

WOMEN'S NETWORK



Ruth Brown – Library Project Update

Ruth Brown Memorial BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ruth Brown served as a librarian in Bartlesville for 30+ years during the years of 1919-1950. According to Wikipedia, “Brown was a library advocate during the Depression and provided useful materials for the unemployed men in the community as well as their families.” She was also known for “her activities promoting the equality of African Americans during a time when the leading citizens of the city were not ready to face equality for all”. “During her presidential year she gave a speech which advised librarians to ‘reduce to a minimum worry about lost books’ and to encourage the many who did not ‘make use of their right to library service’ ”.

To honor Brown’s outstanding work and long-standing impact, **Joan Dreisker** at Women’s Network started a project years ago to add the name ‘Ruth Brown Memorial’ to the existing library name, so the new name will be ‘Ruth Brown Memorial Bartlesville Public Library’. To turn this into reality, many things need to line up – consensus from people and adequate funding.

This is no small task. Joan has dedicated countless hours to it, and spoken to many people. Joan recently presented this idea to the library board of directors.

On October 3rd, following our Women’s Network Meeting, an announcement will be made regarding this project.

What can you do to help? You can help by telling your friends about who Ruth Brown is, and the impact she has brought to the world.

Creating Memoirs: A Family Legacy -- Women's Network Meeting

Date: October 3rd, Thursday

Time: 6:30 pm social time

7:00 pm program starts

Location: Bartlesville Public Library, 2nd floor

Sidney Brammer is a writing professor at Rogers State University here in Bartlesville and an online creative writing professor for Austin Community College. She has taught courses in memoir writing, screenwriting, and playwriting. She has an MFA degree in Creative Writing and a BFA degree in Theater.

This program is tailored to each one’s own memories. Sidney will talk about the power of special memories that we keep with us throughout our lives, including memories from childhood, memories of special events that we still feel so deeply that sounds and surroundings come vividly to mind when we recall. Even the family storytelling, reunions, and our own private happenings are part of our memories that we hold close. With her enthusiastic focus we will recall past events and find ourselves ready to write a quick memoir that we can share with our family as an enduring legacy!

Upcoming Events

- Thanks to the Suffrage Committee



October 15, 2019, Tuesday

Time: 12-1pm

Location: Bartlesville Public Library

"Books Sandwiched In" – book review

Book: *The Woman's Hour* written by Elaine Weiss

Reviewed by **Mary O'Toole**

October 25, 2019, Friday

Time: 3-7pm

Location: home of **Jerrie Nicholson**

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Woman Suffrage 100 Celebration - Social and Fund-Raiser

"Celebrate, Educate and Appreciate our Right to Vote"

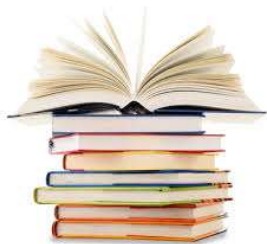
Come and go as you wish. Guests are welcome.

Women's Network book club:

* **Oct. 6th, 2pm**

* **Green Country Village Club room**

* **Book: Everyone Brave is Forgiven**



Refer to the 2019 August newsletter for details about this event



Spotlight on a member

Dortha Dunlap

Congratulations to **Dortha Dunlap!**

Here's her recent note: "I am a founding member of Bartlesville Women's Network and served two terms as the president of local League of Women Voters (LWV) and as the president of Women's Network. I also served two hitches on the state League of Women Voters of Oklahoma board. On July 27, LWV Washington County of Arkansas held an event celebrating the centennial of Arkansas's ratification of the 19th Amendment. At the celebration, I was honored for becoming a 50-year member of LWV. I was a member of LWV of Bartlesville from Feb. 1969 to Oct. 2016."

Dortha is a founding member of Women's Network, a Taproots honoree, and now lives with her daughter Catherine and husband Matt in Springdale, Arkansas.

Yearbook Update

If you have any recent changes in your contact information – name, phone, e-mail, address, please email **Ann Cleary**: anncleary@aol.com or bvillewomensnetwork@gmail.com

Tell a friend!

It's never too late to join Women's Network. Email bvillewomensnetwork@gmail.com for any questions and concerns, or simply come to visit us at some our events.

BARTLESVILLE WOMEN'S NETWORK

2019 ~ 2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Women's Network meets the **first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, Bartlesville Public Library**, 2nd floor, unless otherwise noted. Social time is during the first half-hour; the program begins at 7 pm
Sunday cinemas are generally on the **3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm**, at **Joan Dreisker's** home media room, when scheduled.



YEAR 2019

SEP 5, Thursday, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Educators Panel: Heather Boyle, Heather Davis, Vanessa Drummond, Dan Droege, and Gail Stone

The panel provided an update on educators' classroom needs, PEAK's progress with legislators, and an overview of the Bartlesville Education Promise program for at-risk kids.

OCT 3, Thursday, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Creating Memoirs - A Family Legacy

Sidney Brammer, prize-winning author, play writer, and professor of English at Rogers State University and online creative writer at Austin Community College, will guide us on how to use "memories that stick" to write short memoir pieces that can become a family treasure.

OCT 25, Friday, 3pm-7pm

LWV / WN's Woman Suffrage 100 Celebration - Social and Fund-Raiser

Location: home of **Jerrie Nicholson**, 1707 Skyline Drive, Bartlesville OK.

Come and go. Guests welcome.

NOV 7, Thursday, 6:30pm-8:30pm

What You Always Wanted to Know About Advance Directives and Were Afraid To Ask: Dr. John Hatchett and (Ret.) District Judge Jan Dreiling

To explore planning for end-of-life issues.

DEC 5, Thursday, 6pm-9pm

Christmas WN Dinner Party ~ Sterling's Grille

RSVP by Nov. 18: Judy Pecher 918.327.1384 or Diane Dixon 918.333.0048 / 918.815.2242. Check newsletter.

YEAR 2020

JAN 19, Sunday, 2pm-4pm

Sunday Cinema - 'Not for Ourselves Alone': The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony. Part 1 of a Ken Burns suffrage documentary
Joan Dreisker's home media room
Bring treats to share.

FEB 6, Thursday, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Women's Rights from a Man's Point of View

Joe Williams, journalist, author, traveler, and dynamic speaker

FEB 16, Sunday, 2pm-4pm

Sunday Cinema - Part 2 of 'Not for Ourselves Alone'

MAR 15, Sunday, 2pm-4pm

Sunday Cinema - Suffragette

An historical period drama about the suffrage movement in the U.K.

MAR 28, Saturday, 10am

Woman Suffrage Centennial ~ Public Celebration,
Bartlesville Community Center

The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss, reviewed by **Mary O'Toole.**

APR 2, Thursday

Field trip: Greenwood Cultural Center, then onto the Gilcrease Museum for lunch and a tour

APR 19, Sunday, 2pm-4pm

Sunday Cinema - 'The Divine Order'

Historical drama of how Swiss women finally got the vote . . . in 1971!

MAY 7, Thursday, 6pm-9pm

Picnic with the Stars! Potluck

Hopestone Center (206 Frank Phillips Blvd, Bartlesville)
Annual business meeting and election of officers for 2020-21.

Bring salad or dessert; gumbo will be provided!