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## From the President

Hoping that everyone is doing well. I know that February can sometimes be a dreary month but know that spring is right around the corner. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting

and remember we are inviting the city council, manager and clerk so it will be a full house and an interesting meeting. Take care till then.

*Priscilla*



## Nominating Committee Report

We almost have a full slate for the next two years, however, we do need a second vice president. This person will be in charge of our publicity. We will have you trained by our experts,

and then you will have some idea of what to do. We do not say to you, "Here's your job, GO". Please someone, step up. We would especially like to get one of our new members in-

involved. This will give you a chance to really get to know us better. Contact Carolyn Benton if are willing to take on this position.

## Last Month's Program

At our February meeting, the hall was beautifully decorated for Valentine's Day. Our guest speaker was Dorothy Beard from DeBary Hall who entertained us with stories from the history of the-

Hall and the families that lived there.

A lovely cake frosted for Valentine's Day was served and everyone went home with a chocolate treat.



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## Love and Hugs

Hey there,

There are five birthdays to celebrate this month.

### March

9 - Virginia MacDonald

12 - Winifred Brandt

24 - Amy DiVittorio

27 - Patricia Locke

28 - Ida Jane Wegrzyn

God Bless,

*Genie*

See you all at the International Outreach luncheon.

## March Program

Taylor Grinnen, recipient of the 2012-2013 local Rotary Exchange Program award, will be the guest speaker at the March meeting on the 6th. The International Affairs emphasis will be a pot luck luncheon held at 12:00 noon in Jane Murray Hall, First Congregational Church, 201 W University Ave., Orange City. The program begins at 1:00.

The mayor, Orange City Council members, Tracey Grinnen, mother of the speaker, husbands and friends will be special guests.

Mimi Pacifico is the chairman of the day assisted by hostesses Kathy Rundgren, Marge Childress, Therese Callahan and Barbara Kinzly.

Taylor, 19, a graduate of University High School in Orange City and a fresh-

man at Stetson University, spent a year in Russia with two host families. The second one with whom she spent the most time was composed of mother, father and three children, one of whom was away at university, and younger twins.

She enjoyed the uniqueness of the Russian food and has even tried her hand at re-creating some of those dishes after returning to Orange City.

"The biggest difficulty was finding all the same ingredients called for in the original recipe. This was true if I were trying to make an American dish in Russia or a Russian dish in America." The adults in her host family owned their own business.

The availability of public transportation was another thing most noticea-

bly different from the way things were at home. The town in which she lived was considered small by Russian standards.

"It was home to 250,00 people by comparison to the largest cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg, which house millions." This town was located perhaps an hour's drive from St. Petersburg in a plains area. The climate was colder than Florida, having some snow.

Taylor is taking courses related to Russian language and literature but has not yet declared her major. She is applying for another "year abroad."

Come, bring a friend and your own questions to our meeting on [March 6](#).

*Mimi*

## District Arts and Crafts Meeting

Three of us went to the District 6 Arts and Crafts meeting in Melbourne on February 20. We took the arts and crafts winners from our January competition, and I am happy to report that Kathy's afghan entry took a second place ribbon, as did Grace's crewel embroidery. Carolyn's stunning photograph of the rose took a first place ribbon and will be entered in the State competition at spring convention in April.

Also at this meeting awards were given for reports. We submitted a statistical and a narrative report for each of the six Community Service Programs (Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues), plus State President's Project,

Membership, Leadership, Fundraising, and Domestic Abuse Awareness. This year we also submitted a two-page history for the last two years. By the time all of this is written, we have a really good review of what we've accomplished in the last year. And we've accomplished a whole lot!!!

Even in competition with clubs of over 100 members, we took awards. We were awarded a third-place certificate for the State President's Project for our work with the Orange City Elementary School and a third place for International Outreach. We also took second place certificates for Home, Life (Habitat for Humanity, Canine Companions for Independence, our exercise, visits/

help for shut-ins) and Public Issues (all we do with the City and in public) and a first place in Membership (for such things as sunshine cards, birthday recognition,



rides for members, program book, newsletter and scrapbook).

We are a small club but MIGHTY!

With appreciation for all your efforts,

*Joan*

***If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.***

***A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, and is fat.***

***A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.***

***A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years.***

***And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so.***

## 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 (i.e. large print Reader's Digest and those not over a year old [except National Geographic])
- Product coupons for Majestic Oaks
- Eye glasses for Ethiopia
- Leftover medications
- No-longer used cell phones

### Specifically to October, November Meetings:

- Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes

### Specifically to December Meeting:

- Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes

## Where We Live

I bet you like to live in nice surroundings—so do I. We can help do something about making our surroundings in Orange City better than they are today.

Our main street, Volusia Ave., aka 17-92, presents some pretty discouraging views as we travel up and down it—empty structures, peeling paint, crumbling facades, empty lots. We need some help to make this area look more inviting and productive. One piece of help is a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). This allows taxes from a certain designated area, in this case the 17-92 corridor, to come back to that area for improvements to it. The taxes go to the county, but come back to the city for use, for example, in eliminating eyesores, improving facilities, creating safer

traffic flows, and encouraging future investment in the area.

This process has been approved by Volusia County for 12 areas on the eastern side of the County and just 2 on the western side (DeLand). Orange City has completed the preliminary process and submitted its application for a CRA along the Volusia Ave. corridor. The application is now coming before the County Council for a vote. It is surely Orange City's turn for some help — why must our taxes always go for county-wide projects? Why not have some of that money come back to us?

You can help. On the opposite page, you will find contact information for County Council members. Please write,

email, telephone these people saying that you (give your name) support the Orange City CRA. That you believe the CRA will improve safety along the 17-92 corridor, strengthen our economy and enhance our quality of life. And—"As a constituent, I hope I can count on your support for this critical project. Thank you."

VIA stands for "Village **Improvement** Association". My friends, this is a very important way we can improve our city. We need to inundate the County Council with our requests for their yearend votes and to show up in great numbers at their council meeting April 3. Please Help. And get your friends and neighbors to help!

*Joan*

***It's true that we don't know what we've got until it is gone.  
But it is also true that we don't know what we have been missing until it arrives.***

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*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

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Organized May 15, 1894

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



*Unity in Diversity*

## GFWC History Facts

Did you know that the 56th Congress chartered the GFWC and designated that the Federation be located in Washington, DC in 1901? After renting facilities for many years, the house at 1734 N Street, NW in Washington, DC was purchased by club women all over the country. Having a home in the heart of the nation's capital ensured that the Federation would be able to influence national policy discussions.

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**Check out our website — [gfwcorangecity.org](http://gfwcorangecity.org)**

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## Event Calendar

### March

1 - African-American Heritage Festival 10 am - 5:00 pm  
6 - 9:00 am - Board Meeting, Albertus Cottage  
12:00 noon Luncheon and General Meeting  
17 - St. Patrick's Day