



## November Activities:

- 11/6 ~ Executive Board Meeting
- 11/6 ~ GFWC IDS and Parent Awareness Night (see page 5)
- 11/9 ~ Alzheimer's Walk (see page 3)
- 11/13 ~ November Meeting (see page 2)
- 12/11 ~ Opportunity Raffle drawing (see page 6)

Visit our website [WWW.GFWCVIA.com](http://WWW.GFWCVIA.com) for the current calendar. Our club email: [viagfwc@gmail.com](mailto:viagfwc@gmail.com)

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

The women of the VIA focus on service to the community. We strive to impact lives through our actions, both large and small, and build lasting friendships along the way.

VIA is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and GFWC Florida.



## President's Message

It was great to see so many of you at our October meeting! Didn't we have a wonderful beginning for our fall season? I could feel the energy in the room, and it was definitely contagious. You all looked great, happy and eager to get to work! We have so many exciting projects and events coming up, and I know it is going to be so much fun. I loved seeing familiar faces at the meeting, and I was equally excited to see several new ones as well. I love how we are growing and I loved seeing the enthusiasm among our members. We only have a couple of months left in our fiscal year, but November and December are always some of our busiest times. We get to celebrate Veteran's Day and the holiday season together with so many fun activities. I love how the community depends on us and is watching to see what fun things we are doing. We are getting a lot of recognition for our projects, especially the ones we just completed for Human Trafficking. I'm looking forward to the follow-up Parent Night, and we need to be sure and invite our family and friends to participate. Clay County and the city of Green Cove Springs have already recognized us for our efforts in bringing awareness to this cause and I'm so proud of the work that was done to make this possible. We have set a high bar for ourselves and that is definitely a good thing! I am excited too, at how the exterior of our clubhouse looks. I love seeing our clubhouse decorated for fall, and I know it will be especially "decked out" for the holidays. As we enter into November, and the Thanksgiving holidays, I want each of you to know how grateful I am for you. Every member adds so much to the club and you are very important to its success and its future. Your presence, your kind words, and your sweet emails are always so encouraging and seem to always come and just the right time. I know this November is going to be one of our best months ever!

**Larriane**  
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# November 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2025

The Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee is proud to plan the November meeting and, as always, will recognize the **Veterans Day** holiday and focus on the role of our nation's armed forces. Our guest speaker will be Brian Stewart, the Soldier & Family Readiness Specialist from the Florida Army National Guard, stationed at Camp Blanding. He will share stories from his lengthy military career and make us more aware of the current important role, challenges, and needs of the men and women currently serving at Camp Blanding (Clay County's own military installation). Please wear your red, white, and blue to show your support.



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**VOTE on November 4** ~ Susan B. Anthony:  
*I declare to you that woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself, and there I take my stand!*

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## Boston Butt Sale is back by popular demand.

Order forms are available at our meeting.

**Village Improvement Association**

<p>\$40 each Prepaid ~ 8 lbs each</p>		<p>GrillBilly's Smoked Pork Butts</p>
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**Last day to order:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
**Pick up date:** Monday, November 24th  
**Pick up times:** 10:30 am—12:30 pm  
**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!

<p>April Pearson Lynn Elliott</p>	<p>aprilpearson@gmail.com lynnelliott61@gmail.com</p>
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Butts ordered @ \$40 each = \_\_\_\_\_ total

Payment: QR Code \_\_\_\_\_ 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!



# October 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2025 recap



What a great meeting we had in October! The tables were creatively decorated with vintage lunchboxes and snacks that looked like they were right out of the 1970's. It was so nostalgic to see "Archie", "Peanuts", "Raggedy Ann" and many more characters from the past that used to adorn comic books and family television shows back when many of us were in elementary school. We were served an assortment of delicious breakfast foods, as well as cafeteria style brownies and coffee punch. Several of our ladies brought beautiful cakes for our cake auction which will pay for our essay contests in the coming year with our partner school.

We were fortunate to have Ashley Gilhousen from the Clay County School Board speak to us about current events. She answered questions for us about the process of building new schools, class sizes, and cell phone usage. Members were able to ask questions as well, and Ms. Gilhousen tried to address each one. Our meeting was very informative, as well as fun and welcoming. **Larianne**



# Health and Wellness

## Causes to support in November:

- **November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month**

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America provides support, services and education to individuals, families and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias nationwide, and funds research for better treatment and a cure.

If you are one of the nearly 15 million Americans living with Alzheimer's or caring for someone, you are not alone and they are here to help.



## Walk to Benefit Alzheimer's

The Health and Wellness Committee encourages you to register to walk, or to support one of our VIA It Takes A Village walkers.

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Register here ~ 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's Jacksonville, FL: VIA It Takes a Village | Walk to End Alzheimer's

- **November 20 ~ Great American Smoke Out**

Quitting smoking isn't easy. It takes time. And a plan. You don't have to stop smoking in one day. Start with day one. Let the Great American Smokeout event on the third Thursday in November be your day to start your journey toward a smoke-free life! You'll be joining thousands of people who smoke across the country in taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing your cancer risk. Plus, the American Cancer Society can help you access the resources and support you need to quit.

## More Causes to support in November:

- National Epilepsy Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Month
- Premature Awareness Month
- National Down Syndrome Awareness Month

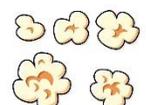
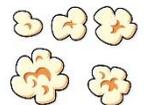
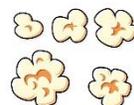
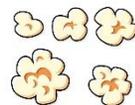
## Who doesn't like POPCORN?

Support the VIA and buy or gift some yummy treats. It is easy to register to sell (October 13 - November 30)

The more you buy, the more the VIA earns

<https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?SID=FZGTRB>

### POPPIN' SHOP



## Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours



## Villages of Hope ~ blanket tying

On **October 21**, VIA members assembled 6 fleece blankets for the Villages of Hope “Light Her Way Gala” raffle to be held on November 5. Our crew leader Tonia Everritt expertly guided us through the process.



## Author Rick Kilby



Historical Author of “Florida’s Healing Water’s” and Finding the Fountain of Youth” talked to the Green Cove Springs Preservation Society on Friday, **October 3** at the VIA. VIA members were on hand to support this event.

## Saturday Market in Spring Park

VIA members continue to have a presence at Saturday Market in Spring Park. Sharon Nellis, with assist from her husband, was our ambassador on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Pork Butts, Opportunity Raffle chances, cookbooks and more were offered for purchase. The next Saturday Market will be November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## ART@Noon River Church Road Trip

VIA Arts and Culture members and friends explored five Gothic style churches on October 21 with host Jonathan Rich, Author of “Spires in the Sun”. Pictures L-R, St. Mary’s GCS ~ circ 1879, St. Mark’s Palatka ~ circa 1846, St. Mary’s Palatka ~ circa 1883. (more pictures on the VIA FaceBook page). The next ART@Noon trip will be November 4<sup>th</sup>, “Walking into Wyeth’s World” at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens. Contact Sandi to register.



## VIA Logos



# VIA Supports victims of Domestic Violence for the GFWC International Day of Service



The GFWC "International Day of Service" for 2025 at the VIA was likely the most impactful event we have had in a long time. On September 26, approximately 50 people met together to bring about awareness to Human Trafficking in our state, and in our community. While this is a growing problem everywhere, many citizens are unaware of

how prevalent it has become, even in our small town and its surrounding areas.

← The VIA received a Proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County. (picture above)

↓ The VIA received a Proclamation from the City of Green Cove Springs. (picture below)

Our final presentation will be held on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm held at the VIA.



**FOR ANY PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RAISING YOUR AWARENESS RELATED TO CRIMES AGAINST YOUTH**

- Meet at VIA Clubhouse at 17 Palmetto Ave, GCS (across from post office)
- Speaker: CCSO Detective Ryan Ellis, Florida's 2025 Co-Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- Discuss important topics related to protecting children from predators

Free! Join Us!

## AWARENESS NIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH  
6PM- 8PM

Detective Ellis and his counterparts in local/state law enforcement take very seriously crimes against children and the impact these crimes are having on Clay County. Raise your awareness! Meet us inside the VIA Clubhouse for a brief presentation and Q&A time. \*Mature content.

Thank you for supporting your child's success and overall safety!

For more information, please call or text event coordinator VIA President L. Stutts at 904-231-4885.

## Looking for other causes to support? Consider these GFWC Affiliate Organizations

- ▶ Alzheimer's Association ~ 2024
- ▶ Heifer International ~ since 2009
- ▶ Hope for Justice ~ since 2022
- ▶ Shot@Life, United Nations Foundation ~ since 2012
- ▶ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ~ since 2015
- ▶ Canine Companions ~ since 1990
- ▶ March of Dimes ~ since 1938
- ▶ Operation Smile ~ since 1988
- ▶ US Fund for UNICEF ~ circa 1960

### GFWC Supports

- ▶ Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation
- ▶ National Coast Guard Museum



# Calling ALL Members

It takes each of us committing ourselves to make this fundraiser successful.  
Your individual efforts to sell tickets are appreciated.



2025  
**VIA Women's Club of Green Cove Springs  
Opportunity Drawing**

FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND VIA CHARITIES

**\$5 Donation per Ticket  
or  
5 Tickets for \$20**

*3 Separate Drawings for the 3 Different Opportunities.  
Specify Your Opportunity Choice on Your Ticket.*

**DRAWINGS on December 11, 2025**

*Winners Will Be Promptly Notified and Need Not Be Present to Win.  
Questions, please email l.stutts@aol.com*

*You are all amazing! I am  
excited to see all we can  
accomplish together!  
Thank you, Larianne ❤️*

<p><b>#1</b> \$500 Visa Gift Card (\$500 Value)</p> 	<p><b>#2</b> Sailing at Sunset Original Acrylic 16" x 12" by local artist, Beth Haizlip (\$300 value)</p> 
<p><b>#3</b> Airplane Ride over St Augustine for 2 people (\$400 Value)</p> 	

- Please turn in ticket stubs and monies from any tickets you have sold at each monthly meeting as you sell them.
- The purchaser must complete the Opportunity Number for their ticket.
- One ticket is required for one opportunity.
- If you have questions, please contact Deborah Page at (850) 322-7774.

## VIA Member birthdays



**November:**

- 6 ~ Jessica Hames
- 11 ~ Martha Mangus
- 16 ~ Tina Brannen
- 23 ~ Angela Chene
- 26 ~ Annette Engelman
- 29 ~ Donna Shibley
- 29 ~ Larianne Stutts

**December:**

- 16 ~ Eva Dion
- 19 ~ Jayne Clark
- 27 ~ Emily Lisska
- 31 ~ Joan Jaffrey

**Daylight Saving Time Reminder**  
Fall back on November 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Headquarters Rental

Our historic 1914 cottage is available to rent for YOUR next party. Have a special occasion such as a Birthday Party, Anniversary Celebration, Wedding, Family Gathering, Graduation or Baby Shower?

For more information contact Terry Abbott @ [viagcs@gmail.com](mailto:viagcs@gmail.com)



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**Newsletter articles** are due by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email them to:

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*All submissions must represent VIA supported events and activities.*

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# “The House That Built {Us}”

When the VIA needed money for projects back in the late 1800’s, the ladies hosted receptions, teas, concerts and galas to solicit funds. The work of our club over one hundred years ago was so well publicized, and so efficient that similar organizations used our pattern as the model. Isn’t it interesting that we are still using that same model today? We raise funds for our projects through that same channel. We do the things we love, such as hosting teas, speakers, events and fun get-togethers.



The age and charm of our clubhouse has only increased its appeal over the years. Events hosted in our historical building are a great source of revenue for us. Ladies, we need to capitalize on this. The more fun events we host, the more people are attracted to us and to what we are doing for the community. Our clubhouse will be at its finest as the holidays approach. It will be beautifully “dressed” for the holidays. Let’s try to support as many of our events as we can by participating or inviting your friends to participate.



I know we can’t all attend everything, but we can all verbally support and advertise every fundraiser. We have a lot of fun things planned for the holiday season and each event will be more fun and profitable if we all support them in some way. *Larriane*

## History



### Did you know?



The VIA clubhouse was used during WWII for Red Cross, USO, X ray machine operation, as well as Spanish classes.



VIA members conducted war bond, food and clothing drives for the war effort.

Our monthly meeting for November always falls on or close to Veteran’s Day. It is very fitting that we use our November meeting to honor and celebrate our Veterans and all those that have fought for our country.

We should be proud to know that our clubhouse was used during World War II for Red Cross, USO, X ray machine operations and Spanish classes. Our clubhouse also conducted war bonds and was the focal point for collecting food and clothing drives for the war effort. The VIA has always taken pride in its patriotism and shown honor for those that have served.

Currently our VIA is leading in fundraising for our “Flight to Honor” with the goal of giving this honor to all of our lady Veteran club members.





## Member/Family Businesses



### Accounting/Tax Services

Susan Hess CPA, P.A.

Susan Hess

904-500-2100

### Auto Body Shop

Darren's Custom & Restoration Body Shop

Darren Stutts

904-509-2420

### Beauty

Rodan & Fields Skin Care Consultant

Larianne Stutts

904-251-4995

### Financial Advisor

Hess Financial Group

VyStar Investment Services

John Hess

904-269-8772

Raeanne McCarty

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### Home Care

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904-284-1992

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SCENTSY

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541-279-0595

### Specialty Women's Clothing

One Swanky Chic Boutique

Kristina Byrd

904-671-3819

### Web Development & Photos

Unicorn Web Development /Foto Fusion Photo

Bobbi Nagle

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Let's support the businesses of our members and their spouses!

