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# VIA Voice



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## From the President

Good day ladies.

We are fast approaching our last meeting for this season which will be on Thursday, May 5th. This will be our installation of new officers' luncheon at 12 noon at John Knox Village. In light of this upcoming luncheon, I would like to take just a moment to thank every-

one that has stepped up to help with our meetings. Some of you have done this several times so that everything would go as smoothly as possible, so again, Thank You.

As we leave each other for the summer I hope everyone is looking forward to some plans to

enjoy the good weather.  
Take care...

*Priscilla*



## Happy Mother's Day

### Come One, Come All

Our last meeting of the program year, May 5 at noon, will be good food at the John Knox Oak Tree Grill. Oh, and yes, installation of officers. Our guest will be Julia George, outgoing director of GFWC Florida District 6. She will conduct the installation ceremony.

I will need to know, please, no later than Sunday, May 1, if you

will be able to attend. I do hope you all can come. It promises to be a delicious meal (California chicken salad and crème brule for dessert) and a super visit with our friend Julia. The charge is \$12.00, payable at the door, if not already sent to Priscilla or me.

The Oak Tree Grill is where we have had our club May luncheons in

the past. Please car pool if you can, but don't let car pooling stop you from coming if you need to drive yourself. When you arrive at the John Knox gate house, tell the guard you are here for the Woman's Club luncheon at the Grill. If you need directions or have questions, please call me at 774-2973.

See you soon,

*Joan*

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**Love and Hugs**

My goodness, May is a  
big birthday month.

May

4 Marguerite David

14 Millie Honigman

18 Carolyn Benton

20 Louise Clarke

21 Dottie Pomeroy

22 Julia Donovan

26 Joan Rinaldo

May God bless you during  
our time off this summer.

*Genie*



And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

~Lee Greenwood

**It's That Time**

It's that time of year again when we collect membership fees. If you have not paid yet, bring cash or a check made payable to *VIA, Inc.* to the May 5 meeting. The amount should be \$35.00 for

regular active members or \$45.00 for associate members. Honorary members (90 years and older ☺) do not owe anything. If you are not able to come to the meeting, I would appreciate receiving your

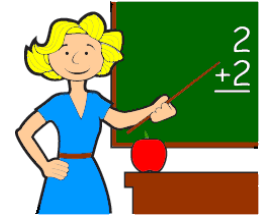
check in the mail: Joan LaFleur; 20 Azalea Dr., Unit A; Orange City, FL 32763. If you have any questions, please call me at 774-2973.

## We Appreciate Teachers

Our annual Teachers' Appreciation Lunch is Friday, May 6, at Orange City Elementary School. If you would like to contribute to this event, we could use some potato chips, or some extra dollars would be nice as well. If you can donate some time to help, our set-up, serving, and clean-up time is 9:30 to a little after 1:30. Any two-hour contribution of

your time will be greatly appreciated. Please call me: 774-2973.

*Joan*



## Scholarship Update

Hi Ladies,  
Happy May, The birds are nesting and the flowers are blooming, a month of new beginnings...except for the Love Bugs.

Thought you might like an update on the Scholarship Awards. Letters of Congratulations have been sent to Haley Hertz and Laura Weng, also letters of regret and encouragement to the two students that did not win. The date for the Senior Awards Night has been set for May 18th at 6:30 PM at the University High School Gymnasium. Presenters have

to be there by 6:00 PM. Our President, Priscilla Ballasy, will be our presenter. She will also be given time to give a short presentation about our Woman's Club before giving each of our winning students a Certificate and a check for \$500.00. This will be well attended as there are several awards being given that evening.

It is a great opportunity to promote our Club. Anyone from the VIA Orange City Woman's Club may attend. However, they must have an exact count as there will be a large crowd,

and they have to set up chairs. If you plan on attending we must have notice no later than May 5<sup>th</sup> by contacting any one of our committee, Priscilla Ballasy, [386-774-0288](tel:386-774-0288), Joan LaFleur, [386-774-2973](tel:386-774-2973), or me, [386-822-7829](tel:386-822-7829), before the deadline so we can turn in the numbers. You all worked very hard on the Tea to make the money available for these awards, and it is a great accomplishment. Hope we will see you at the Senior Awards Night.

*JJ (Jean Miller)*



## Pinwheel Garden - Prevention of Child Abuse



The ladies from our club enlisted the help of Orange City Officials to plant our annual pinwheel garden for the prevention of child abuse at Dickinson Park this year. Our president, Priscilla Ballasy, directed the event ensuring that the pinwheels would make a strong statement to all who traveled past them,

**Patriotism is supporting your country at all times, and  
your government when it deserves it.**

**~Mark Twain**

*Wisdom*



**Things I have learned from my children.....**

*and*

**If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. It is strong enough, however, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 by 20 foot room.**

**No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.**

*Humor*

**Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.**

**Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.**



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## Women in History This Month

**May 3, 1898** - Golda Meir (1898-1978) was born in Kiev, Russia. She was one of the founders of the modern state of Israel and served as prime minister from 1969 to 1974.

**May 12, 1820** - British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy.

**May 14, 1942** - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties.

**May 16, 1862** - Civil War Union General Benjamin Butler issued his "Woman Order" declaring that any Southern woman showing disrespect for Union soldiers or the U.S. would be regarded as a woman of the town, or prostitute.

**May 19, 1930** - African American playwright Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965) was born in Chicago, Illinois. She is best known for *A Raisin in the Sun* (1959), a play dealing with prejudice and black pride.

**May 20, 1932** - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She completed a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours.

**May 21, 1881** - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton. The organization today provides volunteer disaster relief in the U.S. and abroad.

**May 23, 1810** - Journalist Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) was born in Cambridgeport, Massachusetts. She became the first American woman to serve as a foreign correspondent.

**May 26, 1878** - Interpretive dancer Isadora Duncan (1878-1927) was born in San Francisco. She revolutionized the entire concept of dance by developing a free-form style and rebelled against tradition, performing barefoot in a loose fitting tunic.

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*Unity in Diversity*

## GFWC News

Outgoing District 6 Director, Julia George, is looking for ladies attending the Convention to stay Saturday for "Fun Night" to compete in a competition between districts. She needs 7 participants in a Minute to Win It game. There is also a competition to see which district has the best team spirit. She is calling everyone to bring pompoms, cheers and lots of team spirit. If anyone is interested, please let Priscilla know so that she can relay the information to Julia. Convention is May 20-23 in Orlando.

## Event Calendar

### May

- 4 - 1:30 pm - Board meeting, Albertus Cottage
- 5 - 1:00 pm - General Meeting - John Knox Village, Installation of Officers
- 8 - Mother's Day
- 30 - Memorial Day