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From the President

Good day to everyone. Fall is finally here with cooler weather and nice sunny days. Doors and windows open and a gentle breeze whisking through the house. Hope this finds everyone well and ready for the holidays. We have a busy time ahead in the next few months so I look forward to lots of helpers to step up and be part of our annual events, especially the Christmas Village and

parade on December 14th. But first we have our Fashion Show and Luncheon this coming weekend, on Saturday Nov. 2nd. That should be lots of fun with door prizes and raffles and beautiful clothes and vendor items to shop from. Hope to see you all on Saturday and if not, at least at our next regular meeting that is on Thursday, November 7th. Remember, social time starts at 12:30 and the

meeting will start promptly at 1:00PM.

Take care and see you all soon.

Priscilla



Happy Thanksgiving

Programs

We are sorry our Bee Conservation program will not take place this month. The bee keeper was unable to fit us into his schedule. Perhaps we can schedule later in the year.

Instead, the program will include a presentation

about the local food pantry, Community Life Center. This is an appropriate topic for this time of year when our thoughts go to Thanksgiving and all those blessings for which we can be thankful. Not all families are so fortunate.

Be sure to bring food

stuffs to the meeting for holiday baskets. See Joan's article later in the newsletter

The chairperson for this meeting is Louise Clarke with hostesses Pattie Locke, Bette Fox, and Addie Stavelly.

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Love and Hugs

Hey There Folks,

I just love this wonderful weather we are having. It is so easy to have happy thoughts when all looks so very lovely.

November birthdays – just two:

November 5
Priscilla Ballasy
November 25
Mimi Pacifico

I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at the November meeting.

Love and hugs,

Genie

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer" said his mother. "I don't need to" the boy replied. "Of course, you do" his mother insisted. We always say a prayer before eating at our house". "That's at our house" Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook".

Arts & Crats

January will be the Arts & Crafts Program. Here's your opportunity to display and share with others those great hobbies you have. That needle-point of any kind, painting, toy and decorative objects, holiday creations, etc, etc. Awards are given and these are submitted to the District meeting and winners from there go to State. We know you're out there be-

cause current members placed at the District and went on to the State competition several years ago! And I bet there's some real talent among you new members also.

To be entered, you item must have been made in 2013. There are scads of categories, so consider anything you have done in this time period. We also do a Show and Tell

of things that are dear to our hearts but don't match the time requirements: things that others may have given to you and are very meaningful to you, your family, etc. **We want to hear from you and see what you do!** Any questions, call Pat Sims at 386-774-7081.

Pat

Home Life—Canine Companions

Every year in the Fall Carolyn Benton organizes, cooks, delivers and serves lunch to the newest candidates for receiving a dog at the Canine Companions location in Ocoee. She has been doing this for several years. She solicits volunteers to help her on the day the lunch is to be served.

For the last two years, I have been privileged to be part of this crew which this year included Carolyn, her husband, Ken, Kathy Rundgren and her husband, Ray and me.

At the facility there were large numbers of men, women, and children who are spent

two weeks bonding and working with full grown dogs to determine if they are a good fit for their needs. They came to the center with their families and worked with very beautiful and extremely well behaved dogs.

Because it has become an annual tradition, the potential graduates and staff look forward to Carolyn's tasty Sloppy Joes that are served with chips and salad. One of the perks of volunteering is sharing this wonderful lunch with these families. While we cannot interact with the animals, we can visit with the families.

At this lunch, the staff

recognized all that the Federation of Women's clubs do for Canine Companions for Independence.

We have already reserved our date for next year's lunch. If you have an opportunity to volunteer with Carolyn, you will never regret it.

Louise



“Dogs have masters. Cats have staff.” - *Unknown*

Coming Next Month

The December program will be our annual Christmas program. It is being chaired by Kathy Rundgren. Her hostesses will be Joan LaFleur, Caro-

lyn Benton, and Priscilla Ballasy. Everyone is encouraged to bring guests and, of course, spouses are invited.

I am sure the program will be fun. Don't forget to bring food items to be donated to Christmas baskets or to the Orange City Elementary School.



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

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Fashion Fling & Luncheon

If you are fortunate enough to receive this newsletter by email, there is still time to purchase a ticket to our Fashion Fling and Luncheon on November 2nd. Barbara Masairczyk will be preparing a wonderful lunch, and there will be lovely fashions to see and even purchase. There are a few tickets left, and we know that not all our members have purchased their tickets. Please call

me to hold one of the remaining tickets. You can pick it up at the door on Saturday.

Priscilla



VIA Orange City
Woman's Club



Fashion Fling & Luncheon

Saturday Nov. 2nd

Fellowship Hall
259 W. University Ave

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.

**& our Fashion Show
starts soon after!**



DOOR PRIZES!
TICKET INCLUDES
FANTASTIC LUNCH HOSTED BY
THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION ORANGE CITY
WOMAN'S CLUB

Tickets are \$10 each

Call Priscilla @ (386)717-0975

for more information.

Vendor spots available for 15% donation of proceeds.
15% OF ALL SALES TO BENEFIT LOCAL NON-PROFIT CHARITIES!!!

Education - Orange City Elementary School Needs Our Help

During school holidays, children on the free or reduced school breakfast and lunch program may go hungry. We can help.

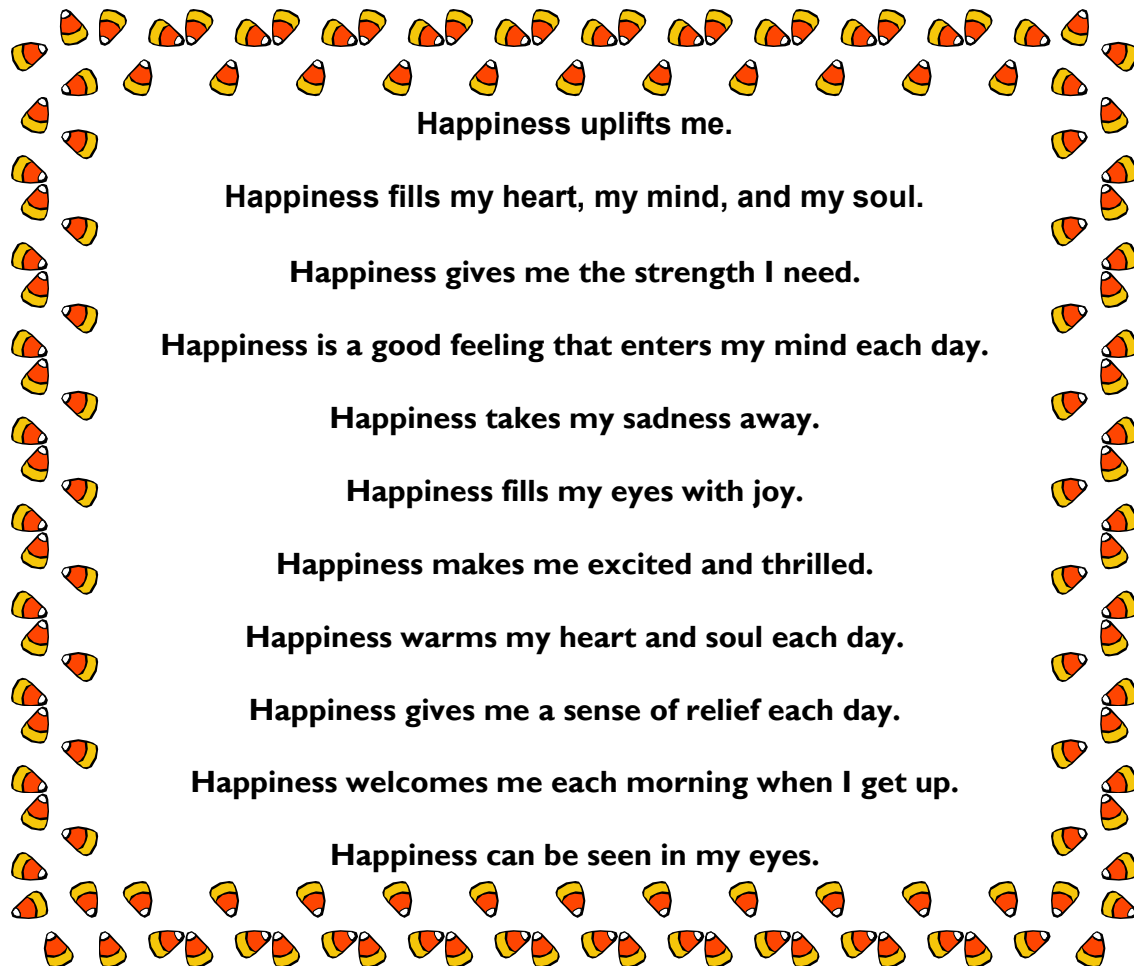
When we bring food items to our November and December meetings, please bring a predominance of items that children can open and fix for themselves, such as the following:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Crackers, including packaged sandwich crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Individual serving-size cereals, cold or oatmeal
- Individual size non-refrigerated milk
- Individually wrapped cheese slices
- Individual serving-size applesauce, other fruits
- Single serving macaroni and cheese
- Single serving microwaveable soups

The school also particularly needs, right now, small-sized (sizes 5, 6, 7) underwear, jeans and socks.

We are a partner with this school. Let's help!

Joan



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Unity in Diversity

GFWC History Facts

Did you know that Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and famous

poet and lecturer served as President of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs?

She was also the founder of the American Woman's Suffrage Association.

**We have a new website—gfwcorangecity.org
Check us out!**

GFWC News

Joan LaFleur and Louise Clarke attended the District 6 Annual meeting in October. Unfortunately, it was held the same day as our first meeting of the year. It was a difficult choice to make. Louise was on the Nominating Committee for the

District so was required to attend. Joan was there to pick up Operation Smile donations that Carolyn Benton will deliver north. Also both were there to cast a vote for the incoming District 6 director for 2014-2016.

Julia George of Cocoa Beach was the only candidate for the position. With no nominations from the floor, she was unanimously elected. As a very involved member of the Federation, Julia will make an excellent director.