

## Our History

The VIA Orange City Woman's Club was organized in May 1894 with 12 members. We were a "Village Improvement Association" as there was no Federation of Women's Clubs at that time. Our intent was to "improve" our community.



## Over the Years we...

- Provided monies to pave Orange City streets with shell & to post oil lamps
- Sewed for the needy
- Paved the Library Parking Lot
- Kept Dickinson Park weed free
- Put a water fountain in the dog park
- Partnered with Orange City Elementary School

## Present Time

Today we lease Dickinson Park to the city and give to the following non-profit charities:

- Meals on Wheels
- Operation Santa Clause
- Domestic Abuse Council
- Food Boxes at Christmas
- Neighborhood Center



## Seeking New Members!

Join us and really make a difference in this community!



## We Welcome You!

Call Priscilla at 386-717-0975 or  
Laura at 386-801-6500  
eMail us at [info@gfwcorangecity.org](mailto:info@gfwcorangecity.org)

**Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka  
signs a proclamation thanking the VIA  
for 118 years of community service!**



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Woman's Club



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Purpose: To operate exclusively to unite women and to promote their common interest in charitable and educational projects.

Website: [www.GFWCOrangeCity.org](http://www.GFWCOrangeCity.org)



Founding Member of GFWC Florida  
Federation of Women's Clubs 1895

Member of General Federation  
of Women's Clubs 1901

## Seeking Women who...

want to make a difference in their community while meeting other like minded women.

We paid for a doggy drinking fountain to be added to the Orange City Dog Park on S. Leavit Ave near E. Rhode Island Ave.



We have fun at themed meetings and field trips...



We support charitable and educational projects in our Community. We are Partnered with Orange City Elementary and provide a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon each year.

### *We Raise Funds...*

Each year we have a fundraiser in early November. For more info, email us at: [info@gfwcorangecity.org](mailto:info@gfwcorangecity.org)

## Our Meetings

First Thursday, October through May, at the Jane Murray Hall, First Congregational Church, 201 W. University Avenue.

- Fun, Food, Fellowship
- and usually learn something new

### *Always a Good Time...*



### *We Support:*

Hacienda Girls Ranch  
Hugh O'Brian Youth Program  
Special Olympics  
Canine Companions  
Boggy Creek Camp  
Colin's Dream Park

## Our Collect

*(by which we strive to live our lives)*

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;  
Let us be large in thought,  
in word, in deed.

Let us be done with faultfinding and  
leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet  
each other face to face,

Without self-pity and without prejudice,  
May we never be hasty in judgment and  
always generous.

Let us take time for all things;  
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action  
our better impulses,

Straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little  
things that create differences,

That in the big things of life  
we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know  
The great, common human heart of us all.

And, oh Lord God, let us forget not,  
to be kind!

*--Mary Stewart, 1904*