



## **TGOA/MGCA 2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Wednesday July 12 through July 14th, Ed and I attended the national convention in Rockford, IL. We attended the Roses You Know and Grow, Honey Bees, Right Plant/Right Place and Ball Seed Company seminars. We had lunch in Calvin Park Boulevard and toured some of the private gardens of the surrounding homes. The evening closed with a National Slide Show Competition.

During the Directors meeting, we received a summary of CLUB'S AVERAGE YEARLY PERFORMANCE FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS. It speaks well for TGOA. We also were informed that the family dues will be increased by \$3.00 to \$23 a year for a family membership. Other dues will stand as they are at present. We have a copy of the national treasurer's report to share.

Ed and I took the Dixon Tour and were delighted to see the dedication of beautification of the streets with thousands of pink petunias in the devil strips, hanging baskets, etc. We visited Ronald Reagan's boyhood home and the Morley home garden. This garden took your breath away.

Saturday, we visited the Anderson Japanese Gardens. The waterfalls, guest house and tea house, koi swimming in the pond were just a small part of peaceful and serene gardens.

The convention ended with the President's Reception and a delightful meal with great fellowship throughout the entire convention. It's great to see members from throughout the USA who love gardening.

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