

Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting
April 2, 2024

President Ellen Blackmon called the meeting to order and asked all to silence their cell phones.

Ellen shared the Oriental Woman's Club Vision: Women Together, Making a Difference. We are women committed to connecting and making a difference in our community through our service and outreach programs. When mentioning what the Woman's Club does in the community, remember our vision to serve our county's students and teachers.

Opening: The world as we have created it, is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." Albert Einstein. Theme of this meeting is Earth Day (April 22nd).

Welcome our speaker Andrea Bruce, Photojournalist as well as new members and guests.

Jean Chastang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Inspirational Reader: Sally Farrell read a story regarding how adversity is perceived. You have the choice of becoming weak, strong, or richer from the experience but it is your choice.

Speaker: Andrea Bruce, Photojournalist, is a former OWC scholarship recipient. She covered war and conflict (Afghanistan, Gaza, Iraq) during her career. Her emphasis is on the human experience. Empathy drives her stories and photos. Andrea also writes a free weekly newsletter "Down in the Country".

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General Meeting

Minutes of the previous General Meeting have been read, approved, accepted for file and posted. The three volunteers to read and approve the minutes of this meeting are Julie Wiegand, Lou Ann Roberts, and Gay Webster.

The Treasurer's Report for the previous month has been accepted for file and posted.

New Business:

Old Business:

Chowder Cook off – Julie expressed thanks to all who volunteered.

As you give your reports, please approach the podium to use the microphone

Arts:

Education: signup sheet is in the back for the June luncheon.

Garden Program: Highway cleanup is Wednesday April 3rd. This is a club activity coordinated by the Garden program. We did not have anyone volunteer for the April meeting. The plan will be to have a short meeting and then do woman club ground cleanup.

May will be our annual trip to nurseries and lunch. Priscilla will have sign up at the meeting today. She will also have a sign up to help with road clean up tomorrow.

Community Life: The OWC is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive. Next one is scheduled for April 5th. Signup sheets are broken down into shifts to help sign in donors.

Ladies of the Neuse: We will work on Croaker Hats and Trophies at Marguerite's shop at her house. She will send out an email with time and address.

Building Maintenance Manager: The mouse has been eradicated.

Fundraising: Reminder that we will sell tickets soon for the Dessert of the Month for 2025

Membership Report- Visitors, new members, and birthdays for April. Please take a moment to thank our hostesses: Sharon Gilbert, Michele Rodriguez, and Ellen Blackmon

Next EC Meeting is Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 10:00 am.

May General Meeting is Tuesday May 7, 2024. Social starts at 1:00pm. Speaker is Allison O'Shea Openly Aging (postponed from Jan 2024).

Our hostesses for May meeting are Maryellen Bickel, Julie Wiegand and Lou Ann Roberts

Are there any community announcements?

- Julie Wiegand announced that plants are available from Cathy Delcambre has offered plants from her yard if we will dig them. The plants can then be offered at the plant sale on May 4th
- Olga Herman shared that tonight the Town of Oriental is having an important zoning meeting.
- Tree planting event in memory of Linda Parker's husband Bob this Saturday.

Adjourn