



## **FEDERATED FACTS**

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**“All of the Flowers of tomorrow are in the Seeds of today.” Proverb**

**Hello Fellow Gardeners:**

**We are just completing February, the month of LOVE which gave gardeners much to celebrate and moving into March where even more blooms are gracing our yards.**

**I LOVE watching my daffodils peeking up out of the ground with their cute little yellow heads. I love the old ones I planted long ago and the ones from the recent Bulb Fundraiser. They are signs of hope that the bleak, cold days of winter will soon be gone.**

**I LOVE reading all the clubs' President's Reports. I LOVE all the wonderful work all of you have been doing, beautifying our community, conserving our resources, and educating our fellow members and our community.**

**I LOVE the programs you have provided. Your favorites will be presented in the next Federated Facts so we can all share.**

**I LOVE the fact that we have a Garden Center where we can meet as clubs and as a Federation- where we have fellowship with one another and learn together- where we can enjoy hands-on activities and play in the dirt. I love that long ago members cared enough that we have the ability to gather together in this place.**

**Finally I LOVE that on May 2nd for our Day in May we can ALL gather, to fellowship and celebrate our privilege of being Garden Club Members.**

**Fondly,  
Anita**



**Our January Federation meeting program was presented by Amanda Hale from the Brighter Birthdays organization. They work to help children in our community to have Brighter Birthdays when otherwise they might have nothing to celebrate. Their efforts involve collecting basic party supplies such as paper plates, napkins, party blowers and balloons. If you think you or your club might be of help in packing these to deliver to children, contact them Amanda at the email address below to join them in making**

**Birthdays Brighter for children in our community. If you would like to make a donation for their efforts, the address is “Brighter Birthdays, 3 Central Plaza # 383, Rome, GA 30161. Amanda can be reached at [amanda@brighterbirthdays.org](mailto:amanda@brighterbirthdays.org) if you have questions.**



**Our March 7 meeting at the Garden Center will be one to celebrate as Patti Causey from Three Rivers Garden Club will be demonstrating ideas on how to plant containers (including window boxes) which will give us months of joy during the coming spring and summer seasons. You will not want to miss her presentation as she is a true leader in our community in making beautiful containers.**

**We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Susan Stephens, Laurel District Director who gave many years of dedicated service to our garden clubs. Our own Caroline Alford is serving as Acting Director until the end of May.**



**Club Members:** Now is the time to consider providing a Federation Life Membership to someone from your club you wish to honor or anyone who has given of their time to provide a program for your club, helped you with keeping up your Garden Spot, or a spouse who has been very supportive of your club's efforts. The form needs to be filled out with payment of \$100.00 and submitted to Caroline Alford. These will be presented at Day in May.

**Being a Life Member in RFGC indicates an interest in and devotion to the ideals of the organization. It is**

**an excellent means of honoring those who have made valuable contributions in the field of garden club work and/or support through services. A garden club or non-garden club member may become a Life Member. The Life Memberships are given at the end of an administration at the Day in May Celebration.**

**To honor someone with a Life Membership, send a check for \$100, payable to RFGC along with the following information:**

**First Name of Honoree**

**Last Name of Honoree**

**Mailing Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code:**

**Honored By YOUR GARDEN CLUB NAME**

**Mail payment and information listed above to Caroline Alford, 7 Pine Valley Road SW, Rome GA. 30165.**

**Please also email form to Anita at [highwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:highwell@bellsouth.net).**





### **A GARDEN VIEW**

**Our hearts are God's garden;**

**His words are the seeds.**

**His grace brings the water;**

**His love pulls the weeds.**

**His hand does the pruning;**

**His truth is the hoe.**

**His caring presence  
makes everything grow.**

**From: The Blessings of Family and Home**

**by Roy Lessin & Heather Solum**

**The Live Oak award is the highest honor a member can receive from the RFGC and it is the time of the year to make nominations for this award.**

**GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING RECIPIENT OF THE  
LIVE OAK AWARD**

- 1. The person has not been President of the Federation and would not be expected to be elected to that job in the future.**
- 2. The person has actively served on the RFGC Board for at least five years.**
- 3. The person has actively supported the work of the Federation for many years.**
- 4. In March a committee of all past presidents of the RFGC will be called to select the Live Oak winner.**
- 5. The winner is to be kept secret and a special presentation made for Day in May.**

**You may turn in your nomination to Anita Bridges on March 7th at the Federation Meeting or e-mail her at [highwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:highwell@bellsouth.net).**

**The reasons for nominating a club member for this award are as varied and many as the beautiful oak leaves we enjoy in our yards.**

