



This Spring we had the honor of meeting Indiana's Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch. Lt. Gov. Crouch chairs Indiana's Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force. She was the guest speaker at a Munster Chamber of Commerce meeting, of which we are a member.



Our Board member, Paul Gergets, gave a presentation highlighting our mission and activities. We extended an invitation welcoming her to visit our garden the next time she is in the area.

We want to show off our most recent large purchase – a tractor!



Thanks to the continued support of The McComis Foundation, we purchased a gently used New Holland tractor. In the past, we have had to rely on the goodness of others to plow our garden, but now we are able to take over that task.

Also, we are now able to use the cultivator we have had for a while (thanks to the generosity of Joe Janostak and friends) as we have a vehicle large enough to pull that piece of equipment. We have also used the tractor to grade the softball field at Campagna where our Special Olympics softball team and Campagna residents who participate in our horticulture program play softball every Tuesday evening during the summer. As the growing season progresses, I'm sure we'll have many more opportunities to use our new tractor.



Another crop of tomatoes, peppers, corn, and a variety of other vegetables are in the ground and off to a good start this Spring. If we can keep the deer, raccoons and geese out of the garden we should have a good growing season. In early May, we received a donation of 200 roma tomato seedlings that will produce a bumper crop of tomatoes, along with the heirloom tomato plants we always grow. Those of you who came to the geranium sale and showed interest were each given a couple of the seedlings to enjoy, too. Let us know how those turn out for you.

We are also raising canna bulbs thanks to Jim Hitz, our horticulture consultant and teacher of our Tuesday horticulture classes, for donating some of his bumper crop of canna bulbs. We will be able to sell these through a plant selling website that is currently being developed by Rich Christakes at Alsip Nurseries. We are

grateful to have an entrepreneur like Rich on our Board of Professional Advisors.



In an outreach to the community, Munster Parks and Recreation offered us the opportunity to host a 'Succulents 101' class. We had the pleasure of helping 8 participants learn about succulents and create lovely dish gardens to take home and enjoy.

As you can see, our summer is off to a good start and we hope yours is too. As the new sign at our garden says, "Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds."

Mary Anne Neiner

President, Planting Possibilities



Planting Possibilities in the Community



ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Our geranium and veggie plant sale this past May was one of our most successful sales ever! We are so grateful for the many people who continue to encourage us in our mission by supporting our flower sales. You keep us going... or should I say growing!

Mark your calendars for our Fall Mum Sale which will be held on Saturday, September 17th. If our growing season goes well, we will have our tomatoes and peppers to sell too. Watch for that notice in your mail/email/social media.

ROCKOPELLI MUSIC FEST 2022

This year's two-day music festival will be held in Griffith's Central Park on July 23rd and 24th. Rockopelli has generously supported Planting Possibilities for over 10 years. Hope to see you there!



**Saturday, August 13, 2022
at Scherwood Golf Course**

600 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN

Registration: 7:00 AM, Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM, followed by Luncheon

\$125 per golfer - includes 18 holes of golf with cart, buffet lunch, beer, prizes and more!

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In Celebration of Joseph (Pepe) Daniele's Retirement



The Kirby Family wishes Joseph (Pepe) Daniele a long and happy retirement! Joe spent his career in the restaurant business, opening Pepino's Italian Restaurant over 35 years ago in Calumet City, Illinois, then bringing it to Schererville, Indiana 14 years ago. Joe serves on Planting Possibilities' Board of Directors.

In Memory of Lindsey Newell

The Brad Hemingway Family remembers their friend, Lindsey Newell. Lindsey played Special Olympic sports for many years with her many friends in Munster and Valparaiso. Her gift of gab was delightfully shared with all of her large circle of friends. Her bubbly personality is missed by all.



In Memory of Gerald McInerney

Joan McInerney remembers her father, Gerald J. McInerney. Although he has been gone for 25 years, he is still in Joan's heart. Gerald would have appreciated Planting Possibilities' mission, having two special needs grandchildren.

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entire amount of your donation! If you donate \$100, you receive \$50 tax credit; a donation of \$500 receives \$250, \$1000 donation realizes a \$500 credit. Those tax credits are directly subtracted from your Indiana state taxes on your tax form.

Planting Possibilities is limited to **approximately \$5,000** in tax credits to

"sell". We run out of credits every year; therefore, we must offer these credits on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Any business or individual that pays Indiana State income tax is eligible.

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