FEDERATED FACTS



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"All of the Flowers of tomorrow are in the Seeds of today." Proverb

As I reflect on this poem shared by Dr. Gil at our November Federation meeting, I am reminded of each of you. I am thankful and grateful for your commitment and service to your Garden Clubs to practice beautification, conservation, and education in our community.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and joy filled Christmas!

Anita

Happy Thanksgiving!

There's a moment
At the heart of Thanksgiving
When we bow our heads
And say a quiet word of thanks
For all the good in our lives,
And at that moment,
As I remember
The blessings in my life,
I remember you!



DAY IN MAY WILL BE AN ENHANCED EVENT WITH MORE PARTICIPANTS!!

The following recommendation from the RFGC Hospitality Committee has been approved by our executive board and will be effective for the May, 2023 meeting. We hope many of our members will be able to participate, so mark your calendars.

The 2023 Day in May will be a celebration of the past two years for all garden club members. The Celebration will be held in the meeting rooms at the Rome/Floyd County Library on May 2, 2023. Brunch will be at 10am and the meeting begins at 10:30am. Installation of the new Federation officers will be during the meeting.

The budgeted amount for the Day in May is \$500.00. This will be used by the Hospitality Committee to purchase the food, drinks and other essentials for the brunch. The Hospitality Committee will also provide flower arrangements for the food and guest tables and coordinate the linens and paper products. Invitations to the Day in May Celebration will be either a mailed invitation or an email sent to garden club members by each club. The RSVP date to the Hospitality Committee will be April 11, 2023. By the RSVP date, each garden club will be responsible for letting the committee know the number of people from their club who will be attending. Also, each club will notify the committee with the name and address of any person they are honoring with a new Life Membership to the Federation. A written invitation will be sent to the new Life Member.

A written invitation will be sent to Lisa Smith, Visitors Bureau; Selena Tilly, Rome History Museum; Ryan Earnest, President of First National Community Bank; anyone who makes a donation of \$100.00 or more; Joan and Steve Fellows; Keith Mickler, Floyd County Extension Agent; Dr. Richard Dixon, Coosa Valley Fair Flower Show; Rev. Dr. Gil Watson, Brittany Griffin, Monica Shepherd, Patti Causey and Amanda Hale, Federation speakers during the past two years. Invitations by either email or letter will also be sent to all Life Members (New and Old), Live Oak Recipients, Past Federation Presidents, and the Federation Executive Board. The Hospitality Committee will be in charge of the invitations. These are the recommendations for the 2023 Day in May Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Hospitality Committee: Ruth Forrester, Karen Foss, Jennifer Kearns, Mary Rolan, Susi Smith

HONEY BAKED HAM FEEDS AND FUNDS US AT THE SAME TIME!!

https://honeybakedfundraising.com//fundraisers/RFGC_fundraiser

What a great headline for the story of the month! Click on the link above and go directly to the site to order Honey Baked Ham gift cards. Caroline Alford provided us with this direct link and your editor just ordered two cards which will be in here less than a week. It took less than two minutes and gift cards for hams for our family and one other are on the way to arrive in a week. If you need them sooner you can always order the electronic version which will be available to you immediately. Remember, our Honey Baked Ham store is open for lunch even on Sundays. The cards can be used for meals to enjoy there and not just for ham or turkey purchases. A great treat is to meet friends there after church on Sundays for a delicious and relaxing lunch. The Federation makes 20% of each purchase so this is a fine way to increase our income.



Remember we are also selling Bussey's Florist flower cards for the coming year. For only \$45 you can pick up 12 bouquets over the year to brighten your home and those of others. Buy a card as a Christmas gift or for your use and brighten the day



for someone you love. The Federation makes \$20 off each card we sell. To purchase your cards contact Anita Bridges at 678-986-4222 or email her at highwell@bellsouth.net.