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From the President

Good day ladies.

Ready for the holidays? I'm not. But I will be ready for our Christmas / Holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 6th. This pot luck luncheon will start at 12 noon so everyone, please bring a dish to share.

Shawn Pupello will be presiding over the meeting as well as being the chairperson. I am sure we will all have a fun afternoon. Please remember to bring items for our up coming Bunco fundraiser and food for the kids at the Orange City Elemen-

tary, Hope to see you all there.. Take care.



Priscilla



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*



December Meeting

Our December meeting is a potluck luncheon for members and spouses / friends. Shawn Pupello, is the chairman, assisted by hostesses Cassandra Zelle, Marion Raymer and Barbara Girtman.

Be sure to bring a dish to share as well as a plan to be entertained and have fun. We really need candy for the Christmas Parade so if would can bring some, please do.

Also, please take note of Joan's article about our adopted school's needs. See you at the meeting.

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**December**

- 16 Carol Johnson
- 20 Olive Hutton
- 30 Deborah Larson
- 31 Addie Stavley

Wishing you happiness all of the joy your birthday can bring!
to welcome each morning,

Wishing you laughter to make your heart sing.

Wishing you friendship sharing and caring, and

**Christmas Tree Rap**

Here we are...It is the season
When we seem to lose all reason.

I say these crazy words you see
Cause it's time to raise the Christmas tree.

Put it upright in the stand
Not so straight as you have planned.

Work with it to get it right
Avoiding a big family fight.

Then you check the strings of light
Tangled up with all their might.

Finding out some bulbs won't work
Makes ya feel like a jerk.

Changing bulbs without precision
Questioning your own decision.

To pony up to do this task
Take a swig from nearest flask.

Put the lights upon the tree
Celebrate that task with glee.
If ya break a bulb or two
The family always will blame you.

Finally, the job is done
Without help from anyone.

Let's all celebrate with cheer
Finish the tree until next year.

Cassandra

Remember for December

This sounds like a repeat—and it is—almost. You did a great job in November bringing food items for Orange City Elementary School. They were very grateful. Please do it again!!

This time, however, is just a little different. I received this message from the school's family coordinator: "We are always in need of healthy snacks for

the students [such as those listed in the paragraph below]. But right now our pantry is a little low on the following: jelly, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, and rice in a box (like rice-a-roni)."

Please help the children out by bringing items just listed or any of the following:

- Granola bars
- Sandwich crackers

- Cereals
- Poptarts
- Single-serving puddings
- Juice boxes

We partner with this school, and this is what we can do for them.

Joan



Installation of New Members

President Priscilla Balsasy installed two new members into our club at the November meeting.



sors, Patti Williams and Carol Johnson. Looking on is Ginny Mac Donald

Welcome to our club.

Pictured here, along with our President, are Iona Martin and June Carlson and their spon-



Bunco



I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't consume too many calories. Just a reminder that our BUNCO event is only a few months away. I have plenty of baskets; but for those of you who have not yet donated I need money and/or the following items:

GIFT CERTIFICATES:
i.e. nail or hair salons, grocery stores, oil change for auto, restaurants

WINE: need a minimum of 12 bottles, any variety

BATH BASKET

PASTA BASKET

GAME BASKET: adult & children

PICNIC OR BEACH BASKET

GRILLING BASKET:
assorted spices for grilling

If you have an idea and are not sure, give me a call or email.

Cassandra



Publicity

Thank you for all you do to get these events published every month.

The Village Improvement Association Orange City Woman's Club will hold their next monthly meeting and Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 6th at the First Congregational Church, 201 W University Ave, in Jane Murray Hall. Program Chairperson, Shawn Pupello has arranged for Christmas

Carols accompanied by the very talented Rick Ricciardelli. Lunch and social time will begin at 12:00 p.m., this is an opportunity to mingle and enjoy some delicious food and dessert. The program follows at 1:00 p.m. We are collecting non-perishable food items with easy open tops to provide meals for children through the winter break this year. These can be dropped off at Glory International Real

Estate Company, 347 N Volusia Ave, Orange City in care of Shawn Pupello, through December 4th.

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

Thank you!
Shawn Pupello



Volunteer Hours / Minutes

VERY important: Please use the slips of paper that look like the illustration on this page to report time you spend on any VIA activity. You will find these slips on the tables at our meetings—if you don't find them, please contact me—either see me at the meeting or call me at 774-2973.

Please write down exactly what you did, how long it took you, and any monies you spent doing it. Use the "List of Categories" card that you will find on the table to help you determine what to write in the "Type of volunteering" line. You can use the "Volunteer Info" slips that are on the ta-

bles at our meetings, or you can keep your own list—just make sure I get the information, please. I use it when I write our reports in January.

Joan

Volunteer Info
Name: _____
Month, Year: _____
Type of volunteering (see List of Categories)
Hours spent: _____
Dollars spent: _____

Welcome

We have installed several new members over the last couple of months. Let's be sure to welcome them 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

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

and



Humor

Grandpa's Christmas Story

Grandpa decided that shopping for Christmas presents had become too difficult. All his grandchildren had everything they needed, so he decided to send them each a check.

On each card he wrote:

'Happy Christmas Grandpa'

P.S. 'Buy your own present!'

Conclusion:

Now, while Grandpa enjoyed the family festivities, he thought that his grandchildren were just slightly distant. It preyed on his mind into the New Year. Then one day he was sorting out his study and under a pile of magazines, he found a little pile of checks for his grandchildren. He had completely forgotten to put them in with the Christmas cards.

The Gold Wrapping Paper

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!"

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.



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



Unity in Diversity

Event Calendar

December

- 5 - Board Meeting: 1:00 pm, Albertus Cottage
- 6 - General Meeting: Pot Luck Christmas Celebration, 12 noon
- 8 - Christmas Village, Dickinson Park, 11 am - 5:30 pm
- 8 - Christmas Parade, 5 pm
- 25 - Christmas
- 31 - New Year's Eve