



October 2024

VIA INSIDER

Serving the Community since 1883

October Activities:

Oct 3 Fall Fashion Show 2:00 pm
Oct 10 General Meeting 10:00 am
Oct 11 Tales from the Clink 5:00 pm

Visit GFWCVIA.com for the current calendar.

The women of the VIA focus on service to the community, as well as partnering with local schools to support education. We strive to impact lives through our actions, both large and small, and build lasting friendships along the way.

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*VIA is a member of the
General Federation of Women's Clubs
(GFWC)*



*VIA Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday
of each month at the clubhouse,
17 N. Palmetto Ave, Green Cove Springs.*

President's Message

This time of year, is always so exciting for our club! It can also be overwhelming, as in some ways, it feels like we are jumping on a roller coaster, doesn't it? We have such strong committees with so many great ideas, and that keeps our calendars full. Let me preface this message by reminding you all that no one expects you to do everything. We all have families and other obligations, so pick and choose wisely. Remember, too, however, that we want you to be involved, and we can all do something! We have such a strong and beautiful "sisterhood" and I am reminded everyday of how valuable these friendships have become.

We will definitely "hit the ground running" in October. I always love that first fall meeting, as it feels like a "reunion" of sorts. So many of us have traveled throughout the summer or spent time with families that had less constrictive schedules during these past months, so it so awesome to see everyone come back together. I recommend you bring your calendars and note those events and activities that excite you the most. Be sure to pay close attention to our service projects, because that is a big part of our mission. I also encourage you to focus on one month at a time! For me, that is very helpful and keeps me from getting overwhelmed. I love being busy, and I challenge myself daily to be brave and adventurous.

It is going to be a great year, ladies! We have strong committees and so many energetic new members! Be sure to read your emails and bring diapers and/or possibly other suggested items to our meeting. October is going to be so fun! I can't wait to see everyone!

Larianne

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Open House 2024





Next Month Meeting

With Education & Library

The Education & Library Committee has a great program for Our October 10th meeting. We'll have a speaker from our library and chili cook-off! There won't be a competition, but we want to try everyone's favorite chili recipe if you have one. Won't that be fun, and it is the perfect way to get ready for fall!

If you have an awesome chili recipe and are willing to bring chili for us at our October meeting, please contact Sherry Kelly at sherryskrafts@gmail.com or April Pearson at aprilpearson@gmail.com. If you are not bringing chili, then bring something that goes well with chili like maybe: crackers, grated cheese, sour cream, tortillas... Feel free to surprise us! Cornbread????



We'll also be having a silent cake auction to raise money for our Women's History Month scholarships. We had so much fun with the cake auction last year and it was very profitable. Come prepared to bid on your favorite cake! Remember, we have some of the best bakers in Green Cove right here in our club! Also, Sherry will have her beautiful unique handmade cards for sale again this year! It's going to be a deliciously fun time!



VIA on the Jumbotron!



VIA FUNDRAISER ALERT!

Village Improvement Association

\$35 each
Prepaid
(app. 8 lbs. each)



GrillBilly's
Smoked
Pork Butts

Last day to order: Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Delivery date: Monday, November 25th
Pick up times: 10 am–12 pm on Monday, November 25th
Where to pick up: VIA (17 N. Palmetto Ave., Green Cove Springs)

Pork butts are delivered hot off the smoker, all bagged up and ready to go!
They are really juicy so please bring a cooler or container with you.

Buy your pork butt(s) just in time for those holiday get togethers!

GrillBilly's fully cooked pork butts freeze really well, too!



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Name _____

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Payment: Cash _____ Check _____ (Made payable to VIA)

(Mail to 17 N. Palmetto Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043)

Thank you for your support of the VIA!



VIA to Join Fight to End Alzheimer's

Promise Garden Honor Display & Walking for a Cure

The Health & Wellness Committee would like to invite VIA members to honor their family members and friends who have fought or are currently dealing with this disease or dementia.

Let's create a Promise Garden honoring those friends and family members impacted by this disease. We'll add their name and yours to a flower and display this in the clubhouse. You're invited to send the name, photo if you like and any comments to H&W Chair Donna Shibley. Please include which color flower best describes your situation.

Another way to honor those impacted is to **join in the Alzheimer's Walk on November 9th** to draw attention to the cause by joining the VIA Team – *It Takes A Village!*

Walking raises awareness and while there is no fee to join the walk, **sharing with friends and family may help raise much needed funds for research** through sponsorships. Funding allows the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

If you are unable to walk, but would like to support this cause, please consider sponsoring a member of the VIA who is walking.

It takes a village coming together to serve others to find a cure for this disease.

Let's be a part of the solution to end Alzheimer's.

For further information, please contact H&W Chair Donna Shibley at dmsibley@gmail.com



Which Flower represents YOU?

Across the nation, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is full of flowers, each carried by someone committed to ending this disease. Promise Garden Flowers:

Blue - someone living with Alzheimer's or another dementia

Purple - those who have lost someone to the disease

Yellow - someone who is currently supporting or caring for a person living with Alzheimer's

Orange - those who support the cause and the Association's Vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

Please use this link to join the VIA Team – It Takes A Village or to show your support for another team member.

Let's honor those we love and fight to find a cure!





Welcome New Members

We're so happy you've joined us!

Judy Lind

Interests: Biking, Walking and Swimming

Profession: Retired RN

Committee Interests: Arts & Culture



VIA on GFWC Top 10 Projects List for STEM Project



Congratulations to the VIA!
Our club was recognized in the recently published GFWC Top 10 Projects list for 2023 under the **Education and Libraries Community Service Program** for our involvement in the **STEM Night for Girls**.

This is a BIG deal as only six other GFWC FL clubs were recognized on this list.

This is how this works: Each GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program and Advancement Plan Chairman picks their 2023 Top 10 projects from all that were submitted by the states (which in theory could be 10 projects from each state).

Awesome congratulation to the club but especially to the Education and Libraries Committee. Sherry your willingness to undertake activities and your aim to please is always reflected in your group.



Celebrating in October...

12 Lynn Lisenby

24 Janey Fox

Thank you

Coldwell Banker for your \$500 grant donation.
We are grateful for your support!





“The House That Built {Us}”

Hasn't our clubhouse made us so proud lately! Every time I drive past it, especially at dusk, I love seeing the solar lights creating that warm glow, and it brings attention to the freshly painted colors, as well as the timely chandelier in the window. Every member should feel proud of the work they did to make this happen, and I know the community is proud to see our history preserved so beautifully.

I am looking forward to the new seasons, as I love to see the clubhouse decorated and current, almost as if it is celebrating the seasons and holidays right along with us. The citizens of Green Cove are coming to realize that our clubhouse is not only beautiful, but friendly and welcoming. We are really “shining”, especially during this celebratory year!

Larianne



History 2024



VIA Clubhouse in the Movies!

Everyone should be aware that Green Cove Springs is celebrating their 150th year as a city, culminating in huge event in November. The city interviewed several prominent, as well as long standing citizens from this community to prepare a video to be shown at some of these “birthday” events. Most of these interviews were showcased in our own Archives Room! Isn't that amazing! Several city officials attended our Ribbon Cutting in August, and because we had our Archives room open and beautifully displayed during that event, they loved it. They decided that night that it would be the perfect setting for their interviews! Again, that is because of each of you, and your efforts to make that event so special and your welcoming attitudes towards all our guests.

We are “in the news”, ladies. This type of publicity increases the city's awareness of us, as well as sparks interest in our building for rental purposes. It aids in grants and makes the community want to be a part of us. The warmth in the atmosphere that permeated the room at our Ribbon Cutting was created by each of you, and I am so grateful.

Larianne



Have a special occasion such as a Birthday Party, Anniversary Celebration, Wedding or Baby Shower?

Our historic 1914 cottage is available to rent for YOUR next party.

*For more information, please email:
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Newsletter articles are due by the 17th of each month.

Please email them to: l.stutts@aol.com

Photo submissions must represent VIA supported events and activities.

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