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Herland Spring Retreat Roman Nose State Park, Watonga, OK *May 16-18, 2014*



Push for Minimum Wage on Ballot

Voters in Oklahoma City (OKC) may get the chance to vote this year on increasing the minimum wage in the city. After recent success in several states and such cities as Albuquerque, organizers believe this is a good time to bring the measure before a vote of the people in OKC. A coalition of labor, churches, and civic activists have joined forces to garner enough signatures to get a minimum wage question on a City ballot. The petition is limited to registered voters with a physical address (no Post Office boxes) residing within Oklahoma City municipal limits. The deadline for the petition is **June 1st**.

The Albuquerque measure, passed in 2013 with 66 percent approval, increased that city's minimum wage to \$8.50 in January and provides for automatic increases to keep pace with inflation.

In 2012, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 3.6 million workers (or almost 3 percent of all workers) in the US were paid wages at or below the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. While most people think of minimum wage workers as teenagers, the Economic Policy Institute found that the typical minimum wage worker is a woman, 35 years old, and working full time. In fact, one-third of minimum wage workers are over 40 years of age, and the highest percent of those workers graduated from high school and have some college credit. On average, they earn half of their family's total income.

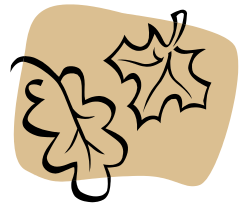
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Have you been diagnosed with a case of SPRING FEVER? Been too long since you spent an entire weekend RELAXING and HAVING FUN with FRIENDS? Are you ready to do some Taking Care of YOU? Well, You're In Luck! The Herland Spring Retreat will be at Roman Nose State Park (near Watonga), **Friday, May 16 until Sunday, May 18!** Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m., Friday.

For those of you that have never been to a Herland retreat, or those that can't remember the last retreat they attended... come on and give it a try! Whether you come solo or with a group of friends, the weekend is a perfect, affordable opportunity to meet new friends, catch up with old friends, explore nature, learn something new at a workshop, or simply take it easy in an incredibly supportive, women-only environment. You will find a lot of details you'll want to know at www.herlandsisters.org under the "Retreat" Tab.

As usual, your registration includes lodging for both nights, a weenie roast when you arrive Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday scrumptious breakfasts, and our famous potluck Saturday evening, campfires, and all workshops and activities planned throughout the weekend!

We have some really great activities planned for the weekend, including: A **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** and **Introduction Games** on Friday night, a Super Fun **Herland Family Game Night/Karaoke Experience** Saturday night where EVERYONE will be able to participate in the Games, designed after the popular game show that Jane Lynch emcees, and afterwards, everyone can Be A Star singing Karaoke! On Saturday our full day includes a **Nature Hike**, Cindy &



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EVENTS AT A GLANCE—

April

- Saturday 12th HSR open 1-5 p.m./Supper Club at Lido
- Sunday 13th 4 p.m. HSR Board Meeting
- Thursday 22nd Earth Day
- Saturday 26th HSR open 1-5 p.m.

May

- Saturday 3rd The Welcoming Project Anniversary Party
- Saturday 10th HSR open 1-5 p.m./Supper Club at Cattleman's
- Sunday 11th Mother's Day
- May 16-18th HSR Spring Retreat at Roman Nose State Park
- Sunday 18th 4 p.m. HSR Board Meeting
- Saturday 24th HSR open 1-5 p.m.

June

- Sunday 8th Best Friends Day
- Saturday 14th HSR open 1-5 p.m./Flag Day
- Sunday 15th 4 p.m. HSR Board Meeting
- Saturday 21st HSR Pride Picnic
- Saturday 28th HSR open 1-5 p.m.

July

- Friday 4th Independence Day
- Saturday 12th HSR open 1-5 p.m./Supper Club at Los Vaqueros
- Sunday 20th 4 p.m. HSR Board Meeting
- Saturday 26th HSR open 1-5 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Friendship Day—August 3
- Fall Retreat 2014—late October or early November△

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SUPPER CLUB DATES

April 12—Lido at 2518 N Military Ave, OKC @ 5:30 p.m.

May 10—Cattleman's Steakhouse at 1309 S Agnew, OKC @ 5:30 p.m.

June 21—Pride picnic at Herland @ 5:30 p.m.

July 12—Los Vaqueros at 8966 S Western Ave, OKC @ 5:30 p.m.

August 9—Big Easy at 359 E Main St, Yukon @ 5:30 p.m.

September 13—Open House and Picnic Potluck @ Herland

If you have a restaurant to suggest for a future Herland Supper Club, please e-mail us at herland@herlandsisters.org. We welcome your ideas.△

Rediscover the Library

Did you know that the Herland Library contains hundreds of books written by and for women, many of which are not available in digital format? These bookshelves contain fiction, history, and social commentaries on issues important to women and lesbian culture. Better still, these books are available to be checked out free of charge?

Please take some time to visit your Herland library this spring. We will be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 1 to 5 p.m. In addition, if you have a craft to share, a book you'd like to discuss in a group, or just have something fun to share with other women during those times, please feel free to contact Christa Woods at chicamwoods@gmail.com.

Remember, the library is one of Herland's biggest assets. Let's really take advantage of it!△

Herland Pride Picnic

Join us and our co-sponsor Cimarron Alliance Foundation on Saturday, **June 21**, for the Herland Pride Picnic. We'll be serving burgers and dogs starting at 5:30 p.m., and the music kicks off at 6:00 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and a side dish for the picnic is always welcome. We ask \$7 donation per person. This is a family-friendly Pride event.△

WE'RE TURNING 3!

Herland congratulates the Welcoming Project on its 3rd Anniversary. A party on **May 3**, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Norman, OK, will commemorate the three-year mark. Featured music will be from The Flaming Tassel Pipes and Drums! The Project will celebrate past achievements, look ahead to the future, and award two scholarships. Donations are always welcome to the mailing address: The Welcoming Project
780 Van Vleet Oval KH 331
Norman, OK 73019△

2014 Pride in OKC



OKC Pride Week festivities are coming up on **June 20-22, 2014**. The week kicks off with a 39th Street Pride Block Party on Friday with live performances by pop star Taylor Dayne and Martha Wash. The 39th Street Pride Festival is from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Pride Parade will be on Sunday, **June 22nd** with Grand Marshals Mary Bishop, Sharon Baldwin, Sue Barton, and Gay Phillips. The two couples sued the state and federal governments for the right to marry and for recognition of the marriages of same-gender couples.

Friday night's headliner, Taylor Dayne, is a Grammy-nominated artist with numerous gold and platinum albums to her name, which have produced several number-one hits, including "Tell It To My Heart," "Prove Your Love," and "Love Will Lead You Back."

Martha Wash, best known as The Original Weather Girl, is responsible for the classic dance hit "It's Raining Men." The Grammy-nominated artist is the voice behind such hits as "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)" and "Strike It Up."△



Spring Retreat

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Laura will be leading a workshop on **Spiritual Rituals including Meditation & Vision/Dream Boards**. Andrea will teach us how to spiff up ordinary terracotta pots in her **Creative Pottery Painting** Workshop, and you get to take your creation home with you! Also...The Randee Panda Grrris Rose & Nancy will be back with an **Adult Workshop, designed to make you Go "hmm"** . . . And if THAT'S not a fun enough day, Ginger will lead us in a **Craft Project!**

Dogs are more than welcome to attend, but they **will not** be allowed in the main building. If your pup will be unhappy staying outside or in your cabin, please consider leaving them at home.

So—get plenty of rest before the *weekend, remember to bring something to donate for the **Silent Auction***, hone your game skills & karaoke talent, bring something to share for the **Potluck Supper**, and expect to have an unforgettable weekend! If you have any questions, please call 405 550-2312. The Herland Retreat is whatever we make it. Let's make it great!

The deadline for pre-registration (which really helps us to know how much food to buy and how many awesome women to expect) is Saturday, May 10th. You can pay for the retreat, via PayPal by going to www.herlandsisters.org. Click on the "Retreat" Tab, and scroll down to the PayPal link. If you'd rather mail your registration in, that's fine too.

Do yourself a favor, and register now while you're thinking about it! Even if you don't pre-register, we hope you'll still come and join in the fun! If you decide to come at the last minute, you're welcome to call 550-2312 to register, and you can pay at the door.△

Herland Spring Retreat 2014 Registration

Roman Nose State Park, Watonga, OK, during **May 16-18, 2014**

Deadline for pre-registration is May 10. Please return registration form and a check to:

Herland Sister Resources, 2312 NW 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Total Registration Fee \$ _____ enclosed.

I'm enclosing an additional \$ _____ to help provide scholarships.

I'm bringing _____ children (Girls of all ages and boys under age 10 are welcome.).

I'm bringing _____ dogs that will stay out of the main building, and I will sign a waiver stating I am completely responsible for any injury or damage caused by my dog(s).

I have a disability and need the following if possible:

Sliding Scale Registration Fee (for the entire weekend) Annual Income PER PERSON

Income Under \$13,000 _____ \$40

OR If you can only attend All Day Sat. - \$35

Income From \$13,000 to \$30,000 - \$55

Income Over \$30,000 _____ \$70 Δ

Summer Supper Clubs Scheduled

It's going to be a great summer for culinary adventures with the Herland Supper Club. On **May 10th**, we will visit Oklahoma's famous Cattleman's Steakhouse at 1309 S Agnew. We will have our annual Pride picnic at Herland on **June 21st**. The date of **July 12** will be held at Los Vaqueros at 8966 S Western Avenue. On **August 9th**, we will be travelling to the Big Easy at 359 E Main Street in Yukon. To round out the summer, Herland will host an old-fashioned potluck picnic on **September 13th**, when all can bring their favorite dishes to share and say goodbye to summertime.

Please join us for any or all of these events.Δ



The occupations most affected by the minimum wage law would be food preparations, wait staff,

sales, personal care and service, and cleaning/maintenance of building and grounds.

The real value of the minimum wage has not kept pace with inflation and is actually 25 percent below the 1968 value. While the lowest paid workers have seen the value of their earnings erode, the top 1 percent of workers have tripled the value of their earnings over the last 45 years. Many minimum wage workers depend on food stamps to feed their families because a gross salary of \$15,000 per year isn't sufficient. The bottom line is that people working for minimum wage live in poverty.

The federal minimum wage rate of \$7.25 was set in 2009. Tipped labor has its own minimum of \$2.13 per hour with the tips making up the difference. Also workers under 20 years of age may be paid \$4.25 per hour for the first 90 days of employment. Sixteen states now have statutory minimum wage rates that are higher than the federal rate.

Although some news agencies claim that private employers would cut workers if the minimum wage is increased, other studies predict a rise in consumer spending that would provide a boost to the economy and modest job growth. Low-wage workers tend to spend practically all of their income on necessities, and economists predict a wage increase for these workers would result in most or all of that money being put right back into the purchase of goods and services. The types of jobs affected by the law can't easily be exported—you won't drive to China to pick up your fast food—so it's not so easy to reduce the number of workers in these occupations. The Congressional Budget Office, however, predicts that an increase in minimum wage might result in a 0.3 percent increase in unemployment.

The Oklahoma City measure would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 starting 90 days after passage of the act and adjust it each year to match inflation. Employees that make tips, such as waiters and waitresses, must be paid at least 45 percent of minimum wage directly from their employers, and this would increase to 60 percent in 2016.

Also submitted to the Oklahoma Peace Strategy.Δ

GSWESTOK Campus Girl Scouts

Campus Girl Scouts are affiliated groups on campuses of higher education within the jurisdiction of Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma (GSWESTOK). The purpose of affiliated campus Girl Scout groups are to enhance the scouting movement in the local community within three ways: Service, Advocacy, & Fundraising for local GSWESTOK programming and needs. Currently, GSWESTOK is initiating Campus Girl Scouts at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) in Chickasha, Oklahoma. In April, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) will host GSWESTOK on a STEM event and provide recruitment opportunities to establish a Campus Girl Scout group on the Weatherford campus. Campus Girl Scouts will have opportunities to work with local troops, volunteer at Council-wide events, receive trainings at Girl Scout University, and network with alumnae.

For more information, please contact Julie Bohannon at jbohannon@gswestok.org.Δ



Unfrozen

In that other lifetime, spring
Rolled green across the hills
And in a Sussex garden we
Grew love and daffodils

Pots of fuchsias brought outside
To drink the sun...we never
Dreamt that springtime happiness
Would not be ours forever.

The Oklahoma winter's ice
Crept through the fragile beds
Of flowers, and the daffodils
Laid down their frozen heads.

Each year, in nature's nakedness,
Those blossoms dare to show,
Bringing hope...but now they lay
Stiff upon the snow

In kitchen's warmth, the blooms unfurled
And raised their heads to sing
Golden memories of love
And promises of spring.

~JR~ March 2014Δ



HUNGRY MAN **BENEFITING NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ORGANIZATION**

In Oklahoma City, on Saturday, **May 17, 2014, 8:00 a.m. (CDT)**, the 10K 4-PERSON EAT THEN RUN RELAY will start—an event like no other. A 4-person (or 2 person or 1 person if you are feeling hungry) 10k relay through the streets of downtown OKC will challenge the savviest of runners and fiercest of eaters. Each runner will eat a sample of 9th street fare before taking off on a 1.54 mile leg. Teams are encouraged to dress up and have fun. The winner is crowned the 2014 Hungryman champion and has bragging rights for about 11 months. The 5K RUN will start at 7:30 a.m.—new this year! This is a non-eating normal "sign me up I got this" 5k run. No eating is required but dressing up is mildly encouraged. The course starts out on 9th street and goes through midtown and Heritage Hills.

All proceeds from the NSO Hungryman benefit Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO), a nonprofit providing housing and health services to the homeless and low-income in Oklahoma City. For information and registration, contact Anne Harber at 405-236-0452.Δ

the big event '14 **THE BIG EVENT**

Every spring, over 5,000 students, faculty, and staff from the University of Oklahoma go out across the Norman and Greater Oklahoma City metro area for one day of service. The Big Event is a completely student-run service project and allows them to do their part for the community.

Thirteen students came to Herland on **April 5th** for the Big Event. They helped put up a chain link fence, replaced deteriorated fascia boards, re-decked the ramp, painted trim, cleared out brush, and planted flowers. They worked for two hours, we fed them pizza, and they worked another two. A Big Thank You to the Big Event students!Δ



EARTH DAY APRIL 22

Through the combined efforts of the US government, grassroots organizations, and citizens, what started as a day of national environmental recognition has evolved into a world-wide campaign to protect our global environment. In 1990, the Earth Day celebration reached a milestone; it was now global, getting the message of the environment to 200 million people in 141 countries. The fight is ongoing, and anyone can do something to maintain the Earth's clean and healthy environment and to protect its diversity for those who come after us. Listed below are selected events in the OKC Metro area.

Cleanup at Lake Overholser and the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on **April 12th** get a free lunch, and volunteers could just win a prize. Call 405-702-8192 to register.

Earth Fest at Martin Park Nature Center from 1-4 p.m. on **April 12th**, the Martin Park Nature Center in NW Oklahoma City will celebrate with Earth Fest, a series of Earth-friendly educational seminars on bees, rain barrels, and more. The event includes family-oriented games, crafts and other nature-based activities.

Spokies urban environment bike tour on **April 16th** to learn about sustainability in downtown's evolving urban environment atop a bike. Participants meet at the Spokies Stations at the Cox Convention Center for a 1-hour ride starting at 6 p.m. and learn about the benefits of energy efficient design, downtown streetscape improvements, and nature in an urban environment. Bring your own bike or reserve a Spokie. Registration limited to 40 participants. Get more info and register online at www.downtownokc.com.

Free shred day on **April 20th** Shred and recycle your financial and personal documents during Waste Management Recycle America and the Utilities Department's free shred day from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. at 5519 NW 4th.

Free Metro Transit system will offer free bus rides throughout the day from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. on **April 22nd** in Oklahoma City with Tinker AFB, Norman, and Edmond also included.

Oklahoma City University on **April 22**. The free public events in the McDaniel University Center near Florida Avenue and NW 26th Street will include display tables beginning at 3 p.m., panel discussion, and keynote presentation at 7:30 p.m. by Al Sutherland, the OK Mesonet agriculture coordinator for Oklahoma State University's Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. Sutherland's presentation is titled "Drought Decisions and Mesonet Drought Tools." For more information, e-mail Adam Ryburn at aryburn@okcu.edu or Angelina Stancampiano at astancampiano@my.okcu.edu.

Party for the Planet at the OKC Zoo from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on **April 27th**, the zoo will feature live music, giveaways, family activities, and much more. Events are included with regular zoo admission.Δ

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ywca

The YWCA Oklahoma City office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call 405-948-1770 for more information or see <http://www.ywcaokc.org>.

Herland continues to support YWCA programs and publishes needs on their wishlists. The items listed are needed for their Domestic Violence Shelter Programs:

6-8 standard size pillows
3 shower curtains and rings
2 rugs with non-skid backs on them
2 weather type rugs for shelter entry way
10 12-16 oz bottles of shampoo and conditioner
Large decorative storage boxes
3-6 baby monitors
5-6 new area rugs
New carpet remnants
Women's pants and shorts
Women's pajamas

Flip flops
House shoes/Roomshoes
New full-sized towels
New wash cloths
New sheets and comforters, twin-sized
Telephone calling cards
Wal-Mart gift cards
AA, AAA, and 9-volt batteries
African American hair care products
Full-sized Body Wash/Soap
New underwear and socks of all sizes for boys, girls, and women
Bras

Travel bags/suitcases
Roll away beds
Curling irons
Hair dryers
Brushes and combs
Make Up
New washers and dryers
Baby Cribs
Non-expired car seats, booster seats and infant carriersΔ



Girl Rising

The Oklahoma City film screening of *Girl Rising* was a free event and was hosted at Oklahoma Contemporary Art Center on March 1st. From the Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, *Girl Rising* journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. Viewers get to know nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world: ordinary girls who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams. Prize-winning authors put the girls' remarkable stories into words, and renowned actors give them voice.

For more information, contact Priya Desai, President of the United Nations Association Oklahoma City Chapter, at pdesai8606@yahoo.com or 405.413-7513 or <https://www.facebook.com/UNA.OKC.Δ>



**MARCH 1, 2014
GIRL RISING
SCREENING**

Join the United Nations Association Oklahoma City Chapter
Around the world, millions of girls face barriers to education that keep us poor. And yet, when you educate a girl you can break cycles of poverty in just one generation. *Girl Rising* is a groundbreaking film that has already been seen by millions.



Join us at the
Oklahoma
Contemporary Arts
Center - 3000
Pershing Blvd OKC,
OK

Time: 2:00pm-
4:45pm

Find out how
educating girls can
change the world.

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With Los Angeles being a national flashpoint for struggles against injustices, LA is the perfect place for the revolutionary feminist Freedom Socialist Party (FSP) to convene over the Memorial Day weekend, **May 24-27**. The convention will be an opportunity for FSP members and friends to discuss how best to tackle the problems of the day, from the calamitous effects of the Great Recession on workers and the poor to the challenge of saving the planet from the fossil fuel ogres. Looking back to look forward, the party will evaluate their work since the last congress, in 2010, in order to better plan for the future. The gathering this year will be held at the AFSCME 36 District Council hall—a wonderfully apt site given the FSP's focus on organizing in the labor movement, especially among public workers. Our political emphasis is always on the people most abused by the profit system and most ready to jump into battles against it. FSP's work in labor has centered recently on opposing budget cuts, job losses, and take-backs—in a word, austerity. Our members in unions have been pushing their officials to act since Day One of the economic downturn—and have been leading the way by initiating fight-backs themselves.

The four days of the convention will include public sessions and workshops. Session topics will range from the environmental crisis to how leftists can achieve real collaboration with one another in the electoral and other arenas. Workshops will include everything from Marxist ABCs to practical discussions about organizing a united front or fighting a union contract battle. The convention will also include closed sessions. The membership is FSP's highest decision-making body, and conventions allow comrades to debate freely, vote on the actions that the party will take in the next period, and elect its next national leadership committee. This is the party's democracy in action.

Readers can join us for the convention's open sessions, and we hope you will! If you are interested, please call or e-mail FSP National Secretary Doug Barnes, 206-985-4621 or fspnat@igc.org.Δ

FSP Convenes in Los Angeles in May

National Poetry Month—April

According to Poets.org, it is a time "when schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets throughout the United States band together to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture." Several Oklahoma City library locations are doing their part to join in the celebration, offering free events: 1) Thursday, **April 18**, The Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S Walker, will host a Poetry Celebration where attendees can "Select a poem that you love and carry it with you to share with co-workers, family, and friends." For more information, call 405-631-4468, 2) Saturday, **April 20**, Poetry, Portraits, and Pizza is the theme for teens at the Village Library, 10307 N Penn, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pizza is free! Space is limited; call 405-755-0710 to register, 3) Saturday, **April 20**, The Belle Isle Library, 5501 N Villa, and the Oklahoma Humanities Council will host the current Oklahoma State Poet Laureate for a poetry reading and instruction from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 405-843-9601 for more information.

Beyond the emphasis of April, poets in the OKC Metro meet year around for reading opportunities, as listed below.

- The first Sunday of most months, at the Paramount: featured poets and open mic. at 2 p.m.
- Second Sunday of most months: featured poet at the Depot in Norman at 2 p.m.
- Every Wednesday evening, open mic at Sauced on the Paseo about 7:30 p.m.
- Third Thursday at Benedict St. Market in Shawnee: featured poet and open mic at 7 p.m.
- Final Sunday of the month, reading at Full Circle: a featured poet and open mic event at 2 p.m.Δ

Are you affected by someone's drinking?

Al-Anon or Alateen may be able to help; information at <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/> or locally in OKC (405) 767-9071 and <http://okcalanon.org/>Δ

OCU Societies Honor Four at Awards of Excellence

The Societies of Oklahoma City University honored four distinguished women of OKC during its annual Awards of Excellence dinner **February 27**. Honorees were Anne Kraft Gray, Norick-Hulsey Gallery Society Award; Marion Paden, Dulaney-Browne Library Society Award; Linda Whittington, Kirkpatrick-Petree Opera and Music Theatre Society Award; and Jenee Naifeh Lister, Oklahoma City University Distinguished Philanthropist Award. The Societies of Oklahoma City University focuses on recognizing women for outstanding volunteer service in OKC and providing scholarships for OCU students.

After retiring from her business career as a national certified school psychologist for more than 20 years, Gray continues to give back to the local community as a member of the boards of directors for Integris Mental Health and the Payne Education Center and is an advocate for the arts in Oklahoma City with leadership roles in the Orchestra League, Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma Art League, and Allied Arts. She is the communications chair for the YWCA capital campaign and serves on the board of Girl Scouts—WESTOK.

Paden is the vice president for enrollment and student services at Oklahoma City Community College. With significant roles in more than 20 non-profit organizations, Paden serves in leadership positions for Christmas Connection, American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma, Salvation Army, OU Breast Institute, and the Cultural Development Corporation.

Whittington as manager of Corner Energy LLC is active in energy business organizations and is an advocate for strong community leadership and an ordained elder of First Presbyterian Church of Edmond, serving on the boards of directors for the Children's Center and Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma. She is a founding member of the Juliette Low Leadership Society and serves on the boards of the Myriad Gardens Foundation, Civic Center Foundation, and Youth Leadership Exchange.

Lister, a wealth management advisor, uses her expertise and leadership skills for the benefit of various nonprofits, serving on the boards for Casady School, St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Governors, and Oklahoma Children's Theatre. She is co-chair of the Saints Vision Campaign for St. Anthony Hospital.Δ

Flag Day on June 14th!

Displaying the Flag Outdoors

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag - of a state, community, society or Scout unit - the flag of the United States must always be at the top except that the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for Navy personnel when conducted by a Naval chaplain on a ship at sea.

When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.

When flown with flags of states, communities, or societies on separate flag poles which are of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor - to its own right.

..The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger.

..No other flag ever should be placed above it.

..The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.

When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation.

Displaying the Flag Indoors

When on display, the flag is accorded the place of honor, always positioned to its own right. Place it to the right of the speaker or staging area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states, localities, or societies are grouped for display.

When one flag is used with the flag of the United States of America and the staffs are crossed, the flag of the United States is placed on its own right with its staff in front of the other flag.

When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's union (stars) should be at the top, to the flag's own right, and to the observer's left.Δ

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