



## Expectations of Trustees

- 1. Volunteer Organization:** The Garden Club of Jacksonville is a nonprofit organization that promotes the love of gardening, floral, and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth, and the community. Even though the Club has an exemplary paid staff, the Garden Club is very dependent on Trustees and other volunteers to advocate for the Club's mission and activities.
- 2. Participation:** Trustees are expected to:
  - Be knowledgeable and supportive of the Garden Club's bylaws and procedures.
  - Attend Board meetings and the Annual Meeting.
  - Attend scheduled committee meetings.
  - Prepare in advance for Board and committee meetings.
  - Perform all duties in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Garden Club.
  - Be active in the Garden Club's activities.
  - Advocate for the Garden Club of Jacksonville.
- 3. Committees:** The Garden Club is dependent on both standing and ad-hoc committees to advance its mission. Trustees are expected to lend their talents to at least one of these committees.
- 4. Advocacy:** The community-at-large is not aware of the work, educational offerings, and opportunities to engage with others at the Garden Club. Growing the base of support is essential for the Garden Club to grow and thrive in the years ahead. Trustees are expected to advocate for the Garden Club's mission with the Garden Circles, Friends of the Garden Club, like-minded organizations, and the community-at-large.
- 5. Financial Contributions:** In order to expand our services and make the Garden Club more financially sustainable, Trustees are asked to contribute in the following ways:
  - Become a Friend of the Garden Club member or join a Garden Circle.
  - Actively recruit new members.
  - Encourage participation in the Garden Club's activities within the membership and community.
  - Identify and open doors to potential sponsors.
  - Offer in-kind services that would otherwise require an outlay of funds from the Garden Club or additional staff time.