



OWC NEWSLETTER

December 2018



Oriental Woman's Club
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Serving the Community Since 1916

*OWC Theme: Women Together Making a Difference
Goal: Focus OWC activities to attract new members,
retain existing members, and meet needs of Pamlico County.*

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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year Message from Elizabeth and Marlene

2018 was a year of change for us all at the Oriental Woman's Club. We found ways to make our club more informal, fun, and interesting. Members had input into the kinds of changes we made because we used your ideas, suggestions and feedback.

We accomplished or worked toward some long-range goals: increasing our membership; improving our image among non-members; making OWC more central to the community; and making our building a welcoming center of activity (for example, The Student Arts Festival Open House, the Backpack Blessings Project and the Red Cross Blood Bank Drive).

We were fortunate to attract many new members in 2018. Please continue to keep your eyes open for women who are new in your neighborhood or who you meet at other events and invite these new arrivals to a future OWC meeting.

We are also fortunate to have a terrific group of new officers for 2019! I know you will continue to give them your enthusiastic support.



EC News:

January general meeting has been moved from January 1 to January 8 with EC meeting moved to January 15. Times are the same. Garden Club has also been moved to January 22.

OWC Sponsored Event: The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the clubhouse on Friday, December 21, time to be announced (afternoon). Please support with your donation.

Hostesses (Sally Farrell & Barbara Mitchelson): Thank you to Lee Duer, Linda Parker and Deborah Powers for their service in November. The hostesses for December are Rosalyn Kutchins, Gail & Gay Rodosevich and Terrell Scott.

We are collecting **2019 OWC Dues** this month. Please give your check for \$50 to Jean Chastang. Dues are payable to OWC by the January general meeting. If you have had an address, email or telephone change, please let her know so we can update our roster.



OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse

Yoga – Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 AM

Bridge – Monday, 1 PM

Arts Program meets third Thursday at 1 PM

Education Program meets third Monday at 10 AM

Home Life Program meetings as scheduled in advance

Garden Club meets third Tuesday at 9 AM

LON meets third Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Dec. 4 OWC General Mtg & Christmas Lunch, 11:30 AM
& installation of 2019 officers

Dec. 5 GC Road Clean-up, 9 AM

Dec. 11 EC Meeting, 10 AM for outgoing/incoming mbrs.

Dec. 17 GC Christmas Luncheon–11:30 AM @ Morgan's

Dec. 18 LON meeting – 6:30 PM

Dec. 21 Red Cross Blood Drive at OWC (afternoon)

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

Jan. 1 Happy New Year

Jan. 8 OWC General Meeting, 1 PM

Jan. 15 EC Meeting, 10 AM

Jan. 22 LON Meeting, 6:30 PM

Jan. 22 GC Planning Meeting, 9 AM

Jan. 27 Student Arts Festival & Artfest, noon to 3 PM

Welcome

Welcome New Members:

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BD: 8/19

Spouse: Robert Austin

Arts (Rosalyn Kutchins): Student Arts Festival and Artfest is scheduled for January 27. The Art Group is looking for volunteers to bring light snacks for the event. Please contact Rosalyn at 349-0466 or rkutchins@gmail.com

Building Maintenance (Sharon Morgan): Thanks to Gwen Rhodes who served as Monday Girl in October and November. Karen Van Gamper will serve in December.

In November, fourteen Oriental Woman's Club members came to one or more cleaning sessions totaling 42 hours to provide deep cleaning and polishing of our lovely clubhouse. The kitchen and bathrooms were scrubbed and a partial inventory of kitchen items completed. The board room and the large meeting room have been dusted, windows washed and floors cleaned. I want to thank all the ladies who took time to perform these activities to refresh the club for our holiday celebrations.

Building Committee Forming (Sharon Morgan):

Calling all members with an interest and talent in design and project implementation. The OWC is in need of updating our bathrooms. We are re-establishing an active "Building Committee." It is time to begin a planning and research phase of a significant project. We know that it is time to bring this important part of the building up to today's standards and add some beauty and comfort. We will need to meet on a regular basis, plan and divide the research to develop both design and pricing to make this update. I have great hopes that this can be accomplished in 2019.

Contact Sharon Morgan, Chairman, 671-5317 or scmorgan49@gmail.com.



Education (Kathy Kolan): Thank you to those who plan on attending the December 4th Holiday Luncheon. Our fundraisers are important for us to support so that we can better serve our community. Please put your name on the back of your ticket before bringing it with you to the luncheon. There will be a door prize drawing! If you don't have your ticket that's OK because your name will be on the list as having paid and we will give you a ticket for entering the door prize. See you on Tuesday, Dec.4th!

Our next project will be in conjunction with the Arts Committee. It is the Student Arts Festival in January. Please look for details on how you can help with this project.

Garden Club (Betsy Hughes): Road Clean up on **Dec. 5**. Meet at the corner of Hwy 55 & Sea Vista at 9 AM. Christmas Luncheon at Morgan's Tavern in New Bern **Dec. 17** at 11:30 AM. Be sure to bring a gift valued about \$20 to participate in the Santa gift exchange. Please notify Anne Parker if you plan to attend. Guests are welcome, just notify Anne if you are bringing someone. Planning meeting for 2019 activities on **January 22, 9 AM**.

Home Life (Carol Herman): Please bring to the luncheon the gifts that you purchased for our Christmas family. These should be unwrapped. Thank You so much for participation in this endeavor to grant Christmas wishes to a family in need.

Hostesses (Frankie Savage & Sally Farrell): Please be thinking about volunteering for hostess duty sometime during 2019. We have January covered but will be taking names at the January general meeting for the rest of the year.

Let's Read:

Reading suggestion from Suzanne Jantzen. **Code Talker** by Chester Nez and Judith Schliess Avila. The story is about a Navajo American male who along with more than 30 others created and used an unbreakable code to help the Americans win WWII. It is a poignant story about how a young Native American growing up in the 1920's on a reservation was forced to give up his religion, customs, and traditions. But he and his compatriots never lost their unique language or faith. They loved their country and the tradition of being warriors was what brought them to the attention of the US Marines. This story was highly classified until the 1960's when they were finally recognized.

LON (Katherine Reardon): Ladies of the Neuse will hold their December meeting on **Tuesday, December 18, 2018** at the Oriental Woman's Club Clubhouse. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. We will be deciding on the float trophies to be awarded at the 2019 Croaker Festival Parade. We will also be determining the style, number, and materials to be used for the construction of this year's Croaker Hats. We will also determine some of the projects to be made for the Fall Bazaar to be held at the clubhouse on **November 16, 2019**. All of our meetings are open to all club members and their guests.

2019 officers will be as follows:

Chair: Katherine Reardon

Vice-Chair: Marguerite Garrett

Secretary: A rotation of Lee Duer, Betsy Hughes, and Ellen Blackmon

Yearbook (Suzanne Jantzen): The Yearbook without the Roster will be emailed to members in early January and the Roster will be emailed in mid January. If anyone has any changes to their vitals, they should let Suzanne and Jean know ASAP.



Myra Blue would like to invite OWC members to take advantage of her **Zumba Gold Fitness Classes**. When any OWC member comes, she will donate 20% to OWC. Classes are as follows:

Monday's at Senior Center
Wednesday's at Pamlico Heritage Center in Grantsboro across from Bojangles.

Classes cost \$5 and are 5:30 to 6:15 pm and are specialized dancing routines for women. (You can purchase a punch pass - 10 classes for \$4). Call Myra, 249-1665 for further info.



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Nautical Christmas- theme for 2018

Decorate your boat. Decorate yourself, your car, or bicycle. Decorate your dog. And make it a Nautical Christmas. The **2018 Spirit of Christmas parade** is **Sat, Dec. 8, 1 PM sharp!**

Touch a dragon for good luck.... Be out **on Hodges Street on December 31 to ring in 2019 for the running of the Oriental New Years' Eve Dragon**. There are two runnings – both starting and finishing at Hodges and South Water. **The first run starts at 8pm, the second around 11:30pm and in recent years has had not one but two dragons as the Chinese dragon joins in on the late run.** Bring pots, bring pans, and make your own music for the dragon. After the end of that second dragon run, stick around the Hodges Street waterfront just a few minutes more: **at midnight, the Oriental Croaker will drop** from the mast of a sailboat at the Town Dock to welcome in the New Year.