



SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

**LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
JOIN A SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE!**

August 2019

Summer In Saybrook

Summer is the time that brings neighbors together. Cheering for water polo or swim team; playing tennis at the pool; walking through the neighborhood with friends; playing a round of golf or a pick-up basketball game. I love the summer.

The Saybrook Garden Club takes a little break during the summer and I've been reflecting about the past year.

The Trivia Night raised funds for three scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each for Naperville North students; 10 Jefferson Junior High boat trips for students who wouldn't be able to afford the celebration; assisted with the 5th-grade pool party; donated to buy trowels and other supplies for the Beebe Garden. These things make our community strong, give to those in need, and give us a goal of something bigger than our daily lives to work towards.

Plus this year's Progressive Dinner was amazing. Kristen, Jennifer, Kia, Samar, Christina, Amanda, Natasha, Melissa, Anna and many others, all worked so hard to make it one of those nights people love. I heard stories about neighbors meeting for the first time, and exciting ideas for costumes, and homes with amazing decorations.

The work we put into our neighborhood makes Saybrook and the surrounding area unique. It makes everyone more comfortable with each other and therefore more likely to reach out when someone is sick, or let their kids roam free knowing that tons of other parents are doing the same.

I am proud to tell everyone I know about our community, our Garden Club and our friendships.

Now I'm excited to plan for the coming year. See you at salad supper!

A Letter From Our Co-President,
Maura Hoff

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
August 13th, 2:30PM

SALAD SUPPER
August 25th, 7-9PM

SAYBROOK CARES RUN
September 15th, 8:00AM

HAYRIDE
OCTOBER TBD

CHRISTMAS TEA
December 6th

**TRIVIA NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**
late Jan/early Feb TBD

If you would like to volunteer
and help out with any of
these events, please email
saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com

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Ice Cream Social

Come join your neighbors, friends and new classmates for our annual back to school ice cream social! The event will be held on the black top at **Beebe School August 13th at 2:30 pm.**

Salad Supper

It's Salad Supper time again on **August 25th from 7-9 PM!** The Salad Supper is held at the pool (but you do not need to be a pool member to attend) and the ladies are encouraged to bring a salad to share and the Garden Club will provide the wine and utensils. This is a great night to register early for the Saybrook Garden Club, to reconnect with the ladies and to hear about some of the awesome things that SGC is doing. So bring your favorite salad to share (or don't) and head over to the pool. There will be awards for the top three salads. SGC dues paid at Salad Supper are only \$20, after that, it goes up to \$25.



Beebe Garden

Beebe Garden would like to thank the SGC for donating compost and trowels this spring! Classes planted 24 beds with vegetables including corn, squash and beans. We've already made several trips to the food pantry this summer. Thanks to Rye Mali for harvesting ten pounds of vegetables, including this enormous, pictured radish! Girl Scouts have also found and raised at least 30 monarch butterflies from eggs and small caterpillars, and the garden is buzzing with other pollinators.



We always need help pulling weeds and still have mulch to spread, so feel free to stop by and work at your convenience. If you'd like to sign your family or a group up for a week of maintenance, there are a few weeks available at the end of August. Contact Hannah Graver (hannahgraver@gmail.com) or Dana Mali with questions.

Beautification Update

Thank you to everyone who submitted beautification dues. Thanks to your help we were able to repair the electrical and replace the lighting on the main entryways. We also refreshed the mulch and did cleanup on the islands. We appreciate everyone's generosity and support!



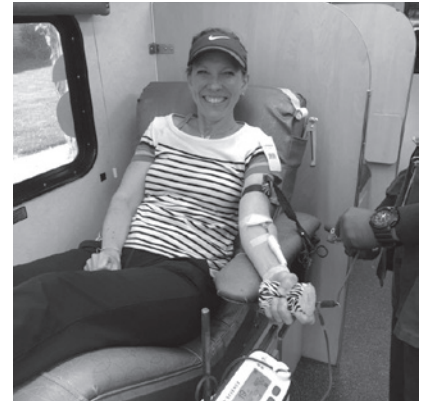
GOLDEN CURB AWARD

Our summer Golden Curb Award went to the Rotters (113 12th Ave). Please take a moment to admire their lovely landscaping as you stroll around the neighborhood this summer. Congratulations, Rotter Family!

Saybrook Cares Spring Blood Drive

The teens of Saybrook Cares hosted a blood drive on Friday June 7th collected 22 blood donations and MANY more tried to give blood. Some of our teens were helping with childcare which was great! An extra big thank you to those who were stuck in a long donation line or who planned to donate but could not because of the wait!

Due to many logistical issues, we will be using a different blood drive company in the fall. **Save the date: November 9th**



Progressive Dinner

Thank you to everyone on the committee who worked so hard to make this event a success. Melissa Lavigne and Kia Cvengros did an amazing job with the invitations and décor. Anna Mulrooney, Kristin Locy, Christina Papa, Natasha Sweeney, Christine Jurjovec, Kristen Whitaker, and Jennifer Riordan did a wonderful job with the recipes and food organization. Finally, a big thank you to Andy and Kia Cvengros for hosting appetizers, and Haider and Samar Istanbouli for hosting desserts! The Alice in Wonderland theme was a huge hit and the costumes and decor were spectacular!

The Progressive Dinner is a cornerstone of the Saybrook Garden Club. It has been going on since 1965, but the tradition is in jeopardy! Several of the committee members have retired after this year. If we do not have volunteers step up to organize the event then the Progressive Dinner will not happen next year. If you are interested in running and helping with the event then please email saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com or sign up at the Salad Supper. There are great notes in place to help you organize the event, but the event is open to change. Please don't let this great tradition die out.



BOUQUET OF CHEER!

Please welcome our new neighbors:

Aaron and Brittney Shibrowski
and their 6 month old son,
Beckham
1420 N Loomis

Christmas Tea

Make a note on your calendars that the annual Christmas Tea is **December 6th**. If you would like to host please email saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com.



End of School Year Giving

A big thanks again to our Trivia Night Team! As a result of all their hard work we were able to send ten kids on the eighth-grade boat trip from Jefferson Jr High. We also awarded three scholarships worth \$1,000 each to deserving seniors at Naperville North High School. Twelve seniors were selected by their counselors to write an essay describing their life's dream and how they plan to accomplish it. These young people were selected based on financial need as well as hard work and leadership shown in the classroom. Their essays were read anonymously by the counselor selection team and three winners were selected to receive the Saybrook Garden Club Scholarship award. Please take a minute to read excerpts from the winning essays.

"I plan on achieving my life's dream by following my long term career goal of Special Needs Law. I plan to attend the University of Illinois for my undergraduate degree and eventually get my Juris Doctorate. I want to follow this path for many reasons, but the main reason is that I want to leave this world better than I found it. I want to help those around me by taking action against injustices that those before me could not. I also want to pursue this career because I know it will make me happy. I will have a passion and excitement for what I am doing each day."

"The sacrifices my parents made created this dream inside of me that I wanted to give back to them. My life's dream is to become someone who can make my parents proud, and provide them a lifestyle they couldn't afford. The future is still uncertain for me, I'm deciding between a career either in business or medicine, but all I really want is a well-paying job that allows me to make my parents' dreams come true. I worked hard in high school to get good grades, and now I'll implement that same work ethic in college. As of now, I'm majoring in Biology, heading towards a pre-med track, but I'll switch over to Business if I feel that medicine is not for me. Either path, I will focus on my studies, making school my number one priority so I can receive internships that will give me an edge as I look for a job. Becoming the first person to graduate college in my family will be a time of pride for my parents, and I can't wait to see the joy on their faces when the day arrives."

"In playing lacrosse, I realize the privilege I possess to having all of my limbs. This drives me to help those veterans who have suffered more immense pain and adversity than most humans can endure. Thereby, I want to personally undertake the creation of prosthetics that will allow the full rehabilitation of disabled veterans into all aspects of society like playing sports."

A huge thanks to Deb Wright for coordinating with the high school to enable us to donate the scholarships. If you are interested in supporting scholarships like these, please donate to Saybrook Garden Club and note "scholarships" in the memo.



SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020
SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP
RETURN PAYMENT AND FORM TO 112 BARLEY AVENUE

NAME: _____

EMAIL 1: _____ EMAIL 2: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM SEPT 2019 - AUG 2020
CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

- \$25 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP RATE
- \$15 SENIOR RATE (65 AND BETTER)

HOW CAN YOU HELP? BEING A MEMBER MEANS BEING ACTIVE, OUR CLUB DEPENDS ON IT SO SIGN UP NOW!

- SALAD SUPPER
- CHRISTMAS TEA
- BOOK SALE
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER
- HAYRIDE
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- BEEBE GARDEN
- HELPING HANDS
(ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEND A HAND)
- FUNDRAISING
- GIRLS NIGHT OUT
- PREPARE FOOD

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