

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Letter From The President

Welcome everyone, to a new year of Bartlesville Women's Network! Many of you may already know me. We may have met at one event or another. I'm Karen Wollman and am honored to be president of our organization for the coming 2021-2022 year.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have four grown children, Keith, Danielle, Jerrel & Samantha, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. My family is spread out from South Florida to North Texas up to Colorado with a few right here in Bartlesville. I've had an exceptionally full life. I spent the first half of my life where I was born and raised in New York City. Then my journey took me to South Florida, and I lived in different cities & towns in Texas, also Alaska & Wyoming. Somehow I ended up here in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

I've raised kids, I've raised horses and I've definitely raised Cain! I've volunteered for many non-profits, both political and non-political. I've worked in the Texas school system with Special Education students and I owned my own businesses in Florida. My latest career was with the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra for the last two and a half seasons as their Managing Director. I am now "officially" retired, although I'm not sure for how long.

I'm looking forward to my next adventure as your president. I cannot think of a better way to enhance the lives of us women in our community than through the networking opportunities we provide with our informative

and entertaining programs, movies, book group and scholarship program.

Here's to a great year for all of us! A year of fun for all of us. I am always available to you if you have questions or a great idea. You can reach me any day from 8am to 8pm. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the 2021-2022 board:

President-Elect—Mary Anderson

Secretary—Jerrie Nicholson

Treasurer—Franny Hildabrand

Program Co-Chairs—Vanessa Drummond and Sidney Brammer

Communications—Lili Gao

Membership—Darby Nelson

Yearbook—Ann Cleary & Irene Chang

Nominating Committee—Marie Cabbage, JuLayne Trimble. We are in need of another volunteer to help

Cinema Sundays—Lois Bryan and Joan Dreisker

Book Club—Franny Hildebrand and Deborah Langley

Best Regards,

Karen Wollman

President for the coming year



Come say goodbye to our very own Susan B.! After 53 years in Bartlesville and 40 years as a member of Women's Network, **Jan Dreiling** is heading home to Olathe, Kansas. Come & Go at Bambino's, Wednesday, July 7, 3-6pm. No presents, please-- she's all packed up! Just come & visit. - from **Joan Dreisker**



Dortha Dunlap is a current WN member who moved to Arkansas a few years ago to be with her daughter. She is one of our Taproots honorees and has continued to be active with LWV in Springdale, Arkansas. Here is a note from her:

LWVAR and another statewide civic group have filed a lawsuit protesting 4 of these bills: one shortens the time to return absentee ballots; one requires exacting checks on signature match on absentee ballots; one requires more and tighter photo id; and the other makes it a felony for anyone entering or being within a voting place unless they are entering or leaving for the purpose of voting (no translators or family or professional assistance for handicapped persons). My age and state of mobility really make me a fit, so I am signed up as one of the plaintiffs. Here's hoping we win! This is a cause long dear to my heart. Wish us luck!

Note that Bartlesville Women's Network is not affiliated with any religion or political party. Members' views do not represent the views of the Bartlesville Women's Network.

Updates from **Ann Cleary**: Cindy T., a friend of **Ann Cleary's** at OSU, is trying to find women 65 and over for a NIH research grants. Participant will receive a \$50 Walmart or Sam's card in appreciation. Ann has already done the test since I was in her OLLI class. Please contact **Ann Cleary** (anncleary@aol.com) if interested.



Time and Location: **Penny Eccleston's** house at 2pm Sunday July 18th at 2pm.

For July we are reading "*The Queen's Gambit*" by **Walter Tevis**

Eight year-old orphan Beth Harmon is quiet, sullen, and by all appearances unremarkable. That is, until she plays her first game of chess. Her senses grow sharper, her thinking clearer, and for the first time in her life she feels herself fully in control. By the age of sixteen, she's competing for the U.S. Open championship. But as Beth hones her skills on the professional circuit, the stakes get higher, her isolation grows more frightening, and the thought of escape becomes all the more tempting.

There is one copy in the library in the 7 day checkout area and it is available from Amazon. If you want to read the library's copy you might put a hold on it asap. It is also available in OKvirtual library through the Bartlesville Public Library.