

# WOMEN'S NETWORK

## Letter From The President - Looking Forward

Last summer I wrote an article for our Newsletter which I titled *Looking Back*, so it seems appropriate that this summer we *Look Forward*.

As we emerge from quarantine, life may look a little different. We will look at an ordinary day with a different perspective. How welcome is normal, a trip to the hairdresser, going to the Farmer's Market, the nursery, a favorite restaurant, book store, and more.

Who is not overjoyed at big squishy hugs again, all of us have been in severe touch deprivation. The experience of mental relief that has come with getting vaccinated. Who knew we could be so happy about an injection.

While we rejoice at finding the new routines our hearts have also suffered loss and grief.

The passing our dear Diane Dixon and Judy Pecher was so hard to bear. The history of memories they left for us, will in time, bring a smile and laugh as we think of all the fun they brought to Women's Network. Their energy and enthusiasm will not be soon forgotten.

Now we look forward to the upcoming year, new officers, and many new board members will carry forth the work that was started forty years ago. I, for one, can hardly wait for September, where we can enjoy the company of each member again. Last year brought

disappointments, no celebrations as we had intended, but we have the moving suffragists play, the enormous effort of Jan Dreisker and Jan Dreiling. Both of these women have been much of the heart and soul of Women's Network since the inception of the organization. As a body, we are grateful for your efforts. The play will not get dusty in some forgotten drawer but will be presented in proper time.

So, now we look forward to the new year with gratitude for those who have done the work for decades, and anxiously await the meetings and programs ahead.

This will be my last article to you as President of Women's Network. I came into the position with some fretfulness, and anxiety about doing the job justice when I saw who had been my predecessors. The help I received from members and the board was extraordinary and my fears vanished and I have enjoyed the time enormously.

I wish the new officers and new board members a great year ahead, as we cheer you on, we are also your helpers. In ending, I want to thank the board, and the members for allowing me to serve as your President. It has been both an honor and a pleasure.

**Jerrie Nicholson**  
President



## Dues are Due

A reminder that is that time of year again. If you are uncertain if you need to pay your current dues, please text or email me and I can let you know if you have paid.

Please mail annual dues of \$20.00 to  
Women's Network  
P.O. Box 417

Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005

The following members are current:

Clova Abrahamson	Sue Lacey
MarLo Bailey	Deborah Langly
Lois Bergstad	Connie Lavoie
Marilyn Blumer	Linda Maholland
Joanne Bodenhamer	Karen King McKenney
Irene Chang	Jerrie Nicholson
Ann Cleary	Judy Sackheim
Celeste Cleary	Leila Shultz
Lili Gao	Judy Sutton
Glenda Garrison	Kathi Swanson
Julia Harris	Helen Vanderveen
Franny Hildabrand	Sally Whitney Thomas

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Time and Location: **Penny Eccleston's** house at 2pm Sunday June 20th at 2pm.

We will be reading a selection (your choice) from the **Jana DeLeon** "*Miss Fortune*" series. The books are available on Amazon or Oklahoma Virtual Library. Below is a summary of the first in the series.

CIA assassin **Fortune Redding** is about to undertake her most difficult mission ever—in Sinful, Louisiana. With a leak at the CIA and a price placed on her head by one of the world's largest arms dealers, Fortune has to go off-grid, but she never expected to be this far out of her element. Posing as a former beauty queen turned librarian in a small bayou town seems worse than death to Fortune, but she's determined to fly below the radar until her boss finds the leak and puts the arms dealer out of play. Unfortunately, she hasn't even unpacked a suitcase before her newly inherited dog digs up a human bone in her backyard.

Thrust into the middle of a bayou murder mystery, Fortune teams up with a couple of seemingly sweet old ladies whose looks completely belie their hold on the little town. To top things off, the handsome local deputy is asking her too many questions. If she's not careful, this investigation might blow her cover and get her killed. Armed with her considerable skills and a group of elderly ladies the locals dub The Geritol Mafia, Fortune has no choice but to solve the murder before it's too late.