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Annual College Scholarship

Once again, it's time for any graduating high school seniors in Florida Gardens who may be interested in applying for the annual Florida Gardens college scholarship to start working on their application. Each year the Civic Association is proud to award one or two scholarships to college bound students from the Gardens who meet the qualifications, in recognition of their efforts and accomplishments.



In order to apply, the student must be a bona fide resident of Florida Gardens, graduating from high school in 2017 and entering college in the fall. There are a few other requirements prior to applying, which include family membership in the F.G. Civic Association for the current and previous year (member's contributions fund the scholarships), completion of 20 hours of community service to Florida Gardens, and submitting an application with supporting documents.



The absolute deadline to submit applications is April 15, 2017. We hope to hear from you, so if you're interested in applying, please contact our Scholarship Chairman, Ed Ridiolph, at 967-2197, or any officer of the Association.



The annual election of officers for the Florida Gardens Civic Association was held during the regular meeting at the Civic Center on December 8, and for the first time in some years we will have several new faces on the Board.

Our long time hard working President, Sue Guthrie, who has served the Association in that position for 10 years, was re-elected and will continue to serve as President during the 2017 year.

Vice President Ed Ridiolph, our longest serving member, has retired after more than 30 years on the Board of Directors. At various times Ed served as Vice President and President of the Association, as well as in a variety of other positions over the years. Spencer Palmer will now step up to take over the duties of Vice President for 2017 as Ed takes a well deserved break.

Kim Kahant, who has been our Secretary over the past few years, will have new responsibilities as she moves from Secretary to Treasurer of the Association. Our former long time Treasurer, Randy Humphrey, recently sold his home and moved out of the Gardens, and Kim volunteered to take over this important position.

And finally, Sandra Dale will succeed Kim as the next Secretary of the Association. Sandra will be keeping track of the minutes of the meetings as well as handling other necessary correspondence, and she will be assisted by Angie Bermudez.

We want to wish each of our officers much success in 2017 as they take on their responsibilities, and we look forward to working with them in the coming months.

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Contact:

Sue Guthrie

President

(561) 439-2050



From The President:

March 17 is St. Patrick's day and there is a Pot Luck Dinner planned for that evening at 6:30, so bring a covered dish and spend the evening with your neighbors. Any questions please call Sandra Dale at 432-8951 or Kim Kahant at 967-4940.

Easter is in April this year, so mark your calendar as this is the last newsletter before the Easter Party for the Children. It will be on April 8, from 10:30 to 12:00 and set up will be April 7 at 6:30 P.M. If you would like to help with the set up, please call Marian French at 434-4362, Angela Bermudez at 649-5651 or Sandra Dale at 432-8951.

We are working on getting the Citizens On Patrol program started. If you are interested in helping Dave Finkle, who has volunteered to be our leader in this, please come to the meeting on March 9, and offer Dave your support. This is what everyone has been wanting and we need your help to get it going.

Thanks again to all of you for being so diligent in sending in your dues. We do appreciate it, and it does allow us to do things for the neighborhood, that otherwise we could not do. Also thanks for the compliments on the clubhouse we get from you when you send in your dues. We could not make the improvements we have made without you.

This year we are working on getting High Impact Windows and Doors at the Clubhouse to protect the Clubhouse as much as possible from Hurricanes and Storms. We also will have the Interior door that leads from the Main Hall to the storage room switched to swing the opposite way with Handicap Hinges so there will be more space to take the racks of chairs into the storage room. This will be a huge improvement.

Our condolences to the family of Roy A. Swanson, who passed away on February 9, 2017. He lived in Florida Gardens for 45 years on Akron Road. Roy served in Viet Nam and was retired from Florida Power and Light. Roy was also involved in the Palm Beach Football League for 30 years. He will be deeply missed by his wife Betty, Daughter Kristin, Son Steve, his Grandchildren and many friends and neighbors.

Our Condolences also to the family of Carol Freer. Her Husband John, Daughter Cherie, Grandchildren and all of her friends and neighbors. Carol lived in Florida Gardens with her husband John, on West Palm Avenue for 28 years. Carol passed away on Monday February 20, 2017. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.



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