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From the President

Good Day Ladies.

As our 2012-2013 VIA year comes to an end, I would like to come out and say a big "Thank You" to all that helped us get through this time. We had lots of laughs and happy times this year. A wonderful boat trip and dog kisses from "Lexie". I have enjoyed being your Presi-

dent and look forward to the upcoming year. To start the year off we will be having a fashion show in place of our rummage sale and already have some informative and exciting speakers lined up for some of our meetings. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have a need or questions. Be well and I hope to see you

all at our last meeting on May 2nd.

Priscilla Ballasy



Happy Mother's Day

May Meeting

On Thursday, May 2, our last meeting of the program year will also be the spring meeting of GFWC Florida District 6. VIA Orange City is proud to host this event.

The day will begin at 9:30 with social time and a continental breakfast consisting of coffee, tea, Danish, fruit and juice. At lunch you may have your choice of Chicken Waldorf Salad or ½ Club Sandwich with Fruit. Both choices include

Crème Brule Dessert and beverage. The cost is \$15.00, which includes the \$3.00 registration fee for the meeting. The program is titled *A Look Back in Time*. We will explore some of our GFWC Florida history. Music for our dining pleasure will be supplied by the piano-sax duo of Rossbacher and LaFleur.

The event will be held in the Activities Center of John Knox Village. Enter either entrance to John

Knox, tell the guard that you are coming to the Woman's Club event, and follow the "Special Event Parking" signs to the parking lot of the Activities Center. Go in the door adjacent to the parking lot.

Please let Joan LaFleur, 774 -2973, know that you will attend. Come learn what happened when, where, why we are who we are today, and welcome our District 6 sisters.

Joan

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Love and Hugs

Because we won't be having meetings until October, our new newsletter is a wonderful place to remind everyone of birthdays that will be celebrated while we are out. I will be sending cards. It would be a great help if you all would let me know of any illness or injuries during this time so that I can stay in touch.

May

Louise Clarke 5/20
Dottie Pomeroy 5/21
Julia Donovan 5/22
Joan Ranaldo 5/26

June

Barbara Masiarczyk 6/06
Doris Elsea 6/17
Kathy Rundgren 6/26
Isabelle Todd 6/28

July

Genie Augustine 7/03

Ann Lindsay 7/09
Charlotte Durrance 7/19
Bette Fox 7/27
Therese Callahan 7/29

August

Mary Tarantino 8/31

September

Mary Little 9/02
Marion Raymer 9/20

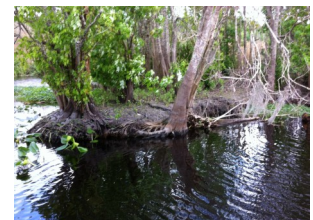
Genie

This is our first newsletter and it belongs to our club. So if you have any suggestions for what you would like to see in our newsletter, please feel free to share them with either the President, any of officers, or the editor. Let's make this an award winning newsletter.

Conservation News

The club had a wonderful time in February taking a river cruise at Blue Springs Park. Twenty-five people attended and enjoyed listening to the guide provide interesting information about the river and its wild life. Snacks were provide by hostesses Barbara Kingzly, Louise Clarke and

Therese Callahan.



International News

International flavors abounded at our March meeting as everyone brought dishes from their culture to our luncheon. Carolyn Benton entertained us with a wonderful slide show of her trip to Austria.

In addition, Easter hats were in full view. A contest for the best hat was held with the mayor and councilmen from Orange City and the mayor from Deltona judging the contest. The winner was Ginny MacDonald.



From the First Vice President

Greetings from VP Laura Wendorf, Springtime is in the air and this month has been packed with plans to create a new website and blog over the summer. I will also be continuing to collect the necessary data for the 2013-2014 program books at our next meeting so please bring your calendars if you haven't signed up yet for a hostess position. Also, please look for a sign-up sheet at the May meeting to select either a small or full sheet size edition of the 2013-2014 program books. Thanks to Dorrie Larson who continues to hand make our small size program book covers. The new website will be similar to our sister organization's the Deltona Woman's Club and will accommodate similar pages as their website

GFWCDeltona.org currently shows. Please review their site and make suggestions to me if you have ideas or concerns for the content I build for us. You can call me at 386-801-6500 or email me at law@wholesum.net. All Chairpersons have been assigned but I still have openings for the following hostess positions: February, No one has signed up for the April & Nov positions. Jan & Dec are the ONLY months that have three hostesses. ALL other months need at least one, two or three people to select them. Please help to make my job of putting together our program book a little easier by picking a month at May's meeting if you haven't already. Some members have not selected to be associate members and have not

selected a month that they can serve as hostess. Please make sure your name is on the list for hostesses or become an associate member. It is not fair to require other members to step in at the last minute and substitute for another member who's been assigned to a hostess position but backs out at the last minute. Not only is the time given twice by the substitute member but the cost of the food as well. If this happens to you due to unforeseen circumstance, please offer to pay the \$10 to your substitute for their expense. Thanks go out to Dottie Pomeroy and Barbara Kinsley for putting together beautiful table arrangements and offering such delicious cupcakes and treats at our April meeting.



“Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with a vacuum cleaner, then pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give their vacuum one more chance?” - Unknown

African American Heritage Festival

Scenes from the fourth annual African American Heritage Festival, held the last Saturday of February. The VIA supported the Festival with our presence and sponsorship.

President Priscilla Ballasy had a booth as well.



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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

New GFWC Tagline

The new GFWC tagline, Living the Volunteer Spirit, was introduced this month after a contest was held to select a new one. The former tag line "GFWC - It's a Volunteer Thing" has served the organization well but it was determined that a more update representation of

our organization was needed. As quoted from the GFWC News & Notes, "we think the new tagline reflects the personality and commitment to service you show each day in your communities."

We at VIA certainly live this spirit in our community.



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

Items for rummage/tag sale

Specifically to December Meeting:

Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes