

**Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2010**

The OWC General Meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by President Jean Chastang. Other officers present: President Elect Sharon Morgan, Secretary Suzanne Jantzen and Treasurer Maija Fink.

The devotion was given by Linda Parker.

President Elect Sharon Morgan led the group in the pledge to the US flag and the salute to the NC flag.

President Chastang welcomed everyone back from the summer break. She indicated that Sharon Morgan, Peggy King, Susan Whatley, Carol McAdoo, Suzanne Jantzen and she attended the GFWC-NC Summer School at Campbell University on July 24. It was a full day of information that will be shared with club members over the next several months. President Chastang noted the passing of club member Kay Rogers and indicated that the EC approved a donation of \$25 to the Scholarship Fund in her memory. She will write a note to her husband informing him of the donation. President Chastang also indicated that Lynne Rousseau was recovering from a stroke, Beverley Fiske was in the hospital and would be undergoing a biopsy of a spot on her lung. Joan Fromm was also in the hospital and Fay Bond's husband had a visit to the hospital emergency room. She urged everyone to keep these clubwomen and Fay's husband in their thoughts and prayers.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved by three members, accepted for file and posted on the bulletin board at the back of the clubroom as well as on the website.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted for file and posted on the bulletin board.

There were no new members or guests to introduce.

Program

President Chastang called on Sally Belangia, International Outreach Program Chairman, to present the program. Sally gave a history of Operation Smile (Attachment 1), thanked all the members who made hospital bags and provided items to fill the bags. She indicated that the Oriental History Museum donated 25 boxes of crayons for the bags, Rose & Rose, DDS donated 50 toothbrushes and First Citizens Bank donated 50 coloring books.

Unfinished Business

GFWC-NC Literacy: The Adventure of a Lifetime: President Chastang reminded members that the GFWC-NC President's Special Project for the next two years is literacy and clubwomen throughout the State are being asked to contribute at least 8 volunteer hours a year in support of literacy such as tutoring, supporting the local library and volunteering in the county schools. Volunteering to assist with Camp Seafarer/Sea Gull's Y-Learning Program is another such opportunity. A list of things clubwomen can do for literacy is available at the 50/50 table (Attachment 2). Members were reminded to report any hours devoted to literacy to Peggy King, Reports Chairman. President Chastang said the first fundraiser for the new GFWC-NC Teaching Scholarship that is part of the literacy special project is a golf

tournament on September 30 at the Riverwood Golf Club in Clayton. She urged golfers to pick up the registration information or download from the GFWC-NC website. She indicated that the EC had approved a donation of \$100 to sponsor a Tee. As an additional fundraiser tote bags with District 8 and GFWC-NC embroidered on them can be purchased for \$20 plus shipping.

Community Service Program Reports

Arts: Karen VanGamper indicated there would be a field trip on October 7 to Washington to tour the Inner Banks Artisan Center.

Conservation: Carole Jamerson indicated the October General Meeting would feature Bill Ellers and Operation Big Sweep.

Education: Phyllis Lane reminded the membership of the Soup and Games scholarship fundraiser on October 14. Betsy Quitkin said volunteers are still needed to make soup and bread.

Home Life: Lee Duer indicated that Yoga would begin the end of October.

International Outreach: Sally Belangia said that she would be collecting for UNICEF at the October General Meeting.

Division Reports

Garden Club: Carole Jamerson said that Dan Simpson of the Pamlico County Cooperative Extension Service would present the September 21 program on fall gardening.

LON: Sally Belangia said LON will meet at Marguerite Garrett's home on September 21.

Committee Reports

Arts Festival: Chris Gillespie reminded members to get their arts and crafts completed. Registration for the OWC festival is January 20. She indicated that information on categories is available on the OWC website and she also has copies. She asked for a volunteer to help with publicity and with refreshments at the Open House on January 23.

ESO: President Chastang indicated that September is Library Card Sign Up Month. In support of Literacy Carol McAdoo has information at the 50/50 table to sign up for a library card. A show of hands resulted in all but one member attending the meeting have library cards. President Chastang said that at the GFWC-NC Summer Meeting everyone took a readers oath that was prepared by the National Education Association for children. The membership recited the oath.

Hostesses: Peggy Dunfee reminded members of their responsibilities as a hostess and indicated that an up dated list was on the bulletin board and the website. She thanked today's hostesses.

Scrapbook: Jean Chastang reminded members of the scrapbook workshop on September 15 at 10 am at the clubhouse.

Ways and Means: Suzanne Mendell described the Meal of the Month fundraising project and called for additional members to sign up to make a meal for two. She asked that each member sell at least two tickets at \$10 each. The drawing will be held during the December General Meeting. President Chastang said that Marlene Miller was organizing a fine arts and crafts show on November 6. Bakers will be needed as there will be a "Cookies by the Pound" sale at the show. Quilt ticket money should be turned in to President Chastang. A bakeless bake sale was conducted.

New Business

Nominating Committee: President Chastang indicated that Donna Rubinstein had been elected by the EC to chair the Nominating Committee for 2011 officers and program chairmen. Four additional members need to be elected to the committee from the membership at large. **Suzanne Jantzen made a motion to nominate Carole Jamerson, Sharon Morgan nominated Suzanne Mendell, Carol McAdoo nominated Ellie Finta, and Fay Bond nominated Connie Wilkinson. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** Donna Rubinstein distributed the straw ballot form and explained the nomination/election process.

President Chastang recognized members born in September.

There being no further business, President Chastang asked members to stand for the Collect.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Following the meeting the 50/50 drawing was held with Nancy Miller the winner. She donated her winnings to Ways & Means.

There were no community announcements.

Submitted By:
Suzanne Jantzen, Secretary

Read and approved without amendments by:

Nancy Miller
Lee Duer
Betsy Quitkin