



OWC NEWSLETTER

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Oriental Woman's Club
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OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference
2024 Focus: Education & Community Commitment

2024 Officers

President Ellen Blackmon
Vice President Olga Herman
Co-Secretaries Jody Riddle & TBD
Treasurer Liz Tooley

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Dues Announcement

2024 Dues of \$60, are now due and payable to OWC. Please bring your check to the January 9th general meeting and give to Jean Chastang.

2024 Officers were installed at our December general meeting:

President: Ellen Blackmon
Vice President: Olga Herman
Secretary: Jody Riddle (EC)
Secretary: (Gen. Mtg TBD)

Treasurer: Elizabeth Tooley will be installed at our January meeting.



Ellen Blackmon, Olga Herman, Jody Riddle

Message from Ellen

A new year is like a blank book and the pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2024, I want to thank Julie for her leadership as co-president during 2023. This was a great way to learn the workings of OWC. There are many aspects of the club that must happen to have it run smoothly and be successful. That is where the Executive Committee comes in. We need a Building Maintenance Manager and a secretary to cover the general meetings. Our fundraisers need coordinators. We encourage you to ask friends and neighbors to attend a meeting and see if they would be interested in helping with the community service we are known to provide for the county.

We will continue to collect non-perishable food for PCFLO and sweatpants, black leggings, underwear and other assorted items for students to be kept in the nurses' clothing closets.

Any suggestions are welcome!

There are several cases of illness going around. If you are feeling less than your normally perky self, please be considerate of others and wear a mask.

OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

Yoga – Mon & Wed, 8:30 am

Arts Program meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

Education Program meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

Home Life Program meetings as scheduled in advance

Garden Club meets third Tuesday at 10:30 AM

LON meets as scheduled

Jan 9 General Mtg. 1 pm

Jan 28 Art Festival, noon to 3 pm @ OWC clubhouse

Jan 30 EC mtg. 10:30 am

Feb 6 General Mtg. 1 pm

Feb 27 EC mtg., 10:30 am

Mar 5 General Mtg. 1 pm

Mar 26 EC mtg. 10:30 pm

Arts & Education (Carol Young & Maryellen Bickel): The Holiday Luncheon was a wonderful afternoon event. Thank you all for the delicious food you brought and shared. We also want to thank those who donated a total of \$298 to the scholarship fund.

The Arts Festival is coming up on January 28. We will need help Thursday morning, 1/25, at 10:30 to hang all the student artwork for the festival. As the Art Festival is a community event, please plan on attending Sunday, January 28, noon to 3pm. **Donations of cookies are needed for the refreshment table** at the Open House. Please sign-up at the meeting Tuesday, Jan 9, or call Carol McAdoo (745-7762). Cookies should be delivered to the clubhouse the day of the Open House. Jan 28, between 11 AM and Noon. Thank you!

Home Life (Gay Webster): I would like to thank everyone who donated to the two Christmas families. With the extra money we were able to get everything on their lists and even a little leftover for a gift card to Food Lion for help with food. It was a lot of fun shopping for them. Also thanks to Deborah Powers and Jennifer Walsh for help with the shopping and wrapping.

Blood Drive: Our first Blood Drive was a success! Thank you to Julie Wiegand, Maryellen Bickel, and Jennifer Walsh for their support and in learning how everything works. We will be having another one in February and will need a few people to help with that.

Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert):

The Post Office and Town Hall Christmas trees were decorated for the holiday season. Please join us for our next meeting on January 16 at 10:30. This will be a planning meeting to share ideas for the upcoming 2024 year as well as to elect a new Garden Club chair.

Our Christmas luncheon at The Chelsea was a joyful time and lots of fun trading Secret Santa gifts.



The Officers and EC Committee wish each of you a





Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo: [The Librarian of Burned Books](#) Brianna Labuskes
Emotionally moving WWII era historical novel about the importance of books, libraries, and friendship to sustain us in difficult times, while also offering a stark and relevant warning about the dangers of censorship. The author writes about the intertwined fates of three women who believe in the powers of books to triumph over the very darkest moments of war. Timely reminder that the burning or banning of books is the first step in an escalating war on freedom of thought and expression that can have devastating results. Novel described as an expertly crafted piece of literature that reminds us of the perils of censorship, the power of books, and the duty we all have to stand up for the freedoms we hold dear.

Twas the Day after Christmas
written by Olga Herman 12/25/23

Twass the day after Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring especially the mouse.
The stockings were scattered the chimney was bare,
It was quite obvious St. Nick had been there.
And I lost my kerchief, Ma still had her cap,
We're completely exhausted and taking a nap,
When out on the lawn arise such a noise!
We sprang from our bed and tripped over the toys.
Away to the window I cursed and I stumbled
Tore down the blinds and sputtered and mumbled
Couldn't see nothin', no moon that night.
So I figure a burglar post Christmas night.
Gonna make out with the goodies I suppose
Well I'll show them! Grabbed my gun and my hose.
As I turned the corner I heard a plea
"Hands up", he said, "it's only me"
"Me who? Ya'd better explain
or I'll blow off your head
Am I makin myself plain?"
"I'm only Santa comin back for my keys
Cause my sleighs electronic I drive an EV.
My reindeer were taken by PETA today.
They said I abused them - with inorganic hay.
And I can't find a charger for my EV sleigh!
Oh please can you call me an Uber I pray.



Oriental's History Museum, Lucille Styron Truitt Artwork, September 16 through January is a special Fall Exhibit will showcase the museum's large collection of Lucille's artwork. Did you know she is self-taught and started painting back in the 60's? For over forty years she painted landscapes, fishing vessels, harbor scenes, and fishermen at work. Several of her pieces will also be for sale for the duration of the exhibit.

Join the Creative Card Making Class, Wednesday, Jan 10 at 10a -noon at the Oriental United Methodist Church. Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Meet up with friends to make cards and socialize. Class is led by Cheryl Mcaskill, a Stampin' Up demonstrator. Cheryl will provide most of the supplies as needed. Cost for paper and supplies is \$25 / month. **Advanced registration is required**, contact Debora Steenson to register or for more information at 252-675-0909 or director@primetimepamlico.org.

Join Prime Time for a **'Breakfast for Dinner' Fundraiser at Brantley's Village Restaurant Thursday, January 25, from 4:30 – 7p.** Enjoy live music, a silent auction, and a dinner with pancakes, link sausage or bacon, grits & fruit. Tickets are \$15, and available at Nautical Wheelers, Brantley's, Oriental United Methodist Church, from Prime Time Board Members or by calling Debora Steenson at 252-675-0909.

Special Olympics Pamlico County invites you to the **'Go Freezin' for a Reason' Polar Plunge** on Saturday, January 27. Plunge into the Neuse River from the town beach (aka John Bond Beach aka Minuscule Beach) to help raise money for Pamlico County Special Olympics. Sign-in opens at noon, lunch and prizes at noon – 2p, plunge begins at 2p. Don't want to test the Neuse in January? There's a Virtual Plunge option. **Registration opens soon.** The town beach is on Neuse Drive between Ragan Rd and Vandemere St. Questions? Email pamlico@sonc.net