



OWC NEWSLETTER

January 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.

Message from Elizabeth & Marlene

This will be a year of change for us all at the Oriental Woman's Club. We are looking for ways to make our club more informal, fun, and interesting. Members will have opportunities to determine the kinds of changes we make. We want your ideas and suggestions and feedback.

Some long-range goals: improving our image among non-members; making OWC more central to the community by participating in major Oriental events; organizing and publicizing our volunteer work so that anyone can help (for example, the Road Cleanup); and making our building a welcoming center of activity (for example, The Student Arts Festival Open House, January 28).

We also want to remember our history. We have left the Federation, but we have not and will not abandon our local history. There are many great stories and important local women that we all need to hear about and remember. We will be adding these tales to our meetings.

Women's clubs were formed because of sexism that prevented women from joining certain organizations, or confined them to "suitable" helper roles in other situations. These women wanted to be in charge of things so they could get things done their way. Sexism is still headline news with major cases of sexual abuse and women not receiving equal pay as men for similar work. We want to tell and hear the stories of women leaders and activists who improved conditions for us and for our daughters and granddaughters.

Keep your eyes open for women who are new in your neighborhood or who you meet at other events. Invite these new arrivals to the next OWC meeting.

Call or text Elizabeth at 252-876-6509 or call Marlene at 252-249-2827 or email us at elizm65@gmail.com or marlenemiller@embarqmail.com. Send us your ideas, likes or dislikes, or suggestions for the future. We're eager to hear from you!

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Happy New Year!

OWC 2018 Dues of \$50 are due to OWC Ass't Treasurer Jean Chastang 1/2/18.
Last chance to be included in the OWC Roster for 2018.

January Program:

Change is in the air. Booths will promote opportunities in the five featured program areas: Arts, Education, Garden Club, Home Life and Ladies of the Neuse. The January program is about you! What do you want from your Woman's Club? A questionnaire will ask for your opinions. Some things will be the same; some will be different. Come and see!!

Thank you to today's
Hostesses:
Gay Webster, Chairman
Lynne Rousseau
Lee Duer

OWC Calendar



Yoga – Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 am at the clubhouse
Bridge – Monday, 1 pm at the clubhouse
Jan 2 OWC General Meeting, 1 PM
Jan 9 OWC Steering Committee Meeting/EC, 10 AM
Jan 16 GC Meeting, 9 AM
Jan 16 LON Meeting, 6:30 PM
Jan 25-27 Artwork hanging for Arts Festival
Jan 28 Student Arts Festival Open House, Noon to 3 PM
Feb 6 OWC General Meeting, 1 PM
Feb 13 Steering Committee Meeting/EC, 10 AM
Feb 20 GC Meeting, 9 AM
Feb 20 LON Meeting, 6:30 PM

Welcome

New Members:

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2018 Interim Yearbook will be emailed to members in late January. It will consist primarily of a roster of members. Additional information will be on the website as it becomes available. A commercially printed yearbook will not be produced for 2018 so members will need to save the emailed version.

Arts: Annual Student Arts Festival and Competition Open House Sunday, January 28, 12-3pm. Visual and Written Arts to be displayed.

Bridge Group: Thanks so much to this group for taking out the trash each week, thus saving those \$\$ to pay to have it done.

Education: Christmas Luncheon was delightful with music, decorations, good fellowship between members and guests and good food. It raised \$416 for the scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone attended. Thank you Dick Ahkao for playing the piano.

Garden Club: Meeting at OWC clubhouse on January 16, 9 am to plan the year's activity. Please attend with your ideas for programs/trips in 2018.

Home Life: To everyone who contributed to the Christmas family, thank you for being so thoughtful. You have made a family enjoy a Merry Christmas. Happy New Year to you.

House Maintenance: Thanks to Lynne Rousseau for serving as Monday Girl in December, January and February.



The Pamlico County Council on the Arts presents a new exhibition of artworks by local artists, Lynn Hines and Karen Van Gamper, at the Pamlico Library. Their exhibition will run for the **month of January 2018** with an opening reception on Thursday evening, January 4 from 5-7 p.m. You are invited to attend – view the works and meet their creators. Light refreshments will be served.