

Herland Voice

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who's ready for a retreat?!?

As you may have heard, this year's Spring Retreat will be at Roman Nose State Park, May 16 - 18. The retreat lasts from 5pm Friday until noon on Sunday. Your registration includes lodging in a cabin for Friday and Saturday nights, a light dinner on Friday, scrumptious breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Saturday night Potluck Dinner (bring or plan on making your favorite culinary dish to share), all workshops and group camp activities, and the Saturday night concert.

The concert will feature the band *Covert Union*, with members Peggy Johnson, Wendy Allyn, Elyse Angelo, and Nancy Nesser. The band is



planning to play their first set in the main dining hall, and take the second set to the campfire, where they will play a more intimate set, with some requested favorites.

This retreat promises to be extra special, with several awesome and highly-accredited women stepping up to lead workshops, including *Green Earth Spirituality*, *Self Esteem & Body Image*, a Nature Walk, and a Vigorous Hike!

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justice inquiry

The Justice Department's inspector general confirmed that he is looking into whether a department lawyer was dismissed over a rumor that she is a lesbian.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie A. Hagen was informed in 2006 that her contract working in the Justice Department's Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys would not be renewed for a second year – despite receiving the highest possible performance reviews.

When NPR first reported Hagen's case earlier this month, Sen. Patrick Leahy and Sen. Arlen Specter asked the Inspector General's Office and the Office of Professional Responsibility to confirm that they were looking into Hagen's case.

Leahy and Specter – the top Democrat and Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee – received their response Monday night.

In a letter dated April 14, Glenn Fine of the Inspector General's Office and H. Marshall Jarrett of the Office of Professional Responsibility said they are looking into whether Hagen was "discriminated against in employment decisions on the basis of alleged sexual orientation or other improper factors."

may events calendar

Herland Supper Club Saturday
May 3 Paseo Art Walk 3:30 pm
followed by eat at Galileo 5:30
pm

PFLAG-OKC Tuesday May 6
Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

PFLAG-Norman Thursday May
8 St Stephens 7 pm

Miss Brown to You Friday May
9 UCO Jazz Lab 8 pm \$7

OGLPC Monthly Meeting Mon-
day May 12 Neighborhood Alli-
ance 7 pm

Herland Spring Retreat May
16-18 Roman Nose State Park

Herland Board Meeting Satur-
day May 17 3 pm (at retreat)

Miss Brown to You Saturday
May 17 Galileo 9 pm

Herland Scrabble Game Satur-
day May 31 2 pm

upcoming

OKC Pride Events

Sat June 14 Pride at the Zoo

Sun June 15 Day of Worship

Wed June 18 Pride Gayla

Fri June 20 Pride Parade

Fri June 20 The Strip Show

Sat June 21 Pride Festival

Sat June 21 Herland Backyard
Pride Picnic

Sun June 22 Pride Festival

paseo art walk & supper club

On Saturday, May 3rd, the Herland Supper Club takes a differ-ent turn. First, we will meet at *Sauced*, 2912 Paseo, at 3:30 pm. (There's usually lots of on-street parking there at the south end of the Paseo.) Then we'll take a stroll up and down the Paseo, stopping at the art galleries along the way. The Paseo gallery walk is held on the first Friday and Saturday of every month. Over 60 artists in more than 17 galleries partici-pate, all within walking distance.

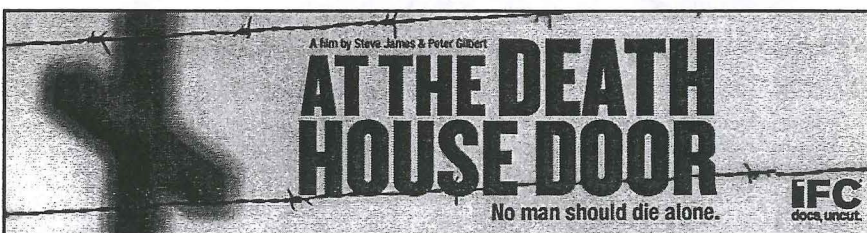
After the art walk, we'll eat dinner at *Galileo*, 3009 Paseo, at 5:30 pm. Galileo Restaurant and bar offers a wide variety of tasty foods, live music, and a display of local artists' work. The weather should be great, so join us for this fun outing!

scrabble games

The Herland Scrabble group will meet on *Saturday, May 31*, at 2 pm. Games are played at all levels and newcomers are wel-come.

lawn help needed

If you can push a lawnmower, Herland needs your help. Just volunteering to mow the yard at Herland once or twice during the summer would be a big help. We have the mower, we just need a little more woman-power to keep up with the upkeep! Call Herland at 521-9696 and leave a message or email us at herland@herlandsisters.org if you can help.



Sunday, April 27, 3 pm

Mayflower Church

NW 63 & Portland

Sunday, May 18, 6 pm

Crown Heights Church

NW 40 & Western

At the Death House Door is a personal and intimate look at the death penalty through the eyes of Pastor Carroll Pickett, who served 15 years as the death house chaplain to the infamous "Walls" prison unit in Huntsville, Texas. During Pickett's remarkable career journey, he presided over 95 executions, including the world's first lethal injection. After each execution, Pickett recorded an audiotape account of his trip to the death cham-ber. Donations will be invited.

spring retreat

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You are encouraged to bring any sporting equipment, games or crafts, that you would like to share with others. The greatest thing about the retreat is that you can do as few or as many of the planned activities as you choose.

In addition to all the Herland Retreat activities, the state park offers horseback riding and a golf course (additional fees), biking trails, two lakes for fishing, and lots of nature to explore. With so many fun activities planned, and time to just relax if that's what you need, we hope you'll come for the entire weekend. If the entire weekend is not possible, consider coming for the day Saturday, or even for the concert. We will start the concert a little earlier (7:30pm) for those heading home afterwards.

If you haven't already, please send in your registration. It is very helpful for planning and buying food when you pre-register. Also - you get a free raffle ticket just for pre-registering! After we receive your registration, we will mail you a packet which has the retreat schedule, a list of things you may want to bring, details about the weekend, and a map to Roman Nose State Park. If you have any questions, please call Herland at (405) 521-9696. Leave a message and someone will call you back.

herland spring retreat registration roman nose state park, watonga, ok may 16-18

Deadline for pre-registration is May 8. Please remember that dogs are welcome but must remain on leashes and are not allowed in the dining hall.

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.

Suggested Guide for Sliding Scale Pre-Registration

Single Person Annual Income	Household Annual Income	Registration per person
under \$13,300	under \$18,000	\$30
\$13,300-\$30,000	\$18,000-\$50,000	\$45
over \$30,000	over \$50,000	\$60

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):

___\$30 ___\$45 ___\$60

___Saturday only (includes concert & one night stay) - \$25

___Concert only - \$10

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email (optional): _____

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).

the mother of mother's day

No, not Ms. Hallmark. It was, actually, the formidable American poet and women's leader Julia Ward Howe who called for the establishment of the holiday and in 1870 wrote the moving poem printed below. It was written in the wake of the Civil War, as a powerful feminist call against war.

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts,
Whether your baptism be that of water or of tears Say firmly: "We will not
have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, Our husbands shall
not come to us reeking of carnage, For caresses and applause. Our sons
shall not be taken from us to unlearn All that we have been able to teach
them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country Will be
too tender of those of another country To allow our sons to be trained to
injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up
with Our own. It says, "Disarm, Disarm!" The sword of murder is not the
balance of justice! Blood does not wipe out dishonor Nor violence indicate
possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the sum-
mons of war, Let women now leave all that may be left of home For a
great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to be-
wail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel
with each other as to the means Whereby the great human family can live
in peace, Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Cae-
sar, But of God. In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality May be ap-
pointed and held at some place deemed most convenient And at the earli-
est period consistent with its objects To promote the alliance of the dif-
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job opportunity

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The Center for Children and Families is a Norman United Way Partner agency and an equal opportunity employer. CCFI offers quality health, dental and retirement benefits as well as a supportive working environment for employees. Salary for this position is commensurate with experience. Please email LTerrell@ccfinorman.org with a resume and references.

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tulsa equality gala 2008

Oklahomans for Equality commemorates another year of tremendous growth and success with our annual Equality Gala. OkEq is proud to highlight the many accomplishments of Tulsa's LGBT community, organizations and allies. We hope you will join us this year, as we celebrate our successes, honor an incredible group of award recipients, and look toward a bright future for OkEq and our community.

Date: May 31, 2008

Location: Tulsa's legendary Cain's Ballroom

Reception: 6pm

Dinner and program: 7pm

VIP After-Party: 10pm

Tickets: \$150

Honoring: *Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Charles Faudree; Community Hero (institution) George Kaiser Family Foundation; Community Hero (individual) Carol Crawford; Russ Bennett Spiritual Inclusion Award winner Nancy Day; Volunteer of the Year Rick Spring*

For more information, contact Oklahomans for Equality Executive Director Justice Waidner at (918) 743-4297 or ed@okeq.org.

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SAGE's Fourth National Conference on LGBT Aging, It's About Time: LGBT Aging in a Changing World, sponsored by AARP, will offer you resources, information, tools, insights, and networking opportunities to effectively address what LGBT aging will look like in the 21st century. For more information, to register, and to obtain a Call for Proposals, please visit www.sageusa.org/nationalconference.

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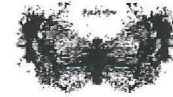
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