

Women's Network – April News and Programs

April 9, 2012

President, Judy Buys; President elect, Linda Matthews; Secretary, Remona Colson; Treasurer, Jerry Fries; Membership Chair, Julie Freeman; Program Co-chairs, Deborah Langley & Pat Netzer; Communications Chair, Franny Hildabrand; Nominating committee: Susan Lauffler, Sarah Winn and Lois Bryan.

Upcoming Events

April Program – Thursday April 19th at 7:00pm at Bartlesville Public Library

Want to know how to succeed in business and life? Try and try again, hope, work really hard, and, sometimes, make your own luck.

Come enjoy the stories of four women entrepreneurs on Thursday, April 19, at 7 pm at the Bartlesville Public library upstairs meeting room. Women's Network has invited a panel of four area women to share their solid business experiences with a dash of life adventure on the side. Wanda Jones, Quilt shop owner, Rhonda Harris, owner of "Cute as a Button" cake baker, accessory designer and game board launcher, Remona Colson, attorney and counselor, and Susan Miller, baker and owner of The Rolling Pin.

Wanda Jones, owner of The Tangled Thread, a Pawhuska quilt shop, will share her entrepreneurial growth story from a quilt piecer to a shop of her own in 1994 where she does custom quilting and sells fabrics. Wanda has done the quilting on award winning quilts across the country.

Rhonda Harris moved to Bartlesville from New Orleans in 2006 to escape the ravages from Hurricane Rita. She graduated with the "Getting Ahead" class, a component of the local Bridges program.

Rhonda started her own business, "Cute as a Button" where she not only creates cakes but also fashions "designer" ladies' accessories. This year, she also is getting set to launch a new board game, "The Game of Getting Ahead" which is a condition Harris knows first hand.

Remona Colson, a bounce back Oklahoman, is an attorney and counselor. Raised and earned a first degree in Oklahoma, she went on to earn her law degree in New Mexico. Ms. Colson then became a Deputy District Attorney and later a college professor in California. She returned to Oklahoma and became a member of the State Bar of Oklahoma and the OK Bar Foundation Association and set up her own Colson Law Office.

Susan Miller, owner of the Rolling Pin Bakery and Deli since 2006, is a Colorado transplant who moved to Bartlesville after twenty years as a teacher. She has developed dozens of tasty baked treats featured at some of the after parties at the Bartlesville Community Center and is a welcome Saturday morning vendor at the Bartlesville Farmer's Market since its inception. Known locally for healthful and delicious fresh breads, Susan is also an American Sign Language interpreter and has helped put on local musical events for the deaf.

Come enjoy the stories and learn about adventures of becoming an entrepreneur!

Book Club – May Meeting – Sunday May 6 at 3:00 pm

We're reading short stories for May from our book, "The Best American Short Stories of the Century," edited by John Updike and Katrina Kenison. We will be discussing storied 5 & 6, which are The Golden Honeymoon and The Blood-Buring Moon, both written in the early 1920's.

Rhonda lives at XXX (It's a streamline deco house with awnings and a wrap around white deck on the round part of the house at XXX). If you have trouble locating it her cell is XXX.

May Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Meeting Potluck will be Thursday May 17th at 6:00 pm at Joan Dreisker's, 81 Osage Moon Rd. Bring a potluck dish. We will have the potluck and a business meeting. New officers will be voted on. Please bring program ideas and movie suggestions to the May meeting. Dues run from May to May and are \$20.

Proposed slate of officers for 2012-2013 (Nominations from the floor are also encouraged).

President - Linda Mathews

President Elect - Julie Freeman

Secretary - Remona Colson (2nd year of 2-year position)

Treasurer - Jerry Fries

Membership Chair - Mary Winn

Program Chair - Fran Stallings and Lois Bryan (1st year of a 2-year position). Pat Netzer will assist on the Program Committee.

Communications Chair - Marilyn Blumer

Nominating Committee – Joanne Bodenhamer, Rhonda Redden, Christa Marteny

Note from President Judy Buys: *"Leaving Bartlesville" sounds like the title of a good novel, but my husband and I are really leaving for an adventure in Idaho on April 20th. I may be the first Women's Network president who did not finish her term, but the house did sell and we have to vacate before the May meeting. I feel like I am leaving 88 friends and regret this loss. This group is creative and a wonderfully independent and intelligent group. I have enjoyed every minute of the experience. My new address is XXX and we will keep the mobile phone number (XXX) and email address (XXX).*

Women's History Month March Celebration 2012 – Thank you to our volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this a gracious event to honor a worthy local woman.

Decorations: Joanne Bodenhammer, Pat Netzer, Marilyn Bloomer and Deborah Langley.

Loan of the beautiful punch bowl, Ann Cleary.

Making and serving the refreshing punch, Marilyn Bloomer and Jerry Fries

Food: Rhonda Redden, Debbie Haskell, Pat Ashe, Jerry Fries, Judy Buys, Christina Marteny, and Becky Wallace.

Programs by Linda Matthews and Judy Buys.

Thanks also to the many helpers who took everything down, packed it up and took it away.

Thanks to the History Maker Nominating Committee, Chair Linda Mathews for introduction of Kathryn Reese and Judy Buys for the introduction on Women's Network, and Program Committee Chairs, Deborah Langley and Pat Netzer

Thanks to all who supported this event with your attendance and good wishes.

Be thinking ahead of someone deserving of this recognition for the WN 2013 History Maker.

Taproots – A collection of the stories of Women who made a difference

We will have Taproots volumes 1-6 for sale at the April meeting for a bargain price of \$40 for the 6 volumes. If you are missing issues, individual issues are \$8. Jerry Fries if you want to purchase issues but are unable to attend the meeting.

Dues are Due!

Please check to be sure you paid your dues for 2011-2012. Dues for 2012-2013 are due in May. Please pay at or before the May membership meeting. Membership dues are \$20 per year (May to May). You can mail your dues to: Women's Network, PO Box 417, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Women's Network Yearbooks

WN Yearbooks have been mailed out. If you are a member and did not receive one, please contact: Franny Hildabrand, XXX 74003 (ph: XXX) or email at XXX . Please include your name and current address in your message. Please check your listing to see that it is correct! And, if you have had a change in location or phone number or do not want one of the phone numbers listed.... Let me know!

Info submitted by members

If you have items you would like included in the monthly newsletter: The item should be short (1-3 lines); should be about women's issues; may be a notice about a program or event that is fee-based for women (ex. Info regarding Girl Scouts is OK, but not for Boy Scouts). Any item not meeting these criteria will be reviewed by the executive committee.