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VIA Voice



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From the President

Looks like spring is finally here. I could live with this weather all year long. I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to a nice Easter. We will have a lot to cover at our April meeting, in-

cluding election of officers. I hope you will be there.

Take care until then.



Priscilla



Reminder: At the April meeting, please pay your dues for the new program year—\$30 per general member; \$40 per associate member.

Heads Up

The time of the County Council's vote on the Orange City CRA (Community Redevelopment Area) has been changed. It is now scheduled for 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3. That is the day of our VIA meeting, but we should

be finished by then. The council meeting takes place in the County Administration Center, 123 Indiana Ave., Deland. I hope lots of you will go—the more the better. I have been told that council members respond to

faces. So, let's show up. We are, after all, the Village **Improvement** Association, and this is an important way to improve our community.

Joan

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Love and Hugs

There is only one birthday to celebrate in April.

April 23 Patti Williams

Happy birthday!

Care and Concern:

Kathy Rundgren had cataract surgery in March. Also, Dorrie Larson had a bad allergic reaction to her blood pressure medicine. Joan Frons had a

very bad cold.

We hope everyone is well now.

God Bless,

Genie

We turn, not older with years, but newer with every day.
— ***Emily Dickinson***

April Public Issues Program

Dottie Pomeroy, chairman of the month, will introduce Frances Chapman. Born in Charleston, SC when her dad was stationed at the Charleston Naval Base, Frances came to Orange City when she was in fourth grade. She graduated from DeLand High School in 2012.

One important focus of her life has been instrumental music. A drum major in the marching band, at Gainesville she belongs to the national honorary music society. She has brought its local chapter, Tri M, to Gainesville, introducing a mentoring program for band and chorus

students at the university and one to ESOL girls in DeLand High.

Another focus of her life is the Spanish language. A volunteer on her church's mission trip to Nicaragua, she served as an interpreter between the staff and local residents.

A sophomore at Gainesville at UF, Frances is currently working on a double major: political science and Arabic. She plans to go to law school and hopefully work in the DC area. She became enchanted with our nation's capitol when she served as a congregational intern to Con-

gressman Debbie Wasserman-Shultz.

That semester she used her writing skills to write briefs and do correspondence for the congressman. Since then, she has served as a Junior Fellow, partnering with a professor at UCF doing research on voter suppression. As a Knight Fellow Associate working in the Bob Graham Center, she is again dealing with public policy.

Members and friends won't want to miss meeting this gifted young lady on [April 3](#).

Mimi

Notes from the First Vice President

Spring is in the air and everyone is busy enjoying the outdoors. Remember, I will be putting together our new 2014-2015 program and member listing over the Spring and Summer so if you have any changes to your information or your photograph, please send it to me as soon as possible. As you all know Colin's Dream Park (CPD) is one of the charities we have supported in the

past. I am selling raffle tickets for \$20 that gives you a chance at \$4,725 in Total Cash Prizes. Your ticket is good the entire month of May giving you 31 chances to win as much as \$300 (avg. prize \$150) in a day! Tony Hawk has agreed to give CDP \$5,000 if they can raise \$5,000 by the end of May! Call me at 801-6500 for more information. If you have a certain month you are thinking

of to serve as hostess or a program you would like to chair, please give me the details at our next meeting. Thank you so much and I leave you with a quote....

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it"

David Star Jordan

Laura



Nominating Committee Report

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Please someone step up and take the 2nd VP job and another someone the 3rd VP. These are the Membership chair and Publicity chair. Both are very important positions and critical to our club so if either sparks your interest let Carolyn know.



Things to Bring to a Meeting

To Each Meeting:

- Guests who may be potential members!
- Tab tops from soda cans, fruit cans, etc.
- Education labels from General Mills box tops and Kleenex boxes
- Campbell Soup labels for education
- Magazines to share and/or suitable for nursing homes (i.e. large print Reader's Digest and those not over a year old [except National Geographic])
- Product coupons for Majestic Oaks
- Eye glasses for Ethiopia
- Leftover medications
- No-longer used cell phones

Specifically to October, November Meetings:

- Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes

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Coming Soon.....

Your calendar committee has been hard at work building a 2015 calendar showing historical photographs of Orange City and short reminders of important historical dates. This is a great way to keep our

name before the public, remind them that we are very much a part of the history of this town, plus make some money for our charities. The calendars will be ready for sale sometime this summer. The price has

yet to be set, but we're thinking perhaps \$8.00 each, including the tax. Every VIA member will want one for sure!

Joan



HAPPY EASTER

GFWC News

The GFWC Florida Spring Convention will be held in Orlando April 25 - 28 at the Rosen Plaza. Pat Zazzarino and the current officers will retire from office, and the new President Carole Weaver will be installed. Scholarships will be awarded, gifts to charities will be given

and club awards will be made. There will also be Bylaws to be voted on.

There is still time to register as registration does not close until April 10.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other clubs and share experiences.

Please let Priscilla or Joan know if you would like to go.

Louise



Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone want to play chess?
16. Its not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . .I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm hereafter.
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
20. DID I SEND THESE TO YOU BEFORE.....?????

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Unity in Diversity

GFWC History Facts

Did you know that in 1921 the GFWC created the Indian Welfare Committee at the Salt Lake City Convention? Over the next several decades, GFWC clubwomen volunteered time and re-

sources to improve the lives of Native Americans through scholarships and health programs and by promoting the economic viability of native arts and crafts thus helping to preserve their culture.

The Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon hosted one of the early GFWC clubs, the Oregon Trails Woman's Club, which was founded by Elizabeth Bender Roe Cloud.

Check out our website — gfwcorangecity.org

Event Calendar

April

- 3 - 9:00 am - Board Meeting, Albertus Cottage
- 12:30 pm Social Time
- 1:00 pm General Meeting
- 3:30 pm County Council meeting on Orange City CRA
- 15 - 4:30 pm Reception for City Leaders, Albertus Cottage
- 20 - Easter Sunday