



MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Leadership Development Mini-Conference,

Bzzzz Michigan with Leaders, June 5, 2018

Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI
Invitation to all Members



Clubs experience difficulties finding members to step-up and serve in leadership positions within their clubs and often “recycle” leaders until those leaders are totally “burned-out.” We hear from newer members that they would like to serve, but could never fill the shoes of... or know as much as “they” know. Sadly, clubs who cannot find someone willing to serve as President resort to dissolving their club—how very sad. Sound familiar?

Others remark that they don’t know what Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. does, what benefits they receive for their dues, who their state Board members are, who to contact for help nor with whom they can share their ideas. At first, these two dilemmas may seem quite unrelated, but they really are. By learning more about MGC and what it has to offer, members often find their niche—their passion and when passion is ignited, leaders develop. Plus being able to network with others with similar interests, ideas are shared and again, leaders develop.

The Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Board exists for you and we have heard you and to that end, we are providing an opportunity that may help to encourage aspiring leaders, like you. I ask leaders in clubs to encourage your fellow members to attend the **pre-MGC Annual Convention Leadership Development Mini-Conference (*Buzzzzzz Michigan with Leaders*) on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 5 (the day before the opening of the 87th Annual Convention) at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan.** This opportunity is not only for club officers, but for all club members. You may wish to car pool together and stay over for the convention. The convention will offer you opportunities to shop from MANY awesome vendors, experience the standard flower show (*What’s All the Buzzzzzz About*), attend seminars, learn from inspiring speakers, (and some surprises)—all in the beautiful Radisson Plaza Hotel. The Kalamazoo area also offers great shopping for gardeners.

An overview of the sessions is also sent with this invitation. Each session is led by a MGC Board member. The Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ) and Michigan Consultant’s Council (MCC) will also be meeting during this time. Each session is 45 minutes long to enable speaker set-up and attendee transfer time to different rooms.

The President’s Round Table Sessions, however, will be of a different format. There will be six tables in the room, each with a topic sign. The attendees will go to three of the six tables with the topics which interest them during that session, asking questions/sharing ideas—and visit for 15 minutes before moving on to the next table—something like today’s “speed-dating,” but let’s call it “speed-networking.”

The registration fee for the Convention includes this Leadership Development Mini-Conference. To attend just the Leadership Development Mini-Conference, the registration fee is \$35. **Please register by May 16, 2018.** When arriving at the hotel, please check-in at the MGC Convention registration desk (**opens at 8:30 a.m.**) to obtain your registration materials.

Questions? Please contact MGC President, Carol Brodbeck MGC17president@aol.com. Come and “Grow & Share.” Hope to see you.

Carol Brodbeck
MGC President

