

**Oriental Woman's Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Montgomery at 1:30pm at the clubhouse. Other officers present: Co-secretaries Suzanne Jantzen and Anne Parker, and Treasurer Theda Butkus.

Chaplin Lynne Rousseau gave the devotion and Fay Bond led the group in pledges to the US and NC flags.

President Montgomery welcomed members and reminded members that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She also noted that minutes, meeting reports, and treasurer's reports were posted on the bulletin board. She then welcomed Carol Herman, Home Life Chair, who introduced our guest speaker, Sheri Rettew, Executive Director of Hope Clinic.

Sheri gave a brief overview of Hope Clinic, then described a new program, New Beginnings: A Path to Drug-Free Living. This program is designed to combat the significant problem of drug abuse in Pamlico County, which underlies many of the other problems like domestic violence.

Following the program, President Montgomery reviewed the results of a brainstorming meeting with membership to come up with ideas on reinventing the OWC. The Executive Committee considered those results and identified five areas of emphasis: Arts, Education, Conservation, Home Life, and Ladies of the Neuse. The EC hopes that members will choose one or more groups with which to become involved.

**Community Service Program and Committee Reports**

**Arts:** Karen VanGamper announced a 10/19 beading workshop to make items for the November bazaar.

**Home Life:** Carol Herman said that a family would be chosen for Christmas, and announced at the November meeting.

**International Outreach:** Carol McAdoo announced that \$87.82 had been raised for Operation Smile.

**Ladies of the Neuse:** Lee Duer said that volunteers are needed for the Bazaar to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November. These include cashiers, checkout assistance, Friday setup, and cookies by the pound bakers.

**Membership:** Gay Webster welcomed guest Michele Musella.

**Hostesses:** President Montgomery thanked our hostesses: Carol Glorioso, Chair, Suzanne Jantzen, and Elaine Wolfinger.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

The winner of the 50-50 drawing, Roz Kutchins, donated her \$11 winnings to the scholarship fund.

Submitted by Co-secretary, Anne Parker

Read and approved with corrections by Jean Chastang, Theda Butkus, and Gay Webster.