



# OWC NEWSLETTER

## January 2023

Oriental Woman's Club  
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*Serving Pamlico County Since 1916*

*OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference*  
*2022 Focus: Education & Community Commitment*



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### Message from Julie and Ellen

We want to thank Deborah for stepping up into the President's role when Gwen moved away, holding the club together during the shutdown, updating the facility, and increasing the amount of the student scholarships. Deborah has left us an organized and well-functioning membership and in good financial standing.

Our vision is to continue community service which is the objective of the Oriental Woman's Club. We want to have more input from you, the members, as well as participation. It takes every one of us to maintain the success of the club. Please share your talents and ideas and encourage your friends and neighbors to join us!

We can start helping the community by bringing non-perishable foods to the meeting for Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach.



Sharon Morgan & Jody Riddle – Co-Secretaries  
Julie Wiegand & Ellen Backmon – Co-Presidents  
Olga Herman – Vice President  
Deborah Powers – Treasurer



### January General Meeting – 1/3/23

Arts Festival (1/29, 11am-3pm) information to be shared by Elsie Roane. Don't miss this opportunity to view student's artwork.

**If you have not paid your 2023 dues of \$60, NOW is the time. Please take care of this before the end of January. Thank you.**

### Notice of Caution

At our Christmas Luncheon we had a member that had to leave as she was having an asthma attack. Please be considerate and avoid the use of perfume at large gatherings. Thank you!

## OWC Calendar

### Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

**Yoga** – Mon & Wed, 8:30 am

**Arts Program** meets third Thursday at 1 PM

**Education Program** meets third Thursday at 1 PM

**Home Life Program** meetings as scheduled in advance

**Garden Club** meets third Tuesday at 9 AM

**LON meets as scheduled**

**Jan 3** General Meeting, 1 pm

**Jan 29** Student Arts Festival Open House, 11 am to 3 pm

**Jan 31** EC Meeting, 10:30 am, appoint audit committee

**Feb 7** General Meeting, 1 pm

Feb 28 EC Meeting, 10:30 am

### **Garden Club (Joyce DiPasquale & Sharon Gilbert):**

The Post Office and Town Hall Christmas trees were decorated for the holiday season.

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

Awards were presented for the Light Up Oriental decorating competition for Spirit of Christmas. Categories ranged from Most Nautical and Most Whimsical to Most Beautiful. Six homes and six businesses were presented awards before the star lighting at the harbor.

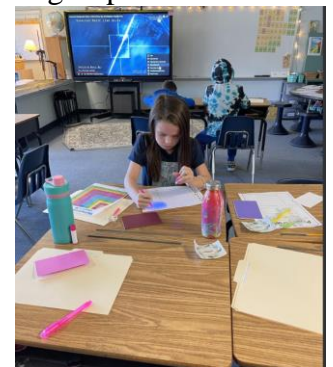
While our outdoor gardens take a rest, we can enjoy an indoor art display of gardens at Bank of the Arts in New Bern. Craven Arts Council and Gallery's current exhibit at 317 Middle St. features paintings and photography by Carol Tokarski and Jan Francoeur. To join us, meet at the club house on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. Several lunch options are available nearby.

### **LON (Marguerite Garrett):**

Katie Hardison, third grade teacher from Pamlico County Primary School writes:

On behalf of the third grade teachers and students, I would like to take this opportunity to share our gratitude for the grant we received earlier this year and the wonderful learning opportunity it afforded us. We were able to purchase all of the items necessary to transform our classrooms into crime scenes and detective's offices.

Utilizing the materials provided to them, students worked in small groups to answer questions using previously taught skills in all subject areas. The day was split into three sets of activities and at the end of each set the students were given a riddle that led to a clue. The first set of activities revolved around math concepts ("spy" the incorrect multiplication facts, find the arrays and write multiplication sentences, graphing skills, and solve the mysteries in the multiplication and division word problems). The second set of activities were all reading based with science integrated (find the text evidence to answer questions, "spy" the sight words, etc.). The final activity was an online activity where students had to solve a mystery about a Halloween costume. After finding all three clues, students had to put them together to find out about their "prize". The clues were pictures of ice cubes, cream, and sandwiches (leading to a tasty reward of ice cream sandwiches). All teams had to work together and could not submit work until all members in the group were finished!





**Let's Read:** Reading suggestion by Carol McAdoo:

The Switchboard Soldiers Jennifer Chiaverini

This historical fiction novel tells one of the great untold stories of World War I--the women of the U.S. Army Signal Corps. They broke down gender barriers in the military, validated women as essential workers, and battled a pandemic as they helped lead the Allies to victory. More than 7,000 women responded to General John Pershing's request for switchboard operators who could swiftly and accurately connect multiple calls, speak fluent French and English, remain steady under fire and provide absolute secrecy when conveying classified military information. These valiant women endured the hardships of war in France risking death or injury from gunfire, bombs and deadly influenza. Their sacrifices cleared the way for generations of women who followed, both in the military and all aspects of American life.

Happy  
New  
Year



**Oriental History Museum Special Exhibit:**

A new exhibit exploring the long history of lighthouse lore in our area and of the seven lighthouses from Corolla down to Oak Island along the NC coast begins **September 16 and runs through January 2023.**

**Touch a dragon for good luck....** Be out on Hodges Street on December 31 to ring in 2023 at the running of the Oriental New Years' Eve Dragon. There are two runings – both starting and finishing at Hodges and South Water. The first run starts at 8p, the second around 11:30p 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: 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 at Town Dock to welcome in the New Year.

Special Olympics Pamlico County invites you to the **'Go Freezin' for a Reason' Polar Plunge** on Saturday, January 28. 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. Sing-in opens at 10a, lunch and prizes at 11a, plunge begins at 1p. Virtual Plunge available.

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