## PLANT FOR CANCER AWARENESS

My incoming State President's Project for the next 2 years is to be an expansion of the Plant It Pink program. Instead of highlighting the fight against breast cancer alone, my theme: Plant America in Colors of Hope for Cancer Awareness encompasses the many other forms of this frightening disease.

I encourage clubs to take a look at the many ribbon colors associated with the various types of cancer and plant their parks, civic spaces and homes in memory of the victims of one or several of these types of cancer. Colors chosen can be in honor of a family member, club member or friend. Without question, cancer has touched all of us in one way or another.

Wanda Zahrt is the nominated state chair for this project, and she and her committee will meet to determine incentives and awards for the clubs and individuals participating. The amount available for awards will be determined at the June Board of Directors meeting.

This announcement is being made now in order for clubs to be eligible for awards in 2021. As you plan your individual and civic plantings this spring, consider dedicating one or more of your gardens or containers in honor of someone who faced this heart stopping diagnosis.

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