

WOMEN'S NETWORK



March 28, 2020 - Suffrage Celebration

Plans are ongoing for the Woman Suffrage Celebration at the Community Center at 10 am, Saturday, March 28, 2020. An original skit will tell the story of the 72-year quest to extend voting rights to all American women. Fran Stallings will lead us in singing some authentic suffrage songs! Admission is free! Bring a friend or two or family members. Period costume is encouraged but not necessary.

Later that day, we are having a private dinner at Hillcrest Country Club for members of Women's Network and League of Women Voters. Social hour will start at 5:30 pm, and dinner will start at 6:15 pm. (approximately \$25). There is a cash bar. (See detail in the March newsletter.)

RSVP for the dinner with Margaret Hooper, This content has been removed for privacy protection. Messages can be left on Margaret's answering machine if she is unavailable. (And a big thank you to Margaret for doing this!)

The speaker for the dinner is Dr. Sunu Kodumthara. She has been a professor at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford since 2010. She grew up in Yukon, Oklahoma, and obtained her B.A. in U.S. History and Political Science from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She holds a M.A. in U.S. History from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. in U.S. History from the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Kodumthara is an expert on Woman Suffrage and serves on the national board of the Turning Point Suffragist

Memorial. This new memorial, located on the grounds of the historic Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton, Virginia, is scheduled to open in August.

Jan Dreiling
Member, Joint WN/LWV Suffrage Committee

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

See you all on February 6th at 6:30 pm at BPL, when our guest speaker will be Joe Williams, a masterful speaker and world traveler who never disappoints.

During that evening, please also sign up for two upcoming events. The first one will be the dinner at Hillcrest Country Club for members of Women's Network and LWV in the evening of March 28th. It will conclude the day activities of our Suffrage Celebration that begins at the Community Center in the morning. The second sign-up event will be the Women's Network Day Trip to Tulsa on April 2nd. The events include a visit to the Greenwood Cultural Center and Gilcrease Museum for lunch and a tour. These are always great outings and a way to get to know other WN members. I encourage all new members to take part in these events.

Another item I'd like for all members to be thinking about is the need for officers for 2020–2021. Among the offices that will need to be filled are Secretary, and a Program Chairwoman or two Program Chairwomen. Diane Dixon and Judy Pecher have done an outstanding job and now they get to sit in the audience and enjoy. We'd also like to hear from members about the kind of programs you would like to have presented.

And as always, members and guests, both men and women, are welcome to our public programs.

Jerrie Nicholson
Women's Network President

REHEARSAL AND PUBLICITY

Marlo Thomas, Jan Dreiling and Joan Dreisker are nearing completion with the billboard design. It will be facing east on the north side of Adams Blvd., to the west of Lowes.



Cindy Bray, Jan Dreiling, and Joan Dreisker have almost finished designing the library's Suffrage display in the BPL lobby during March. It will be portable so we can use parts of it elsewhere throughout the year. It will go up at the end of February. The printing will start about February 1.

An article about the Suffrage movement will also be in the *Bartlesville Magazine* in March, thanks to Jan Dreiling.

Preparation for the skit to be performed on March 28th is underway. The suffrage committee is selecting cast members, so expect a call from Joan Dreisker or Jan Dreiling. According to Joan, the first rehearsal will be on Feb. 9th, Sunday, in Room A, upstairs of Bartlesville Library at 1:30 pm. **Be on time.** Most of us will be in long dark skirts and white blouses with sashes.

Jerrie Nicholson and Deborah Langley are figuring out how to make and hold up the 15 "Silent Sentinels" banners. Fran Stallings is coordinating the sound and visuals for the presentation.

- Deborah Langley, 2020 Suffrage Project Chair

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Location; Upstairs at BPL

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Dates:

Sundays: February 9, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 23

March 27 evening, dress rehearsal



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

Pilgrimage program with Joe Williams

FEB 16, Sunday, 2pm-4pm, Sunday Cinema

MAR 15, Sunday, 2pm-4pm, Sunday Cinema

MAR 28, Saturday, 10am

Bartlesville Community Center

Woman Suffrage Centennial Celebration

MAR 28, Saturday, 5:30 pm, dinner for members

Hillcrest Country Club (member-only event)

A CALL FROM THE LEAGURE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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verb

gerund or present participle: **gerrymandering**

1.manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favor one party or class.

•achieve (a result) by manipulating the boundaries of an electoral constituency.

It's time to stop gerrymandering in our state!

Learn about what our local League of Women Voters is doing to stop this unfair practice. Women's Network members are invited to come to any or all of these free events and are encouraged to bring friends.

Wed., Jan. 29 Information open house

come-and-go any time between 9:30 am-noon

Location: home of Connie Lavoie: 5640 Steeper Drive, in Park Hill

Tue., Feb. 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

State Question 804 forum for the public

Location: Bartlesville Public Library

Sat., Feb. 8, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

State Question 804 Petition volunteer training

Bartlesville Public Library

Questions? Contact Connie Lavoie at

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