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## Monday, August 20

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.

**When:** Monday, August 20, 2007  
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Where:** The Memorial Dining Room  
440 Grant Street  
Akron, Ohio 44311

**Program Mini Horticulture Show**

Any single leaf specimen (hosta, geranium, etc.)  
Any annual-1 stem  
Any perennial-1 stem  
Any fruit-1 to 5 depending on size, or a cluster if berries, etc.  
Any herb-1 to three stems depending on size  
Any arrangement  
Any vegetable-1 specimen (lettuce or chard in water)  
Any flowering tree or shrub-(branch not to exceed 30")

All cut specimens should be shown in a clear, glass bottle.

Rosettes given to the top three winners!

Any judges in attendance may be called into service.

This has been a very popular meeting for the past four years! Bring in your entries.

Show schedules for the September 8, horticulture show will be distributed. This year prizes will be given in addition to the ribbons for the top three show exhibits.

The ten minute talk will be given by John Cochran on Pictures from the Garden.

**Club web site: <http://www.acorn.net/mgcakron>**

## A Message from Your President - Bob Bell

WOW has it been hot. At least it makes the corn grow along with the weeds. I expect your gardens are all in full bloom. You are probably picking tomatoes and beans and cucumbers and peppers and cabbage and all of the rest of the fresh vegetables that you have been growing. That is what makes the spring work all worthwhile. It is time to start thinking about what we need to plant for the fall. If you like to have some fresh lettuce for your BLT sandwich in September you need to plant some lettuce seed now. Also it is probably time to put in more spinach, maybe some peas and any other cool weather seeds that will take about 6 weeks to mature.

I think that our club had six members representing us at the Summer National Garden Club of America Convention held in Rockford, Illinois. That is an awesome number to have traveled that far. The attendees that I have talked to so far said they had a wonderful time and heard many great presentations. Many of you may want to start thinking about next year's Convention which will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 12 through 14. It is about a 4 to 4 1/2 hour drive to Fort Wayne from Akron. As you can imagine, the cost to put on the convention is substantial. Our Club's Board of Directors has voted to send \$1000 to the Fort Wayne club to help with the expenses as reservation money doesn't start to show up until well into next year and many deposits must be made immediately.

So far three members have invited our Club members to visit their homes and gardens. We would really encourage everyone to take this opportunity to show what you have done and/or to see what other members have done to make their corner of the world a little nicer. Some members (Jim and Andy) served refreshments. The other was too cheap. (At least that is what I have been told.) The point is, it isn't necessary to provide refreshments or entertainment. It is a great opportunity to have one on one conversations with other members including questions and answers regarding problems or solutions you may have. Please, Please, Please if you want us to visit let me or Lee Hart know so we may include your garden in the GABBER or announce it at our dinner. I believe this is a program that could really grow in the next few years.

**Good News.** I apologize to the member who suggested that we have a dinner to recognize past presidents as I have forgotten who it was. HOWEVER, I didn't forget the wonderful idea. We have been discussing it for a couple of months and at the board meeting in July, Marti Williams said she would make the calls to all of the Past Presidents and Val Becker said she would help. We are inviting all living past presidents and spouse, whether presently a member or not, to be our guest at the November Dinner. We decided to not invite those that are gardening in Heaven.

**Attention Past Presidents** if you do not get a call in the next month or two please call Marti or myself.

And the last item for this month. We have been trying to discuss issues regarding what we see our Garden Club doing in the future. For the next Board meeting on August 27th everyone will bring to the meeting their top three suggestions. We meet at the library behind Summit Mall. If you have ideas for the Club plan to meet with us beginning at 6:30 PM.

See you August 20th at the dinner.

### Horticulture Show

We will be returning to the Main Branch of the Akron Summit County Public Library for our horticulture show on Saturday September 8, 2007. Tables will be set up by Friday afternoon the day before, and those who would like to come in and help cover the tables, set up the place cards and perhaps bring in some early entries may do so from 3:00 to 6:00. Entries on Saturday morning cannot be made before the library opens at 9:00 a.m. Entries must be in place by 11:00 a.m.

I will be passing out entry cards at the mini-show in August, take some home and get them filled out in advance so you won't have to do them the day of the show-or at least not so many!

Parking in the deck next to the library is free on Saturday. It is only free for one hour on Friday!

They give us a dolly to use for those of you with lots of items.

Schedules will be passed out at the August meeting, be sure and pick one up. Let's have a good turnout this year!

Any questions, call 330-630-9625.

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich and Cathy Morgan  
Show Chairmen

## Welcome New Member

**Cindy Michael**, 2175 Beach Drive, Akron, OH 44312 phone 330-794-0434  
e-mail cleemich@neo.rr.com

Cindy is married to Jerry. She is a Project Manager employed by Diebold, Inc. She says her hobbies are scrapbooking, knitting, genealogy and gardening. Her gardening interests are annuals, flowers, herbs, landscaping and perennials.

Cindy was recommended by Grace Cochran.

## Big Tree Awards

Now is the time for all big tree owners or spotters to let the chairman know! David Rich is taking over as chairman from Walt Starcher, so send in your candidates by email or phone to: 330-630-9625 or Birdman035@hotmail.com. Give me as much information as you have, i.e., what type of tree, location, etc. If it is on private property, please contact the owner and get permission for the Big Tree Committee to come out. Deadline for entries is October 1, 2007. David Rich

## Guests for the July Dinner Meeting

I am pleased to announce that the following people were with us as guests at the July Dinner meeting: Lora Avens, Carol Chlosta, Ruth Fee, Carol Knight, Rosemary Marshall (Jim Marshall's spouse) and Martha Wiesz.

Our Guest speaker for the evening was Monica Hudak. She is a student at ATI and was a double scholarship winner from our organization; winning one from our club and one from the national.

## Greeters for June and July

We had two people who did double duty in the Greeting of members and guests for both June, the Strawberry Feast, and July dinner meeting: These folks are the team of Eileen and Frank Field

Both submitted by Jim Fee

## Member News

**Lewis F. Kreek Jr.** passed away on July 23 after a long battle with cancer. After a severe illness in 2006 he moved to Rockynol. He was a patent attorney and very active in the Kiwanis. His wife, Gwendolyn preceded him in death in 2006. He is survived by a sister, a nephew and a niece.

## Under New Management

Often you see this sign at a restaurant or other place of business. It indicates that the establishment is under a new owner or new management. This is true of our meeting place. The owner of the site has remained the same, the owner is the Medical Services Bureau but the caterer has changed in the short time we have been there. Originally it was Peg's Caterer. Then abruptly and without notice Peg left and she was replaced by a caterer who called himself To Dine For and Vino La Bella. In the beginning of this year he informed us we would be responsible for paying the Medical Services Bureau for the use of the bar.

In May this caterer also quit and he was replaced by a temporary caterer named John Hulse. In July the Medical Services Bureau began acting both as owner and caterer. There was not much change since both the cook and head waitress worked for the previous caterer. They will manage the business. The cost remains the same and we still pay for the use of the bar.

I have no idea how long the present arrangement will last. We may have to negotiate a new contract for next year. This has been a rather long and confused explanation about our relationship with our caterer but there have been some questions from members about our dinner arrangements. Most of us feel that the food is good and the meeting place is adequate. There has been some questions about the bar.

If you have comments about our meals or the meeting place contact me or any board member.

Leroy Hart, Treasurer

## Membership Renewal

### All Life, Regular and Associate Members of MGC of Akron!

Now is the time to renew your membership for the year 2008. You may want to follow this process: Look for the renewal FORM on the last page of this Garden Gabber issue. Fill out the appropriate material and **Clip off** the form. Write a check for the appropriate amount, payable to the Mens Garden Club of Akron. Enclose the form and check in an envelope and **mail to** the address on the form.

Your name and vital information is guaranteed entry in the 2008 membership Roster when you take this action. Late enrollments are **not** given this guarantee.

Those members who will attend the August dinner meeting may bring the Form and the Check to the Treasurer at that time if they so desire.

Posted by Jim Fee, membership committee, MGC of Akron

### Sponsoring a New Member for MGC of Akron

It is now an appropriate time to review the process of sponsoring a **new member** for Mens Garden Club of Akron.

Who may sponsor a new member? Only **Life and Regular members may sponsor a new member to be brought into MGC of Akron.**

How can a sponsor recommend a new member? When a person has shown interest in becoming a member of MGC of Akron, the sponsor obtains a membership application for the person to fill out and gets him her, or them started on the process.

How can a sponsor obtain a membership application?

1. Ask for one from either Jim Fee, co-chair membership committee or Dick Cotton, co-chair membership committee (one or both of us will be available at monthly dinner meetings and will have New Member application forms with us)
2. If you have a computer go to the MGC of Akron website <http://www.acorn.net/mgcakron> follow the steps that lead you to a 'printable' Application Form; print out a copy and follow through with your intended new member contact.
3. Contact, by phone: Jim Fee 330.864.0442 or Dick Cotton 330.867.7250 and ask us to send you a copy of the application form by mail.
4. Contact either of us by mail at:

James V. Fee  
527 Winslow Ave  
Akron, OH 44313-5319

Richard C. Cotton  
517 Dorchester Rd.  
Akron, OH 44320-1922

Here are important considerations in your thinking about new member sponsorship:

When you have brought in your **first** new member, you have become a member of the membership committee (this is for any given year).

When you have brought in your **second** new member (for any given year) you will receive a "Spade Award" from the National organization and recognition when you get your award at a dinner meeting.

**Be absolutely sure that your contact puts your name on the recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ line of the Application Form.**

Posted by: James V. Fee co-chair membershipcommittee, MGC of Akron

### Silent Auction

Planning on dividing perennials this fall? Bring them in for the Silent Auction.

Winners last month: Joyce Baldwin purchased a drip irrigation system for \$12.00 donated by Jim Fee.

Grace Cochran,  
Chair Silent Auction

**An Inspirational Message from Valerie Becker**

1. There are at least two people in this world that you would die for.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way
3. The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.
4. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
5. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
6. You mean the world to someone.
7. You are special and unique.
8. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
9. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.
10. When you think the world has turned its back on you take another look.
11. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.

And always remember: When life hands you lemons, ask for tequila and salt, and call me over!  
 Good friends are like stars: You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.  
 Whenever God Closes One Door He Always Opens Another

**2008 Dues Are Due!**

- Regular Members - \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Life Members - \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Associate Members - \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Life Members - Spouse is not a Life Member - \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Regular Member - Spouse is not a Life Member - \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- New Life Membership - at any age - One time payment of \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following form , enclose your check and mail to:

Leroy Hart  
 633 Schocalog Road  
 Akron, OH 44320-1033

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if OK to print in club roster) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_