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From the President

Well, the end of our meetings is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for everything that we accomplished this year as this was done by all of us. We will have a lot of exciting events to look forward to in the 2014-2015 season. We

will be having a summer BBQ like last year and that date will be announced at the May meeting. I truly hope to see everyone present in May and remember to wear period clothing for the calendar picture. Take care 'til then.

Priscilla



Reminder: Please remember to pay dues if you have not already done so—\$30 per general member; \$40 per associate member.

May meeting

Our May meeting is installation of officers, and our outgoing District 6 Director, Linda O'Toole, will be here to do the installation. We meet at John Knox Village Grill at 11:30 a.m. If you need directions, please call Joan LaFleur

at 774-2973. You will need to stop at the guard house and tell them you are here for the women's meeting as guest of Joan LaFleur. You will receive a visitor's badge that you should wear. Joan needs to know if you

are coming *no later than Mon., April 28*. Please car pool as parking is limited.

Priscilla

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Love and Hugs

As you can see, May is a big month for Birth-day celebrations.

May

4 Marguerite David
(Honorary Member)

14 Millie Honigman

15 Joan Frons

18 Carolyn Benton

20 Louise Clarke

21 Dottie Pomeroy

22 Julia Donovan
(Honorary Member)

26 Joan Rinaldo

God bless and may all your dreams come true.

Genie



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

Notes from the First Vice President

Now that we have our new board in place, I will be working hard to get our program book updated and published for the new year. Please mail or email me any updates to your personal information or picture as soon as possible.

I still have a need for many hostess positions. All months still have at least one slot open. Please remember if you are not an honorary or associate member, your name should be somewhere on the hostess list. Our current member book on page 6 lists this duty as a duty to join a Re-

freshment Committee. Each month, we have three hostesses that serve on the Refreshment Committee. We have enough members so that no one should have to serve twice this year so please sign up for a month you are available. I do not want to assign anyone this year! We also still have a few spots left open for Chairpersons. Feb (Home Life), Mar. (International Issues), & Dec. (Christmas) are still open. If you know of a resource you want to share with other members, simply mail or email it to me and I

will post it for you. Please visit our website and blog at www.gfwcorangecity.org often for new articles and newsletters and share it with others! Thanks so much to everyone who has sent me updates so far and special thanks to those of you who aren't changing anything!!! ;)

I leave you with a quote from Marilyn Monroe - Give a girl the right shoes and she can conquer the world.

Have a good one!

Laura

Future Woman in Politics ?

Frances Chapman, a sophomore at the University of Florida, Gainesville, was the guest presenter at the April meeting of the VIA.

She shared with her audience some interesting information regarding gender disparity. In the political arena, she noted that there are 79 women in the 435 member House of Representatives and 99 in the 515 member Congress.

On a local level Florida has never had a female governor and had its first female attorney general as recently as two years ago. Only 25% of the state legislature is composed of women. "Women still do not have equal access to public service," she said.

On the college campus, Frances has found this disparity exists also. "Young men are more willing to answer questions and contribute than women, to take risks and contribute new ideas. Many of my

fellow students aspire to be politicians, policy makers and those who affect policy in the future. However, it seems that the gender disparity begins even before they get to Washington."

Frances was surprised to discover that she was one of only a few women to apply for the Bob Graham Center's Reuben Askew Scholarship and was the only woman recipient.

"Clearly, when we exclude women from our national dialogue, we ignore half of our population's perspectives and narratives."

Frances chose to serve as intern for a Congresswoman who is a leader in advocating for women's rights. She is Chair of her political party and only the third woman in the history of our country to do so. Her priorities have been in improving the lives of women from decreasing the current earnings gap of 77 cents to a man's dollar and to reducing sexual assault

in the military.

Frances raised the question of what the average American can do about this disparity. She suggested that one goal is to elect more women at every level of representation. First, women must be courageous enough to run for election and then they need support to get elected. Secondly, we all must stay informed about the issues affecting women. One opportunity that presented itself recently for local concern is the vote on Orange City's Community Redevelopment Area. We women were asked to encourage our County Council members to support this local improvement. How many of us took the time to write to our leaders and to hold them accountable?

In closing, Frances reminded us that this is an election year. Women will run at every level. We must be informed and vote!

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 (i.e. large print Reader's Digest and those not over a year old [except National Geographic])
- 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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Volunteer Hours

Please bring your volunteer hours for the months of January thru April to the May meet-

ing. If you have volunteered at any event, program, or activity, make note of them and

hand them in on that day.

Thanks for our help.

Joan

On May 6th from 12:01 am until 11:59 pm, the Community Life Center will participate in a Local Day of Giving. AS VIA is a partner with this food bank, I encourage all members of our club to consider donating on the day. A minimum donation of \$25.00 can be made throughout the day at www.givelocalecfl.org. There are 47 charities participating that day so be sure to look for Community Life Center. Your donation could feed your neighbor.

Here's an Opportunity

We are hosting this year's Teacher Appreciation lunch on Friday, May 9th. I hope you will help me let the teachers and staff of Orange City Elementary School know that we appreciate all their efforts on

behalf of "our" children and grandchildren. I will order sandwiches from Publix as we have done in other years. In addition, we will need fruit, salads, chips, dessert and iced tea for ap-

proximately 80. Please let me know if you will help with any of these items and if you can come on the 9th to help serve.

Joan

GFWC Signature Project - Pinwheels

I wanted to give you an update on plans for a pinwheel project. Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse is a GFWC Signature Project. The goal of a pinwheel project is to educate ourselves and our neighbors about the need to prevent child abuse. Generally, a pinwheel project is held in March or April. Be-

cause we were not able to complete a plan to maximize the message of the pinwheels, we are planning an event in October when we return. With October being Domestic Abuse Month, this timeframe seems appropriate. We want to make this event so large that people take notice.

Priscilla and I will meet with various city officials in May to discuss the best way to get this message out to the Orange City community. Planning will take place over the summer. We should be able to give you an update at the July barbecue.

Louise

Reception for City Officials

The Albertus Cottage was the place to be on April 15th. Joan and Genie had spent weeks organizing the rooms and Priscilla made it shine with spit and polish. Donations of finger foods, beer and wine from club members en-

sured that no one would go hungry.

We had a large turnout of city officials who came out to view all the work that Bob LaFleur, the Art Director, has done to depict the history of Orange City at the Cottage.

Based on the smiles seen in the pictures below, I think it was a smashing success.



Bob LaFleur, Albertus Cottage Art Director



Alison Stettner, Dev. Services and Mayor Tom Laputka



Deneen Temperly and Sarah Mazie, Historic Preservation Board



Our fantastic Fire Department and Ben Bartlett, Public Works



City Clerk Debbie Renner with Joan LaFleur



Christine Davis, Financial Services



Louise Clarke and President Priscilla Ballasy, keepers of the beer keg



John Davis, Parks and Recreation, Council member Gary Blair and Police Chief Peter Thomas



Council Member Ron Saylor, Kaim Reading, and Sarah Mazie



Joan, Vice Mayor Anthony Pupello and Carol Hunter, Director of Public Works

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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 in 1932 the GFWC organized the Junior Women's Clubs? This was in response to the increasing number of younger women who were volunteering in many community service activities.

Check out our website — gfwcorangecity.org

Event Calendar

May

- 1 - 9:00 am - Board Meeting, Albertus Cottage
- 11:30 am General Meeting—John Knox Village Grill
- 9 - Teachers' Appreciation Lunch
- 26 - Memorial Day