

GCS Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

President's Report

I would like to begin by thanking all those who generously donated to the SafeSpace initiative last month. Our donations will make a difference to the domestic violence victims served by SafeSpace.

As required by the bylaws, this month, your president is appointing two active members to be part of the Operating Budget committee to work with our Treasurer on a proposed 2024-2025 budget which will be presented to this board at our February meeting. Those members are: Leslie Perna of the Hibiscus Circle and Mary Lersch of the Tabebuia Circle.

As we begin the new year it is again time to identify possible candidates for various awards, recognition or honors which will be announced at our April luncheon. For details, please refer to pages 16 and 17 of the GCS yearbook. Written nominations are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

For the February general meeting, and as part of addressing one of the Nell Coe Award challenges (#26), I am encouraging those members who are interested to bring a plant, identified with its botanical name, to exchange with another member.

Finally, I would like to remind the Circle Presidents to offer the 2024 FFGC Convention Opportunity Drawing and 50/50 raffle tickets to their Circle Members. Please send your check and ticket

stubs to the designated chairman as soon as possible. The big prize drawings will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>.