

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Letter from the President

- History Maker Nomination



Dear Friends,

Here it is almost March again, and time for our History Maker nomination. In the absence of a President Elect, Jan Dreiling has been graciously filling in that position during our long unusual year. Even though we cannot meet in March, hopefully by September we can start to gather again. Therefore, our celebration will have to be delayed, but the award can still be made and announced in March.

Jan Dreiling, along with the Suffrage Committee, has nominated Deborah Langley for the honor. While we have quarantined, and sheltered in, Deborah has carried the flag and beat the drum to keep the Suffrage Movement Events front and center. She has done this almost singlehandedly. Her enthusiasm and dedication have not waned. In addition, for many years, Deborah has given many volunteer hours to several charitable organizations in our community.

Can you give me your feedback as to your support for this nominee? I told Jan I would seek your opinions, and get the information back to her, hopefully this weekend.

In other matters, I know that all three of you, Ann, Diane, and Judy have asked to be removed from the BOD, and certainly you deserve to be relieved of those duties. If you can get hang on until we meet again, so that we have the proper numbers, for the small items that come along,

I'd be so grateful. I don't think we can reasonably expect to meet before September and by that time hopefully some new folks will agree to replace those of you retiring.

Lastly, unlike Deborah, I have not carried the ball very well this winter, and for that I feel sad. I have continuing, and ongoing health problems, that my doctors both here and in Tulsa, have been unable to resolve, and they have referred me to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for further testing, and hopefully diagnosis and resolution. My daughter Andi and I will go to Rochester on March 7th, and I have a week of consultations and testing set up. I'd like to think this will result in getting back to my old self with a bit more pep in my step. After that, I'd like to concentrate on seeking new board members and making plans for the fall for Women's Network to get back in our normal groove.

Lastly, and certainly not the least, thank you all for being wonderful friends as well as board members, and for your patience as we traveled through this uncertain and unsettling year.

Stay in, stay cozy.

With highest regards for each of you,
 Jerrie Nicholson

President Women's Network of Bartlesville
 February 12, 2021



An Nominee

Whereas 2020 was the year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Woman Suffrage,

And whereas a committee of 9 members of Bartlesville Women’s Network and the League of Women Voters met regularly beginning in 2018 to assure a proper recognition of said anniversary, including carefully planned events, exhibits and presentations designed to educate and celebrate,

And whereas, of all things, a world-wide virus named Covid appeared and interrupted everything, shutting down the best laid plans,

But, undaunted, the leader of the suffrage committee, Deborah Langley, refused to be entirely precluded from the original task, and with mask displayed, pressed on, encouraging, albeit, demanding other members perform their respective tasks to the extent possible, the pandemic notwithstanding.

And whereas Deborah spent countless hours, organizing and emailing and calling, in pursuit of the 19th Amendment celebration!

Now, therefore, the undersigned members of the suffrage committee, unanimously and enthusiastically, with love and respect, hereby nominate Deborah as the “History Maker of the Year 2021,” to honor her leadership and dedication to the cause of the advancement of women.

- Loretta Blizzard
- Ann Cleary
- Jan Dreiling
- Joan Dreisker
- Connie Lavoie
- Jerrie Nicholson
- Fran Stallings
- Bettye Williams



**Deborah
Langley**

My Mother’s Dream, My Daughter’s Hope

When: Mar 4, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Meet **Harriot Stanton Blatch** in 1918, the year Oklahoma women won the right to vote. It is 70 years after her mother, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, started the Women’s Movement, and Blatch’s daughter is now working for suffrage. Blatch will tell the history of the suffrage movement nationally and in Oklahoma, and encourage Oklahoma voters to support pro-suffrage candidates only. She will take questions from the audience via Chat in Zoom.

Presented by Darci Tucker, historical re enactor of Virginia. After 35 - 40 minutes in character, Darci will break character to tell about the passage of the 19th Amendment.

It’s free. You can invite friends. Space might be limited.

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/yaszhujc> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining up.

One more note, the 1920 Suffrage Bartlesville Library case display is back up for March 2021!

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Harriet Stanton Blatch



Darci Tucker



Hello, friends,

As the new volunteer for updating the Women's Network Directory (sorry if I have moved like molasses on this), please let me know if your Directory name, address, e-mail, and phone number (landline and/or cell) information remain the same, or have changed.

If you are a new network member and wish to be included in the Women's Network Directory, please provide your contact information (name, address, e-mail, and phone number (landline and/or cell)).

If you know of some other person in the group who has changed information and wish for that to be updated, also please let me know what has changed and how to contact them to confirm the change. If some people are temporarily staying at a different location during the pandemic, you can share that also (can include that info in fine print).

Your contacting me will save me from calling or e-mailing all of you, one by one. Thank you for your updates or confirmations.

Please use the heading WN Directory if sending an e-mail (cyberchang@gmail.com), so your message will not get lost in my e-mail file.

Irene Chang

Judy Pecher and Diane Dixon

- An update on our two WN members Judy and Diane

Judy is experiencing some serious health issues, one is form of blood cancer for which Judy is being treated, and another is the loss of the sight in her left eye, which is a permanent loss. Just a few days ago, Judy also lost the sight in her right eye, which is being treated, and her physician hopes to be able to restore partial vision to that eye.

Judy's husband Fred is scheduled for a critical kidney surgery next week.

Diane, as you know, lost her husband a few weeks ago to Covid, which Diane had as well. Diane now is dealing with the aftermath of Covid, with vision problems, weakness, and impairment in movement. All have taken a toll of Diane's day to day life.

Fortunately, both have family members staying with them. Additionally, both have had a generous outpouring of food and flowers, and both have indicated that what they now need are your prayers. I think also notes from their friends would we welcomed as well. All of us send our sweet thoughts and earnest prayers for the healing of our dear friends and for Judy's husband Fred.



Need a Volunteer

I will be moving to Kansas City in late May. For many years, the archives of Women's Network and the unsold volumes of Taproots have occupied a space in my garage. The space is roughly seven (7) feet by four (4) feet, with boxes stacked. I am confident the boxes could be reduced in number and some of the contents disposed of, but that would take a committee to accomplish. Meanwhile, I really need a volunteer to take possession of this material. It must be removed from my house by May 10. Please contact me (jppjudge@aol.com).

Jan Dreiling



Joanne Bodenhamer is helping an acquaintance who recently became homeless. The woman has obtained an apartment, but is in need of kitchenware, sheets, towels and more. Please contact Joanne for additional details.
918-440-3411



Haikus during sudden
Winter deep freeze that nearly
Turned us inside out

No mail delivered
Ice glazes over sidewalks
Life comes to standstill

Cold inside our house
Birds empty the bird-feeders
Lucky heat stays on

Cold feet and nose
Reading under a blanket
Waiting for April

Snow falling on oaks
Silent and solitary
Ash Wednesday arrives

Still staying indoors
Valentines never written
I wait out the snow

One lone cardinal
On a branch in the winter
Tree's suffice decor

-- Marilyn Blumer