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VIA Voice



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From the President

Hello Ladies. Yes it is that time again when we start our monthly VIA meetings. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 6th at 12:30 for social time and then the general meeting will be at 1 PM. Carolyn Benton is the chair for this meeting and I see only one hostess - Kim Read-

ing. If you are part of the phone committee, please make your calls for this meeting and report your counts back to Kathy Brooke by Monday, October 3rd.

Hope everyone is well and will be able to make the meeting so we can

all see each other again.

Priscilla



Happy Halloween

October Meeting

A Special Treat—Our Program for October

We have a very special speaker for our first meeting of the new program year. Her name is Marianne Berkes, and she is a relatively new resident of Orange City and John Knox Village.

Marianne has spent much of her life as a teacher, children's thea-

ter director and children's librarian. She knows how much children enjoy "interactive" stories and is the author of many entertaining and educational picture books that make a child's learning relevant. Reading, music and theater have been a constant in Marianne's life. Her books are also inspired by her love of nature. She hopes to

open kids' eyes to the magic found in our natural world. She now writes full time.

So come October 6 to hear Marianne and see some of her many wonderful children's books. You may get a glimpse of what's in store for you by going to her website Marianne-Berkes.com.

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Member Birthdays

September and October
birthdays:

September
20 Marion Raymer

October

7 Jean Miller
19 Joan LaFleur
30 Grace Fallacaro



Our Joan LaFleur celebrated her 80th birthday this summer when all of her family was able to attend. Not only did her family attend the event but many of her friends from the VIA Orange City Woman's Club were there. It was truly a wonderful day.

**As the New Program Year Begins...**

Once again a reminder to bring any (or all) of the following items to our VIA meetings.

To Each Meeting:

Guests, who may be potential members! First and foremost, Ladies—we need members!

Tab tops from soda cans, fruit cans, etc.

Education labels from General Mills box tops and Kleenex boxes, but do NOT bring Campbell Soup labels for education. The School can't use the soup la-

bels any more.

Magazines to share and/or suitable for nursing homes. For nursing homes, the magazines should *not* be over a year old (except National Geographic) and *not* Reader's Digest regular print (large print is okay).

Product coupons for Majestic Oaks

Eye glasses for Ethiopia

Leftover or old medications (One of our members will take them to the City disposal bin.)

Bringing these items is a huge help for our various projects.

Also, please bring packages of wrapped candy to our October meeting (the 6th) so we will have it for our booth at the City's Halloween Block Party.

Joan

Bunco

Our current fundraiser for November will be a Bunco Party that will be held at the Sorosis Club on Saturday the 5th starting with a light lunch at 12 noon. The games will start at 1pm. We will have a 50/50 and raffle tickets.

Cost will be \$15 per person, and if you bring a non-perishable food item to donate, you will receive 1 free raffle ticket. This is a fun game and will definitely be a good time for all.

Priscilla



Installation of Officers

At the May meeting, the 2016-2017 Officers of the VIA Orange City Woman's Club were installed by Julia George, the Immediate Past Director of District 6. Held at the John Knox Grill, a lovely lunch was served to those attending.

Installed officers are Priscilla Ballasy, President; Laura Wendorf, 1st Vice President; Kim Reading, 2nd Vice President; Marion Raymer, 3rd Vice President; Carolyn Benton, Recording Secretary; Louise Clarke, Assistant Recording Secretary;

Patricia Locke, Corresponding Secretary; Joan LaFleur, Treasurer; and Assistant Treasurer, Doris Elsea.



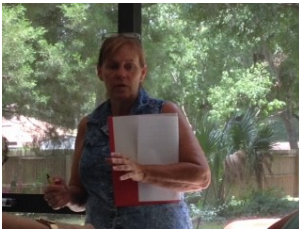
Summer Barbeque

The summer BBQ was held on July 21st at Priscilla's house. Many of our ladies were able

to attend and enjoy the great food brought by everyone and the social time that was shared.

All went home with a full belly.

Priscilla



Wisdom

The only people who still call hurricanes acts of God are the people who write insurance forms.

Neil Degrasse Tyson *astrophysicist*

and



Humor

This autumn we can look forward to falling leaves and rising gas prices.

We'll be raking it up while the oil companies are raking it in.

From the Internet

Origin of Jack-o-Lantern Legend

It is unlikely that pumpkins grew in the Celtic heartlands, so our ancestors probably made lanterns by hollowing out turnips and placing a candle inside. There is an enduring Irish story based on the Jack-o-Lantern character. In the story, Jack tricks the Devil into climbing up an apple tree with a promise of cider. Then mischievously, Jack carved the sign of the cross into the apple tree's trunk, this infuriates the Devil as he dare not climb down and touch the cross.



Years later Jack dies, but because of his life of mischief, drunkenness and worse, there is no chance of him going to heaven. Reluctantly, Jack heads for Hell, but the devil remembers his prank with the cross on the apple tree, and consequently refuses Jack entry to hell. Thus, Jack is left to roam the netherworld, and the only time of the year when he can become visible is at Halloween, hence Jack-o-Lantern.

Notes from our 2nd Vice President

We are well underway with planning our annual November fundraiser, a Bunco Party! I hope to see you all at the event. Do not worry if you have never played before. It is easy to learn and lots of fun! And, don't forget to bring a friend. Tell them we will play and laugh, and there will be prizes to win. But better than that, there will be no men!

Also, I recently discovered an old newspaper article that I would like to share with you. It highlights the wonderful "new" park property presented to the VIA in 1916. I look forward to celebrating the 100th birthday of our lovely Dickinson Park in 2017!

Your Pal,
Kimberly

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS	
<p>Orange City Village Improvement Association</p> <p>The association has been presented with two adjoining tracts of land on the main street, and near the railroad station, which has been christened Dickinson Park, in honor of the donor. Two buildings were removed, than land leveled, enclosed with substantial iron fence with ornamental gateways. Several large trees are already in the park, affording shade for speakers' stand. Pretty green iron seats are scattered about, and croquet grounds laid out, and fountain projected.</p> <p>The association gave a party at the hotel, netting \$55 for the Deland hospital.</p> <p>On February 10th an old-fashioned dance was given, Bushnell's Orchestra furnishing the music, and Mr. Pelton of Lake Helen "calling off." The Old Virginia Reel led off, followed by the Lancers, Quadrilles, Cotillions, etc.; proceeds, \$35.</p> <p>Club meetings are held in town hall, and the use of the library building was secured to the club in perpetuity, through the kindness of the late Miss M. Dickinson.</p>	<p>Orange City Village Improvement Association</p> <p>The association has been presented with two adjoining tracts of land on the main street, and near the railroad station, which has been christened Dickinson Park, in honor of the donor. Two buildings were removed, than land leveled, enclosed with substantial iron fence with ornamental gateways. Several large trees are already in the park, affording shade for speakers' stand. Pretty green iron seats are scattered about, and croquet grounds laid out, and fountain projected.</p> <p>The association gave a party at the hotel, netting \$55 for the Deland hospital.</p> <p>On February 10th an old-fashioned dance was given, Bushnell's Orchestra furnishing the music, and Mr. Pelton of Lake Helen "calling off." The Old Virginia Reel led off, followed by the Lancers, Quadrilles, Cotillions, etc.; proceeds, \$35.</p> <p>Club meetings are held in town hall, and the use of the library building was secured to the club in perpetuity, through the kindness of the late Miss M. Dickinson.</p>

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Unity in Diversity

GFWC News

Excerpt from News & Notes.....

"GFWC members are now eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and travel.

National companies such as VPI Pet Insurance, Collette Guided Tours, Red Roof Inn, and Office Depot are offering significant price reductions to GFWC club-women.

All discounts available can be accessed on GFWC's website at bit.ly/GFWCMemberDiscounts."

VIA club members should look into these offers.

Event Calendar

October

- 5 - 1:30 pm - Board meeting, Albertus Cottage
- 6 - 12:30 pm - General Meeting - Education
- 29 - Halloween Block Party
- 31 - Halloween