

August 6, 2009

Dear Club Members,

I want to thank you so much for your kind words, cards & prayers that were conveyed after the passing of my mother. It was truly a comfort for me.

I hope you all have had a grand summer and are looking forward to fall and all of our exciting plans for OWC.

We have been very busy with the ongoing renovation of our club house. To date we have painted the walls, trim, & the exterior and interior doors. My thanks goes to our intrepid painters Jean Chastang, Lee Duer, Bev Fiske, Carol Herman, Carol McAdoo, Suzanne Mendell, Anne Parker, Tracy Peterson, Donna Rubinstein, Jennifer Walsh & Connie Wilkinson. The floor has been painted and looks so much better. Our next project is replacing the acoustic wall covering. We hope to have that completed this fall.

In addition the Rotary Club adopted OWC as a service project and did a wonderful job cleaning the gutters and downspouts, trimming branches and last but not least pressure washed and painted the work shed. Please extend your thanks to any Rotary members you come in contact with.

We have two very important fund raising projects that will require the hands on support of our membership. LON is hosting the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on November 7th. We will be conducting several workshops to provide crafts for the Bazaar.

Connie Wilkinson will be conducting a session August 6th at the club house beginning at 6:00 PM to make shell angels, felt ornaments, purse size tissue holders and other items.

On August 20th from 9:30 to 12:00 Lee Duer will lead us in making cork teddy bear ornaments.

Anne Parker will teach us how to make screen fish. We will meet on August 19th from 9:30 to 12:00 to construct the fish and again on September 2nd to paint and decorate them.

LON needs our help and support to insure that this is a very successful Event.

Our Ways and Means Chair Lee Duer is in charge of our newest venture for fund raising. We will be selling tickets for a Dinner of the Month Raffle. We have our cooks and menu. As you well know OWC ladies know how to cook so this will be a coveted prize! We will be selling tickets for \$10 a chance and will need members to man the

tables at the Post Office, Town & Country and the Farmers market. We need to raise \$10,000 in order to support our various community charities so your help is essential to making this raffle a success.

I hope to see you at the September 1st. General Meeting, refreshments and socializing begin at 1:00 with the meeting starting at 1:30. How about bringing a guest to this program about Operation Smile. Operation Smile volunteers throughout the world repair childhood facial deformities while building sustainable healthcare systems for children and families. Operation Smile creates smiles, changes lives and heals humanity. Carol McAdoo, OWC International Chair will present the program and she will have the department's project of children's hospital gowns in display.

September is the time when we elect our Nominating Committee and distribute the straw ballot for your nominees for Officers and Department Chairs. Please think about who you want to lead our wonderful organization and cast your ballot.

Ways and Means 2009 quilt is absolutely beautiful. Susan Whatley has done a magnificent job creating the quilt. You should have received your quilt raffle tickets. Please get your money to Lee Duer and we will be happy to give you more tickets to sell or buy.

The next scrapbook workshop will be at the clubhouse on September 23rd. at 10:00 AM.

Soup and Games will be on October 15th.

Our October 6th. General Meeting program will be hosted by the Home Life Department chaired by Carol Herman; and the candidates for 2010 officers and Department heads will be presented to the membership for consideration and additional nominees.

The Education Department chair Jennifer Walsh will host the November 3rd. meeting. In addition we will elect the officers and Department heads for 2010. Your vote is important.

Our December 1st. Luncheon meeting will be a festive occasion with the installation of officers and chairs and the passing of the gavel to our 2010 President, Jean Chastang.

We will also find out the lucky winners of the quilt and the Dinner of the Month Raffle.

As you can see we have wonderful opportunities to have a positive impact in our community. The ladies of the Oriental Woman's Club continue to live by our Theme, Women Together-Making a Difference. I thank you for your support in all that you do.

Sincerely,

Linda W. Parker, OWC President