

I would like to thank the Operating Budget Committee (Li Roberts, Karen Bonney, and Bea Cooper) for all their hard work. Dealing with one's own money is hard enough, but dealing with someone else's is a nightmare. I applaud them for their patience.

I would also like to thank the Bylaws Committee (Debra Smith, Dorothy Armstrong, Karen Bonney, Debbie Sahlberg, and Donna Berger) for combing through the many pages of protocol, thanks to someone named Robert, and making the necessary changes for our consideration.

Last week the Tropical Short Course was held in Wellington. Nine of our members attended and came away with new knowledge, got reacquainted with old friends, made some new ones, and had a really good time.

A reminder that nominations for awards must be submitted prior to March 15. Please review the awards available in the yearbook on pages 18 & 19. Contact Louise Andrews if you have any questions.

Our New Member Luncheon will be held February 17 at Bayview, thanks to the efforts of Gail Brady who serves on the board in that community. This promises to be an event the new members and executive board will not want to miss so get your RSVP's to Susan Licari ASAP. This will be so nice that members will be begging to serve on the executive board in the future so they can attend.

The Jensen Beach Expo will be held at Memorial Park on March 7. We are participating as a club and are hoping not only to showcase our plants but our club as well. We need to know how many plants you are donating and will need helpers at the booth. We need a canopy for our booth so if you have one we can borrow please let us know.

Please read your newsletter for more information on the Expo, as well as details on club business. Thank you for all you do, seen and unseen. You are all needed and appreciated.

Mary Neal, President