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From the President

Good day ladies.

Our first meeting of the 2018-2019 season is upon us. I hope that everyone had a good summer and are ready to get this party started.

We will be looking at doing a lot of new and fun things this year to be more of a part of the community. Our first

adventure will be a yard sale at the Albertus Cottage on October 19 and 20. So if you have any items to donate, please let us know.

I will be sharing more info at our first meeting on Thursday, October 4th starting at 12:30 social time and the meeting will start at 1 PM.

Hope to see you all there.

Priscilla



Happy Halloween

October Meeting

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday, October 4th at 1:00 pm. The program for Education will be conducted by chairperson, Carolyn Benton. Assisting her

as Hostesses are Olive Hutton and Louise Clarke.

Please bring wrapped candy for the Halloween Block party.

Come join us for Social Hour at 12:30 and enjoy a light snack as you catch up on all the news with your member friends.



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Autumn wins you best by its mute appeal to
sympathy for its decay.

Robert Browning

As the New Program Year Begins...

Once again a reminder to bring any (or all) of the following items to our VIA meetings.

FIRST: Please bring packages of wrapped candy to our October meeting (the 4th) so we will have it for our booth at the City's Halloween Block Party.

Also: To Each Meeting:

Guests who may be potential members! We need members!

Tab tops from soda cans, fruit cans, etc.

Education labels from General Mills box tops and Kleenex boxes.

DO NOT bring Campbell soup labels. The school cannot use them.

Magazines to share and/or suitable for nursing homes. For nursing homes, the magazines should *not* be over a year old (except National Geographic) and not Reader's Digest regular print (large print

Wishing you happiness all of the joy your birthday can bring!

Wishing you laughter to make your heart sing.

Wishing you friendship sharing and caring, and



is okay).

Product coupons (*not* store coupons) for Majestic Oaks

Eye glasses for Ethiopia

Leftover or old medications. One of our members will take them to the City disposal bin.

Bringing these items is a huge help for our various projects.

Joan LaFleur

From the Program Chairman

Welcome Back, Ladies!

I am very excited to be your new Program Chair! I am also very excited to have Shawn Lynn Pupello take over as Publicity Chair. I am confident she will do very well in her new role.

As for my new role, I have set a few goals for myself and for our club. While I was soliciting you all for monthly Chairs for each **Program Service Area (PSA)**, the word **SERVICE** kept jumping out at me. It had me wondering how we have done this in the past. A few examples were easily recollected, such as giving out candy at the Halloween Block Party and collecting eye glasses for Ethiopia. Other things we have done recently, which are not necessarily "service projects", include hosting a Bunco Fundraiser and participating in the Christmas Parade. We also have plans to hold a Garage Sale next month. The proceeds of which will benefit a number of charitable organizations. While all these are noble causes, I remain burdened by this word **SERVICE**. The GFWC website provides PSA guides filled with **SERVICE** projects other clubs

have initiated in their own communities. Many of them are simple and inspiring!

It is my principle goal for the VIA Orange City Woman's Club to **BE A SERVICE CLUB THAT SERVES**. With that in mind, I want to encourage our seven PSA Chairs to include a service project each month. These service projects need not be physically demanding. However, they should serve our community. I will be working with our PSAs directly to encourage them and guide them to initiate a service project related to their individual Service Area. **I ask that each member participate to the very best of your ability.**

For the month of October, the Program Service Area is Education. The service project for October involves collecting Box Tops for Education for the schools. We also collect magazines to provide a source of life-long learning material for nursing home residents. This is a service project that continues all year long. Let's not forget, we host the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May to love on the teach-

ers and staff of Orange City Elementary. Again, **I ask that each member participate to the very best of your ability.**

These are wonderful examples of our existing service projects. But I ask you, is it possible to send a delegation of members to the schools and nursing homes to distribute the items collected as an act of service? One that puts our face and name in the public eye? Can we see to it that our name is attached to every magazine we donate so that the recipient knows we care? Will you write a personal note of appreciation to the principals, teachers and staff of all three of our schools? Are you willing to deliver library books to home-bound citizens? Maybe you have another idea?

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

I am excited to discover the many ways we will **BE A SERVICE CLUB THAT SERVES!**

Kimberly Reading

Bunco



Ladies,
I do need baskets for Bunco on February 23rd. But more than baskets, I need funds to fill the baskets. Last

year everyone gave generously, and we had enough money for a good presentation. Please give whatever you can so this Bunco

will be even better than last year. I will see everyone at the October meeting.

Cassandra



Publicity

Good afternoon,

It has been a pleasure to work with you these last two years, but it is time to pass the baton to another member of our Club. I would like to introduce Mrs. Shawn Pupello, our new Publicity Chairman. She will be reaching out to you each month with our meeting notices and special publicity needs. I have submitted this a little early to enable you to communicate with Shawn in advance of the deadline should you have any new policies

or requirements for submissions that I am unaware of.

Sincerely, Kimberly Reading.

News Release

The Village Improvement Association Orange City Woman's Club will reconvene for the new 2018/2019 season. The first monthly meeting will be held on October 4th at the First Congregational Church, 201 W. University Avenue, in Jane Murray

Hall. Program Service Area: Education. Chairman, Mrs. Carolyn Benton. Social time begins at 12:30 pm, and the program will follow at 1:00 pm. We are collecting soup labels and box tops labels for Orange City Elementary School. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call [386-717-0975](tel:386-717-0975).

This publicity notice was released to the press on September 15, 2018 by Kimberly Reading.



Yard Sale

As I mentioned in my greetings on the first page, we are having a yard sale at the Albertus Cottage on October 19 and 20 from 8 am until 2 pm. If you have items to sell, please bring them to the cottage. Good, clean clothing, especially larger sizes is acceptable for the sale. We will be there on Wednesday, October 3rd for the Board Meeting. We can pick items up if you make prior arrangements with me.

We need people to price and to work the sale. I would like to have a pricing work day the weekend prior to the sale. We will provide coffee and donuts to anyone who can come to price on Satur-

day, October 13th from 9 am until 1 pm.



On the week of the sale, we need people to help setup Thursday evening, October 18 and Friday morning beginning at 6 am and to work the sale from 8-2. Again we will provide coffee and donuts to all our helpers each morning of the sale.

In the past, our club has supported our elemen-

tary school, Orange City Elementary, and our high school, University High. We would like to support our middle school, River Springs, with items remaining after the sale. River Springs has a closet that is open to the students and their parents which supplies personal products, toiletries and clothing for those in need. I will be attending the school on October 18th from 6-8 pm to introduce the middle school community to VIA.

We all need to work together to make this a success. If you have any questions, please call me at 386-774-0288.

Priscilla

Seasons of Life

"We all know that if the seasons were the same, there would be no growth. We know that without winter there would be no spring. We know that without frosts there would be no bulbs, and without the monsoon there would be no rice harvest. In the same way, we also know that without sorrow there would be no joy. Without pain there would be no healing. I think that's precisely where the beauty comes in. It comes in through the fruit of the seasons. He has indeed made everything beautiful in its time."

— **Naomi Reed, My Seventh Monsoon: A Himalayan Journey of Faith And Mission**

Welcome

Welcome to two new members, Kelli Marks and Gaea Nunez.

Be sure to greet them at the meeting and get to know them.

Both ladies are already involved in our club.

Wisdom

Autumn shows us how beautiful
it is to let things go.

and



Humor

Nora Bone was delivering a new plastic skeleton to the doctor's office. As she waited at the main desk, Nora was aware that the waiting room full of patients was staring at her. So she smiled and said, "I am bringing him in to doctor Henderson."

An old lady said sympathetically, "My dear! Isn't it a bit late for the doctor?"

Summer BBQ

Our Summer BBQ was held at President, Priscilla Ballasy's house on July 19th. As always, food was plentiful, conversation great, and a good time was had by all. We also had several potential new members attend to check us out. Cassandra Zelle, our official photographer, was there and took some great pictures.

She has provided us with a couple of these pictures.



Where's Cassandra? She's behind the camera where she always is!

It's a full house!



It's a little smoky out there, Priscilla!

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exclusively to unite
women and to promote
their common interest in
charitable and educa-
tional projects.



Unity in Diversity

Event Calendar

October

- 2 - National Night Out, Dickinson Park
- 3 - Board Meeting, 1:30 pm, Albertus Cottage
- 4 - General Meeting: 12:00 noon,
- 13 - Pricing Work Day, 9 am, Albertus Cottage
- 19-20 - Yard Sale at the Cottage
- 27 - Halloween Block Party, 5:00 pm