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From the President

Brrrrrrrrr. Hope everyone is staying warm.. It was great to see everyone at the last meeting. We even had some new faces in the group which is always a good thing. I hope it warms up some for the

Manatee Festival that we will be attending and we might just have our new banner for this event. That would be exciting. Hope to see you all at the next meeting in February if not before.

Take care,

Priscilla



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Nomination of Officers

It's that time again when we need to look at presenting a new slate of officers for the 2014 - 2016 term.

At the February Meeting, Priscilla will be looking for a Nominating Committee .

According to our bylaws,

the committee consists of three members who have been members of the club for at least a year. One member is appointed by the President from the Executive Board, one elected from the Executive Board and one elected from the members at large.

The Nominating Committee will present the slate at the March meeting with the election taking place in April. New officers are installed at the May meeting.

Please give some thought to serving on this committee.

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Love and Hugs

Happy Valentine's Day!

There is only one birthday to celebrate this month.

February

9 Pat Sims

Care and Concern

Patti Williams was in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial. She had pneumonia.

best wishes for a speedy recovery.

See you soon and God Bless,

Genie

A get well card was sent from all of us with

*Giving someone all your love is never an assurance
That they'll love you back!
Don't expect love in return;
Just wait for it to grow in their heart,
But, if it doesn't, be content it grew in yours.*

Manatee Festival

Seven hardy ladies braved the cold to staff a table at the Manatee Festival on January 25th and 26th. Last year at this time it was so hot we had to move into a tent to avoid the sun. What a difference in the weather! We had an opportunity to display our new banner while

interacting with the many visitors. Manatee coloring pages and crayons were handed out to children as they passed our table. Ruth Blue, Marge Childress, Louise Clarke, Grace Fallacaro, Joan LaFleur, Dottie Pomeroy and Joan

Ranaldo represented our club.

Louise



Club Notes

The New Year was off to a good start as VIA members and guests gathered on January 2nd for a lively meeting in Jane Murray Hall at the First Congregational Church on West University Avenue, Orange City.

Genie Augustine as hostess was assisted by her committee of Joan Frons and Carol Johnson.

As chairman for the Arts and Craft program, Pat Sims introduced contestants in the judging competition. The following entries will go to the District 6 competition in Melbourne Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Grace Fallacaro, presented crewel embroidery, for which she is well-renowned. She was also recognized as the club member of the longest duration. "I came to Orange City in 1985 or '86 and joined the Woman's Club at that time when Marjorie King was president," she said. Of the several members in their nineties, Dorrie Larson was recognized as the eldest member, celebrating her birthday January 4.

Other entries going to Melbourne included a

knitted lap robe by Kathy Rundgren, photos from the western United States and Canada taken by Carolyn Benton. As part of the show and tell, hand-crafted wooden articles from around the world were presented by Dorrie Larson, hand woven scarves from Kenya, Africa by Pat Sims and the club's re-recorded events of 2013 compiled by historian Joan LaFleur.

Calendar: One major fund raiser for the New Year will be a 12-month calendar for 2015, depicting historical events in the life of our Woman's Club, formed in 1894. Carolyn Benton and Joan LaFleur will begin work on this project soon. They would be happy to have some help. Don't be afraid to volunteer.

Phone Committee: The importance of the work of the telephone committee composed of Genie Augustine, Pat Sims, Ruth Blue and Betty Fox was evident in the large turnout to kick off 2014. We need a person to serve as chairman coordinating the work of the committee. This is a good way to remain in contact with and to encourage those who are unable to attend meetings

due to health issues, and to pray for those on the sick list. It was reported that JJ Miller was absent because she was visiting 93-year-old Marguerite David, a long-term member of the Club who now divides her time between Ocoee, FL and North Carolina.

February's meeting will be on the 6th and the topic of the program, chaired by Marion Raymer, will be the DeBary Hall. Hostesses will be Ruth Blue, Ida Jane Wegrzyn and Barbara Masiarczyk.

The Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 in the Albertus Cottage and all officers and community service program chairmen are urged to attend to take care of the business at hand. The very successful 12:30 social hour offers a time to meet and greet members and friends before the business meeting which begins at 1:00.

Plan now to attend. Watch the newspapers for a reminder of details for February 6.

Mimi



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 (those not over a year old [except National Geographic] and not reg. print Reader's Digest)
- 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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Please Note!

We have not been doing very well lately bringing the "every month" items on our *To Bring* list—you did very well bringing food for the school, so you're excused. Now that the holiday season is over, however, let's get in the groove again. Please remember to save and bring items that you will find on the list to the left. Labels for Education are particularly important. They are

found on Campbell Soup cans and on some other items (for example, General Mills cereal, Kleenex and Land of Lakes butter boxes). Also please bring magazines to which you subscribe and you have finished reading. Perhaps another club sister would like to read them—everyone is invited to pick up a magazine to take home with them. Any magazines left on the table

after our meetings, Genie will take to Majestic Oaks Nursing Home. So, please look at the list and bring what you can.

Joan

For what it's worth

*It's never to late to be whoever you want to be.
I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you find that you are not,
I hope you have the strength to start over.*

-- F. Scott Fitzgerald

Annual Reports

As I write this article, our GFWC annual reports are being submitted to the district and to the state. Joan LaFleur has again taken on the daunting task of tallying our projects, hours and dollars donated for the numerous reports we submit. Every project we undertake for our Community Service Programs of Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues as well as

for Domestic Abuse, Leadership, Membership, Fund Raising, Programs, Public Relations and President's Project must be compiled and a narrative written to explain what we have done. Why, you may ask, do we exert so much effort to report these hours? As a member of the GFWC, we want to be counted when people ask what the Federation is about. In 2012 our Federation of

3200 clubs and 100,000 members completed 116,204 projects. We volunteered 7,311,795 hours and donated \$38,731,613. We can be proud that we are a part of these amazing statistics. We have earned the right to brag about the outstanding work that we all do. So pat yourself on the back. You deserve it.

African American Heritage Festival

Orange City will again hold its African-American Heritage Festival in Dickinson Park on March 1st. we are all brothers and sisters, has been a popular one for the last few years. want our table to present.

This event whose purpose is to foster unity in our community by sharing that If we are going to participate, we want to give some thought to what we Please bring ideas to the Board and General Meeting on February 6.

Valentine Thoughts

"I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon."

Author unknown

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

Charles M. Schulz, "Peanuts" cartoonist

"Love means never having to say you're sorry."

Ali MacGraw, Love Story

"A simple 'I love you' means more than money."

Frank Sinatra

"Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and difficult as that."

Michael Leuing



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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 that conditions for women and safety and inspection and spurred on by a fire in a children in the 1910s? workmen's compensation garment factory, Federated women took action The GFWC supported tion. The women also supported prison re- to improve working con- legislation for the 8 hour workday, workplace forms.

Check out our website — gfwcorangecity.org

Event Calendar

February

- 6 - 9:00 am - Board Meeting, Albertus Cottage
- 12:30 PM - Social Time and General Meeting
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - President's Day
- 20 - District 6 Art Festival, Melbourne, FL