



OWC NEWSLETTER

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OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference
2023 Focus: Education & Community Commitment



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June Scholarship Luncheon

6/6/23 11:30 am

Bring a dish to share!

2023 Recipients:

Hargrove – Taylor Diane Buck, PCHS
Cathers – Conor Glen Daniels, PCHS
GOTR – Taylor Buck, PCHS
GOTR – Cheyenne Sanders, ACS

Please bring canned goods for our ongoing project this year of collecting food for PCFLO.



Thanks to Carissa Sanders, From the Heart florist in Bayboro, for an informative program on floral arrangements at our May General Mtg.

Message from Julie and Ellen

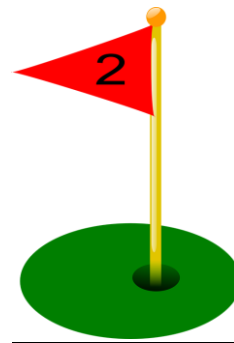
Words from Helen Keller - "Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows".

Summer break from OWC meetings start after the Scholarship Luncheon on June 6, 2023. The Executive Meeting will be on Tuesday Aug. 29, 2023 and General Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2023.

We would love to see all our members at the Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 11:30 (**note the time change**). It is because of your dedication and service to OWC that we are able to support Pamlico County students by awarding scholarships and easing some of the high cost of furthering their education.

We need two people to help Marguerite Garrett judge the Croaker Festival parade. Please contact her.

Sally Belangia will talk to the membership after the luncheon about the upcoming Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser at Minnesott Golf and Country Club to be held on Saturday, Aug 26, 2023. There is also work to be done in the months leading up to the event.



OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

Yoga – Last class 5/29 (**resumes 9/20**)

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

June 6 Scholarship Pot Luck Luncheon, 11:30 am

June 30-July 1 Croaker Festival

Aug 26 Golf Tournament @ Minnesott Country Club

Aug 29 EC Meeting, 10:30am, Elect/Appoint Nominating Chairman

Sept 5 General Meeting, 1 pm

Sept 26 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert):

May 6 Garden Club Plant Sale



Memorial Service at Lou Mac Park

June 10th at 10:30am for Bob Parker, Linda Parker's husband. A Celebration of Life will follow at their home at 12:30. The address is 210 Blackwell Point Loop Road in Oriental. If it's raining the Service and Celebration will take place at the Oriental United Methodist Church on Freemason Street.

Arts & Education (Elsie Roane):

School Supplies Drive: Please bring items to our June luncheon meeting (6/6/23, 11:30 am). Suggested school supplies are Glue sticks, scissors, loose notebook paper (not college rule), #2 pencils and colored pencils, crayons & markers (both dry erase and permanent), ruler, spiral notebooks, Kleenex, paper towels, Clorox wipes, cardstock, construction paper, highlighters, copy paper (white & colored), scotch tape, zip lock bags any size, hand sanitizer

Building Maintenance (Sally Farrell):

Spring cleaning of the clubhouse is **June 13 at 9 am.** Please help if you can.

Home Life-Yoga (Lee Duer):

The last Yoga class for the season is 5/29 and will resume on 9/20. Have a great summer!



The Yard of The Month for May is Barb Drexler. Her Sunshine Garden full of beautiful rose bushes was so pretty to see with some irises blooming also. In this garden is her dog, Sunshine, hence the name Sunshine Garden. All of the plants in her yard were donated when she moved in, part of the yard is full pink azaleas. You can see this yard at 16508 NC Hwy 55, Bayboro.

The June 20th meeting will be making macrame plant holders to hold the beautiful plants purchased during our May excursion to Carolina Home Garden Center and Redfern Nursery. Lunch was enjoyed at Boro's on the waterfront in Swansboro.

Road clean up dates have been scheduled for:

June 21st (before Croaker Fest)

Sept. 27th (before OFP Music Festival)

Nov. 29 (before Spirit of Christmas)

LON (Marguerite Garrett):

Our big push is on to finish up what is already underway for Croaker Festival! We will be meeting 6/20 at my craft room to ensure all trophies are finished, packed for transport with all necessary materials for judges. **We need 3 judges.** Please let Ellen, Julie or Marguerite know if you would like to be a judge for the parade on Saturday morning. It entails gathering with other judges at Mac's Mini Mart 9:30 a.m., watch parade, relocate to house closer to waterfront (is there a volunteer with a golf cart to help with that?), collaborate and mark trophies, get trophies to stage by noon and announce winners – actually a fun morning.

We need sewers to help with the croaker hats. I will send out notice if we are meeting on Wed, 9:30 – 11:30 am. I have 2 machines and we need cutters and pinners, too. We also need volunteers to sell the hats. Our 4 volunteers last year paired up, walked the parade route and sold almost all the hats! We will duplicate that again so need 4 volunteers for that. Please, it's only a morning and you get to spend the rest of your time enjoying the other activities. New members, it's so easy, we can mentor you that morning!!!!

Let's Read: Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo:

The Lost Girls of Willowbrook, Ellen Marie Wiseman Willowbrook State School was a state (New York) supported institution for children with intellectual disabilities located in the Willowbrook neighborhood on Staten Island from 1947 to 1987. The institution designed for 4,000 residents had by 1965 a population of 6,000. The school became a national symbol of the cruel warehousing of developmentally disabled children and some adults during the 20th century. The conditions were deplorable - students poorly clothed and fed and left locked in large rooms during the day - and the school was eventually closed. The author has written a novel grounded in historical fact and does not shy away from the truth about conditions at Willowbrook. A teen-ager (Sage) finds out her identical twin sister is not dead but a resident at Willowbrook. The sister is reported missing and Sage goes to the school to help with the search effort. However she is mistaken for her sister and locked inside the institution. Her determination to find the truth about her sister keeps the pages turning. The novel is a touching tale of loss, survival, and perseverance.



Oriental's History Museum

Did you know coyotes, bobcats, flying squirrels and other small mammals such as mink and otters are frequently sighted in our area? How many snakes can you identify? Stop into the museum and learn about Oriental's wildlife. You can see a recent addition to our collection: an **Alligator Skull** found in a creek across the river. Learn about how it was found and the skull preserved. On display will also be a mounted **Bobcat** preserved by a taxidermist. This beautiful animal met an untimely death after being hit on Route 55 outside of Stonewall. We are holding a special **Alligator Day on July 15** where you can pet the alligator skull and take photos. We are also holding a **Name the Alligator Contest to run from the opening day on June 3 until Alligator Day on July 15.**

Taming of the Shrew is live on stage Saturday, June 3 at 7pm. Enjoy dinner and a show at The Red Rooster Pavilion. Gates open at 5pm. Arrive early to enjoy the medieval themed event. Walk the grounds and meet the strolling performers, peruse the vendor stalls, or try your hand at a game or two before dinner. Costumes are encouraged. Seating in order of arrival, so come with your party. At 7pm sharp, the Elysian Players take the stage, performing *The Taming of the Shrew*, Shakespeare's comedy about love and marriage.

Nautical Wheelers' **June Wine Tasting Weekend** is set for **Friday, June 16, from 5-7pm** in New Bern and **Saturday, June 17 at 2 & 3pm** in Oriental. Andy Woolger of Elephant's Corner Wines presents.

Journeys of the Heart Fundraiser for the new **Pamlico County Public Library, June 22, 4-6 pm at OWC.** Local authors, Mary E. Scott & Deb Aronson present *Two Different Women* and *Two Different Journeys*. Books will be available for purchase & light refreshments will be served.

Croakerfest 2023 is happening Friday & Saturday, June 30 – July 1.