**GCA DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON CLUB ACTIVITIES (April 14-July 30th)**

 **Zoom Call - GCA Board Meeting – July 30, 2024**

**Dorma Green - District IV Director**

**5 Clubs in District IV**

**(111 Members) (48 Life Members) (2 Deep South Members) (1 National Member)**

**District IV clubs won a total of 47 Awards at the 2024 GCA State Convention in Opelika.**

**(43 State Awards) (4 Deep South)**

I am so proud to represent the clubs in District IV. They are very committed to improving their communities and sharing their love and knowledge of God’s creation.

Even though most clubs do not meet in the summer months June-August, they are dedicated to maintaining landscapes, doing beautification projects and teaching children about gardening.

1. The Goldenrod club planted vincas in the planter at the old Jasper Memorial Cemetery in May and maintained the planter by pulling weeds, and removing ant beds from the planter.
2. The Greensboro club has been busy maintaining their landscaping projects at the Hale County Court House and Magnolia Grove. The members also had a “High Tea” fund raiser.
3. The Tuscaloosa/Northport club celebrated National Garden Week (June 2-8) by cleaning up their garden at the Historic Northport Train Depot which they planted in 2021 in Knock Out roses, drift roses and daylilies. Several members’ grandchildren participated in the cleanup.

The club president obtained 5 gal buckets, gloves, trash bags and even car litter bags from “Keep Alabama Beautiful” to encourage members to get out in their communities and pick up trash and also to keep their automobiles clean of trash.

1. The Fayette club has an “Adopt a Park Project” in which they adopted the Guthrie Smith Park from the Fayette Master Gardeners (which no longer exists). They cleaned out the beds and now maintain all six flower beds filled with native plants.
2. Fayette planted sun ferns in pots and placed them throughout their town for their town beautification project.
3. They are also placing an emphasis on youth projects such as teaching 4-H Club children about their environment by reading books like **Network with Nature**, doing arts and crafts activities, along with learning how to plant seeds/plants.
4. The Tuscaloosa/Northport and Ceres clubs also work with school children and are planning to start a school youth garden club this fall.
5. Some clubs honored our Veteran’s on Memorial Day by placing flags on veterans’ graves. Tuscaloosa/ Northport cleaned the planters and decorated them with American flags at the Veterans’ Memorial Hospital. They also put a red, white and blue floral wreath with small flags at the Welcome Sign at the corner of Main Ave and McFarland Blvd intersection.
6. The Fayette club is partnering with “Fayette Friends of the Animal Shelter” by providing gift bags for animals being adopted. With donations, they provided food and water bowls, collars, leashes, toys, treats and gift certificates in these gift bags for these adopted pets.
7. Recycling everything possible is always an ongoing activity for all clubs.
8. District IV clubs are working on the recruitment of new members and increasing our life memberships by using our scholarship donations along with member contributions to purchase life memberships for non-life members .

We are very excited to start meeting again in September! District IV clubs are busy planning club, district and state activities that are on the horizon such as Fall District IV meeting in Greensboro, “Jemison House Christmas”, and “Every Light a Prayer for Peace” (which we are hosting the tea at the Governor’s Mansion). These are just a few. We are going to be very busy and are looking forward to making District IV one of the most active Districts in the Garden Club of Alabama!

**Respectfully yours,**

**Dorma Green**

**District IV Director**