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2021-Present

Chair, National Affairs and Legislation Committee

The Garden Club of America, New York, NY

Oversee a 40-member team tracking environmental issues, policy and legislation. Educate a membership of 18,000 people across the United States via monthly meetings focused on environmental and conservation issues (oceans, clean air, native plants, water, soil health, etc.). Oversee the writing of the GCA's Position Papers and numerous articles. Produce an annual two-day conference with 20+ speakers in Washington, DC.

2019-2021

Vice Chair, Legislation and Policy

The Garden Club of America, New York, NY

Apprised our membership about current environmental issues, policies and legislation that reflects the purpose of the GCA. Tracked progress on specific bills related to our purpose, "to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment".

2017-2019

Vice Chair of Forests and Redwoods

The Garden Club of America, New York, NY

Tracked issues, policy and legislation relating to forest health. Consulted on language for related legislation.

2015-2017

President

Woodside-Atherton Garden Club, Woodside, California

Stewarded the work of a 100+ person GCA club focused on environmental issues in our local community, including protecting the San Francisco Bay, promoting the protection of open space, supporting outdoor education opportunities for underserved children, and expanding a local school garden.

2013-2015

Conservation Chair

Woodside-Atherton Garden Club, Woodside, California

Led the conservation work of the organization, expanded environmental learning opportunities for the membership, wrote op-eds, promoted a local bond measure to support the SF Bay.

Education:

1978-1982

University of California, Berkeley - BA in English Literature, coursework in Political Science and Comparative Religion

In addition to the above work, I have served on the local Board of Teach for America and as a volunteer with local schools and other non-profits while raising a family of four children, cultivating a garden, honeybees and a flock of chickens.