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## From the President

Well, here we go again. December is here and so are the holidays. Didn't we just put the decorations away and now we are putting them up again? I want to thank everyone who helped with the Fashion Show and Luncheon. It was a great success. I know that this is a busy month for everyone but our presence will be at the annual Orange City Christmas Village and Parade on December 14th from 10AM to 6PM. Some have signed up to be part of this event but we need

more of Santa's helpers to be present. It is a fun day for all to enjoy.

I hope to see everyone at our Christmas Meeting on December 5th as I have a special gift for all VIA members. This is a luncheon meeting and guests (including husbands) are invited to attend.

Last minute note: The presentation of our letter of intent to donate to the Skate Board Park will be held on Monday, December 2nd, 4:30 pm at Coleman Park on E. Blue Springs Ave.

Mayor Laputka, Cassie and as many of us who can attend will be there. It will be a good time to get pictures for our website.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year ever. See you all soon.

*Priscilla*



## Programs

Our **Christmas** meeting will feature a great old fashioned country meal with meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, and green beans followed by a light dessert of cookies. Games with prizes

and a drawing for more prizes after dinner will be held. The husband and wife team from last year will entertain us with great music. My hostesses are Priscilla Ballasy, Caroline Benton and Joan

LaFleur.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

*Kathy Rundgren*

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## Love and Hugs

Hello Everyone,  
DECEMBER IS HERE.  
Many people from our  
club have birthday's  
this month - 7 to be  
exact.  
Enjoy.

### December

1-Teryll Somerville

5-Joy Jackson  
(Honorary Member)

8-Barbara Kinzly

16-Carol Johnson

17-Ruth Blue  
(Honorary Member)

25-Helen Pastore  
(Honorary Member)

31-Addie Stavelly

Until we see each  
other and enjoy our  
special time together...

Love and hugs,

*Genie*

*May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.  
~Anon*

## Arts & Crafts

January will be the Arts and Crafts Program. Here's your opportunity to display and share with others those great hobbies you have: Needlepoint of any kind, painting, photography, toy and decorative objects, holiday creations, etc, etc. Awards are given and these are submitted to the District meeting and winners from there go to State. We know

you're out there because current members placed at the District and went on to the State competition several years ago! And I bet there's some real talent among you new members also.

To be entered, your item must have been made in 2013. There are scads of categories, so consider anything you have done in this time period. We

also do a Show and Tell of things that are dear to our hearts but don't match the time requirements: things that others may have given to you and are very meaningful to you, your family, etc. **We want to hear from you and see what you do!** Any questions, call Pat Sims at 386-774-7081.

*Pat*

## Education - Our Generosity Helps

You brought a wonderful lot of food for the Orange City Elementary School to our meeting in November. Congratulations! Let's do it again!!!

Remember: during school holidays, children on the school breakfast and lunch program may go hungry, so when we bring food items to the December meeting on the 5th, please bring a predominance of items that children can open and fix for themselves, such as the following:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Crackers, including packaged sandwich crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Single serving macaroni and cheese
- Single serving microwaveable soups
- Individual serving-size cereals, cold or oatmeal
- Individual size non-refrigerated milk
- Individually wrapped cheese slices
- Individual serving-size applesauce, other fruits

And please bring items with current use-by dates and not dented or torn.

The school also needs small-sized clothes (sizes 5, 6, 7) particularly underwear, jeans, socks. You'd be amazed at the number of children who soil these items and need clean and dry ones.

We are a partner with this school. Let's help!

*Joan*



***When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "and all girls."***

***This soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying "All Men!"***

## Coming Next Month

Our January 2nd meeting features our annual Arts & Crafts program. It is chaired by Pat Sims and her hostesses are Genie Augustine, Joan Frons and

Carol Johnson. Social time starts at 12:30. Please read Pat's article in the newsletter for further information.

Remember that the Board meeting is at 9:00 am. All officers and CSP chairmen should plan to attend.



## 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 (not over a year old [except National Geographic] or Reader's Digest reg. print)
- Product coupons for Majestic Oaks
- Eye glasses for Ethiopia
- Leftover medications

### Specifically to October, November Meetings:

- Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes

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## Fashion Show Was Huge Success

With good food, lovely clothes and companionable people, our Fashion Fling and Luncheon on November 2 was a huge success.

Lilly Pad from Melbourne brought many beautiful clothes that were modeled by VIA members Priscilla Balasy, Joan Frons, Joan LaFleur, JJ Miller and Laura Wendorf. Three wonderful people in the kitchen, Barbara

Masiarczyk, Marion Raymer and Ida Jane Wegrzyn, prepared and served delicious salads. Louise Clarke and her guest, Kim Kitterman also helped to serve. Addie Stavely, Dottie Pomeroy and Laura Wendorf were vendors, plus Laura had approached other vendors who showed their wares as well. Bette Fox served as ticket taker, and Barbara, Laura and Priscilla were

our organizers. The event was truly a club effort.

Approximately 96 women attended, and we made a profit of \$1,005.00. It was such fun!!

Thanks to all who made it so.

*Joan*



I made myself a snowball,  
As perfect as could be,  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,  
And let it sleep with me.

I made it some pajamas,  
And a pillow for its head,  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first - it wet the bed!

-Shel Silverstein

## Our Year in Review



Carol Johnson Installation



Manatee Festival



African American Festival



St. Johns River Cruise

VIA Orange City  
Woman's Club

—  
Women in  
Action



District 6 May meeting



VIA Historian and Albertus Art Director at reception for Orange City exhibit at the gateway Center for the Arts.



Guests at the Gateway Center's reception for the Orange City exhibit.



OC Mayor, Council members and Club historian place flags on graves on Memorial Day

*Merry Christmas*

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Purpose: To operate exclusively to unite women and to promote their common interest in charitable and educational projects.



***Unity in Diversity***

## **GFWC History Facts**

Did you know GFWC unanimously passed a resolution against child labor in 1898? With the help of clubwoman Jane

Addams (1860-1935), child labor became a major area of concern for the Federation. In 1901, Addams headed the Fed-

eration's Child Labor Committee to work for the maintenance and improvement of child labor laws.

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**We have a new website—[gfwcorangecity.org](http://gfwcorangecity.org)  
Check us out!**

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## **GFWC News**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs was saddened by the recent news that Phyllis Wood, the state parliamentarian, had passed away. Phyllis was also the District 6 parliamentarian and provide support and advice

to clubs throughout Florida.

Phyllis had a marvelous way of teaching parliamentary procedures that was humorous but so relevant to those attending her training sessions.

Louise Clarke attended her memorial service in Satellite Beach in early November.

Phyllis will be fondly remembered by many and sorely missed by all.