barrington Road; the first trees were planted in October, 1959. In 1962 the Illinois Tollway Commission granted Barrington Garden Clubs permission to name the 33 acres at said intersection, the Ruth and Robert Work Park, in honor of Barrington's outstanding conservation and civic citizens for over fifty years. This area, the R & R Work Park has been a continuing project of heartache and pride to the Council ever since. Progress, in the form of development, takes it's toll.

Other projects undertaken by the Council at the direction of the

member garden clubs include beautification of various areas within the village, such as the triangle at the intersection of routes 59 and 63; the Hillside area; an annual Arbor Day observance at which time every Fourth Grader in the Barrington School system is given a tree to plant in his own yard; and monthly <sup>flower</sup> decorations donated to the Public Library for the edification and pleasure of the general public.

Twice within the last twelve years, the Council and it's member Garden Clubs have served as hostesses to the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of Illinois. In 1963, the gathering was held at the home of Mrs. William Holmes, a member of Country Home and Garden Club: in 1973, a second and most pleasant meeting was held at the Barn of Barrington. Over <sup>from all over the stae</sup> 200 women attended, enjoyed the fellowship and food and were greatly entertained by a lecture given by Mr. Stuart Struever concerning the "dig" in Southern Illinois.

Officers of the Council for the years, 1975 & 76 are Mrs. Charles Jackson, President, Mrs. Alfred Borah, Secretary, Mrs. Louis Klein, Treasurer. As these are the bicentennial years of the United States<sup>8</sup> birth, the main thrust of the Coucil's efforts are to co-operate with village officials in achieving the Barrington Beautiful Ideal which would be proper  $\times$  celebration of our Nation's 200th birthday.

Hazel Jackson, President.