

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE DIRECTORS AT LARGE?

The role as Directors at Large is that we serve a two-year term as liaisons between the GCV member clubs in our Districts and the GCV Board of Directors. More specifically, we are the club presidents' links to the GCV President and the Kent-Valentine House.

We meet with our presidents, fielding questions and facilitating discussion among the group.

We attend club meetings and historic garden week events.

We promote giving to the GCV Annual Fund.

We remind presidents of upcoming GCV events, promote these events, and encourage club-wide attendance and participation.

We encourage presidents and/or their members to get involved with GCV at the statewide level.

We host Presidents Day, not only to welcome, educate, and thank club presidents, but also to promote The Garden Club of Virginia and its accomplishments throughout the Commonwealth.

HOW, YOU ASK, MAY WE DALs BEST SERVE OUR DISTRICT CLUBS?

1. **Anne Harrison, District 3:** Hold a “district-wide “New Member Orientation Day”
2. **Debbie Lewis, District 4:** Encourage clubs to attend GCV events as a large group; the more exposure to GCV the more likely they are to get involved at the state level.
3. **Debbie Bonnewell, District 6:** Encourage our district clubs to share successful practices (fundraising, membership, programs) which can then be shared among all districts.
4. **Laura Francis, District 5:** Ask our clubs *Specifically* how we DALs can help them
5. **Bettie Guthrie, District 1:** It is the consensus of the member club presidents that Presidents Day is a valuable and necessary event. Due to the success of Presidents Day for the past two years, on behalf of the six Directors at Large, we recommend to the Board that Presidents Day be held as an annual event and placed on the GCV calendar.