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## **Herland Planning Retreat**

**T**he Herland Board and several other interested participants met on August 1, 2004 to develop organizational goals for the next three years. As part of the process, we identified our current challenges, reviewed our mission statement, established goals, and determined the objectives and strategies to help us meet those goals. We encourage you to give us some feedback and let us know if you think there is something we have overlooked in setting these goals and priorities.

### Challenges Identified:

Need more visibility (especially for younger audience) and fresh, positive, fun, socially-conscious image.

Need more leadership, commitment, and diversity (especially younger women) on board. Need more active volunteers.

Want to be open more hours/days, keep up with technological developments, keep the building in good shape and stay financially sound.

Need better definition of our focus and direction. Want to be socially-conscious, safe, and effective (always want to be more than just a social organization).

### Goals and Objectives:

*Visibility and Image* - Goal is to increase Herland's visibility and promote a fresh, fun, socially-conscious, positive image. Objectives: Have at least one high visi-

bility activity (music festival, art festival, road trip) per year; Have or participate in at least one socially-conscious activity per year; Develop, revise, or create at least 3 promotional vehicles

*Board Development* - Goal is to increase board size, participation, diversity, and effectiveness. Objectives: Maintain a board of at least 8 members; Proactively recruit diverse board members; Develop a well-trained board; Develop an active volunteer base and auxiliary board.

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## **Herland Fall Retreat - September 10-12, 2004**

**T**he Fall retreat will be at historic Robbers Cave State Park. Come join the fun and relaxation in a women-only environment. We'll have good food, games, workshops and a Saturday evening Concert featuring Nancy Scott! Robbers Cave is located East of Lake Eufaula and just North of Wilburton on State Highway 2 in southeast Oklahoma. From I-40 take the Indian Nation Turnpike to McAlester, then US 270 East 30 miles to SH 2, then North on SH 2 for about 7 miles.

*See registration form on page 4*

## **Our Own Margaret Cox Wins Irene Tyson Award!**

**L**ong-time Herland Board member Margaret Cox was the recipient this year of the Irene Tyson Memorial Award, given annually by the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus at the Pride Festival. The award is given "for exemplary community service and pride in who you are."

**Congratulations Margaret!**

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**Operations** - Goal is to serve our community effectively, efficiently and with fiscal responsibility. Objectives: Keep the bookstore open more hours per week; Have an active IT committee to keep up with and make the most of technological changes; Raise sufficient funds to cover our goals and objectives.

**Focus** - Goal is to provide resources to strengthen, enrich, and support women and to promote a world free of prejudice, oppression, and exploitation. Objectives: Increase participation by more types of women (e.g., straight); Provide resources to support marginalized women or women in need; Include consciousness raising at Herland events.

## Kate Campbell Is Coming

By Jill Garner

Kate Campbell will be performing at The Blue Door September 11<sup>th</sup>. I've written about her before and I'm going to do it again since I think she's so amazing. Every time I get to see her, I think she's even better than before, and that's why I want to encourage everyone once again to not miss her this time.

Campbell has nine CDs to her name now. She has an absolutely gorgeous voice, and her thought-provoking lyrics leave me speechless whenever I get to hear her live.

Campbell's experiences, combined with her talent, are what make her music so compelling. Her father was a prominent Baptist preacher in the south who was one of the first brave ones to push for integration. Growing up in a time of much social unrest, and her master's degree in southern history, color many of her songs with a rich tapestry of history and human emotion. She has such a wonderful way with words and celebrates the beauty of the south without forgetting its social troubles and history.

Another thing that makes Campbell's live shows stand out from her CDs is her incredible warmth, and that awesome southern accent. She's a great storyteller, and clearly loves what she does, and makes everyone in the room feel as if she's singing to them.

She also takes the time to sign CDs and talk to everyone after the show, and I truly think she's one of the highlights of The Blue Door.

Please don't let an opportunity to hear Kate Campbell in Oklahoma pass you by yet again. We are so lucky to get to have her here, so if you want a night of music that you won't soon forget, then head out to The Blue Door on September 11<sup>th</sup>. I can't think of a better person to spend that infamous day with, for music that will heal and make your heart soar.

### Calling for Poetry, Cartoons, Short Writings

Herland is seeking poetry, cartoons, and short essays/stories for a special issue of the Voice in late Fall 2004. Submissions may be sent via snail mail or electronic mail (preferred but not required). Acceptable electronic formats include, email plain text, MS WORD, and MS Publisher. If you want a by line published with your entry, specify this with your submission and indicate how you want your name printed. We will not assume you want your name printed and will not do it without your written permission.

### Don't Forget to Support the Voice!

Your contribution is important! Just \$12 a year will help us pay for the \$300+ it costs every month to print and mail the newsletter.

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## Cherokee Lesbians from Owasso Tie The Knot...NOT?

On May 13th, 2004, Dawn L. McKinley and Kathy E. Reynolds, together for four years and both enrolled Cherokee citizens, began a series of steps that should result in marriage. First, they requested and were issued a marriage application from the tribal court. Second, they were married by Leslie Penrose, a Tulsa-area minister. Lastly, on May 18th, they tried to take the final step to legalize their marriage – to register their marriage certificate with the tribal court.

As of this date, their marriage certificate, which legally establishes them as a married couple in the eyes of the Cherokee Nation as well as Oklahoma, has not been recorded, even though Cherokee Law stated, at the time of their application, "every person age 18 or older can be married, except those with a living husband or wife, those who are nearer of kin than first cousins, and those who are insane or idiotic."

Their attempt to marry was blocked by a desperate and confusing series of actions taken by the Cherokee authorities:

- On May 14, Judicial Appeals Tribunal Chief Justice Darrell Dowty issues a 30-day marriage application moratorium;
- A Cherokee Nation District Court judge extended a moratorium on tribal marriage applications at a June 18th hearing;
- District Court Judge John Cripps extended the marriage-application freeze until a hearing could be held to determine the legal status of the Owasso couple's marriage;
- On June 11, Todd Hembree, the Tribal Council's attorney, filed an objection to the issuance of the lesbian couple's marriage application;
- Scrambling to clarify any future marriage ambiguity, the Tribal Council unanimously voted to amend the tribe's marriage law banning same-sex marriages along with bigamy and adultery—June 14th—without even reading it;
- On June 16, Hembree also filed a petition for declaratory judgment stating that the original Cherokee marriage law implies that marriage certificates are for couples comprised of one man and one woman;
- The Owasso couple's attempt to be married in the eyes of their people has become a legal battle against the refusal of the tribe to register the marriage certificate.

Oklahoma voters will decide in November whether to amend the state constitution to permanently deny marriage equality to same-sex couples.

### Herland Supper Club

The September Supper Club will be delayed a week due to the Fall Retreat occurring on our regularly scheduled Saturday. So Supper Club is moved to Saturday the 18th—meet at 5:30 at Herland where we will decide on a restaurant. After dinner, return to Herland for Video Night.

### Native American Women

OKC Two-Spirit Society is having meetings for lesbian and bi-sexual women of Native American descent. Please call the OKC Two-Spirit Hotline number at (405) 317-7283 for information.

### Womyn of Color

Womyn of Color group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month— Please email [womynof-color@gay.com](mailto:womynof-color@gay.com) or call (405) 842-3464 or (405) 947-7691 for more information.

## HERLAND EVENTS CALENDAR

### September

- Sunday, Sept. 5: Peggy Johnson Band - 6PM, poolside, Hollywood Hotel, 3535 NW 39th Expressway. Beer - bar - buffet - catered by Head Country BBQ
- Thursday, Sept 9: Panel Discussion on Same Gender Marriage. Presented by PFLAG Norman in the sanctuary of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church on the corner of McGee Drive and West Brooks Street in Norman at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday Sept. 10—Sun. Sept. 12: Herland Fall Retreat at Robbers Cave State Park—see page 4 for registration
- Sunday, Sept 12: Womyn of Color Meeting, call 842-3464 for details
- Monday, Sept 13: OGLPC Monthly Meeting at the Center, 2135 NW 39th, 7 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 18: Herland Supper Club and Video Night (together) —7 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 18: Miss Brown to You at the Jazz Lab, 100 E 5th Street, Edmond, 8 pm, \$7.00
- Sunday, Sept 19: Herland Board Meeting, 4 pm, everyone welcome
- Friday Sept. 24: Miss Brown to You at Galileos, 3009 Paseo, 9 pm \$5.00
- Saturday, Sept. 28: Herland Scrabble Night—6 pm

### October

- Friday, Oct. 15: Mark your calendars for a Herland house concert with Jamie Anderson—look for more information in the October Voice.

# Herland Fall Women's Retreat Registration Form

## Robbers Cave State Park - September 10-12, 2004

Below are guidelines to help you select an appropriate registration amount. Deadline for pre-registration is September 4th. Please remember that dogs are welcome but must remain on leashes and are not allowed in the dining hall.

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):

\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_ \$45 \_\_\_ \$60

\_\_\_ Concert only - \$10

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

### Sliding Scale Registration Guidelines Based on Income

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

- ( ) 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 age 10 are welcome).

**Please return registration form and check to: Herland Sister Resources, 2312 NW 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112**  
**A retreat packet with all information will be sent to you.**



### Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is holding a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet during their October 22-24, 2004 National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference will also feature keynote speakers, informative workshops, and an awards ceremony. More information can be found at [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).

PFLAG got its start in March 1973 when Jeanne Manford began a support group for parents of lesbians and gays. A year earlier Jeanne and Jules Manford were outraged to see the police ignore an attack on their son, Morton Manford, during a gay rights protest. As they became more involved as gay right activists, Jeanne saw the need for a support group. Since that first meeting of about 20 people PFLAG has grown to a membership of over 200,000.

Their current mission statement is: "PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual

and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination.

### Barbara Ehrenreich

Citizens League of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University present Barbara Ehrenreich at a free public lecture 7 pm Wednesday, September 29, 2004, Kirkpatrick Auditorium, Oklahoma City University. Ehrenreich is the author of the New York Times Bestseller (and one-time Herland Book Club choice) *Nickel and Dimed: On Not Making It in America*. In 2000, veteran journalist and social commentator (and hard-core feminist) Barbara Ehrenreich went undercover, working in a series of low-paying jobs as a waitress, maid, health care worker, and sales clerk. The resulting book is an old-fashioned, in-your-face expose forcing anyone who reads it to acknowledge the often desperate plight of Americans working at minimum wage. This event is free and open to the public.

This Month's website of the month is:

[www.ourbodiesourselves.org](http://www.ourbodiesourselves.org)

September 19, 2004

# AIDS WALK

Oklahoma City, OK | Myriad Botanical Gardens



1730 International Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
2005 Community Development and Services  
3555 Community Development

## What is the state of HIV in the Oklahoma City area?

The AIDS epidemic is far from being over. Although AIDS death rates have declined due to drug therapy, new infection rates have not declined; therefore, Oklahoma City area case loads continue to increase. Females and young people are becoming infected at an increasing rate than in the past and communities of color continue to be disproportionately affected.

## What have HIV/AIDS service organizations accomplished for persons living with HIV?

These organizations have provided the following vital services: primary health care ~ prescription drug assistance ~ case management ~ nutritional services ~ employment services ~ housing ~ care teams and buddies ~ food assistance ~ rental and utility assistance ~ mental health services ~ medical transportation ~ HIV antibody counseling and testing ~ HIV/AIDS education and prevention.

## How can you help support AIDS Walk Oklahoma City?

Make a financial contribution ~ Organize a walk team and collect donations ~ volunteer ~ become a sponsor. Find out more by visiting our website at [www.aidswalkokc.org](http://www.aidswalkokc.org)

## FUNDRAISERS TO BENEFIT THE AIDS WALK

- \* **Thursday, September 16 - 5-9 p.m.** - House Gallery & YourArtDealer.com are hosting a reception "From All Walks" at House Gallery, 4300 North Sewell, Suite 201, Oklahoma City, OK (528-4875). Local artists will be featured and 10 percent of their sales will benefit the AIDS Walk.
- \* **Sunday September 19th** - Mark your calendars and come support the Aids Walk, at the Myriad Botanical Gardens.
- \* **Friday, October 8th - 7 p.m.** - Country Music Singers Association concert. ALL proceeds will benefit the AIDS Walk.

## Why Women Should Vote!

Here is a short history lesson on the privilege of voting...

The women were innocent and defenseless. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of "obstructing sidewalk traffic."

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cell mate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.

Thus unfolded the "Night of Terror" on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because--why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

## COMING SOON! OUT OK III

The Oklahoma International Film Festival opens October 14-16, 2004 in Oklahoma City and closes October 20-23, 2004 in Tulsa.

OUT OK III VIP PASS is now on sale! Priority seating for ALL films; free access to the LEVEL Cocktail Party and CABANA BOY Romp; free admission to the Summer Film Series-2005; OUT OK Survival Kit. COST: Oklahoma City: \$50.00. Tulsa: \$60.00. Stay tuned for the OUT OK III program of films. Visit us at [www.out-ok.com](http://www.out-ok.com)

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