

# WOMEN'S NETWORK

## BOOK CLUB

We will be discussing *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott on **March 3rd** at 2pm at Green Country.

At the March meeting Ann will bring one of the Bartlesville Public Library book club sets for: "**My Grandmother Told Me to Tell You She's Sorry**" which will be our selection to read in March and discuss in April. See you March 3!



## SUNDAY CINEMA

*Woman Walks Ahead* will be shown at Joan Dreisker's home, **March 17th at 2 pm.**

*April's Movie will be the 14th not on the 21st as that is Easter.*

The *Annual Day Trip* to Claremore will be Thursday **April 4th!** We will visit Will Rogers' Museum, lunch at the famous Hammond's Restaurant and tour a few enticing antiques stores! *Meet at Food Pyramid Northeast parking area promptly 9:00 a.m.* *We plan on a wonderful glorious spring outing!* *Please call Judy Pecher or Diane D. to reserve a seat or if you can drive or just show up April 4th!*

## HISTORY MAKERS

It's National Women's History Month!

That means it's time for WN's History-Maker of the Year celebration! This year, we are honoring Ivery Anderson and Jane Hughes Kirkpatrick for their work with Washington County ARC. Please join us at a reception on Thursday, March 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Tri County Tech's Osage Room, 6101 Nowata Road—and bring a friend to enjoy the treats and talks.

TREATS?!?! Yes, and event coordinators, Judy Pecher and Diane Dixon, would like for each member, if possible, to bring a sweet or a savory to TCT's Osage Room to share (use middle doors on east side) on Thursday from 1 to 3 or between 5:30 to 6:50 that night.

Meredith L. Baker, legal counsel to the Tulsa Sheriff's Dept., will speak about the significance of "community taproots." Jan Dreiling and Joan Dreisker will present the biographies of Ivery and Janie, our 2019 honorees.

Women's Network is honoring these two Bartlesville women because they have spent decades working to improve the lives of developmentally disabled children and adults. Ivery served as director of ARC Group Homes from 1982 until her retirement in 2005, managing housing options that included four group homes for disabled adults who range on a spectrum from needing full 24-hour care to monitored independent living. Janie worked to improve special education classes in our public schools and helped

design ARC's new quarters on Virginia Ave. She has also chaired every astonishingly effective annual ARC fundraiser for the past 20 years.

Washington County ARC was organized in 1966, having begun as "Mothers of Retarded Children" earlier in that decade. One special education class had already been initiated in one local grade school during the 50s, thanks to the efforts of an earlier 2002 History-Maker of the Year, Helen Pittman. In 1967, Bellringer School began providing pre-school services, but it was not until Jane's young son Jack started kindergarten that Bartlesville's public schools began admitting special needs students and hiring the necessary special education teachers.

Today, Washington County's non-profit ARC has a thrift shop; four group homes; a sheltered workshop for privately contracted recycling, shredding, and ceramics; and an external job placement and mentoring program for clients who earn federally mandated wages for their work at numerous local businesses. All of these programs, from social dances and Special Olympics sports events to opportunities for safe and independent living, owe their existence to women like Ivery Anderson and Jane Hughes Kirkpatrick, who have truly made history by helping very special citizens in our community enjoy an expanded range of rights, privileges, and opportunities.

## Bartlesville Women's Network celebrates National Women's History Month honoring



**Ivery  
Anderson**



**Jane  
Hughes Kirkpatrick**

**History-Makers of the Year**

**2019**

*Please join us in recognizing  
the many exceptional achievements of  
two of our community's most outstanding women,  
Ivery Anderson and Jane Hughes Kirkpatrick.*

**Thursday, March 7th 7 - 8:30 PM  
Tri-County Technology Center ~ Osage Room  
6101 Nowata Road ~ Bartlesville, Oklahoma**

**Guest Speaker: Meredith L. Baker**

**Introduction by: Joan Dreisker**

**Friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served.**



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