



TGC Keeping in Touch

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TGC President's Letter to Club Presidents

Happy Valentines Day - Club Presidents are the sweethearts of TGC. You help lead your clubs through the sweet times (and maybe some chewy or bitter moments). Your efforts help reach out and make an impact in your community and across Texas. The national volunteer association's estimated value of volunteer time for 2012 was \$22.14 per hour or, for 2 hours monthly for regular meetings, is more than \$500, and I know you volunteer a lot more.

Thank you for your service.

You are **priceless** to TGC.



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2013-2015 Texas Garden Club President

"Changing Our World Through Education & Friendships"

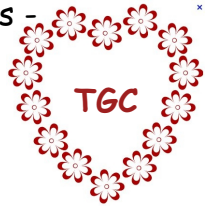
South Central Region (SCR) - SCR Convention, March 28-29, 2014. Hosted by Texas Garden Clubs, attend "Learning, Living, Leading To Texas" at Crown Plaza Hotel, Addison/Dallas.

Registration form and more information - ngcscr.com/registration_formscr_convention. SCR Convention is for all TGC members. Go to SCR and have fun and learn at the programs. Wear bee, dragonfly or frog to Saturday's breakfast. Become involved on a regional committee and meet so many nice members from three other states. It is a rewarding experience to go to the SCR conventions.

Texas Garden Club (TGC) - TGC 86th Spring Convention "Expanding Our World Through Education" on March 30 - April 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Addison. Registration & information - texasgardenclubs.org/p/winter_lsg_2013_final_f_or_web.pdf. Great programs, seminars, workshops and tours. Get four (or more) members from your club to join your fellow Garden Club members from across the state. Make it a road trip! Come learn and enjoy!

Recognition - Honor your members and reach out in your community to present awards or certificates to Outstanding Community Partner, Supporter/Sponsor, etc. Recognize several members -

- A. Outstanding Board Member
- B. Member of the Year
- C. New Member of the Year
- D. Outstanding Volunteer
- E. Nominate Member Award of Honor
- F. Sunshine Award to the member who makes you glad you've attended a meeting
- G. Busy Bee Award for Helpful Worker
- H. NGC Service Award (# years as member)



Since February is Valentine's, get a bag of wrapped chocolates and give a mini bar to each officer, committee chair or even all of your members and tell them how much you appreciate their being in Garden Club.

Saying thank you throughout the year is one way to recognize your club officers, chairs and members.

Thank you for your leadership.

Dragonfly

The main symbolisms of the dragonfly are renewal, positive force and the power of life in general. Dragonflies can also be a symbol of the sense of self that comes with maturity. Also, as a creature of the wind, the dragonfly frequently represents change. And as a dragonfly lives a short life, it knows it must live its life to the fullest with the short time it has - which is a lesson for all of us.

