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From the President

Good Day to everyone
and Happy New Year.

As we come into a new
year, 2014, I wish to
thank everyone again
for all they have done
to make every event a
success. With all the
events coming in the
new year we will have
lots of opportunities to

share our club informa-
tion with the commu-
nity. Please pay atten-
tion to the event calen-
dar so that you can be
aware of all that is hap-
pening. See you all in
January and until then
please have a "Merry
Christmas."



Priscilla

Happy New Year—2014

Programs

Come join us for our
January program of Arts
and Crafts!

The meeting will begin
with Social time at 12:30
pm on January 2 followed
by the General meeting at

1:00 pm. Remember to
bring any art, crafts, pho-
tography or other pro-
jects you may have cre-
ated during the year.

We will also have Show
and Tell of our special

treasures. The Chairman
is Pat Sims who will be
assisted by hostesses Ge-
nie Augustine, Joan Frons
and Carol Johnson.

Pat Sims

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Love and Hugs

Hi Folks,

A FRESH new year is here.

There are 5 birthdays being celebrated in our Orange City Woman 's Club family.

They are:

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4 - Dorrie Larson

5 - Margaret Childress

20 - Marjorie Behrens

Associate Member

22 - Laura Wendorf

26 - Kathleen Hilbrandt

Barbara Kinzly

Dorrie Larson

Ginny MacDonald

God Bless,

Also, we would all like to send our care and concern to the following members:

Genie



A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other!

Arts & Crafts

January will be the Arts and Crafts Program. Here's your opportunity to display and share with others those great hobbies you have: Needlepoint of any kind, painting, photography, toy and decorative objects, holiday creations, etc, etc. Awards are given and these are submitted to the District meeting and winners from there go to State. We know

you're out there because current members placed at the District and went on to the State competition several years ago! And I bet there's some real talent among you new members also.

To be entered, your item must have been made in 2013. There are scads of categories, so consider anything you have done in this time period. We

also do a Show and Tell of things that are dear to our hearts but don't match the time requirements: things that others may have given to you and are very meaningful to you, your family, etc. **We want to hear from you and see what you do!** Any questions, call Pat Sims at 386-774-7081.

Pat

Education - Our Generosity Helps

Congratulations!

You're wonderful!!!! You contributed a cart load of food, and Orange City Elementary administration is most grateful.

My contacts at the school still tell me that they need clothes. We can be of tremendous

help by continuing to contribute clothing—especially during these winter months. Their greatest need seems to be small sizes—sizes 5, 6, 7—particularly underwear, jeans, socks, sneakers. Just think of little ones who might soil their one and only pair of these items. Some children

show up at school without underwear or socks—even in the cold.

We're doing a great job. Let's keep it up!

Joan



Home Life

At the December Board Meeting, your board voted to participate in the Community Life Center First Hundred Breaths of Life campaign. This campaign asks that participants pledge \$100 per year for three years to provide sustaining funds for Community Life.

The Community Life Center provides food and other services to people in need in the Orange City, DeBary, Deltona area. In conjunction with this donation, information will be provided to families with children at the Orange City Elementary about the ser-

vices that are available to them.

Louise



Coming Next Month

The February Meeting is being chaired by Marion Raymer and will include a program on the DeBary Mansion. Hostesses for the meeting are Ruth

Blue, Ida Jane Wegrzyn, and Barbara Masairczyk.

Come join us for an interesting program about this historical Victorian retreat

originally for millionaires.



Things to Bring to a Meeting

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
- Campbell Soup labels for education
- Magazines to share and/or suitable for nursing homes (not over a year old [except National Geographic] or Reader's Digest reg. print)
- Product coupons for Majestic Oaks
- Eye glasses for Ethiopia
- Leftover medications

Specifically to October, November Meetings:

- Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes

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Colin's Dream Park

On Monday, December 2nd, President Priscilla Ballasy presented a letter of intent from the VIA Orange City Woman's Club to donate the proceeds of one of their certificates of deposit to the Colin's Dream Park Fund. The letter of intent was read to Cassandra Sprague, Colin's mother, at Coleman Park. In atten-

dance was Mayor Tom Laputka, Colin's grandparents, his sister, and several of Colin's skateboarding friends.

Colin was killed in a tragic accident while crossing the street after skateboarding with

friends. It is his mother's hope that the Colin's Dream Park Fund will eventually be able to build a safe place for young people to skateboard in Orange City.



Cassie and Priscilla in front of the Colin's Dream Park Fund Banner.



Cassandra Sprague, her daughter, Mayor Tom Laputka, President Priscilla Ballasy and several of Colin's skateboarding friends in Coleman Park.

Welcoming a New Year

Another year's gone by - we bid farewell to old thirteen together
The fireworks are done.
And, now I think that I'll let go of pain and keep the good forever
And face the morning sun!

We've shared good times and bad, but hope was always strong
And New Year's hope is with us, yes it's clear
That looking back it seems the right outweighed the wrong
And we're looking forward to a great new year.

We said farewell to some and others welcomed with our arms wide open
Those first sweet precious cries!
This year I know will come with more good times than bad, at least I'm hoping
We'll have a sweet surprise.

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There'll be good times, there'll be bad
There'll be happy times and sad
But we welcome you, brand new year,
Glad you're here!

Patricia J. Locke



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Unity in Diversity

GFWC History Facts

Did you know that in 1906 GFWC member Alice Lakey spearheaded a letter and telegram writing campaign, which was essential to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act? Dr. Harvey Wiley, the first chief of the Pure Food Bureau, attributed the bill's passing to GFWC and stated, "Trust them [GFWC] to put the ball over the goal line every time."

We have a new website—gfwcorangecity.org
Check us out!

Event Calendar

January 2014

- 2 - Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Albertus Cottage
- 2 - General meeting, 12:30 pm Social time, 1:00 pm Meeting, Jane Murray Hall
- 25-26 - Blue Spring Manatee Festival, Valentine Park, 10 am