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Monday, January 18

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Make plans to attend each monthly meeting. It's a great opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food, and to learn more about gardening and our environment.

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When: Monday, January 18, 2010

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: St. George Fellowship Centre
3205 Ridgewood Road
Copley, Ohio

Program: Arrowhead School & Name Change

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Paula Mularcik from Arrowhead Elementary School in Copley will be our speaker. She will be promoting the Youth Gardening Program which is carried on at the school.

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See the President's message on page 2. He will tell you all about what will happen at this meeting. This subject has been discussed for a long time at board meetings and now the board wants to know what the membership thinks about a name change.

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Board Meeting: Monday, January 25 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church
West Market Street. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

Club web site: <http://mgcakron.org> & <http://ohiogardeners.org>

Message from President Arthur Britton

Happy New Years to all! With the start of the New Year, we have a lot on our plate. At the January meeting, we will discuss the topic of changing the name of our club, covering all the pros and cons.

At the meeting we will allow all members to speak either for or against this. Each person will be given two minutes in order to allow all who want to voice their thoughts and concerns to do so. Yes, we will be timing everyone, so please respect the time limit. We will **vote in February** and we must have a two-thirds majority to make any changes. This is a very important vote and to vote you must have paid your dues for 2010. You will be allowed to pay at the meeting.

The club has a lot of projects and committees; we are in need of asking for help in order to keep them going. One of these is the Awards Committee, Jim Fee is stepping down and we need to find a replacement. He is willing to pass along the information that is needed to do this, and will be glad to answer questions as to the details of this position. If you are not on a committee and would like to get involved, or if you would consider adding this position to whatever else you might be doing for the club, please let us know. We thank you in advance.

I would like to take a moment to have everyone try to remember what is the club's Mission Statement. I feel that it is important to keep this in mind as we move forward, not only in the voting of the name of the club but in the programs to which we might want to devote time, money and energy. Our Mission Statement-

The club operates exclusively for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes:

- To promote gardening as a desirable hobby for adults and youth.
- To assist in developing gardening skills.
- To encourage the use of gardens as a means for the beautification of communities and other appropriate areas.
- To cooperate with other organizations and persons interested in gardening.
- To encourage qualified members to share their knowledge and abilities.

The club's board members are going to try to keep everyone better informed as to what the club is doing and where we stand financially. To do this, we will have copies of the treasure's report at the dinner meetings and a summary of the topics discussed either in the Gabber or at the dinner meetings. We will try to continue to try to keep everyone informed of what is being discussed, what we are planning to do in the future, and where the money is being spent or saved.

(Editor's note - As the President said in his message the board wanted the membership to be better informed about the business of the club. He suggested that the Secretary put either the minutes of the last board meeting or a summary of them in the Gabber. Marti choose to put the whole account of the meeting in rather than a summary.)

Men's Garden Club Of Akron, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes, November 23, 2009

Present: Grace Cochran, Sam Morlan, Leroy Hart, Marti Williams, Al Eddy, Arthur Britton, John Lewis, Bob Bell, Jack Cochran, Jim Bell, MaryAnn Ferguson Rich ,Frank Mitch.

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm.

Minutes: Sam Morlan moved to accept minutes Jack Cochran seconded.

Approved

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bell moved to approve treasurer's report Al Eddy seconded. Approved

New Business:

Sam is setting up a tour of Lakeview cemetery on May 15, 2010 we will have a guided tour, price will be around \$25.00. We will also have lunch on the tour.

Bob Bell made motion to attend both Home and Garden shows this year Jim Bell seconded. Approved

Frank Mitch made a motion to publish latest minutes and the budget when approved in the Gabber each month Bob Bell seconded. Approved

MaryAnn made a motion to have a few copies of the treasurer's report available on each table at the dinner meetings. Jim Bell seconded. Approved

Frank Mitch will install new officers at the December dinner meeting.

Marti Williams made a motion we pay for dinner for Frank for installing new officers.

Sam Morlan will see if we can get the same dinner for December as we had last year.

Jack Cochran made a motion we buy Christmas cactus this year price will be \$4.99. Frank Mitch seconded.

Approved

Arthur will be calling Vic Giannini to see if he will do the 2010 roster.

Sam Morlan would like to have Paula for a 15 minute presentation on the Arrowhead school project.

Marti Williams will see if Stan Hywet would like us to have our Strawberry Festival there.

Bob Bell made a motion to make George Karadin an honorary member. Jim Bell seconded. Approved

Jim Bell made a motion to give waitresses \$50.00 each for yearly bonus. Bob Bell seconded. Approved

Geraniums:

We will be ordering 550 flats this year; we will also have annuals again this year.

Old Business:

Jim Bell made a motion to have a presentation and then discuss the clubs name change at the January meeting and then have the vote at the February meeting. MaryAnn Rich seconded. Approved

We also plan to have a small business meeting at the dinner meeting to discuss the budget and committees.

Bob Bell made motion to adjourn Marti Williams seconded. Adjourned 9:00 pm.

Home and Garden Shows in Cleveland

MGC Akron members have been invited to participate with the Cleveland club again in the two Cleveland shows this year. A short shift in the display booth will get you free admission to each of these shows as last year. A member can bring a non-member spouse, limit of 4 people per shift.

Cleveland Home and Garden Show
Great Lakes Expo Center in Euclid - free parking this year January 22-31, 2010

Great Big Home and Garden Expo
Cleveland IX-Center
February 6-14, 2010

The Euclid show is filling up fast, a few slots are still open.

To sign up for one or both shows please contact soon for your choice of days:

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Habitat for Humanity Homes

(Editor's note - In last month's Gabber in the article about Habitat homes by Frank Mitch the Editor somehow left off the names of some of the members who had worked on this project. Therefore, the Editor is repeating the article with all of the names.)

November 2009 Habitat Project

Most surprising Habitat landscaping project to date was at 211 24th street in Barberton this November. We planted a tree and some shrubs on November 3rd but found it much too wet to do more. On November 11th we managed to do the grass for about 2/3 of the large property. Still sinking in the mud up to our ankles postponed the remainder until November 14th. We hope the remaining warm days of the month enabled the 5 way rye grass to germinate and green up before winter.

Many trips to Barberton were necessary to check

out the conditions and finally pronounce it a success. Thanks to all the faithful club helpers who made it happen again this year. Here are those who came to help on one or more times. Most days we survived with no donuts:

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| Bob Bell | Jim Bell |
| Dick Edwards – former club member | |
| Roger Hite | Chuck Keach |
| Les Knight | John Lewis |
| David Martine | Ira McCans |
| Mary Ann Rich | Frank Mitch |

Reported by Frank Mitch

Member News

John Bowyer in December spent two weeks in the hospital apparently the result of a stroke. He was at the December meeting for a while. He said that he is improving. We hope that John will make a full recovery.

We have learned that long time member George Karadin has been ill for some time and is pretty much confined to his home. We wish that George's health would improve so that he could again join us at the dinner meetings. Because of his long time service to the club George was given honorary member status by the board.

According to the membership roster last year we had two honorary members: William E. Bacon and Rev. G. Duane Culler. Mr. Bacon has passed away so now we have just two honorary members, Rev. Culler and George.

Seminars at Dayton Nursery

Saturday, **January 30** - Spring to Fall - Lavenders Have It All by Jody Byrne of the Daybreak Lavender Farm.

Saturday **February 6** - Herbs for Flavor, Fitness & Fragrance by Kathleen Gips of the Village Herb Shop

Saturday **February 13** - Small Fruits and Fruit Trees by Tom Dayton.

All are at noon in the new Owl Barn at the nursery 3459 Cleve - Mass Road, Norton and the cost is \$8.00

Growing from Seed

Why Grow from Seed? It's fun, easy, economical and possible to grow unique, unusual and hard to find plants.

Getting Started - Use Pro-Mix or other seed starting compound - don't use garden soil. find a sunny spot in the house or use grow lights. Keep these lights from two to four inches from the soil surface. In the early months use these lights from 18 to 24 hours a day.

Use flats with divided inserts or growing pans which allow many seeds to be planted in a small space. After the seeds germinate transplant them from the growing pans to divided flats before the roots become too entwined.

Heating mats placed underneath flats can speed germination and keep temperatures more even.

When seedlings emerge make sure that they don't get leggy which is caused by insufficient light or a light source too far from the surface.

As the weather warms plants can be placed out of doors to receive full sun. This allows the plants to toughen-up quickly so they do not suffer shock when they are transitioned to the garden.

When to Grow It - January - Geraniums and bulb onions.

February - Petunias and Snapdragons

March - Eggplants, peppers, tomatoes, large Marigolds and French Marigolds.

April - Basil and most herbs, gourds, lettuce, sweet pea flowers, and celosia. Peas for eating and radishes can be sown outside.

May - Sunflowers, squash, melons, zinnias, beans, corn, and lettuce can be directly seeded in the garden or spend a short time in packs under grow lights. Celosia and Bells of Ireland sow direct in the garden.

June - Asparagus and most perennials, The perennials will not bloom the first season and asparagus takes three growing seasons.

July - Second planting of beets and carrots.

August - Fall lettuce, turnips and fall greens.

October - Garlic

Good Things to Know - Some seeds need to be sown on the surface, others need to be lightly covered with soil, others need to be pre-chilled, others need to be nicked, others need to be soaked in water and others need to germinate in the dark. Carefully check the envelope to determine the correct circumstances for germination.