

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Letter from the President

Dear Members,



We can say with certainty that 2020 has been a challenge for Bartlesville Women's Network for our meetings, celebrations, and events. For all of us, it has been a period of sudden and dramatic change. My hope is that even though we will not escape without wounds, there will be some lessons learned as well.

At this point, our Suffrage events have been postponed but not cancelled. So, we still have much we can anticipate in the coming year. The Board of Directors has been moving ahead by way of emails to plan for our 2020-2021 calendar year. Meetings and events for 2020 will be fluid as we see how the pandemic affects our community. Hopefully, by September we can meet, but the health and safety of our members and our community at large will always come first.

Let's all remember to use our Women's Network Facebook page to share and to keep in touch. There is a Members Only page as well as our public one. I'm sad that we cannot meet face to face and have our social gatherings, movies, and book reviews, but how wonderful it will be when we can come together again. Until then, I hope you are enjoying your favorite pastimes and finding some peace in your solitude. Look for the silver linings, be safe, be well.

Warm wishes to all.

Jerrie Nicholson, President

Bartlesville Women's Network



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Proud Members

Two WN members took home (virtually --no statewide convention this year!) several writing awards in the recent Oklahoma Federation of Writers' annual contest that draws entries from several states.

Pepper Hume won 1st in both Blog and Poetry, and honorable mentions in Humor and two Young Adult Fiction categories. **Ann Cleary** won 2nd in Short Story and honorable mentions in Poetry and Memoir.



Member Update

We are sad to report that Karen King McKenney's husband Stan passed away on Monday, May 4. No services are planned but condolences can be sent to Karen at (This content has been removed for privacy protection).

Some of you may not know that Sue Fish also recently lost her husband, Wayne W. Fish, on March 3, 2020. Condolences can be sent to Sue at (This content has been removed for privacy protection). suefish50@yahoo.com. Memorials for Wayne may be made to the American Heart Association, Tulsa Chapter; 2227 E. Skelly Drive; Tulsa, OK 74105.

It is with pleasure that we can report that Remona Colson is continuing to improve, and is now recuperating at Southern Hills Rehabilitation Center in Tulsa. We can send cards to:

Remona Colson, Room 184

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SPOTLIGHTS ON MEMBERS

-- Wow! Who Knew!

Clova Abrahamson

I was born in Amarillo, Texas, in 1937, and lived in Texas until I married Lyle "Abe" Abrahamson, who was a Phillips Petroleum Company engineer, in 1964. I met Abe while I was also working for Phillips in Borger, TX. We lived briefly in Japan, where he was working on a Phillips licensing job. We arrived in Bartlesville in January 1965, where we lived until June 1980. For the next four years we were lucky enough to live in Stavanger, Norway, after which we returned to Bartlesville.

Along the way, I taught at school for a couple of years. While I greatly admire (and somewhat envy) those who successfully teach for many years, I decided that teaching was not my talent. And while I was trying to decide what to do with the rest of my life, I started volunteering at Washington County SPCA. That was the year of 1974 and from that time forward, my life has belonged to the movement of protecting animals from unnecessary suffering. In that regard, I have worn many hats and done many things, on the local, state and national levels, mostly regarding humane legislation. Thus sharing information has always been my focal point. You may have seen letters I have written to the *EE* and *Tulsa World* about various aspects of animal protection. You may have seen articles that I write for the WCSPCA newsletter from time to time.

I cherish my membership in the Women's Network and the friendship of other members. These friendships, both old and new, have been a sustaining comfort to me, especially following Abe's death in 2012. My thanks to all of you for this great organization you have built and sustained and for your friendship.

Changes to Events and Programs

"Life is what happens while we are making other plans." Nothing could better describe what happened to the WN-LWV joint celebration of the 100th anniversary of Woman Suffrage.

The celebration on March 28, 2020 at the Bartlesville Community Center was postponed until August 29, but that became problematic as well. So, the joint Suffrage Committee unanimously approved moving the celebration to March 27, 2021, at 10 am, at Bartlesville Community Center. After all, we can always celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage!

So, put Saturday, March 27, 2021, on your calendar. Put those good costumes and "votes for women" sashes in a place that you will remember, and we will tell the story yet!

The event originally set for August with Darci Tucker, the nationally known storyteller, has also been postponed until sometime in March 2021. The actual date has not been determined.

There will be no Women's Network programs or gatherings until further notice due to COVID-19.