

# Oriental Woman's Club

## General Meeting – May 7, 2024

Officers in attendance: Ellen Blackmon, President, Olga Herman, Vice-P Liz Tooley, Treasurer, Marguerite Garrett, Co-Secretary, Jody Riddle, Co-Secretary

1:30 PM – Ellen Blackmon called the meeting to order.

Ellen Blackmon quoted Oscar Wilde: “Be yourself. Everyone else is taken.”

Sarah Dougherty led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Inspirational Reading: Marguerite Garrett spoke on gratitude and kindness (again) and reminded people to please fill the two trees with leaves of gratitude and kindness.

**Speaker:** Allison O’Shea, daughter of member Maryellen Bickel, author of Openly Aging, and long time provider of senior services through assisted living facilities, gave an expansive overview of how seniors should take control of their aging journey. A topic very relevant to our club. Her book is available on Amazon and she can be booked for personal or group sessions. [www.openlyaging.com](http://www.openlyaging.com) or Allison.oshea@openlyaging.com

**Speakers:** Guest Amanda Mehring accompanied her daughters, Shelby and Lila Mehring who explained how their project, Caring Cycle, came into being. These two young ladies saw a need, stepped up to the plate and share their time and talents spreading the word, collecting and making available personal feminine products at no cost to those in need. They have partnered with Backpack Blessings and other groups to ensure the supplies get to those in need.

### **General Meeting:**

Minutes of the previous General Meeting have been read, approved accepted for file and posted. Maryellen Bickel, Betsy Hughes and Sharon Gilbert agreed to read and correct the May minutes.

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

A request was made to please use the microphone at the podium when sharing information.

Membership Report: Sharon Morgan introduced visitor, Deanne Russo and new member, Susan Jaeger. The May birthday women stood and a round of Happy Birthday was sung.

### **New Business:**

Please review sign up sheets in back.

3 hostesses are needed for September meeting. Call Gay Webster or Ellen Blackmon if you are available.

Sally Belangia will talk more about Golf Tournament at the June meeting.

Fine Art & Craft Event scheduled for November 9, 2024.

### **Program Reports:**

**Art: & Education:** Maryellen reminded about the June luncheon to recognize the scholarship winners (there were 10 applicants from the High School). The decision was difficult but the 2 winners are outstanding.

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**Garden Program:** It was reported \$675 was raised by the plant sale held during the town wide yard sale, with many of the plants coming from former member, Cathy Delcambre's gardens.

**Community Life:** Blood drive being held here June 14.

**Ladies of the Neuse:** Marguerite announced and handed out fliers and posters for the Luminary Launch being held on June 1, 2024 at Lou –Mack Park from 8-9ish. Marguerite also indicated there will be a croaker fish hat tutorial happening at her downstairs craft room on Thursday, May 9 from 10-12. Trophies will begin the following week.

**Building Maintenance:** Deep cleaning of the Clubhouse Tuesday, June 11 at 10 a.m. Bring your own supplies

### **Fundraising:**

Thank you to today's hostesses Julie Wiegand, LouAnn Roberts and Maryellen Bickel.

Next EC Meeting is Tuesday, May 28 at 10 a.m.

June meeting will be the scholarship luncheon on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 starting at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate with set up, food prep and clean up....many hands make light work.

Next monthly meeting will be September 3, 2024.

**Community Announcements:** Jim Kellenberger and The Village Brewery (location) will host a BBQ chicken fundraiser for YNTO (Youth Navigating Toward Opportunity) on Saturday, May 25, 5-6:30. Cost is \$15.00. Hoff & Finch will perform from 6-8 in the beer garden.

The History Museum will be showcasing hats for the June-August special exhibit. Wear and/or share your hats, vintage or otherwise with them.

3:05 meeting adjourned.

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