



Lake Ramsey "Petal" Pushers Garden Club

Meeting on December 3, 2012

Twas the Garden Club Christmas and all through the Lyons' house
Ladies admired Christmas decor, you could hear all the "Wows!"
After the dinner and all were well fed
"Let's open those gifts!" the ladies all said.
They tore off the wrappings and tossed high the bows,
They were searching for vases and yard art and who really knows?
They stole from their friends, some of them twice,
But when it was over, their gifts were quite nice
And all went home happy and full of good cheer
Especially Kathy, whose turn was now over, at least for this year!

Even at Christmas, the Petal Pushers have a lot of business to take care of so we did have a meeting.

Darlene Parlipiano distributed copies of the club's amended constitution and also gave everyone an updated roster of members so we can all stay in touch.

Kathy Hymel gave the Treasurer's report and reported the club has \$412.33 in the treasury.

Paulette Hecker gave a Seasonal Decorating Committee update and thanked everyone who worked so diligently to have everything ready for the lighting ceremony at the front entrance and it was a huge success. This year we had over 60 people watch as the night lit up with thousands of twinkling lights on the gates and in the crape myrtle beds. This event took a lot of planning and team work and it was well worth it. If you haven't already seen the photos of Lake Ramsey folks enjoying the lights, hot dogs and cookies, go to Paul Barrios' www.lakeramsey.com to see the smiling faces of people enjoying the moment.

Paulette also chaired the 2012 Christmas Tree Tour and updated everyone on the tour plan. There are ten trees being shown on the tour which starts at Paulette's house. Purchase your ticket, \$5, and receive a map/list of homes that will share their unique and beautifully decorated trees. The homes will be easy to find as there will be a balloon on the mailbox. Residents on the tree tour are the Heckers, Burrows, Hotards, Parlipianos, Huff, Cranfords, Hymels, Haydens, Lyons and Urbans. The price is such a bargain, ten trees to view for only \$5, why not treat a friend or several friends? Susie Boutte has graciously offered to do a dinner for tour participants on Monday, December 17. This will give the participants more time before the event to make those last minute tweaks and adjustments.

I would like to thank Jan Clark and Claire Hayden for helping with the transplanting of the marigolds and planting the pots with rosemary trees, white pansies and red snapdragons. The pots are being watered three days per week now. Volunteers for December are Paulette, Darlene and Leslie Barrios.

After the Christmas season and the New Year's festivities, we will meet again on January 14, at Susan Huff's home and our meeting topic will be roses.

Merry Christmas to all,
Sandy Miller, Secretary

