

designed to reestablish the Glenn Dale hybrids in parks and arboreta around the country. The project had recently taken on international implications when we discovered that gardens in England had received shipments of Glenn Dales azaleas in 1947 and 1960 and thus might serve as sources of original Glenn Dale plant material just like the Ten Oaks Nursery.

Memories

It was the family's request that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) in memory of Richard T. West for the support of the azalea program at the U. S. National Arboretum. [The address of FONA is: 3501 New York Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20002, ed.] Dick spoke often of his recollection of visiting the Arboretum as a youngster with his father shortly after it first opened to the public in 1949. Together, they especially enjoyed the azaleas at

a time when the azaleas were still relatively new to the local gardening public.

We all had the good fortune of knowing the real Dick West, if only through his writings. For those of us who worked closely with Dick in one endeavor or another, we are better for the experience. I will miss his intellectual stimulation, his friendship, and the challenge of keeping up with the pace that he set. He was a good example of a good example. A perpetually positive influence, his legacy will last as long as we have our memories.

William C. Miller III, co-Chairman of the Azalea Society of America's Membership Committee and Chair of the Public Information Committee, is a recipient of the Society's Distinguished Service Award. He is a former Vice President of the Society and a long-time ASA member. He is a frequent contributor to THE AZALEAN. He is a co-sponsor of the Ten Oaks Glenn Dale Project. □

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For President: James O. Thornton, Conyers, Georgia. Jim is best known as a founding member and first President of the Oconee Chapter. Retired from AT&T after 31 years, he and wife Patsy now preside over an ample and rather mature garden of mostly azaleas (he also does orchids). From ASA point of view, it is his great skill as an organizer, mover and shaker, that recommends him to you.

For Vice President: William F. Bode, Covington, Louisiana. Bill retired as a hospital division manager for a pharmaceutical company. He is a past president of the Baton Rouge Men's Garden Club and a past president of the Louisiana Chapter of the Azalea Society of America. He has been interested in azaleas for 30 years.

For Director: Gen. Bryghte D. Godbold USMC (Ret.) Dallas Texas. Bryghte holds a Ph.D. degree from NYU and is Director Emeritus of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and the U.S. National Arboretum. He was Director of "Goals for Dallas" in 1963, a blueprint for development which lead growth strategies for the city of Dallas into the 1990's.

For Director: Donald W. Hyatt, McLean, Virginia. Don has a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry with a double major in Horticulture and a Masters degree in Computer Science. He has taught mathematics or computer science in the Fairfax County, Virginia public schools for 28 years Don has been president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society of America, and served on the Board of governor's in the Society's formative years. He has been hybridizing azaleas and rhododendron for over 30 years.

For Director: Col. Murray Sheffield USAF (Ret.), Wetumpka, Alabama., Murray made a career in the Air Force and served from 1941 until 1945 and 1948 until 1971. He has been gardening with azaleas for many years. He and his wife Inez, have a four-acre garden with 4,000 azaleas in the ground (250 varieties). He has had good success working with thousands of cuttings, liners, and mature plants, both purchased and started from scratch.

TO ALL ASA MEMBERS

With the change in the dues schedule that was approved by the Board of Directors for 1997, the Membership committee wishes to take this opportunity to remind "all hands" that all old membership applications should be disposed of or modified to reflect the increase in dues. Since a number of chapters have taken the initiative to create their own versions of the ASA membership brochure, it is imperative that the chapters ensure that the information contained in their brochures is current and complete. Applications with insufficient funds are returned which is awkward, expensive, and preventable.

Finally, dues notices for 1997 were mailed in October. There is no advantage in waiting. If you have not already responded, please take a moment to do so now. If you have misplaced the pre-addressed envelope that we provided, send your check in the amount corresponding to one of the membership categories to:

Membership Committee
Azalea Society of America
P.O. Box 34536
West Bethesda, MD 20827-0536

The new dues structure for 1997 is:

Annual	\$ 25
Contributing	\$ 50
Sustaining	\$100
Endowment	\$200
Life	\$500

As always, your generosity and cooperation are appreciated.

William C. Miller III
for the Membership Committee