



## **The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.**

### **Board Report from 2nd Vice President**

January 2, 2024

As of our last general meeting, December 11, 2023, we had 137 active members and 10 Honorary members. This includes a new member joining our club, Beverly Wilson.

At the general meeting we had 71 active members, 3 Honorary members and 4 returning guests, totaling 78 in attendance. From this general meeting, I received 2 applications for membership.

One applicant is Linda Sarubbi. She moved to Rocky Point, Stuart about 4 years ago from Brooklyn. She was an avid vegetable gardener there. She and her husband spent 2 years RVing around the country. She worked in Human Resources. She wants to learn more about tropical plants and is interested in all areas that our club offers.

Our other applicant is Catherine Larsen. She moved to Sewell's Pt from the DC area about 10 years ago. She is a marketing consultant for Real Estate and her husbands law firm. She has taken tropical plant design courses in Miami and looks forward to being together with like minded people in all areas of our club's activities.

My mentor program is off to a good start with 4 active members volunteering to help. I'd like to encourage more to sign up to make our program a success with our new members. In speaking to our guests, I am learning that they have attended some meetings with our circles. They are also listing some of these circle members as their sponsors. These sponsors will make perfect mentors for our new members also.

With reference to the "New Member Orientation Brunch", 3 members have come up with a potential location at their community club house. I will be checking them out during the next 2 weeks. If anyone wishes to offer up their home as an alternative, please let me know. Dates I am considering are the last week in Feb. Tuesday - Thursday, the 27th - 29th. The invitations, planning and menu suggestions will be forthcoming by email to our members and invitations to the new members only will be mailed to save on postage.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Welch