

The HERLAND VOICE

October, 1998

R & R....

...as the Army says, Rest and Relaxation... or as Herland says, RETREAT!

Are you ready? Have you picked out the book you're going to spend hours reading outside on a blanket while strapping young women play volleyball a short distance away? Or are you the one ready to play volleyball and softball and badminton and hike the hills...Have you got your Potluck dinner planned? Personally I can't decide between an old family recipe called Lost Tamales or Grandma's Strawberry Pie..

I know a few folks are staying in town in a motel - in the Army we'd call them candybutts, but they are pretty neat and fun and I know we'll be glad to have them. Myself, I'm staying in one of the cabins so I can be as rowdy as late as I like and not have to worry about driving anywhere (but I'll be quiet and not wake any early-to-bed folks, I promise)



Emily Kaitz, Featured Entertainer for Retreat.

So far there are just two workshops planned. Judith is giving one; and everyone who knows what a wonderful poet she is will look forward to it. Margaret and Pat are giving the other, which will be a variation on one they and Regina are giving the next weekend at the Bold Journeys Conference. It will be something of a primer on homophobia and sexism. No, it will not be boring and dry, now why would you think that!? Other workshops will be welcomed, so if you want to give one, please do. We will help with arrangements and sign-up sheets, etc., for those who want to give a workshop.

Remember to bring cameras, photographs from earlier retreats, drums and kazoos, books, cards, a sleeping bag or other cozy bedding, a flashlight, etcetera.. And enjoy an invigorating weekend of R&R at Osage Hills State Park, south of Bartlesville, north of Pawhuska; October 9 - 11. Call 521-9696 if you have any questions.. Hope to see you there!

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FALL RETREAT

When? October 9-11, registration will open about 5 P.M., Friday and the camp closes at 11:30 AM on Sunday

Where? Group Camp, Osage Hills State Park near Pawhuska, Oklahoma

How Much? See the registration form inside for the sliding fee scale recommendations.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 5

POETRY EVENING A GREAT SUCCESS!

In July, local poets gathered at Herland to share their work. More than ten women read or recited poems on a variety of topics. Scheduled participants, as well as audience members who also read, received a great deal of encouragement.

Anger, passion, and humor were only a start; abuse, loss, memories, nature, and more were also explored. The group was also treated with a healing song after several painful readings were shared. The emcee offered lively introductions and shared some audience "favorites."

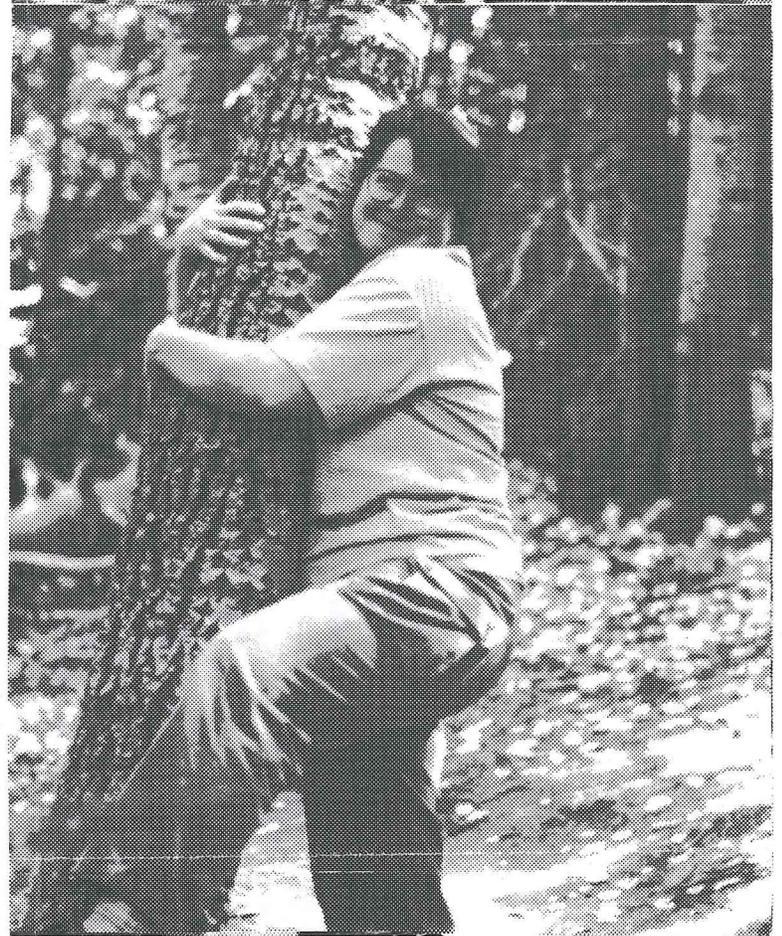
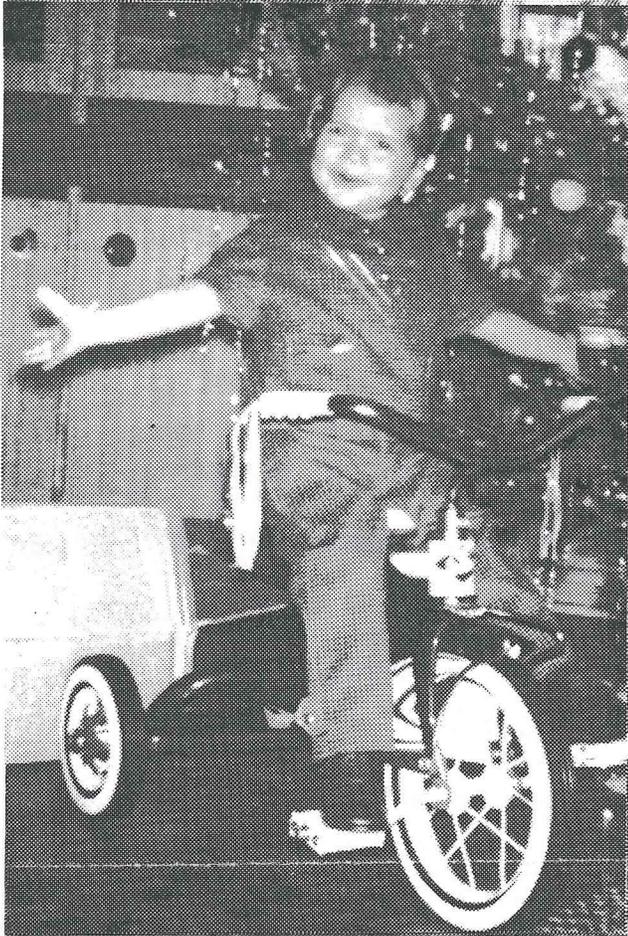
The project of HSR publishing a poetry book was discussed, and all were encouraged to submit work to be published in the *VOICE*. The July evening was such a great success and created such enthusiasm that a winter poetry reading evening will be scheduled.

Editor's note: Submissions to the Voice are always welcomed. All should include the author's name and contact information. Items can be published with a pseudonym or anonymously on request of the author. □

ARTISTS: WHERE ARE YOU?

For some years, Herland has had consignment items for sale at the bookstore. This project was established to have an outlet for women to sell handmade items; each person registered and was assigned an artist number to use in labelling their work.

We would like to have contact again with all artists and artisans about items remaining; unfortunately, we do not have current records. If you have had items for sale at the bookstore, please call for Diane at 521-9696 or 524-3495 and leave information for contact. The HSR board will disburse all unclaimed work in December. Please let us know where you are. □



Elaine Barton

October 29, 1958

Wishing you birthday cheers, for all your
forty years.

Your friends,
Darla, Regina, Kay, Nickie, Jan, Pam

AIDS WALK '98

Individuals and walk teams are invited to participate in AIDS Walk '98 on Sunday, October 25. The AIDS walk is sponsored by Carepoint, a consortium for AIDS resources and education. Proceeds from the walk will benefit AIDS service organizations in Oklahoma City.

AIDS Walk '98 will begin and end at the Myriad Botanical Gardens in downtown Oklahoma City. The walk route will go through Bricktown. Registration starts at 12 noon and opening ceremonies will be held at 1 p.m.

For information call Carepoint at 232-2437 or email OKC98AIDSWalk@hotmail.com.

TEACHING TOLERANCE

The Southern Poverty Law Center has re-released the award-winning curriculum package, *America's Civil Rights Movement*. The video component, *A Time for Justice*, produced by Charles Guggenheim, won the 1995 Academy Award for Best Short Documentary. The kit also contains the text, *Free At Last: A History of the Civil Rights Movement and Those Who Died in the Struggle*, and a teacher's guide with detailed lesson plans.

The *America's Civil Rights Movement* curriculum kit is available free to middle and upper schools, colleges and community organizations upon request. To order, a principal, organization director, or department chair should sign a request on letterhead and fax to 334-264-7310.

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SHOWS NOT TO MISS

by Jill Garner

If you get this and read it in time, don't miss Emmylou Harris at the International Bluegrass Festival in Guthrie October 3rd. It's been a long time since she has performed in Oklahoma and she's one of the all-time greats. Tickets aren't cheap, so if you can afford it, I'm sure she'll be worth it.

On October 8, Kelly Willis, Richard Buckner and Bruce Robison will be performing at The Blue Door. I've been a fan of Kelly Willis for several years now. However, it's just recently that I've heard her husband, Bruce Robison. I had on CMT one afternoon while I was getting ready to go somewhere, and his video for his latest song "Angry All the Time" stopped me in my tracks. His voice was great, but I also thought the song was something much better than what is normally played on that station. By that I mean it was an intelligent song, and I recognized Kelly Willis who appears in the video. I've since learned a little bit more about him and his new album and I'm really looking forward to this show. And if you've never heard Kelly Willis, you're in for a treat. Her rockin', rockabilly, sometimes country sound is fun, and she's got such a strong voice. She can rock, get you swinging, or break your heart on the slow, love-gone-wrong songs. She sings with her husband Bruce on several songs on his new CD, so no doubt it will be a group effort show. I have no doubt this will be one of a long line of great shows at The Blue Door, so put some cold beer or cokes in the ice chest and prepare for a night of great music.

Lucy Kaplansky will be back at City Arts Center November 6. She's one of my very favorite songwriters and she was great when she was in town last year. If you didn't make it, don't miss this second chance!

Another note: I was at Best Buy a couple of months ago and noticed they had the latest CD, *Kindness*, by Toshi Reagon. She's the daughter of Bernice Johnson Reagon of Sweet Honey in the Rock, and is quite a talented singer and musician. This CD features rap, blues, and retro-funk, as well as ancient chants. Keep your eye out for it. I've read good things about it but have not bought it yet myself.

Happy listening!

HERLAND FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 9 -11, OSAGE HILLS STATE PARK

Please choose the registration amount most appropriate for you. On-site registration will be \$65. Deadline for pre-registration is October 5 and registration is non-refundable after October 8.

| Single Person's Annual Income | Suggested Pre-registration per person | Household Annual Income |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| under \$6,500 | \$15 | under \$13,300 |
| \$6,500 - \$13,250 | \$25 | \$13,300 - \$18,000 |
| \$13,250 - \$19,500 | \$35 | \$18,000 - \$26,000 |
| \$19,500 - \$30,000 | \$45 | \$26,000 - \$50,000 |
| over \$30,000 | \$60 | over \$50,000 |

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland): \$15 \$25 \$35 \$45 \$60
 Saturday only Registration \$25

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I need a scholarship to attend.

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

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

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