**MARCHING INTO MARCH, 2 X 2**

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE, 2022**

**HEADS UP! THESE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE EXTREMELY CRUCIAL FOR YOUR GARDEN CLUB AND DISTRICT! THESE ARE THE MONTHS WHEN WE (1) HOLD CLUB ELECTIONS, BUT ACCORDING TO THE CLUB’S BY LAWS, NOT EVERYONE IS ON THIS SCHEDULE, AND (2) OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CURRENT MEMBERS TO RE-UP DUES!**

**IS YOUR CLUB EXPERIENCING A RELUCTANCE FOR FOLKS TO “STEP UP” TO SERVE??? LET’S TALK ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF TEAM…YES, TEAM! INSTEAD OF ONE PERSON BEARING THE TITLE, HOW ABOUT A TEAM OF 3??? OF COURSE, ONE OF THOSE SHOULD BE “PRIMARY” SO FFGC HEADQUARTERS WILL HAVE A CONTACT, BUT THE ENTIRE TEAM IS TO SHARE IN THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY GREAT FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND TREASURER! DUTIES COULD ALSO BE ROTATED AMONG THE MEMBERS, WITH ONE BEING THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THAT CLUB. THIS COULD BE EXPANDED TO ALL YOUR MAJOR OFFICERS!**

**TIME TO RE-UP! MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR FFGC ARE DUE JUNE 1 !!!! NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY YOUR NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND APPRECIATE JUST WHAT BEING A MEMBER BRINGS TO THEM. DON’T FORGET THAT EVERYONE WEARS A “TATOO” SHOUTING, ”WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?????”**

 **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOUR CLUBS CHOOSE TO HOST A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION OR GATHERING, PREFERABLY IN SOMEONE’S HOME. YOU WILL WANT TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN OF ALL YOUR TEAMS (COMMITTEES) TO BE THERE TO EXPLAIN THEIR GOALS AND DUTIES. ALSO, THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO SHARE ABOUT WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP, S.E.E.K., FFGC SCHOLARSHIPS, PLUS WHAT BEING A PART OF DEEP SOUTH AND NGC MEANS!**

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THESE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE BUSY, BUSY ONES IN THE LIFE OF OUR CLUBS.**

**AS ALWAYS, IF YOU NEED HELP, JUST GIVE US A CALL!**

**SHARING THE JOY OF GARDEN CLUB, 2 X 2 IN 2022**

**Jane Nendick, FFGC Membership Retention Chair**

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