

Response from Oct 17, 2023 09:34 PM

– Name

Jennifer Rector

– Husband's Name

William Baylis Rector, III (Trey)

– Age

55

– Address - Include Zip Code

344 Clovelly Road, Richmond, Virginia 23221

– Home Phone Number & Cell Phone Number

804-928-9756

– Email Address

jenniferrector@comcast.net

– Length of Residence in Area - Two Year Minimum

Lifelong resident - Jennifer grew up in Richmond

– Children Names and Ages

Isabelle, College

– Education

Indiana University Bloomington, Elementary Education Major

– Occupation (Past and Present)

Fidelity Investments Fortune 500 Pension Plans Senior Relationship Manager, Teacher Elementary School, Currently Owner, Great Estates, LLC

– Organizations, Interests, Talents

Event Organization, Decor, Fundraising: Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Gala Chair, Maggie Walker High School Auction Decor Chair, St. Michael's Episcopal School Decor Chair

Fundraising: Scan, Family Lifeline

Guiding Eyes for the Blind: Animal Training - raised a guide dog

– Please check if any experience, Interest or talent in the following:

Home Gardening, Flower Arrangement, Horticulture, Computer Skills, Photography, Accounting, Conservation, Social Media and Marketing, Writing, Team Building, Amazing Event Organizational Ability, Relationship Networking, Hospitality to Guests & Public, Entrepreneurial Spirit and Business Sense, Loyalty, Fearlessness, Trustworthiness, Straightforwardness, Creativity, Great Sense of Humor!

– Please list family members in a Garden Club.

Information not known to me.

– Please describe why you believe this candidate will make a good member for our club.

My short list, followed by lots of details:

Why? Volunteer organizations' successes depend upon the dedication and commitment from their members.

What? Jennifer's worth ethic and seemingly endless energies are epic.

How? Priority areas for TGC:

1-Jennifer volunteers readily and likes to work

2-She has amazing skills - event organization, floral design, horticulture knowledge put to use in her home garden (which materials she shares regularly), decor, administration, accounting, social media, conservation, computers and technology

3-Jennifer has entered flower shows, has won top prizes, and is excited to exhibit representing TGC

4-Jennifer is loyal, trustworthy, forthright, honest, talented, magnetic, and very, very funny. A great friend!

The details:

Over the last five years I have observed Jennifer giving her absolute ultimate - time, energy, organizational ability and efficiency, floral design, decorating talent, creativity, loyalty, and humor in three major areas.

My introduction to Jennifer was through Peyton, working an event where Jennifer arranged flowers, shared horticulture from her extensive home garden, worked hard every single minute and often into the wee hours of the morning, providing the extras that make all the difference. For the recent wedding of Chris Shand's daughter, Jennifer not only created gorgeous floral table arrangements and helped pack, load, transport, and install the myriad essential wedding elements but also went the extra mile to embellish (independently and on our way out) existing decor such as adding poet's laurel to facility garden urns to add rhythm and beauty. Chris is an Endorser and can describe the elegance of Jennifer's floral designs.

For a recent rehearsal dinner at the Kent-Valentine House, Jennifer worked with me, Renee Gardner, RoseMarie Bundy, and Molly Trapani, for Peyton's client. Renee Gardner, a second Endorser, shares, "During my time as a member of The Tuckahoe Garden Club, I have witnessed firsthand how important it is for our members to be flexible, adaptable and curious when approaching a wide array of different projects. Jennifer's background and interests align well with these qualities; she is a talented floral arranger, as well as a skilled businesswoman, an energetic volunteer, and an eager learner of new gardening trends and techniques. Jennifer and I recently worked together arranging flowers for a rehearsal dinner at the Kent Valentine House. The groom's family requested the flowers be done in the Ikebana style. This was an interesting, new challenge for us all, and Jennifer rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and her trade-mark can-do attitude! I wholeheartedly support Peyton and Meredith's proposal for membership and think Jennifer would be a wonderful asset to The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton!"

A second asset I feel is especially important for the Tuckahoe Garden Club is Jennifer's participation in flower shows. Attending all three of the most acclaimed flower shows in the US - Philadelphia, Memphis, and Houston - Jennifer has demonstrated her interest and her results demonstrate her skill. For the GCV Symposium 2022, she and Peyton created a blue ribbon partner design which also was

awarded the Tri Color Best in Show for non-InterClub classes. Also at Symposium, she won the Most Creative Award and a red ribbon for her Francoise-Weeks-style wearable bow tie plus another red ribbon in the "Animal" class. Accompanying Peyton to Houston for Florescence, she provided plant material and support for Peyton's Blue Ribbon Best in Show masterpiece. TGC would be strengthened by Jennifer's membership, as she welcomes an opportunity to exhibit in GCA and GCV flower shows as a TGC member.

A third demonstration of Jennifer's expertise came through observing her at the helm of her Great Estates business. During a recent sale, I saw firsthand her amazing efficiency, organization, team building and relationship/networking talents, inspiring decorating ability, website, social media and marketing skills, and extra kindness to every person - workers and guests alike. A native flower enthusiast, she features original floral designs at her events. At a recent occasion I met three GCV club Presidents and many club members who attend her sales to not only view the curated collections but also to see the beautiful arrangements. Jennifer works hard, keeps a cool head under pressure, and is loyal and trustworthy with a terrific sense of humor. I have and will volunteer to work with her and for her any day, all day!

Jennifer has my wholehearted support, and I thank the Membership Committee for your hard work and urge TGC members to welcome Jennifer into our wonderful club.

– Proposer

Meredith Lauter

– Endorsed By:

Renee Gardner

– Endorsed By:

Liz Carden,

– Optional Sustainer Support

Peyton Wells
