

**Oriental Woman's Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 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 our guest speaker, Kat Clowers, Pamlico County Librarian and noted that minutes and treasurers reports were posted on the bulletin board.

Sharon Breitling, chair of the Education program introduced the speaker Kat Clowers. Kat described many new (and perhaps lesser known) services that the library offers, among them the new e-books system, book groups, and "Tech time" – a personalized consulting service to help patrons use a range of technologies. She also encouraged participation the Friends of the Library program, which is independent of the library but works to support its programs.

Following the program, President Montgomery reviewed the results of voting on federation membership. The majority elected to leave the federation, which we will do as of January 1, 2018. A brainstorming session will be held on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the club's future.

**Community Service Program and Committee Reports**

**Arts:** Karen VanGamper announced a 10/19 workshop on a powder coating technique for jewelry making that will be led by a guest artist, who has explored the technique most commonly used in industrial applications.

**Bridge:** Colleen Barton invited both experienced and novice bridge players to join the group on Mondays at 1pm at the Woman's Club. They're happy to have both, and there is no need to show up with a partner.

**Conservation:** The next highway cleanup will be on September 30, at 9am. Meet at Town and Country parking lot. Sign up with Fay Bond.

**Cemetery:** Jean Chastang announced the fundraiser for the Cemetery that will be part of the Ol' Porch Music Festival on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling BBQ sandwiches and sides provided by Brantley's Village Restaurant. One more person is needed to help staff the booth from 12-2.

**International Outreach:** Carol McAdoo announced several charity programs currently underway. These include Operation Smile, and a Trick or Treat bucket will be available for donation. A medical mission to Guatalajara, Mexico is the target charity. In addition, Operation Christmas Child – the shoebox project of Samaritan's purse, will bring the joy of Christmas to children in over 150 countries. Filled shoeboxes (instructions available from Carol) will be due at the November 7<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

**Ladies of the Neuse:** Marguerite Garrett reminded members of the upcoming bazaar on 11/4. In addition to baked goods needed for sale, plus cookies by the pound, crafts, re-gifting, and

representatives to help work are all needed. There is also a raffle for a corn hole game with hand painted lighthouses – suitable for entertaining your guests or for a gift!

**Membership:** Gay Webster welcomed guest Donna Liu, and new members.

**Hostesses:** President Montgomery thanked our hostesses: Carol McAdoo, chair, Sally Farrell, and Ann Stackhouse.

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

The winner of the 50-50 drawing, Roz Kucher, donated her \$14 winnings to the scholarship fund.

Submitted by Co-secretary, Anne Parker

Read and approved with corrections by Roz Kucher, Suzanne Jantzen, and Gay Webster.