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From the President

Good day ladies. Hope everyone is doing well. The Tea was a huge success for us all. We made money for our group, and as far as I could tell, everyone was having a great time. So my thanks go out to everyone that was in-

involved in any way, big or small for making this such a joyous occasion.

As we prepare for the up coming holidays, please take time to enjoy the treasures that you have with friends and family. That is what really matters.

See you on December 3rd.

Priscilla



December meeting

Our final meeting of 2015 will be held on December 3rd at 12 noon with a potluck luncheon. Spouses and guests are cordially in-

vited to our Snowman Christmas celebration. The chairperson is Priscilla Ballasy with JJ Miller and Barbara Kingzly as hostesses.

Please remember to bring your favorite holiday dish for all to share. Call me if you have questions.

Priscilla

Call for Arts and Crafts

Just a reminder that January's meeting is all about arts arts crafts. The major requirement is that your project must have been done in 2015 to be considered for competition. There are dozens of cata-

gories: just about any kind of handwork--knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, crewel, sewing (how about doll clothes?) etc., etc. And there's painting, photography and just about any pro-

ject created for any occasion. Because there are so many catagories, keep in mind anything you have made this year! Any questions, call me at 386-774-8051.

Pat Sims

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Love and Hugs

Merry Christmas to you all.

We have a lot of birthdays to celebrate this month.

December

8 Barbara Kinzly
16 Carol Johnson
17 Ruth Blue
20 Olive Hutton
25 Helene Pastore
31 Addie Stavley

Birthday Bags

Ladies,
Don't forget your birthday bags for children of domestic abuse victims. Many of these children have never had a birth-

Also, our best wishes for a full recovery go out to:

Carol Johnson who fell in her cottage and went to the hospital. Happy to report she is now on Majestic Oaks and is recovering slowly but surely. (She broke some ribs).

Therese Callahan: I saw her out in her front

yard. She is looking good and says she is feeling stronger.

Ruth Blue fell a week ago and broke her hip. She is currently at Majestic Oaks and doing quite well.

Genie



day party so gather together items for a small party and put them in a bag marked with the sex and age of the child. Suggestions are birthday

plates, napkins, cups, small gift or novelties. Dollar stores have many ideas. Have fun!

Priscilla

Notes from the First Vice President

Sorry to have missed our last meeting but life happens and is not always what we wish it to be! The holidays are finally here and hopefully we can all take some time to enjoy the blessings in our lives. Our Facebook page and website have been gaining exposure. Please remember that you can post on

our Facebook page any event or remark you have concerning our events, your events or inspirations. I am the only one who is posting and it will help our exposure if more of our tech savvy ladies did the same. Even if it's just a quick note! If there is something you would like to place on the site or on Face-

book but are unsure how to do it, please feel free to contact me for help. A parting quote: "When you stop chasing the wrong things you give the right things a chance to catch you" – Lolly Daskal

Laura

News from Jean

Christmas Greetings to Everyone,

YES, Christmas... Hope everyone had a wonderful, and Blessed Thanksgiving and is ready for Christmas. I am not yet. It has all just come up too soon. We just had news of the birth of our eleventh great-grand child, yesterday, Juliet Lidia Pirvu. Of course,

she is perfect in every way. One more to add to our Christmas list.

Many thanks to everyone in the VIA Orange City Woman's Club for all your efforts and support of the recent successful Victorian Ladies' High Tea. You are all the BEST!!

Joan LaFleur, our Treasurer will have good

news for you at our meeting. I am so proud of each and everyone of you.

In VIA Friendship,

Jean



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Remember for December

This sounds like a repeat—and it is. You did a great job in November bringing non-perishable food items for Orange City Elementary School. *Please* do it again!!

Remember that we bring items that can be “cooked” in a microwave. These items really help families who live in motels. Microwaveable items and items that don’t need

cooking work for these families.

So let’s bring, once again, items such as:

- Soups
- Tuna fish,
- Other precooked
- canned meats
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned
- vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Cereals
- Pasta and sauces
- Cookies
- Poptarts

Plus Hand-powered can openers

We partner with this school. This is what we can do for them.

Joan



Change to Things to Bring List

Please Note:

The Orange City Elementary School can no longer use Campbell

Soup labels. If you know of another school or organization that can use them, please let a VIA officer know, otherwise we can scratch this off our *Things to Bring*.

Joan

Wisdom

"When we remember a special Christmas, it is not the presents that made it special, but the laughter, the feeling of love, and the togetherness of friends and family that made that Christmas special."

Catherine Pulsifer



and

Christmas Fireman

In a small Southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

Humor

At a "Quick Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You damn Yankees never do read the Bible!" I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible. She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face she said "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from afar.'"

Victorian Tea Vignettes



Table settings.



Carolyn and Marian at the Silent Auction Table.



Our Victorian President, Priscilla.



University High School Chamber Quartet



Our Outrageous Hat winner is at this table.



Victorian ladies in costume.

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Unity in Diversity

GFWC News

District Director, Julia George, shared the following with the editor about the Annual Meeting. Rebecca Castillo from Melbourne WC was elected as our 2016-2018 District 6 Director. She will be recognized at the Spring Convention. GF WC FL President Elect, Mary Powell, and GF WC FL Director of Junior Clubs shared a fun and informative presentation about membership. The GF WC Eau Gallie WC also shared a special presentation in recognition of their 100 years being federated. Our District 6 Arts and Crafts meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2016 at the GF WC Deltona WC. The Call will go out in mid-January.

Event Calendar

December

- 2 - 1:30 pm - Board meeting, Albertus Cottage
- 3 - 12 noon - General Meeting - Potluck Luncheon
- 12 - Christmas Village and Parade
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve