

The Garden Club of Stuart
Periwinkle Circle
March 2024

The February 15th meeting for the Periwinkle Circle was held at the House of Hope "Growing HOPE Farm". Seven members attended the tour of the farm, by Rob Ranieri, Chief Executive Officer. The tour, arranged by Jill Burton, of the 65,000 cubic feet of hydroponic green houses, producing over 1,500 packages a week, of good quality vegetables (no insect holes, brown leaves, etc.) for food soup kitchens and food pantries was educational and amazing. The emphasis of the Farm is to provide a healthy diet for their most venerable neighbors. The size of the facility and the quality of vegetables was awe inspiring.

After the tour, the Circle met at Manero's for lunch and continued with the meeting. Gail Brady, President, discussed the Circles assignment for the Garden Tour, being responsible for the 4 ticket exchange locations. Gail asked for volunteers for each of the 4 locations. The hours will be from 8:45 to 1:00.

The next discussion was the Circle being responsible for the General Meeting on March 18. We discussed making the raffle baskets, asking members to contribute gift cards, gift items or cash for the baskets. Baskets will be assembled at Jean Freer's home. Fran will be responsible for the flowers/centerpieces for the meeting.

The Circle make a donation of \$200.00 to the House of Hope.

The meeting on March 22 was canceled because of the Garden Tour in the same week.

Cathy Stubbs resigned as Secretary of the Periwinkle Circle. Gail will be the acting Secretary.