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To: Central Great Lakes Region Club Officers/Board of Directors

Subject: Annual Report for the Board of Directors

Fall Region Meeting, Saturday, October 11, 2003 - Kingwood Center Manor House, Mansfield, Ohio

As the end of my time in office as president of the Central Great Lakes Region Gardeners of America nears, there are several things I would like to see happen before I step down. I would like to see the region be the first to have 100% of all 2004 affiliated club **Officers Report** turned into national by January 15th AT THE LATEST. I would also like to receive a summary of the entire region's **clubs 2003 activities** so that a report can be included in the winter issue of the JAB and be available for members to see at the 2004 Spring meeting in Mansfield.

All **club presidents** should attend the three business meetings in the Region each year since they **are officially members of the Board of Directors**. All club members are encouraged to attend and become acquainted with the operation of a region and its directors. Since the national directors are the rule making members of our national organization, they should hear your concerns or suggestions. This is just a small part of what you get out of your national dues. If you do not voice your feelings to the directors, they cannot relay them at the national directors meetings. Have you sent Leroy Hart an interesting article for the Johnny Appleseed? It is due by early September.

ALL directors and alternate directors are to submit a report, in writing, as to their contacts with the clubs assigned to them. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**. Our members need to know that we care about them. This is done by visits, calls and reports that can be relayed back to the club. I stressed earlier that communication between clubs, the region and at the national level, is my #1 priority. **PLEASE DO NOT LET THE REGION DOWN**.

There will be a Club Assistance Program from 10 AM to Noon on **Newsletters and Publicity**. I would appreciate copies of all club newsletters before the October Meeting. They will then be made available to members after the meeting. We need a better showing of region newsletters for the National Newsletter Awards.

After lunch we will reconvene for the business meeting at 1PM. If you have business that you would like to have discussed, please send me a note ASAP so that I can include it in the Agenda. The nominating committee has been formed and is trying to be in contact with each and every club to gain the greatest diversity of candidates throughout the region. Please say "yes" when they call and be a part of a great organization.

Our business meeting will be followed by a presentation by Kingwood Center Senior Gardener, Charles Applegate. His program will be on Perennials.

We hope to see you all, with members from your club at the October 11th meeting.

Sincerely,

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