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## From the President

Good Day to all of the VIA ladies. As we end out our current season of meetings I wish to thank everyone for all your help and dedication to making each event beautiful and delicious. Our last meeting will be on [May 7th](#) with

a pot luck picnic in Gemini Springs Park in Debary starting at 12:00 noon. Lots of ladies have already signed up to bring all sorts of goodies so it will be a great day to end our time together until we meet again in Octo-

ber. Take care 'til then.

*Priscilla*



## May Meeting

Our upcoming May 7th meeting is the last one before we break for summer travels. It will be held as a pot luck outing at Gemini Springs from 12 pm - 2:00 pm. Laura has re-

served pavilion #4 for us, which is near the restrooms.

If you need a ride to the park, please be at the Albertus Cottage no later than 11:30.

Directions can be found on page 2.

Come, bring your favorite picnic fare and enjoy this wonderful park.

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## Love and Hugs

Hello Everyone,

May 2015

see you in October.

First let me apologize for not mentioning Kim Reading's birthday last month. Her Birthday is April 28. Please forgive me Kim.

In May, we have lots of birthdays. Seven to be exact.

4 Marguerite David  
14 Millie Honigman  
18 Carolyn Benton  
20 Louise Clarke  
21 Dottie Pomeroy  
22 Julia Donovan  
26 Joan Ronaldo

Enjoy the summer. I'll

*Genie*



### Gemini Springs State Park

Directions: South on 17-92 through DeBary to Dirksen Dr. Turn left. The Park is less than a mile on the right. Or south on Enterprise Rd., turn right on DeBary Ave. which becomes Dirksen Dr. Park is on left not quite 1 mile from where you turned right.

## Notes from the First Vice President

Greetings,  
I am working on our program book for next year so if you have any information that needs updating, please contact me asap. We are up to 46 Likes on our Facebook page so we are still far away from the 100 needed. I know you ladies know young people..... they use Facebook. Even if you do not, please encourage them to like

our page. We will not get good exposure until then. If you need assistance using any of the websites or online tools like Facebook, please give me a call at 386-801-6500 and I will be happy to help you.

A parting note....

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of

arriving safely in a well preserved body but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, latte in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming.... "Woo Hoo! What a ride!"

*Laura*

## Preserving the Past

Clubwoman, Kim Reading, has been very busy this past month sharing her passion for preserving the past of Orange City.

Kim is a life-long resident of Orange City with roots going back 100 years. She has a degree in American Studies and has a passion for the history of her community.

On April 16th, Kim presented her work on Women and African American's impact on early Orange City through a lecture series at Stetson University.

On April 21st, Kim addressed the West Volusia Historical Society. Several club members and members of the Orange City Council attended to hear Kim's

presentation on Orange City history and the influence of early pioneer women. She also focused on the early African American community, where they lived and what they did, with an emphasis on the women of the community.

Great job, Kim. So proud to have you as a member of our club.



## Thanks to Teachers

Our annual teachers' and staff appreciation lunch this year is Friday, May 8. That's the day after our May picnic. Several of you have offered salads and desserts, and I thank you. We still could use

chips and perhaps pickles and olives. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of the sandwiches, I would be very grateful. Please call me (774-2973) if you will contribute ei-

ther of these items. I will come and get them if you would like me to.

*Joan*

## Saving our environment



Kim Reading and her husband, Mike, represented the VIA Orange City Woman's Club at

the annual St. John's River Cleanup. Held on April 18th, they met with other volunteers at the French Avenue boat launch in Orange City to gather refuse left behind by others.

Kim is very interested in saving our environment as well as preserving our past.

Thank you, Kim and Mike, for your support of our community.



## Victorian Tea - November 7th



Here's a way to share some joy,  
and build a memory.

Treat someone you care about  
to "High Victorian" Tea!

An afternoon of pure delight—  
and even more, you see...

For, this delicious afternoon  
helps our community!

Patricia Locke

*Wisdom*

The fountain of happiness must spring up in the mind, and he who seeks happiness by changing anything but his own disposition, will only multiply their sadness.

Brad Hanson, Brad Pieces of Wisdom

*and*

*Humor*

### In my day: Clean One-liners

'-----' grass' was mowed,  
'-----' coke' was a cold drink  
'-----' pot' was something your mother cooked in  
'-----' rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby?  
'-----' Aids' were helpers in the Principal's office?  
'-----' chip' meant a piece of wood  
'-----' hardware' was found in a hardware store and  
'-----' software' wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap... and how old do you think I am?

## Planting Pinwheels

The VIA Orange City Woman's Club again planted Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse. This has become an annual event that is well supported by the Orange City Administration.

Pinwheels were sold during the monthly Movie in the Park by Carolyn Benton.

On April 17, President Priscilla Ballasy and several club members planted the pinwheels in Dickinson Park for all to see.



## Come One Come All

We are hosting the annual spring meeting of GFWC Florida District 6 again this year. Y'all come. District Director Julia George is planning a really fun time, focusing on interactive games, celebrating our past year, and ways we

can bring fun to our meetings, including a "party hat" contest.

The meeting is Thursday, May 28 in the auditorium at John Knox Village—registration 9:00 a.m., meeting starts at 10:00. Conti-

nental breakfast, lunch and registration is \$19.00. We need help, please, as greeters and registrars—sign up and pay at our meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Or call me (774-2973).



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## GFWC News

The GFWC Florida Spring Convention will be held in Orlando May 14 to 17. We will have representation at the Saturday evening dinner where VIA will be recognized as one of the four remaining

founding clubs.

Kim Reading and Louise Clarke will be attending to represent our club.



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## Event Calendar

### May

- 6- Board Meeting, 1:30 pm, Albertus Cottage
- 7- General Meeting, Pot Luck Picnic, Gemini Springs, 12 noon
- 14-17- GFWC Florida Spring Convention, Orlando
- 25 - Memorial Day
- 28 - District 6 Spring Workshop, John Knox Village