District II Director Report - October 13, 2026

Good morning and Welcome. I am pleased to have this opportunity to meet with you again as we start this year. We are also honored to have our President, Carla Gauthier and President-Elect, Kyle Martin, join us. Thank you both!

As I look out at all of you – I see a tapestry of people who are District II. I have met many of you for the first time this year; others have been peers and friends for a longer time. I have learned much from all of you through the LGCF meetings and garden club meetings I have attended this year, through reading your plans in yearbooks, observing what you have accomplished within our community through leading public events, reaching out to our youth, helping those in need - all with strong purpose and great dedication!

You all have shared so much of yourselves with me. I have been able to enjoy other parts of our state this year through travels to LGCF meetings and enjoyed a wonderful convention in the beautiful southern city of Houma. I was able to go on a LGCF tour to Nashville with a number of you – again learning about the areas you and your clubs are from and making new friendships. Who knew this was all going to be part of being a District Director.

During this year, we have all witnessed a very special example of resilience and accomplishment with our Peggy Martin Rose being named the State Rose! How special is that. This reminded me not only of the beauty that is in our state but also strength that surrounds me through your garden clubs and, again, what can be accomplished working together.

We have another opportunity to work together as a District through a new partnership between LGCF and our State Keep Louisiana Beautiful Litter Free Schools program. I am the LGCF Chairman for this program and acting as a liaison between LGCF and Keep Louisiana Beautiful. You and members of your garden clubs can participate in outreach roles with our local schools to share and educate the students about their importance in litter control in our environment. I have some literature here today that you can take with you to learn more about the program and share with your club members.

I am very excited to announce that my River Ridge Garden Club is celebrating its Golden 50th Year Anniversary this year! Yes, you can applaud!

I am also so excited that District II is hosting the State Convention in 2027! We have a great team hard at work planning the convention and we have opportunities for all of our garden clubs in District II to help us make our Convention a “stand out” for those who attend. We have lots of work yet to accomplish so please save some space in your plans for this to be a part of the Convention.

I appreciate each of you and what you have accomplished this year and am excited about what is to come. Accomplishments often begin with a small seed—a thoughtful idea, a willing volunteer, or one person who inspires another. May we remain firmly rooted in working together with our shared purpose and always reaching toward new possibilities.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing another year with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Moscona

District II Director 2025-2027