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From the President

Good day ladies.

Spring is finally here and so is the pollen.

I am so excited with all the things that this group of wonderful ladies have been doing in the past few weeks. It has been amazing. I am

even more excited with what is coming up in the next few months. What is that you ask? Well, you will just have to attend our next meeting on Thursday, April 4th starting at 12:30 to find out. It is going to be fun and rewarding for everyone.

Hope to see you all then.

Priscilla



Thanks again to all who made the Bunco a success this year. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

April Meeting

This month's meeting on April 4th will feature a Community Service Program chaired by Kimberly Reading. She will be assisted by Hostesses, Carolyn Benton and Patty Locke.

Gaea Nunez will present information on our Adopt a Child Program currently running in the Orange City Elementary School. She will be offering suggestions as to how to expand this pro-

gram into the other schools in Orange City. Come socialize at 12:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Bring a friend and be prepared for lots of exciting news.

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Publicity

Thank you for all you do to get our events published.

The Village Improvement Association Orange City Woman's Club will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 4th at the First Congregational Church, 201 W University Ave, Orange City, FL 32763 in Jane Murray Hall. Program Area: Public Issues. Program Chairperson, Kimberly Reading has arranged for our very own Gaea Nunez to speak about our

Wishing you happiness to welcome each morning,

Wishing you laughter to make your heart sing.

Wishing you friendship sharing and caring, and

all of the joy your birthday can bring!



Adopt-A-Child Program currently in place to enrich the lives of students at Orange City Elementary School. She will also discuss the possibility of expanding the program to other Orange City Schools to benefit more of Orange City's children.

This will also be our annual general meeting where the next year's budget will be discussed and approved. In addition, we will review our BYLAWS and discuss any suggested amendments thereto.

Please join us for social time at 12:30 p.m., this is an opportunity to mingle and enjoy some dessert. The program follows at 1:00 p.m.

We will be collecting donations for Pinwheels For Prevention (the prevention of child abuse) through the month of April, which is child abuse awareness month. You may donate in person at this meeting or catch us at Movies In the Park on April 5th in Orange City.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call (386) 717-0975.

Thank you!
Shawn Pupello

It's That Time Again

It's that time of year again when we collect membership fees. Our by-laws say that the fees are due in April, and guess what? It's April! Please bring cash or a check made payable to VIA, Inc. to the meeting April 4th. The amount is \$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 April 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.

Joan LaFleur

Looking Ahead

Our annual Teachers' Appreciation Lunch is scheduled this year for Friday, May 10, at Orange City Elementary School. Please consider helping out with food and/or your presence on this date. We start at 9:30 a.m. and are usually finished by 2:00 p.m.

The menu for this event consists of sandwich rings from Publix, potato chips, salad, cookies/brownies, and coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. I will buy the sandwich rings, and will be looking for donations of the other items.

I will need help setting up, serving and cleaning up, so if you can donate some time to help, I would be very grateful. Put the date Friday, May 10, 2019 on your calendars!

Joan LaFleur

Things to Bring List

Remember to bring 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.

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.

Welcome

We Installed two new members in March. Let's be sure to welcome Peggy Van-Wormer and Judy Aubuchon and include them in our conversations. Sometimes we get wrapped up in visiting with those we know, Take a moment at this meeting to talk to someone you have never met. Often that is how new friendships begin.

Wisdom

The Waltz of the Butterfly

So very beautiful is she, the sister of the bumblebee,
Who graces meadows in the spring, when warm winds blow and songbirds
sing.

When perfume scents the field of green, it's then the butterfly is seen.
Among the flowers she takes her place, as fragile as the Queen Anne's lace,
She waltzes through the summer days, but seldom stops awhile or stays,
A moment here and then she goes, to find the bloom of some wild rose.

Cassandra Zelle

and



Humor

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

Easter

Would you believe that the date of Easter is related to the full Moon? Specifically, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the paschal full Moon on or just after the vernal equinox. For simplicity, the equinox is considered to be March 21 (a fixed date set by the Church), although in astronomy, it's not always that day. The paschal full Moon always falls on the 14th

day of a lunar month; because ancient calculation (made in AD 325) did not take into account certain lunar motions, it may differ from the actual full Moon date by a day or so. Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Eggs, traditionally forbidden during Lent, symbolize new life. The Easter Bunny recalls the

hare, the Egyptian symbol of fertility.

The origin of the word "Easter" is unclear. It may have derived its name from the Anglo Saxon dawn goddess Eostre, whose feast was celebrated each spring at about his time. Or, it may have derived from words meaning "rising," "dawn," or "east."

Cassandra

Note from the editor: Several people have asked when are articles due for the newsletter. In order to print a newsletter at least a week before the meeting, articles should be sent to me no later than the 15th of the month. Remember, it is your newsletter so feel free to contribute to it.

Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse

April is Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse month. This is a GWFC Signature Project that has been held annually for years to emphasize the importance of child abuse prevention. The VIA Orange City Woman's Club will be planting a PINWHEEL garden at Dickinson Park in Orange City on Friday

April 5th at 4:30 pm. These PINWHEELS will remain there for the entire month of April as beacons of support for those who have suffered and to remind us all that we can speak up for those who don't always have a voice to speak for themselves. We hope you are able to join us on April 5th, our project goal is to

raise \$500 during our Pinwheel Garden event to donate to the Domestic Abuse Council.



New Members

Peggy vanWormer and Judy Aubuchon joined our club and were installed at our March Meeting. We look forward to working with these new members as they offer us new opportunities to grow.



District 6 Arts and Craft Meeting



On March 14, 2019 eight members of our club attended the District 6 Meeting hosted by the GFWC Deltona Woman's Club.

Members included:
Gaea Nunez, Kelli

Marks, Deb Larson, Dorrie Larson, Joan LaFleur, Pat Sims, Priscilla Ballasy and Cassandra Zelle.

Colin's Dream Park

It has been a long journey since February 2013 when Colin Anderson was struck by a car and killed while trying to cross 17-92 on his skateboard and his mother, Casi Sprague, has spent the last 6 years working to build a skate park for Orange City youth in his honor.

The VIA was one of the original supporters of her long labor of love, donating over \$2,700 to help raise money for the project, and we were proud to be in attendance for the

groundbreaking for Colin's Dream Park on March 6th.

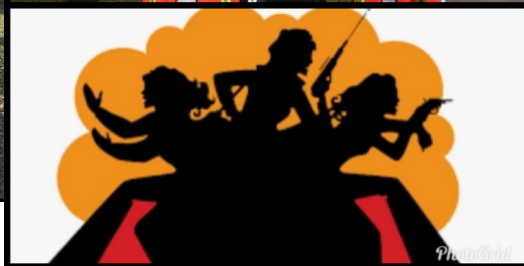


Keep Orange City Beautiful

Our March Conservation project took place on March 16th, where members participated in the 'Keep Orange City Beautiful' city wide clean up event. VIA members selected Valentine Park as our section of the city and spent that Saturday morning cleaning up one of our largest and longest-standing parks. 33 acres, 50,000 steps, and 6 trash bags of clean up later... members not only left with a new appreciation for Valentine Park, but our

very own Cassandra Zelle won the award for most "unique" clean up find—you will have to ask her, it makes the rest of us blush!

Gaea Nunez



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exclusively to unite
women and to promote
their common interest in
charitable and educa-
tional projects.



Unity in Diversity

Event Calendar

April

- ! - April Fool's Day
- 3 - Board Meeting: 1:00 pm, Albertus Cottage
- 4 - General Meeting: Social at 12:30 pm and meeting at 1:00 pm
- 5 - Pinwheel Planting, 4:30 pm, Dickinson Park
- 14 - Palm Sunday
- 21 - Easter