

TGOA/MGCA NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



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THE 2011 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



The 2011 President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year and hope you have a pleasant year in all your endeavors.

I would like to begin by thanking the "Girls in the Desert" for the super efforts they put forth in hosting the Tucson 2010 Directors Meeting. For those of us who live in more humid climates of this great country, it was an opportunity to experience another form of horticulture.

We also conducted some serious business for the TGOA/MGCA, greeted old colleagues, missed those not attending, and made new friends. And, it was a good adventure dealing

with TSA Agents at the airport with jellies and cacti as we departed Tucson. Thanks again for being such a good host.

As many of you know - I am a strong believer in committee responsibility. The organization is only as good as the chairs and the committee members. Along with Christmas chores - I am working on strengthening some committees and looking into developing a new committee to assist headquarters to function more smoothly. Please think about serving on a committee. I may call you some evening. We need more participation from those good clubs in the northeastern and northwestern sections of the United States.

On another topic - I have talked to several members about producing a TGOA/MGCA cookbook. One of the more serious discussions I have had with various clubs is money. To help solve this matter - the cookbooks would be sold much like we do with calendars. We have already

taken some initial steps to get this project off the ground.

An ad hoc national committee to represent all areas of the country will pilot this project. We will need a few good cooks to energize this publication.

Mr. James Bagwell from South Carolina is the new 3rd Vice-President. He brings to the Executive Committee a wealth of experience and skills that will only strengthen this committee. He will oversee the work of the Audio-Visual, Book Review, Merchandise/Marketing, and Show and Judging committees. Welcome aboard James!

Last month I asked club presidents to call, write, or email me or other executive officers - what can the national level officers or staff do to help your club. I am still waiting - (330) 757-4727.

Have a pleasant day -
Happy Trails

*Hugh G. Earnhart
President TGOA/MGCA*

DEATH OF A PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Albert J. Miller Sr. of Albany, NY passed away December 11, 2010. Albert was the 1988 national president of MGCA. He was a life member of the Men's Garden Club of Albany and TGOA/MGCA. He started a Gardening from the Heart program twenty-five years ago at the Center for Disability Services in Albany.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.newcomeralbany.com.

Thank you for your service to TGOA/MGCA and the community.

SOUTHWEST REGION DIRECTOR

Many of you may already know that Steve Kimball, the southwest region director, passed away this past October.

TGOA/MGCA sends their condolences to his wife, Kathy. He will be missed at the national and the club level.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE DIRECTORY TO KEEP CURRENT ON THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF EACH COMMITTEE

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011 Convention: June 16-18, Overland Park, KS
 "A Bit of Heaven in 2011"
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2011 Board of Directors' meeting: November 4-5, Des Moines, IA
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PHOTOGRAPHY awards- due February 16, 2011
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SCHOLARSHIP awards – due April 1, 2011
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ALL OTHER awards for 2011 were due, December 31, 2010.
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BALLOTS for voting for 2012 TGOA/MGCA officers and any bylaws changes; mailed early March; due May 15, 2011
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DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter	Date
Mar/Apr '11	1 Feb '11
May/June '11	1 Apr '11



FROM YOUR EDITOR

Another new year is here and we are all looking forward to the gardening seasons in our various parts of the country. Let's all do our part in

keeping our clubs a fun and interesting part of TGOA/MGCA and our lives. Please take time to review the following article submitted by one our national past presidents.

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NO NEED TO LOSE A CLUB

At the risk of hitting a negative note, I'd like to talk a little about how clubs can be saved who are voting to disaffiliate.

When a club votes on disaffiliation, there are usually two sides to the stories preceding the vote. Almost always there are at least a few members who would like to remain affiliated. It only takes TEN members to keep a charter, keep the treasury, and continue as an affiliated TGOA/MGCA club. Those ten members will have to shoulder some responsibility to be sure the main activities continue, but shared, these jobs are certainly within the scope of the abilities available and there is help within your region, the national director for your region, and the national office.

As for the treasury, the monies contained therein were raised under the auspices of The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden



To Gardeners of America Members and Friends:

RE: ***2011 TGOA/MGCA National Convention***

The Overland Park/Gardeners of America is proud to be hosting the 2010 annual convention of The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America. Our theme for the convention is "A Little Bit of Heaven in 2011". Join us on June 16, 17 & 18 while we learn about the flora & fauna native to Kansas and Missouri.

The convention will be held at The Doubletree Hotel located at 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210. Their phone number is (913)451-6100 and their web site is – www.Doubletree.Hilton.com/OverlandPark. We have been offered the great room rate of \$99 per night for a single/double. This convention rate will be extended for three days before and three days after to any guests wishing to arrive early or stay on after the convention. You need to let them know when you register. An early bird registration fee of \$270.00(tentatively) per person up thru April 13 and a registration fee of \$300.00(tentatively) from April 14 thru May 15, 2011 will cover all meals, seminars and tours from Thursday morning thru Saturday night.

One of our visits will be to The Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens which "was founded to keep the city at the forefront of environmental and ecological issues". Another of Kansas City's pride is our football/baseball stadiums previously owned by Ewing and Muriel Kauffman. Their legacy also includes a foundation devoted to entrepreneurship. We will visit the beautiful gardens created as a memorial honoring this couple that gave so much to the Kansas City area. We have scheduled several interesting speakers and experts for our seminars. A few that will enlighten and entertain us are Eric Nelson, Larry Ryan and Charles Gusewelle. Eric Nelson, owner of four local garden centers, will share his knowledge of Begonia's. Larry Ryan, owner of Ryan Lawn and Tree, will discuss Integrated Plant Management. Our Sat. evening speaker will be Kansas City's own Charles Gusewelle, the author of six books and his titles at the Kansas City Star have included reporter, editorial writer, associate editor and a columnist, which was distributed nationally. If you will be flying into KCI or the Downtown airport, we will be happy to make arrangements to pick you upon your arrival Wednesday or Thursday and return you to the airport Saturday evening or Sunday. Please be sure to fill out your request on the registration form.

For those attendees who are arriving early or staying on after the convention, there is an endless a variety of things to do and see in the Overland Park/Greater Kansas City area. You might enjoy the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, American Royal Museum, or the Arabia Steamboat Museum. Maybe the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, Lakeside Nature Center or Powell Gardens is more to your liking. And there is always the Hallmark Visitors Center at Crown Center, Kansas City Zoo, Louisburg Cider Mill or Science City at Union Station just to begin the list of fabulous places to visit in Kansas City.

We can't wait to see all of your wonderful faces in our home town. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

For more information; contact Sherra Schuck at – email: sschuck4@kc.rr.com or phone (913) 424-3029 or Honey Barnekoff at – email: Barnekoff@everestkc.net or phone (913) 722-5562. For more convention information, check out our website at www.op-go.org. Thank you.

Sherra Schuck
Overland Park/Gardeners of America
Cochairman for TGOA/MGCA 2011 Convention



TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
 June 16, 17 & 18, 2011
A Little Bit of Heaven in 2011



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

CURRENT NATIONAL / REGIONAL / CLUB TITLE(S)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Past President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Editor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TGOA/MGCA Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional President | <input type="checkbox"/> Host |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Member At Large |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member / Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Vice President | |
| Member Since: _____? | |

CONVENTION FEE: \$270.00 per Adult
\$200.00 Children under 12
AFTER DEADLINE: APRIL 13, 2010: \$300.00
CHILDREN \$230.00
CANCELLATION FEE AFTER MAY 15TH - \$50.00

Name (Please Print): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone: () _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Name on Badge: _____
 TGOA/MGCA Club: _____
 Member at Large: _____
 Handicap or other Special Needs: _____

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Arriving Airline: _____
 Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight No.: _____
 Departing Airline: _____
 Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight No.: _____

Driving

MEALS

- Vegetarian Meals preferred.
 Medically Required Diet: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
 10100 College Blvd.
 Overland Park, KS 66210
 (913)451-6100
www.Doubletree.Hilton.com/OverlandPark
 Room rate - \$99.00 single/double plus tax
 Pricing good for 3 days before/after convention

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

OVERLAND PARK GOA
MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

Tracy Williams
 14829 S. Summertree Lane
 Olathe, KS 66062-4705
Tracywilliams@sbcglobal.net



FOR OP/GOA USE ONLY

Registration Number _____

Check Number _____

Date Received _____

Date Processed _____

**TENTATIVE
CONVENTION
SCHEDULE**

Wed. - June 15

2:00 - Executive
Committee Meeting

Thursday - June 16

7:45-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-11:00 Committee
Meetings, E& I Committee
Mtg
9:00 Movie in theater
11:00 -11:45 Seminars
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:15-4:15 Directors'
meeting
1:15 Movie in theatre
6:00 Dinner &
Photography Slideshow
w/awards

Friday - June 17

7:45-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-11:00 Member
meeting
9:00 Kids movie in theater
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:15-4:15 Seminars
6:00 Dinner & Awards

Saturday - June 18

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:15-10:30 Kauffman
Gardens
11:00-1:30 Lunch at Loose
Park, tour gardens &
Memorial Service
2:00-5:30 Overland Park
Arboretum
(Bus returns - staggered
times)

6:30 President's reception
& cocktails

7:15 Dinner & Awards-
Charles Gusewelle;
speaker

**VOTING TIME IS
ALMOST HERE AGAIN!**

The voting procedures will be the same as last year. A copy of the ballot and a validation letter will be sent by email to each club president and each member-at-large.

Individual ballots and a validation letter will be mailed to each club president and each member-at-large without an email address. Each club will print copies of the ballot for each paid national member and have members vote at a meeting. Marked ballots after voting are to be returned as a group by each club or individually by each member-at-large no later than May 15, 2011. Club presidents will sign a validation letter indicating that each ballot was voted by a paid national member.

The validation letter is to be returned with the ballots. Ballots will not be counted without the validation letter. Mail address to receive the returned ballots and validation letters will be indicated on ballots and

cover letters. Ballots are **not** to be returned to the TGOA/MGCA office.

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Officer Nominees:

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JOHN J. KESSEN
PRESIDENT

Currently 2nd vice- president
(see picture on page 2)
Lakelover60@yahoo.com

John lives in Rome City, Indiana with his wife Cheri. John just finished a term as president of the Central Great Lakes Region of the Gardeners of America and is currently the president of the Gardeners of America of Fort Wayne. The Green Bronze Medal has recently been received by John. It is the highest honor awarded by a region. The award is given for outstanding achievement and contributions in furthering the TGOA/MGCA and the art of gardening. His wife, Cheri, is a board member of the TGOA/MGCA and the second vice president of the The Central Great Lakes Region of the Gardeners of America.

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JAMES L. BAGWELL III
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Currently 3rd vice president
(see picture on page 2)
janejimbagwell@att.net

Graduate Southern
Wesleyan University - BS
Management
US Army Veteran

Employed in Textile industry, retiring in 2007 after 33 years with Tietex International Ltd as Manager, Corporate Quality Control.

Member Spartanburg Men's Garden Club-15 years

1. Served on Board of Directors – 9 years.
2. Vice-President – 2 years
3. President – 2 years
4. Treasurer – 6 years
5. Chairman Nominating Committee – 2 years
6. Chairman Little Control Committee – 5 years
7. Blue Ridge Region Director – 2 years
8. Vice Chairman E&I Committee, TGOA/MGCA

Currently serving on Board of Directors for Hatcher Gardens and Woodland Preserve

1. Treasurer – 3 years
 2. Chairman Governance Committee – 2 years
 3. Volunteer Committee Chairman – 1 year
 4. Currently Chairman Horticulture Committee
 5. Currently Member Executive Committee
- Current Member American Horticulture Society
Master Gardener

Married to Jane M. Bagwell 26 years and have one son and one step-daughter.

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DANIEL R. LOGAN III
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
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The Gardeners of Jackson, MS

Currently a member of The Gardeners of Jackson, MS, affiliated with TGOA/MGCA, where I have served on the Board of Directors, Vice-President and President. I am currently serving my third year as the Secretary/Treasurer. I also serve as the National Director for the Mid South Region as well as being a member of the Bylaws Committee for TGOA/MGCA.

Other community organizations that I serve on are the Human Rights Committee for Son Valley and Canton Manor; two intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; the Canton Work Center Board; a volunteer group for the incarcerated in the City of Canton; and currently serve as First Vice President of the Canton Lions Club. I am also a member of the Horticultural Society.

In an effort to increase my knowledge of gardening I

became a Master Gardener earlier this year.

My love of gardening comes from growing flowers around the yard with my mother and working on the farm with my grandfather. I have always had a vegetable garden, but since joining The Gardeners of Jackson, MS, I have blossomed in the landscape arena.

I like to garden, hunt, fish and cook. And I love to eat...Everything I do seems to revolve around food.

I have lived in Mississippi my entire life. I have been married to Christy for 19 years and we have three children, Holly, 14, Heidi, 12 and John, 8. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and have been a nursing home administrator for the past 20 years.

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RONALD E. BARE
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT
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Rockford Area GOA, IL
(no picture available at this time)

I joined the Men's Garden Club of Rockford, Il in 1985 and have been a member since 1990. I have been gardening in some shape or form for at least sixty years. I have served on the Board of the Rockford club for over ten years serving as Vice

President, President for three years, Program Chair as well as community Project Chair. I have worked with the Rockford Park District and Klehm Arboretum in projects for them. Served on the board of the YMCA/retired men's club for the past five years, serving as President; Chairman of the Christmas tree sales for the last four years. Joined the Neighborhood Network Board in 2010, working on the program committee and Community Garden project. Serves on the board of the Midtown District with the Beautification and Restoration Committee; helping to establish a neighborhood garden with the planting of a garden and signage at a gateway to the Midtown District; working with the Kishwaukee weed and seed group to establish better neighborhood communication and community gardens. Will be working with the CICS Charter School in the spring to establish a youth gardening group in the Midtown/Kishwaukee weed and seed area. Very interested in the goals and objectives of The Gardeners of America and The Men's Garden Club of America.

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FOR TREASURER:

STEVEN H. BUSH *TREASURER*

Currently serving as national treasurer (see picture on first page)
bushfinancial@mchsi.com

Steve has served as national treasurer for the past nine years. He is chair of the finance committee and liaison to the Endowment and Investment committee.

OR



RONALD A. HEGGEN
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MGC of Des Moines, IA

Mr. Heggen retired from the USAF after 20 years of active duty and returned to his home state, Iowa. Ronald joined Men's Garden Club of Des Moines (MGCDM) and Men's Garden Clubs of America (MGCA) in 1976. He is a Life Member of both organizations. He is presently serving a fourth term as President of MGCDM. He

originated a Life Membership program for MGCDM and served as its Chair and Treasurer for 22 years.

Ronald was elected MGCA Treasurer in 1984 and served in that office until 1998 when he was elected The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA) Second Vice President. In 2000 he held the office as President of TGOA/MGCA.

Since his year in office as President, TGOA/MGCA, he has actively served as a member of the TGOA/MGCAA Board of Directors as well as member of the Scholarship Awards Committee; Gardening From the Heart Committee; Newsletter Committee; Awards Committee; and currently Secretary/Treasurer of the TGOA/MGCA Endowment and Investment Fund Committee.

After retirement from the USAF, Ronald hired on as the Administrative Manager for a Des Moines law firm. That employment lasted for 20 years. The position required his overseeing of all financial matters; human resources; facilities; etc, except the practice of law.

Also, after his USAF retirement he has been involved with numerous other organizations. To list a few, they include the Downtown Des Moines Kiwanis Club, past president,

current board member and member of numerous committees; Des Moines Salvation Army Advisory Board, chair for seven years; Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, chair for six years; Military Officer Association of America, Iowa Chapter, Past President and Treasurer (15 years); Military Officer Association of America, Iowa Council of Chapter, Past President and currently Secretary/Treasurer; Kiwanis Miracle League, board member; and other membership participations.

Ronald has been married to his spouse Ila Mae (a TGOA/MGCA life member) for 54 years. During their years together they have lived in Texas, Georgia, Oregon, California (2), England, Michigan and Iowa. Ila Mae lived in Iowa while Ron spent a year in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Their family consists of five sons, three daughter-in-laws, 12 grandchildren and four great-grand children.

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Each and every member has the opportunity to vote for the TGOA/MGCA 2012 officers. Please take the time to review the candidates and ask questions. This is your organization. Help keep it working.



WINTERIZED GROUNDS

Your facilities in Johnston have been put to bed for the winter. Activities to accomplish the task were the de-planting of the annual flower beds; shutting down the water falls; discarding of a majority of fallen leaves; and a major act of trimming trees.

The acts afore were accomplished by the dedicated Building and Grounds Committee members of the Men's Garden Club of Des Moines. The TGOA/MGCA organization owes much to these individuals that put forth many hours to maintain the grounds throughout the spring; summer; and fall growing seasons in Iowa.

Since the last report in the November/December issues of this newsletter, two additional contributions have been received to recover the grounds from the storm last summer.

The first was a \$500.00 donation from the Men's Garden Club of Santa Rosa, California and the second was \$100.00 from Fred O. Scott, a member-at-large who lives in Des Moines, Iowa. A very appreciative thank you goes out for these donations.

While the grounds at your headquarters slumber over the winter months, the group from MGC of Des Moines will be meeting shortly to plan for the coming spring onset of grounds revival for 2011. Your next report in the March/April issue will cover their plans.

Along with the escrowed contributions received to replace lost trees, and the expected annual \$1,000.00 donation from MGC Des Moines, it is hoped that regions, clubs and members around the country will come forth with additional funds for the maintenance of the grounds.

Ron Heggen
B & G Overseer

***"FROM THE GARDEN SHOP ACCESSORIES PAGE" WILL RETURN NEXT
NEWSLETTER***

