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## From the President

Hello to everyone, I hope it was a good summer and that we are all looking forward to a happy holiday season and especially a great VIA year to come. We have lots of things planned to keep us all busy and involved with the community so put on your walking

shoes and get ready to be part of an exciting time. Halloween is up first and we will be part of the Halloween Block party with the City. Next will be our Fashion Fling and Luncheon. That is just the start. Hope to see you all at the first meeting on October 3rd.

Take care till then,

*Priscilla*



## Programs

### October

Chair: Carolyn Benton  
Program: Crime Prevention Task Force  
Hostesses: Joan Ronaldo, Dorrie Larson, Laura Wendorf

### November

Chair: Louise Clarke  
Program: Bee Conservation  
Hostesses: Pattie Locke, Bette Fox, Addie Stavelly

### December

Chair: Kathy Rundgren  
Program: Christmas  
Hostesses: Joan LaFleur,

Carolyn Benton, Priscilla Ballasy

### January

Chair: Pat Sims  
Program: Arts & Craft  
Hostesses: Genie Augustine, Joan Frons, Carol Johnson

### February

Chair: Marion Raymer  
Program: Community Life Center  
Hostesses: Ruth Blue, Ida Jane Wegrzyn, Barbara Masiarczyk

### March

Chair: Mimi Pacifico  
Program: Rotary Exchange Student to Russia  
Hostesses: Marge Childress, Barbara Kinzly, Kathy Rundgren

### April

Chair - Dottie Pomeroy  
Program: "Women in Public Affairs", Frances Chapman  
Hostesses: Amy DiVittorio, Therese Callahan, Doris Elsea

**May** Program: Installation  
Probably at John Knox

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## Love and Hugs

Hey Everyone,

I had a wonderful summer and am now looking forward to seeing all of you at our Pot Luck in October.

I have not heard from

anyone in reference to Get Well or Sympathy cards that need to be sent out, so that means.....all is well.

### October Birthdays:

10/7 J. J. Miller

10/19 Joan LaFleur

10/30 Grace Fallacaro

Love and hugs,

*Genie*

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Goodbyes".



*October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

## Home Life

In our local area, our food pantries struggle to provide food for those whose life circumstances have put them in need of help. It's hard for many of us to imagine not being able to provide food for our children but it happens in this community.

Our club is in a position to help by collecting and donating food.

Pantries are in need of pasta, pasta sauces, rice, tuna fish, peanut butter,

jelly, cereal, canned meats and vegetables. We have 35 members and, if every member attending a meeting would bring in one item each month, we could collect as many as 280 items over the course of the year. This would provide meals for many families.

The Community Life Center Outreach, located at 1045 E. Normandy Blvd. in Deltona has recently reopened. It provides food and other ser-

vices in a hands-up rather than a hand-out environment. It is open to all residents in the area including Orange City.

Let us begin this year by remembering to bring in non-perishable food items to **every** meeting.

Please check the expiration dates on any items you donate as the pantries are unable to distribute outdated items.

## From the First Vice President

Greetings All,

I hope you are all rested or at least ready to get back into the swing of things. Priscilla and I have been hard at work on your program book and I have our new website almost done. If you would like a large print copy of the book, please be sure to contact me ASAP so we make enough copies. I would like to invite all of you to please look at the website and make suggestions if you believe

certain information should be there and isn't, let me know so I can "hook us up"!

We really need our Fashion Fling to be a success so we are looking for merchants that maybe sell purses, jewelry and alike. Space fee is 15% of sales. We have 100 tickets to sell as well so please call your friends and family to spread the word.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our October meeting.

Here is one of my favorite quotes "Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.--Helen Keller ([www.feminist.com/resources/quotes/](http://www.feminist.com/resources/quotes/)) See you in October,

*Laura Wendorf*



## GFWC Signature Project - Domestic Abuse

At the recent Fall Board, I attended a session on Domestic Abuse Awareness. Speakers addressed the group about Hacienda Girls Ranch, Pinellas Woman's Club Teen Dating 101 Workshop, Deltona Against Bullying and the Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse project.

The highlight of the session was the guest speaker, Jackie Pierce, 2006-2008 GFWC International President. It was

during her term that GFWC decided to have a signature project. Clubs were asked to submit ideas. The top three were Domestic Abuse, Education, and no project. When put to a vote at the International Convention, Domestic Abuse won overwhelmingly.

Mrs. Pierce told us about helping a young, pregnant woman with two young child escape from an abusive husband and father over forty years ago just

days before Christmas. It changed her life and from that point forward she became an advocate for abused women and children. She gave all of us a pearl necklace and her "Pearls of Wisdom", a list of 10 things every club could do to promote Domestic Violence Awareness. Be sure to look for this list at our October meeting.

*Louise*



*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

## 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

### Specifically to December Meeting:

- Non-perishable food items for Christmas boxes

## Fashion Fling & Luncheon

Fashion show tickets are now available for our Fashion Show on Saturday, November 2nd. Doors open at 11:30 AM at the fellowship hall next to the First Congregational Church where we hold our meeting. This will be a luncheon as well as a fashion show. Clothing and accessories will be available for purchase after the show. The cost is \$10 per ticket. All are invited. I have the tickets and would love to supply you with as many as you think you can sell. This is an everyone project. The more we sell; the more we make. Let me know how many you need.

*Priscilla*



VIA Orange City  
Woman's Club



## Fashion Fling & Luncheon

### Saturday Nov. 2nd

Fellowship Hall  
259 W. University Ave

**Doors open at 11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.**

**& our Fashion Show  
starts soon after!**



**DOOR PRIZES!  
TICKET INCLUDES  
FANTASTIC LUNCH HOSTED BY  
THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION ORANGE CITY  
WOMAN'S CLUB**

Tickets are \$10 each

Call Priscilla @ (386)717-0975

for more information.

Vendor spots available for 15% donation of proceeds.  
15% OF ALL SALES TO BENEFIT LOCAL NON-PROFIT CHARITIES!!!

## VIA Members Participate in Book Fair

VIA members Mimi Pacifico, author of *Reflect, Awaken, Live!*, and Joan LaFleur, editor of *Our Story of Orange City, Florida*, will participate in the Friends of Deltona Library Authors Book Fair at the library, 2150 Eustace Avenue, on Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 40 authors have signed up to share their talents with the general public. Books of all genres

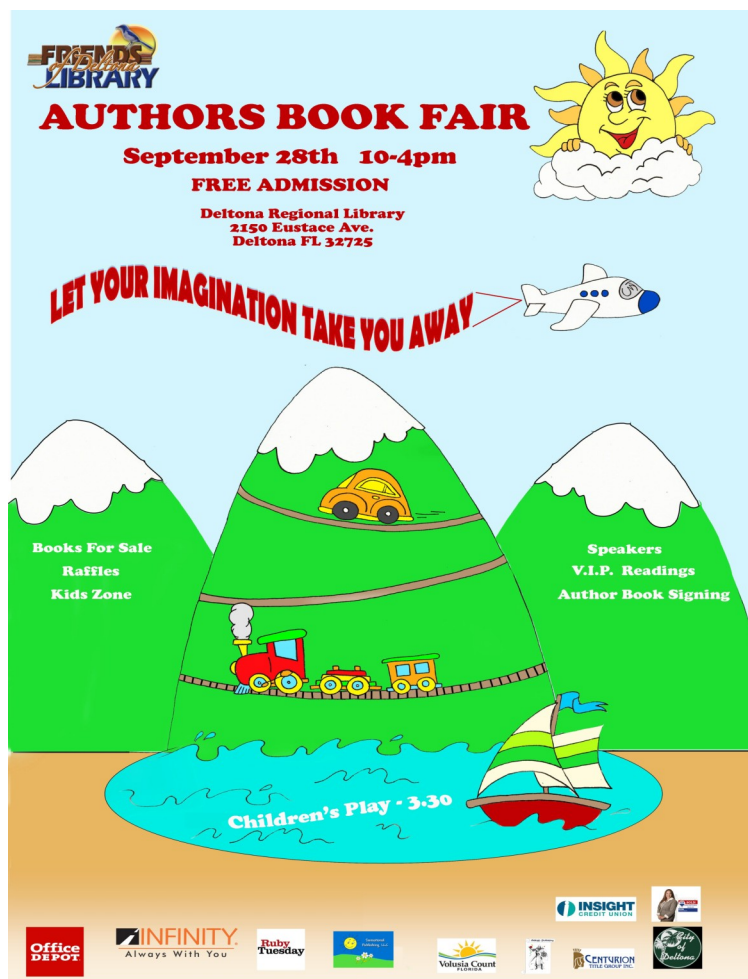
will be available for sale. It's not too early to begin Christmas shopping, so what could be nicer than a gift personally signed by the author?

Presentations from a variety of authors, including Mimi, will cover a wide range of topics. A special workshop, "Social Media Made Simple" by Donna Loader, President/CEO of Royal Support Services, Inc., takes place at 8:45 a.m. Although this work-

shop is designed for authors participating in the book fair, others may be interested in this topic as well and may attend.

There is plenty of free parking, and the event is free to the public. The Book Fair, together with Gram's Scrub Jay Café, located on the library premises, and the adjacent Lyonia Preserve offer a pleasurable day for all the family

*Joan*





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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 General Federation of Women's Clubs' roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a pro-

fessional journalist in New York City, wanted to cover a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens? Croly

was told that women were not welcome. In response, she formed the Sorosis Club, which became GFWC.

**We have a new website—[gfwcorangecity.org](http://gfwcorangecity.org)  
Check us out!**

## GFWC News

Three members of the club attended Fall Board in Orlando in September. At Fall Board the Florida Federation presents various workshops where clubs from around the state share their ideas, experiences, and events.

Louise Clarke attended sessions on newsletters, social media, Home Life, Conservation, and Domestic Abuse Awareness. Joan LaFleur attended workshops for Membership, Leadership, Reporting, Education and Arts. Pat Sims attended ses-

sions for Public Issues, International Outreach, GFWC and GFWC Florida History. These workshops were very informative and this information will be shared with the club.