



OWC NEWSLETTER

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OWC Vision: Women Together Making a Difference
2025 Focus: Education & Community Commitment



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2025 Calendar of Programs

July-August – Summer Break



July 9, Education meeting, 10:30 am
(Mini-grant awards)
August 26, EC meeting, 10 am
September 2, General meeting, 1 pm
September 30, EC meeting, 10 am

Our Scholarship Recipients For 2025-2026



Cathers Scholarship
Susan Van Meter, Wyatt Grant & parents
(attending Pamlico Community College)



Hargrove Scholarship
Susan Van Meter, Samyah Maiden & parents
(attending UNC Charlotte)

OWC Calendar

Monthly Meetings at the Clubhouse:

Yoga –Mon & Wed, 8:30 am

Arts Program meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

Education Program meets third Thursday at 10:30 AM

Community Life Program meetings as scheduled

Garden Program meets third Tuesday at 10:00 AM

LON meets as scheduled

July 4-5 Croaker Festival

July 9 Education mtg to award Mini-grants, 10:30 am

July – Summer Break – Have fun!

August 26 EC Meeting 10 am, Appoint Nominating Chair

Sept 2 General Meeting, 1 pm

Sept 30 EC Meeting 10 am

Garden Program (Julie Wiegand & Linda Parker):



Karen and John Deaton's property at 2011 Yawl Place, Oriental has been selected for the **June Yard of the Month**. As you pass by their home, your attention is drawn to the attractive arbor with a welcoming sitting area, a variety of colorful pots, flower beds and a bottle tree. The flowering plants include azaleas, hydrangea, hibiscus and perennial ferns. One of the front flower beds features a large anchor in memory of their son. There are additional beds along the garage side of the house that have Mexican petunias, Bee balm, Carpet and Shasta daisies.

Girls on the Run Scholarship OWC donates to this program



Kristen Powell and parents, Cathy Delcambre (GOTR Director).

Croaker Festival Committee honor the original members of the OWC Jr. Women's Club as this year's Grand Marshals in Festival Parade! Ruth Ireland (President 1980), Sally Belangia, Anne Miller, Linda Caroon, Diane McDaniel, Catherine Davis, Linda Holton, Mildred Harrison, Janice Shorey, Marilyn Ragan, Mary Wiengart and Kandy Broughton.



From our President:

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu

I hope you are enjoying your summer. We have a few things going on between now and September. If you take a look at the Croaker Festival Parade program (and previous page of this newsletter) you will see the officers of the Junior Woman's Club who founded the Croaker Festival in 1980. I am sure you will recognize Linda Caroon. Sally Belangia was also in that group but not pictured. Marguerite, Julie and I will be judging the floats/entries and awarding winners with the whimsical trophies made by our members.

The Scholarship Golf Tournament is planned for Saturday, Aug 23rd at the Minnesott Golf and Country Club. You will be receiving follow up notification on where and when to drop off your donations closer to the date.

The next EC meeting will be Tuesday Aug 26th at 10am. Hostesses for the September 2nd General Meeting are Priscilla Seals, Elizabeth Sabiston and Joan Aubele.

Stay cool!

LON (Marguerite Garrett):

Trophies and hats for the Croaker Festival are complete. Hats presale is at First Citizens Bank. We anxiously await to see who gets the lovely trophies designed by Marguerite. Below is First Place Trophy!



Message from our Hostess Chair, Gay Webster:

I would like to thank Kim Hutchins, Julie Wiegand and Jody Riddle as our May Hostesses, they did a wonderful job and it was fun having the salsa tasting. Congratulations to Priscilla Seals for winning.



Croakerfest 2025 is happening Friday & Saturday, July 4 & 5.



The Craven – Pamlico Regional Library **Book / Tech Mobile is in Oriental on Friday, July 4, 10am – noon at the Piggly Wiggly**, then at Arapahoe Town Hall from 2-4pm.

The 11th Annual Ol' Front Porch Music Festival is set for Oct 3 & 4, 2025.

The **Annual Oriental Car Show** is set for Oct 11, 2025. Check-in starts at 8:30am. Trophies awarded at 2:30pm. **Register online or Saturday morning at the show.** [Find out more about the Oriental Car Show here.](#)

The Hayde Bluegrass Orchestra performs two shows in Oriental: **Sunday, Oct 19 and Monday Oct 20, 7:30pm** at The Old Theater.