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WOMAN'S CLUB



# VIA Voice



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## From the President

Baby it's cold outside. Thought I left the cold behind in Massachusetts. BRRRRRRR. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on **March 5th**. Kim Reading is the chair person and I know that she will have a very interesting program scheduled. We are also

inviting the Mayor and all the city officials as we have done in the past, so this will be a great meeting to attend. Also, everyone is to bring a dish to share so that everyone can have a sample of your favorite dish. Take care and try to stay warm.

See you soon.

*Priscilla*



## *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

## March Meeting

Welcome to our March 5th Banquet! As we celebrate International Women's Day, be inspired by your own family heritage or favorite world cuisine. We anticipate City officials and other guests, so please plan accordingly.

I have suggested quantities and dish ideas. You may bring what you wish, but please be sure we do not have too much of the same thing. We need a variety of dishes to have a well balanced meal. Thank you Ladies for making

this a wonderful (and delicious) event.

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Kim Reading

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## Love and Hugs

Hello Everyone!

March Birthdays are:

9 Virginia MacDonald  
12 Winifred Brandt  
24 Amy DiVittorio  
27 Patricia Locke  
28 Ida Jane Wegryzn

Care and Concern:

Mimi Pacifico is recovering nicely from her knee surgery. She spent a week in Majestic Oaks and is now home.

seeing everyone at our International Outreach Potluck luncheon.

God Bless.

*Genie*

I am looking forward to

***Little by little time goes by.  
Short if you laugh and long if you sigh.***

## Dues News

In 2013 the GFWC Florida Federation was faced with having to raise dues. After much discussion and a vote of the membership, it was decided that dues to the Federation would be raised from \$20 per person to \$23 per person.

This was to take place with the 2014 dues.

Our club decided not to increase dues for its members in 2014 and "bite the bullet" for the additional \$3.

This year the VIA Board voted to increase our dues as follows:

Regular member: \$35 per year

Associate Member: \$45 per year.

Our dues have not increased for many years so it is time for this to happen.

*The Board*



***Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on  
Sunday, March 8th.  
Remember Spring ahead, Fall back.***

## International Women's Day

Please join us this month as we celebrate International Women's Day 2015.

First celebrated on February 28, 1909, this event nationally honored the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against dangerous and inhumane working conditions. In the following years, international audiences expanded the event to honor the global movement for women's rights and to build support for achieving universal suffrage for women. International Women's Day has provided women everywhere an outlet for advocacy and empowerment to fight for necessary changes in their own com-

munities. The issues women have petitioned for include suffrage, equal pay for equal work, citizenship, equal rights, and sustainable development. They have fought against domestic violence, war, sexual violence, political oppression, and the list goes on.

The global theme for this year's event on March 8, 2015 is "*#MakeltHappen*." It is also a legacy of the battles begun over 100 years ago. In so many ways, we continue the fight to defeat the same obstacles. Our presentation will recognize the achievements of the past, and examine how much farther we have to go to *#MakeltHappen*.

We encourage you to celebrate this day with us by wearing purple, green or white. Purple is the color of International Women's Day because it symbolizes justice and dignity, two important goals of women's equality. When combined with white and green, the three colors represent unity among all women.



*#MakeltHappen*

In the meantime, visit [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com) to learn more!

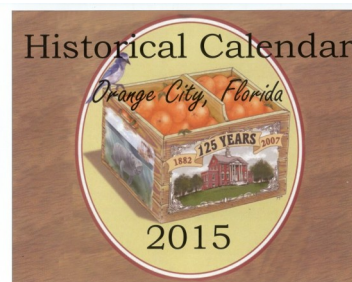
*Kim Reading*

## Historical Calendars

We still have calendars. Remember—**this was our only fundraiser for 2014**. So please support your club by buying calen-

dars. Now, they are only \$5.00 each!

*Joan*





*Wisdom*

It's hard to be a woman.  
 You must think like a man,  
 Act like a lady, Look like a young girl,  
 And work like a horse.

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### IRISH BLESSING

May the lilt of Irish laughter Lighten every load,  
 May the mist of Irish magic Shorten every road,  
 May you taste the sweetest pleasures  
 That fortune ere bestowed,  
 And may all your friends remember.  
 All the favors you are owed.

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*and*

### Irish Humor

*Humor*



Two paddies were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again. An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

## Another WOW club!

We ladies of these older clubs look pretty darn good for being 120, 125, 132 years old!

The latest celebration was Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> when the Ladies Village Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs celebrated 132 years of service to their community. They are the first of the Village Improvement Associations that formed the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. Louise and Joan represented Orange City at the celebration and had a really good time doing it. The Ladies VIA have an historic club

house, complete with stage, kitchen, and meeting and memorabilia rooms, and they had set up interesting historic displays throughout. Delicious finger foods and tea, or coffee if you preferred, were served.

Louise and I were warmly welcomed, and we had a great time.

### Joan



Joan and AJ Meier reminisce in front of Green Cove clubhouse stage.



Joan LaFleur with Louise Clarke presenting "Our Story of Orange City, Florida" to Sandi Dunnavant, VIA Green Cove Woman's Club President.



Celebrating 132 years with Barbara Mehaffey, District 4 Director; Mary Powell, Florida Federation President Elect; Carol Horner, Crescent City President; Sandi Dunnavant, Green Cove President; Joan LaFleur, Orange City Historian; Clara Freeman, Green Cove Historian.

Soon we'll start another year  
of reaching out to see  
How many people we can help  
in our community.

And, of course, we won't forget  
While helping everyone  
To get together, talk, eat, smile  
And have a lot of fun.

Patricia Locke

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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 News

The District 6 Art Festival will be hosted by the DeLand Woman's Club on March 13, 2015.

Although we did not have any submissions to the District Art Festival, it is still fun to see

what other women in our district have been doing.

District awards will also be presented for CSP reports such as the ones Joan LaFleur submitted for our club.

Because of its close proximity, this is a great opportunity to attend a district meeting and reminisce with other club members in the district.



### Event Calendar

#### March

- 5 - Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Albertus Cottage
- 5 - General Meeting, International Potluck Luncheon, 12 noon
- 8 - Daylight Savings Time
- 13 - District 6 Art Festival, DeLand Woman's Club
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 29 - Palm Sunday