SWEET MEMORIES! THE GOOD OLE DAYS GONE BY. DO YOU REMEMBER? IF YOU REMEMBER THAN DEARIE, YOUR MUCH OLDER THAN I!

Do you remember 1906? ---- This was the year a small group of women in Oviedo met together to form the Oviedo Magazine Club. Meeting in one anothers homes, they were determined to broaden their knowledge by reading quality magazines, and making these available to everyone in quantity through yearly subscriptions. These were distributed among the members.

The year 1909 ---- The Oviedo Magazine Club cleared \$44.05 on their Christmas Bazaar.

The year 1911 --- The Oviedo Magazine Club met and determined a 1¢ fine was to be made to each member who kept a magazine over the four day limit.

Remember the year 1912? ---- The great ship Titanic went down in the North Atlantic-That year dues in the club were \$1.00. The community
spirited ladies decided to pen all the hogs found at large
on the streets of Oviedo- to not entertain through the
summer months and to hold a 4th of July program at Lake
Charm with fireworks to be held at dark. The money raised
would go to the sidewalk fund. The sidewalk building fund
was growing. Plans were in the making. The boundaries
were to be from McCalls store to Brocks Pond-Lake Jessup
Avenue to Mr. Lee Wheelers corner, ending at Mrs. W.J.
Lawtons corner. Average member attendance at this time-8.

Remember the year 1913? --- Income Tax became the law of the land. Mrs. W.T. Lawton,
President, gave an extra hard rap of the gavel signifying,
Taxes Paid!

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In the year 1914, President McKinley, with much ceremony, opened the Panama Canal---The Oviedo club members started building a club house
with much hard work and donated help. The cost: \$1500.00.

The year 1917 ---
The club became a Federated member of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. This year the U.S. troops joined the Allies in World War I. The ladies used their clubhouse for a great and noble cause. It housed the local Red Cross Unit. There were many sewing, knitting and bandaging bees held. A truly worthy cause toward our countrys aid to the support of its troops.

In the year 1920 women were granted the right to vote ---- The Oviedo ladies tackled furnishing the interior of their clubhouse. There were many fund raising projects. It was a busy time for all concerned.

The year 1925 --- Each member was assessed \$1.50 to raise money to pay for the painting of the clubhouse. Members proceeded with plans to get a hard surface put on the road to Sweetwater Park from the Sanford Road to the Chuluota Road.

The year 1925 ---

We also find in this year there was \$86.90 reported in funds for the swimming pool.

The year 1926 ----

The clubhouse roof was rebuilt. Monthly rook parties were held to raise money for the various projects the members were working on. The average members in attendance at this time - 16.

The year 1929 ----

The club treasury was at this time as good as depleted. Members were called on for ideas for fund raising projects.

The years of the 30's we find our club active in a variety of community projects. The club continues to grow although these were not easy times. Our records on these years are not complete but we know that the good ole days continue on -----

Remember the year 1941? ----

December 7th Who could forget Pearl Harbor? Our club actively participated once more in Red Cross work. It was voted on to save all tin foil which could be used for defense. Newspapers, magazines, and cardboard boxes were all collected to be sold.

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Seminole County had gone over there \$5000.00 quota set by the Red Cross. The club bought government bonds and defense stamps. The members sent cards to the service men. They sewed for the Red Cross after their meetings making a total of 389 garments. The annual flower show was also held.

The years 1943-1944 ----

During this period the Red Cross used the clubhouse for making bandages. The Oviedo Womens Club was the center for the Oviedo community. The club was credited with the sale of \$167,746.25 worth of bonds in the Third Bomber Drive. This amount purchased 2 fighter planes - one plane bore the name O.W.C. !! \$250,000.00 worth of bonds was raised in the Fourth drive.

The year 1946 ----

Club membership was now 75. There was a community canning program sponsored by the club. 500 cans of food were donated through the canning project. 100 cans and \$700.00 was sent to overseas relief. Christmas gift packages were sent to soldiers in the hospitals. They made sweaters and 40 shirts for the Red Cross. The club at this time sponsored the Blood Bank.

The year 1947 ----

This year we find our club working on a building fund for a new clubhouse. With time had come the realization of a need for a larger clubhouse and too the present one was in need of extensive repair. The increase in club membership prompted immediate action. The club at this time supports the sheriff in his position on gambling. The ladies have made 40 shirts and 11 sweaters for the Red Cross.

The year 1948 ----The year 1949 ----The year 1950 ----The year 1951 ----The year 1952 ----The year 1953 ----The year 1954 ----The year 1955 ----The year 1956 ----

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Members collected four dozen spoons and thirty five cereal bowls which went to the Indian project.
Clothing was collected and mailed to a family in Vienna.

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There were 80 members enrolled now in the Oviedo Womens Club. The ladies sent care packages to families in Vienna. The Civic Committee made a survey on garbage and trash disposal.

With land that had been donated to the Oviedo Womens Club by Dr. & Mrs. Mead the ladies now opened their swimming pool project. They had benches made for Sweetwater Park. It was a large undertaking. They voted to rent a safe deposit box at the bank for their important papers.

The club collected \$396.70 in the Red Cross Drive. A square dance was held to raise money for the swimming pool. The club organized a Brownie Troop.

The club sent Christmas cards to 29 Oviedo men in the service of our country. A drive was on to call all Oviedo voters out to vote. The big project was to equip and furnish the White reception room at the new clinic building. New table silver was purchased. The club library was disbanded.

The project the club worked on for youth merged into a Recreation Program for Youth & Adults at Sweetwater Park. Too the work on the Blood Bank progressed.

38 pints of blood were put in the Community Blood Bank. They were also working on street markers. This year the club was hostess for the Jr.-Sr. students Spring Fling. A buffet was served.

This marks the 47th club year with 65 members. \$150.00 was contributed to the local youth groups for equipment.

President Helen Leinhart headed the emergency March of Dimes. Club Fathers did the collecting.

The Oviedo Womens Club holds their Golden Anniversary Tea. This special occasion was marked with many messages of congratulations from all over the state. There were many special guests in attendance. 100 ceramic trays were made to help in the celebration.

This year we find the federal troops were called out in Little Rock --. Our club has donated \$10.00 to Care for the Hungarian Relief. The Oviedo Area Combined Drive raised \$2,186.40. \$25.00 was donated to the summer Recreation Program & the same amount to the newly formed "Babe Ruth League."

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The year 1969 ----

A new clubhouse was in the planning stages. Life memberships were available to those who were interested. Mrs. B.F. Wheeler Sr. presented the club with a Bible. This year the club meetings were to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist church. The old clubhouse was sold for \$200.00.

The land had been cleared, a well dug and the building had started. Articles of Incorporation were presented and accepted by the membership. There were many donations and fund raising events. Mr. C.R. Clonts purchased the old lots with the money going into the new clubhouse. The building committee was hard at work. On September 13, 1961 the first Board meeting was held in the new clubhouse. The amount due on the new building - \$5324.19

The fund raising continued. The clubhouse had to be furnished. Mrs. B.F. Wheeler donated the draperies to the club. The club mortgage was now \$2500.00.

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The balance due on the mortgage at this time: \$550. Members visited Sunland, taking gifts to the children there. On May 8, 1964, Mr. Harden Webb, Vice President of the Citizens Bank of Oviedo announced to the club the entire mortgage had been paid. The mortgage was then burned. A very eventful year for the club indeed!

Civic Directories were made up and sold by members. A Memorial Plaque was hung in the clubhouse.

The Oviedo Womens Club was in charge of the United Fund Drive. Letters were written and sent to the servicemen in Vietnam.

The city beautification program was started. This was to be continued for many years with much improvement obvious throughout the area. This year The Oviedo Womens Club donated a flag to the new Oviedo High School.

The club installed a watering system for the club yard.

The year 1970 ----

Another busy year, for club members worked on an exchange library and story hour for school children. They participated in the Intern. Smorgasboard-Seminole County Health Unit for Mental Health. The Oviedo club had a Florida booth. This was the year a contingency fund for taxes was set up. Their Christmas bazaar netted \$190.00.

The year 1971 ----

Members worked on the Red Cross Drive bringing in \$301.00. Work was started on bringing a library to Oviedo. The Florida Federation of Womens Club welcome to Oviedo signs were erected at each entrance to Oviedo.

The year 1972 ----

Art classes were held at the clubhouse.

The year 1973 finds a total of 77 members. The club is growing with many new famlies coming to the Oviedo area. Many lovely new homes have been built, the work of the members continues --Sixteen Bicentenial plates have been sold. This being a General Federation project. Candy and cookies were taken to the Home for the Aged at Slavia for Christmas. \$29.00 was donated to the Mead Manor Association Christmas party held for all the children in Oviedo. Mrs. R.W. Estes was voted outstanding club woman of the year.

The year 1974 ----

Valentine gifts were taken to the Home for the Aged in Slavia. The first "Market Day" was held and declared a huge success. It netted \$500.00. The annual "Tasting Luncheon" netted \$662.57. The club donated \$100.00 to the Florida Zoological Society.

The year 1975 ----

It was voted to place on a permenant loan basis the steroptic pictures once belonging to Dr. Mead to the Oviedo Historical Society, Louise Martin and Claire Evans honored the club by winning 1st and 3d prizes at the District 7 Art Festival in China painting. The proceeds from Market Day of \$826.93 were donated to the Oviedo Rescue Van Fund. The club donated a total of \$1000.00 to this fund. The club is taking an active part in the city Bicentenial plans which are forthcoming. The club voted to change over to departments, according to the structure of the Federation. A pay telephone was installed in the club kitchen. Club members are sponsoring a girl from Hacienda Girls Ranch. The club now has six very active departments. The Arts Department presented to the City of Oviedo hand painted Christmas cards which will hang from posts for all to enjoy.

The year 1976 ----

\$1500.00 was donated to the rescue van fund towards the purchase of jaws. \$535.87 was donated to the Seminole Youth Ranch for a special clothing fund.

These are only a few of the things our club has done over the years. It would be impossible to list them all. Our past we remember, ponder, and reflect on the projects, the hard times, the good times, the happy times, the moments of glory, enrichment, patience, the kindness and devotion of others to the club, our club. We have much to look forward to as we look ahead our future looks bright----- but today let us remember-----

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY OVIEDO WOMENS CLUB"

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