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From the President

Good day ladies,

Boy, has this year gone by fast. And so much has happened in the last 7 months. Some bad and some good.

Our last meeting of this season is coming up in just a week. Thursday, May 2nd will be our last regular meeting, and it will be a picnic at Gem-

ini Springs Park starting at 12 noon. This will be a pot luck lunch meeting so everyone needs to bring a dish to share. Picnic type food is best for this meeting. I am sure that when Genie calls she will be asking what you will be bringing. Hoping for nice weather.

See you all soon.

Take care,
Priscilla



Happy Mother's Day

May Meeting

Our May meeting (May 2, 12 noon) is a picnic at Gemini Springs Park, and here are directions:

Go south on Rt. 17-92 to Dirksen Dr. and turn left at the stop light. Turn right into the Park at the yellow "Gemini Springs Park" sign. At the stop sign turn left and follow the "VIA"

signs. One sign will be at a right-hand turn and another will be at the spot where you will park and walk to the pavilion. We will be having lunch in Pavilion 5. Please bring a picnic-type dish to share.

Please call me at 774-2973 if you have questions, or call my cell 386

-956-3791 if you need directions that day.

See you there,

Joan LaFleur



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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!



“You’re only here for a short visit. Don’t hurry, don’t worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way.” — Walter Hagen

Sad News

On April 12, 2019, our dear friend and member, Dorrie Larson, passed away with her family at her side. Dorrie was a past president of our club and was active right up until the end. She always had a smile on her face and will be very much missed.

Cards can be sent to her daughters, Deborah Larson at 4525 Willa Creek Drive #215, Winter Springs, FL 32708 and Sandra Betlach at 3540 Harbour Drive, Mt. Dora, FL 32757.

A memorial service for Dorrie will be held at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 2500 S. Volusia Ave., Orange City, on Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. A reception-lunch will follow the service. In lieu of flow-

ers, Dorrie’s request was that donations be made to the Shriner’s Hospital for Children or to the Village Improvement Association Orange City Woman’s Club. If you have any questions, please email or call Joan at (jlafleur6@cfl.rr.com) or (774-2973).

Reminder...

If you haven't paid your membership fee for this next year, please do! If you don't remember whether you've paid or not, please email a query to me at jlafleur6@cfl.rr.com or call me at 774-2973, and I will be happy to tell you. Also, if for some reason you do not wish to renew your

membership, please let me know. *It's important.* We will be updating our program/membership book soon. Please bring cash or a check made payable to *VIA, Inc.* to the meeting May 2nd. 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 May meeting, I would appreciate receiving your check in the mail: Joan LaFleur; 20 Azalea Dr., Unit A; Orange City, FL 32763.

Thanks, Joan

River Springs Middle School Breakfast

On April 8th, President Priscilla Ballasy and Kellie Marks attended a breakfast put on for volunteers and partners of the school.

The breakfast was prepared and served by students who are part of the school's culinary institute. It featured a Paris Theme.



Here's an Opportunity...

We are hosting this year's Teacher Appreciation lunch on Friday, May 10th. I hope you will help me let the teachers and staff of Orange City Elementary School know that we appreciate all their efforts on behalf of "our" children and grandchildren.

I will order sandwiches from Publix as we have done in other years, and we have commitments for

salads (fruit, macaroni, crab), potato chips, dump cake and cookies/brownies. In addition, we need iced tea, some lemonade, ice and help setting up, serving and cleaning up. We will setup in the Teachers' Lounge (just to our left of the front reception desk) at the school at 9:30 for the first lunch at 10:15 a.m., and we finish after the last lunch at 1:30 p.m. I would greatly appre-

ciate any 2-hour (or longer) commitment to help.

Please email me at jlafleur6@cfl.rr.com or call me at 774-2973 if you can provide any of the needed items mentioned above, or if you can help me at the school that day.

Joan LaFleur

Note from the editor: People have asked when articles due for the newsletter. In order to print a newsletter at least a week before the meeting, articles **MUST** be sent to me no later than the 15th of the month or they may not make it into the current month's newsletter. Remember, it is your newsletter so feel free to contribute to it.

Wisdom

Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful.

William Morris

and



Humor

Things I've learned from my children...

- If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. It is strong enough however to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 by 20 foot room.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh", it's already too late.
- A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq foot house 4 inches deep.
- No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
- VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth-worms dizzy. It will however make cats dizzy.
- Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
- Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.

Mother's Day

While the Mother's Day that we celebrate on the second Sunday in May is a fairly recent development, the basic idea goes back to ancient mythology - to the long ago civilizations of the Greeks and Romans.

The Greeks paid annual homage to Cybele, the mother figure of their gods, and the Romans dedicated an annual spring festival to the mother of their gods.

In 16th century England, a celebration called "Mothering Sunday" was inaugurated - a Sunday set aside for visiting one's mother. The eldest son or daughter would bring a "mothering cake," which would be cut and shared by the entire family. Family reunions were the order of the day, with sons and daughters assuming all household duties and preparing a special dinner in honor of their

mother. Sometime during the day the mother would attend special church services with her family.

After her mother died in 1905, Miss Anna Jarvis wished to memorialize her life and started campaigning for a national day to honor all mothers. Her mother, known as "Mother Jarvis," was a young Appalachian homemaker and lifelong activist who had organized "Mother's Work Days" to save the lives of those dying from polluted water. During the Civil War, Mother Jarvis had also organized women's brigades, encouraging women to help without regard for which side their men had chosen. At the time, there were many special days for men, but none for women.

On May 10, 1908, a Mother's Day service was held at a church in Grafton, West Virginia,

where Anna's mother had taught. Thus was born the idea that the second Sunday in May be set aside to honor all mothers, dead or alive.

In 1904, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called "Mother's Day"- dedicated "to the best mother in the world, your mother." For the first few years, the day was observed as a legal holiday, but in absolute simplicity and reverence - church services were held in honor of all mothers, living and dead.

Cassandra



125th Anniversary Gala



The VIA Orange City Woman's Club will be sponsoring the 125th Anniversary Gala "Night at the Ball" on Saturday, July 13, 2019.

There will be an 1800s

to the present Fashion Show, sponsored by the Alley Cats Vintage Boutique and Lucky Cat Salon.

Formal Dress is requested. If any of the members need something to wear and are not in the show you can borrow from Alley Cats Vintage boutique, just let me know.

There will be a cocktail hour with a cash bar, a DJ, 50/50, awards and

other fun activities.

Dinner will be catered by Serve All Catering.

If any ladies need a ride, let us know. We will be making arrangements to pick up those who don't drive at night.

More information will be coming next month.

Kelli Marks

Spring Planting



Cassandra Zelle has been very busy planting at Albertus Cottage and in Dickinson Park this

Spring. She has completed the cottage upgrade and has started the butterfly garden in the park. DeBary Nursery has agreed to give us a 15% discount on all the plants we purchase.

Take a drive by soon to see all the hard work Cassandra has put into beautifying our cottage.

Thank you, Cassandra!



Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

At the Orange City Council Meeting on April 23, 2019, Mayor Gary Blair presented a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

Members of our club along with the President, Priscilla Ballasy, were in attendance to accept this proclamation. Thank you Orange City!



Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse Planting - 2019

On Friday, April 12, the members of the VIA Orange City Woman's Club along with City Officials planted pinwheels in Dickinson Park. This is an annual

event to promote the prevention of child abuse. After the planting, several of the members sold pinwheels at the City's Movie in the

Park. We have almost met our goal of \$500 which will be donated to the Beacon Center formerly the Domestic Abuse Council in Daytona.



From the 1st Vice President

As Chairman of the Program Committee, it is my duty to work with each of our Program Service Area Chairmen to develop strong service projects that align with our established Program Service Areas. These areas include the Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Affairs, and Literature and Music. Because we are part of a larger organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, I am also challenged to align those projects with GFWC stated community service goals.

It is imperative that our members (and our perspective members) understand GFWC is a network of support for our club and the

women who commit to community improvement through volunteer service. I am challenging all our members to visit GFWC website to learn more about our parent organization. While you are there, take a moment to review the 2018-2020 Club Manual. <https://www.gfwc.org/membership/club-manual/>

This manual provides great insight into GFWC and its primary objectives for community service. There is useful information to help our Program Service Area Chairman plan and develop creative community service projects. The impact the VIA has in our local community is reflective of the good works

GFWC does across the world.

So ladies, I am looking for next year's Program Service Area Chairmen. Each PSA will select a Program Service Project (existing or new) and build a committee to implement the project. These committees will work with the Board to develop goals, a timeline, and locate community partners for the project. If you have a service area that interests you, or a service project you want to work on, please contact me as soon as possible. I am eager to hear your ideas!

Kimberly Reading

Remembering a Friend

I recently came across one of Bette Fox's prayers and thought I would share it with our members. Bette Fox was our devotional leader for many years.



Bette shared with me that at one time DeBary had a Woman's Club (which has long since disbanded) and she was the president. Many people do not know that she and husband Tom came to Florida from Michigan due to his ill health. She

was a hairdresser across from the fire station in Orange City, and I believe she was the owner of that business. She had two sons, Jon who lives in Michigan and Michael who lives in Wekiva. When Bette was very ill Michael and Terry packed up cats and all and moved in with Bette and catered to her every need, remaining with her until the end. Really, there's not too much more I know about her except that she was a member of St. Ann's church and love to shop, shop, shop !!!!

Bette was an exceptionally kind and understanding person. And to

this day is remembered fondly by all she came in contact with. She passed away, May 8, 2018 in Hospice at the age of 96.

Whenever I ride I always feel

God's loving hand upon the wheel.

In full control my car and I,

On His loving care I rely.

So safely I ride near and far

I drive in peace.

God's driving my car.

Marion Raymer

Scholarship

After reviewing the two scholarship applications received from University High School students, the club has de-

ecided to award a \$1,000 scholarship to Megan Perkins.

The award ceremony will be held on May

15th at 6:00 pm. VIA members are encouraged to attend.

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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

May

- 1 - Board Meeting: 1:00 pm, Albertus Cottage
- 2 - General Meeting: Picnic at Gemini Springs Park, 12 noon
- 12 - Mother's Day
- 27 - Memorial Day