

Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.
District X Fall 2023 Meeting Report
November 6, 2023

The District X Fall 2023 Meeting (hosted by the Garden Club of Stuart) was held on Friday, October 20th at Monarch Country Club in Palm City. Registration began at 8:30am (with a self-serve Morning Continental) and the Call to Order was at 9:30am. FFGC Officers were in attendance to share state news and join in the requested 100th Birthday Celebration for Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Registrations were priced at \$50 each. 114 paid registrations were received (\$5,700) and 109 attendees were present including 3 that did not stay for meal service. Monarch Country Club supplied the Continental Breakfast, Beverages, Cash Bar, Bread & Butter, and a main course (choice of Southern Cobb Salad, Five Onion Tart with Arugula Salad, Parmesan Cod with Squash medley & Wild Rice) at a cost of \$40.01 per person. Monarch was requested to set a minimum of 120 place settings (with the understanding that meals could be added if necessary). With 114 paid registrations, 106 meals were guaranteed and the estimate was correct and 106 meals were served. Cupcakes (from Sam's Club) & Hershey Kisses were brought in for dessert (displayed on each of the 15 tables). The City of Stuart supplied the Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors and Silver Star Valet supplied the valet service. Valerie Gaynor (from the Environmental Studies Center) gave a brief presentation on youth environmental education in Martin County. The FFGC Officers were present and gave their presentation.

Four games were supplied for participation by attendees:

- Mystery Wine Auction: 36 bottles of wine were generously donated with 19 sold at \$10 each. The remaining 17 bottles will be available at the December meeting for our members to purchase.
- Raffle Baskets: 11 baskets were supplied by Four Circles with tickets sold at \$5 for seven tickets. Total proceeds were \$630. (Tabebuia \$218.54; Allamanda \$181.45; Jacaranda \$171.33; Satin Leaf \$58.68)
- Queen's Ransom: Two games were played with fifty envelopes sold for \$1 each. Two lucky players won Fifty Dollars each. (No profit to Garden Club of Stuart)
- Land, lots of land: Free game for guessing miles of beaches and square miles of land in District X with the 1923 DVD awarded as the prize.
- Best of the Best: Free game for guessing the number of tootsie rolls in the glass beverage dispenser with the winner receiving the container and candy.

District X Garden Clubs with more than 5 registrants received Ways & Means space. Allamanda Circle staffed the Garden Club of Stuart's table and sold packets of greeting cards on behalf of our club.

Louise Andrews staffed and sold plants outside on behalf of Jacaranda Circle.

Financially, the event had income of \$6,620.00 and expenses of \$6,226.69 generating a profit of \$393.31. Thankfully by estimating no shows and not guaranteeing those meals, we were not required to pay for those meals. This number will increase as the remaining donated wine is sold.

Thanks to all our members who helped make this event stress free and enjoyable by all.

Christia Li Roberts
District Meeting Chair