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Time Capsule By Jerrie Nicholson



The Examiner Enterprise, along

with others sponsors, are preparing a time capsule to be dedicated on October 10, 2020. The capsule will be opened in 2070, fifty years after the dedication.

The Women's Network will be participating in the event. A caplet has been purchased for \$50.00. The caplet is small, 3" by 7", so it'll taken some planning to enclose the items we wish to share in fifty years. At the present, the following items will go in the caplet: the 2019-2020 yearbook, the August 2020 Newsletter, the program for the Suffrage play, thumb drives of the Celebration script, and the article on suffrage in the B Magazine. The contents will be photographed before closing and sealing the caplet.

When it is opened in 2070, it will be the 150th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the women's right to vote. Let us hope that the Women's Network of 2070 will be holding a celebration for the suffragists who paved the way for us.

The dedication ceremony will be at **Unity Square** on **Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 6pm**. The public is welcome to attend. I believe there will also be a library display.

Thank you to board members **Ann Cleary**, **Diane Dixon** and **Franny Hildabrand** for suggestions, and to **Ann Cleary**, **Joan Dreisker** and **Jan Dreiling** for heading this up.



Book News : Our book group especially enjoyed the novel by *Stephen Kiernan* "The Baker's Secret" and gave it 5 stars. The BPL has it in their book collection and on CD. You can enjoy a video of the author talking about his novel by just Googling his name and title of book!

SPOTLIGHTS ON MEMBERS -- Wow! Who Knew!

<u>Sue Lacey</u>

In 1978, I began living in Bartlesville when my husband took a position at Phillips. Our family of six moved from Nashville, TN and on the drive here we saw a double rainbow! Upon arrival, we could not find a four-bedroom home,



so for a year, we lived on Valley Road in a large rental house. Finally, we moved to a house on Dewey Ave. It was a spacious old gem of a home with a side lot that had a swimming pool. It was to be our home for many years until our children left home and we were two older folks in a large home. Then we moved to a duplex in The Grove in 2004.

I have been involved in many activities in Bartlesville the Allied Arts and Humanities Council, the Service League, the Washington County Historical Society, the Landmark Preservation Council, the Symphony Society Board, the Library Board and the Woolaroc Advisory Board. I have also had great satisfaction in belonging to Women's Network and serving on the board as secretary numerous times.

The Landmark Preservation Council had many exciting projects and I was involved in moving the log cabin to Jo Allen Lowe Park and moving the Hulah Depot to Johnstone Park. The Landmark Council had their offices in the Price Tower in exchange for showing this Phillips' building to visitors who wished to see this important Frank Lloyd Wright building. While working at the Tower, I was approached by the Oklahoma Historical Society to work at the Frank Phillips Home. My background as a history major accompanied by my preservation work sealed the deal and I worked for this State agency for 12 years. I served on the Oklahoma Museums Association Board and was their regional representative to the national group-- the Mountain Plains Museum Association. I greatly enjoyed (To be continued on the next page)

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(Continued form page 1) my position at the lovely Frank Phillips Home and working for Oklahoma Historical the Society. In addition to the above, I, along with many others, tried to make Bartlesville a "Main Street" Town (a national program of revitalization). This effort did not succeed. But now, later. Bartlesville is years restoring and reimagining its astounding downtown with success. I look forward to the time that Women's Network will meet again and I can see all the great ladies of this organization.

<u>Lili Gao</u>

I was born and raised in China, and moved to the US when I was 20. As a fresh college graduate, future looked very blurry to me. I decided to go on an adventure, and go see the rest of the world. So I moved to the US, and went to the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to pursue a PH.D. degree in Geophysics. Later, I also worked at Argonne National Laboratory.

Little did I know, I would plant my root in this country and start my own family here. It was during my graduate study where I met my future husband Joe Bullock, another 'nerd' like me. Joe was born and raised in Kentucky and he was studying Chemistry at Northwestern University at the time.

Joe and I moved to Bartlesville in the scorching hot summer of 2011, when Joe started working for ConocoPhillips company. Meantime, I resigned from Geophysics and became a stay-at-home mom. We have two little children now, Melody (8) and Solomon (6). Right now, they are both taking virtual classes.

Raising children is like riding a roller-coaster. Some days, things seemed really hard. Some days, I could catch a break and even accomplish a few things. So I learned trading stocks, tried an online retail business,

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The Lunch Room 1945

Cost: 10 cents Mama knotted the dime in the corner of my handkerchief, so I would not lose it on the way to school. Sloppy Joes I pound of ground beef 1/2 cup ketchup 1/8 cup brown sugar 1/8 cup mustard Brown beef, add remaining ingredients Simmer 10 minutes Spoon onto hamburger bun Wrap in foil to for a few minutes to heat the bun Enjoy

and also worked as a Chinese-English interpreter. Over time, I started figuring out my career calling.

About four years ago, three big things changed in my life. My children went to day care. My husband and I hit a bump in our relationship. It took time, but we were able to find our way back and became a stronger and more unified family. The other big change was that I made a career with New York Life and became a financial services professional. This is where my desire to work with people, make a practical impact on the world around me, and use my skills of strategic planning and my passion for constant learning meet together. My work is to help people plan for financial future. One of the biggest obstacles T see is the human nature of procrastination. How many times do our tendency of putting things off get us in trouble? Money-wise, health-wise, relationship-wise? "Discipline will set you free."

I love painting and gardening. I am also a member and the president of a local Toastmasters club, where people get together to grow in public speaking skills and leadership skills. And here is something you already know about me: I am a proud member of Bartlesville Women's Network. My dad raised me to believe in gender equality and to believe that women are no less capable than men. This is a torch we will be passing onto many generations to come.

