

HerlandVoice

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come celebrate as herland turns 25!

Herland is proud to be among the ranks of only a handful of other lgbt organizations that have made it to the 25-year mark. A few large cities like New York and the San Francisco have centers that have lasted that long but OKC is one of the few outside the coasts that can boast such an accomplishment. It's time to celebrate and look back over our achievements of the last 25 years.

The anniversary celebration will be held from 4:30–7 pm on **Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Herland**. The event begins with a reception where we will have hors d'oeuvres and drinks as we gather and visit. You can browse the 25th Anniversary scrapbook with pictures and stories sent in by Herlanders and watch videos of past Herland retreats and other events. Then, we'll gather to honor past board members and volunteers ask some of you to share a few thoughts or stories about your times at Herland.

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**date: saturday,
october 4**

**time: 4:30 pm–7 pm
awards/recognition
at 5:30 pm**

place: herland

finally...the fall retreat! lake eufaula state park, checotah, ok october 24 - 26, 2008

It's almost time for another great retreat weekend! This time we'll meet at Lake Eufaula State Park (formerly Fountainhead) on October 24 - 26, 2008. As usual, the weekend promises to be full of relaxation, great conversation, good friends, good music, and lots of fun.

On Friday night, Kara will be leading a fun meet and greet event, so that we can all get to know each other a little better. The Saturday Night Concert will feature a duo from Tulsa known as Karma Sultra, with Lara covering the vocals and Ondrea on piano. Karma Sultra is a blues/jazz/cabaret band that mixes torch classics

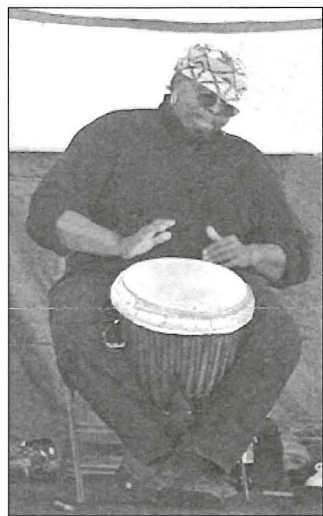
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special drumming workshop with Wahru

Don't miss this opportunity to drum with the best at Herland on Friday, October 3, from 7:30–9:30 pm (or later). Just bring your drums and we'll provide drinks and snacks for this 2+ hour workshop with drummer extraordinaire—Wahru.

Wahru Cleveland is the founder and director of the Ohio-based multicultural women's drum, song, and dance group, **Sistah Ngoma** and was the 2003 National Women's Music Festival's "Drum Mother." She has taught and conducted the National

Women's Music Festival Drum Chorus since 2003, and was a member of the Columbus women's jazz group, Moxie for over 5 years. Wahru is a drummer for Pat Funderburg's AfroRhythms, and is the percussionist for Rhythm



Enrichment, a Columbus based Rhythm, Blues, and Jazz group. Wahru is considered an accomplished drummer on the Djembe', bongos, congas, and dunun. She has facilitated drum circles for many Columbus festivals, including Comfest, the Ohio LBA, and Hot Times. Wahru is the facilitator of the Columbus Community Drummers and the instructor/facilitator of the Columbus Women's Drum Chorus.

Wahru just finished the Ohio Lesbian Festival where she did a workshop and her group opened the night stage. Later, she, Judith Casselberry, and Juca played a number with Bitch and Ferron.

Suggested donation for the workshop is \$15.

october EVENTS

Drum Workshop with Wahru Friday Oct 3
Herland 7:30–9:30 pm (or later) \$15 suggested donation

Miss Brown to You Friday October 3 Galileo
Bar & Grill 3009 Paseo 9 to midnight \$5

Strut Your Mutt Saturday Oct 4 Epworth 1901
N Douglas 4–6 pm

Herland 25th Anniversary Reunion
Saturday Oct 4 Herland 4:30–7 pm with
awards/recognition at 5:30 pm

Louise & Mary Saturday October 4 Full Circle
Bookstore 7-9 pm no cover

Community PRIDE Town Meeting Everyone is
welcome Monday Oct 6 Church of the Open
Arms 3131 N Penn 7 pm

PFLAG-OKC Tuesday Oct 7 Church of the
Open Arms 7 pm

PFLAG-Norman Thursday Oct 9 St Stephens 7
pm

Miss Brown To You Friday October 10 UCO
Jazz Lab 8 to 11 pm \$7

Herland Supper Club (on National Coming
Out Day) Saturday Oct 11 Hideaway Pizza
(new location) 5501 NW Expressway 5:30 pm

OGLPC Monthly Meeting Monday Oct 13 1236
NW 36 7 pm

Herland Board Meeting Sunday Oct 19 4 pm

OKC PRIDE General Meeting Monday Oct 20
Neighborhood Alliance 1236 NW 36 7pm

Louise & Mary Saturday November 1 Full Cir-
cle Bookstore 7-9 pm no cover

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and modern masterpieces for an unforgettable show. You can check them out on myspace at <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=409668664>.

On Saturday, our featured workshop will be "Self Esteem & Body Image" led by Dawn Singleton, Ph.D. Dawn's workshop will focus on learning how to better love and accept ourselves where we are right now. If you can't come for the entire weekend, consider coming at least for Saturday, as Dawn is an extremely talented and insightful woman, and promises to lead an unforgettable workshop.

In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness month, Jeanne will be leading some exciting and fun craft/costume events at the retreat. The costume contest will be inspired by the Krewe of Brassiere, a small but hilarious parade that precedes Rex at Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Start thinking now about how creative you can get with bras! There will be several categories to enter after spending time together decorating and

designing costumes revolving around what else...bras! If you want to join in the festivities, please plan on bringing an extra bra or two (thrift stores are a good cheap source), a t-shirt to attach them to (unless you want to kick it up a notch and be closer to nature!), fabric, hats, gloves, shoes, stuffing (socks, tissue, bags of birdseed etc.), and anything else you think may make a great addition to your costume.

Jeanne will also be coordinating a pumpkin carving contest, with one of the categories being "best breasts". Bring your pumpkin and any carving materials you have, and help lend a little levity to this serious

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herland spring retreat registration eufaula state park, checotah, ok october 24-26, 2008

Deadline for pre-registration is October 17. 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 mailed to you.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email (optional): _____

Total Registration Fee \$_____ enclosed.

- ☐ I need a work 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).
☐ I'm bringing _____ dogs that will be kept on leashes at all times and I and 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

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Registration PER PERSON</u>
under \$13,300	\$30
\$13,300-\$30,000	\$45
over \$30,000	\$60
Saturday only (incl. Concert)	\$25
Concert only	\$10

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issue, supporting all the women we know and love, affected by breast cancer.

Your registration fee includes lodging in a cabin, a light dinner on Friday, scrumptious breakfast/brunch on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Saturday evening Potluck Dinner (bring or plan on making a dish to wow your fellow campers), all workshops and group camp activities, and the Saturday night concert.

Unfortunately, because of a minor incident at the last retreat, we have to revise the dog rules. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome, but we ask that if your dog "doesn't play well with others" or shows *any* aggressive tendencies towards people or animals, please leave them at home with a sitter. Everyone attending the retreat with a dog must sign a waiver stating that they are completely responsible for any injury or damage caused by their dog. We hope that this promotes a more relaxing atmosphere for everyone.

If you have any special needs, please be sure to include them on your registration form, or call one of the numbers listed below, and we'll make every attempt to accommodate you.

Please send your registration as soon as possible. When we receive your registration form, about a week before the retreat, we will mail you a packet which has the retreat schedule, a list of items you may want to bring, details about the weekend, and a map to Lake Eufaula State Park. Deadline is Oct. 17 in order to receive information packet before retreat, but may pay at the retreat if necessary. If you plan to pay at the retreat, please call (405) 550-2312 to pre-register.

The Herland Retreat is whatever we make it. Let's make it great!

Dear Herland member,

As Herland celebrates its 25th anniversary, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and ask you to continue to help us serve the womyn's community. Herland's mission is to provide resources for the women's community to strengthen, enrich, and support women, and to promote a world free of prejudice, oppression, and exploitation. Herland is a womanist organization and, although it has a strong lesbian focus, all women are welcome.

Herland is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization operated entirely by volunteers. There is no paid staff. We publish a monthly newsletter, operate a bookstore and lending library, and host a wide array of social and educational activities and services.

Herland's annual operating expenses total approximately \$11,000. Our income is derived from newsletter sponsorships/subscriptions, retreat registrations, fundraisers, and, *most importantly, individual donations*. We think it is important for Herland to continue and hope you do, too. We need your help in order to keep the doors open and continue to serve our community. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Herland in celebration of our 25th anniversary. A pre-addressed envelope is included with this month's Voice. Your gift is very much needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Herland Board

25th anniversary (cont. from page 1)

The focus of this event is to bring together old friends and enable folks to reconnect with some they may not have seen in a while.

It's not too late to put together a story or a few photos to bring to the anniversary party. Just email the stories to us at herland@herlandsisters.org or bring them with you the afternoon of the celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OKLAHOMA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Voter registration closes 24 days before an election. If you apply when registration is closed, your application will be processed when registration opens after the election.
- If you mail this application, it must be postmarked more than 24 days before the election in which you wish to vote.
- You may not vote until you receive a Voter Card from the County Election Board.
- If you do not receive a Voter Card within 30 days, contact your local County Election Board.
- If you have questions, call your local County Election Board or call 405-521-2391.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

SECTION 2 — POLITICAL AFFILIATION

- If you register in a political party recognized in Oklahoma you may vote for that party's candidates in primary elections.
- If you register No Party (Independent) you MAY NOT vote for party candidates in primary elections without party permission.
- If you register in a political organization recognized in Oklahoma you CANNOT vote for party candidates in primary elections.
- If you choose a political party or organization not recognized in Oklahoma, you will be registered as an Independent.
- You MAY NOT change your political affiliation between June 1 and August 31 in even-numbered years.

SECTION 6 — STREET ADDRESS OR DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME

- You must register to vote at your address of residence. If you have a street address or 911 address, this is your address of residence.
- A rural route or a post office box is NOT an address of residence.

SECTION 9 — HAVE YOU BEEN REGISTERED BEFORE?

- If you have been registered before, enter information on where you were last registered. If you have never been registered before, leave this space blank.
- Enter your former name if it has changed since you last registered.
- Enter your former political affiliation if you are changing your political affiliation.

SECTION 10 — OATH

- Read the oath carefully. Sign and date it in ink. If you cannot sign your name, make your mark and give the name of the person who helped you.
- Who Can Register - You can register to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Oklahoma, and 18 years old or older.
- Felons Not Eligible - A convicted felon may not register for a period equal to the time of the original sentence.
- Persons Judged Incapacitated - Persons judged incapacitated by a court may not register to vote.

OKLAHOMA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

You may use this form if you are:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A resident of Oklahoma.
- 18 years old or older.

You may use this form to:

- Register to vote for the first time in Oklahoma.
- Change your address for voter registration within Oklahoma.
- Change your name.
- Change your political affiliation.

If you register by mail, include a copy of your identification with this application. Make a copy of one of these forms of identification:

- A current driver's license or other photo identification.
- A utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address.

If you do not include identification with this application, you will be asked for identification the first time you vote.



WARNING: All answers on this application must be true. It is a felony to give false information on this form. You can be prosecuted if you do. If you are convicted, you can be imprisoned for not more than two years, or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

USE BLUE OR BLACK INK

After you complete this application, enclose a copy of your identification if needed. Fold it and place it in an envelope. Mail it to:

OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD

P.O. BOX 528800

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73152-8800

You must answer these questions:

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

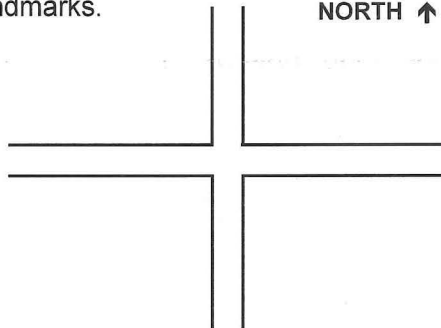
Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you check "no" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

If you do not have a street address, you may write directions to your home or provide the legal description (section, township, and range) of your home. You may also use the map to show where you live. If you use the map write the names of the roads nearest where you live. Draw an X to show your home. Show schools, churches, or other nearby landmarks.

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1. Last Name (Print)		First Name (Print)		Middle Name (Print)		Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.)		OFFICE USE ONLY	
								Voter ID Number	
2. Political Affiliation (See Instructions)		3. Birth Date		4. Oklahoma Driver's License Number (Required)		5. Last Four Numbers of Social Security Number (Required if no driver's license)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> No Party		Month Day Year						Precinct No.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____									
6. Street address or directions to your home (Not a Rural Route or P. O. Box - See Instructions)								City State Zip Code	
7. Mailing Address				City State Zip Code		8. County of Residence		Activation Date	
9. Have you been registered before? (See Instructions)								10. Oath (See Instructions)	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If you marked yes, give as much information about your former registration as you can.								I swear or affirm that:	
Former Name				Former Political Affiliation				• I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oklahoma.	
Former Address								• I am 18 years old or older. Or I will be 18 on or before the date of the next election.	
City		County		State				• I have not been convicted of a felony. If I have been convicted of a felony, a period of time equal to the original sentence has expired, or I have been pardoned.	
								• I am not now under judgment as an incapacitated person. I am not under judgment as a partially incapacitated person prohibited from registering to vote.	
								• The information I have given is true, and I reside at the address given.	
								X _____	
								Signature or Mark of Applicant	
								Application Date	
If someone helped you fill out this application, give name and address.									

register to vote NOW! oklahoma deadline is october 10!

by Amazon Grace

Okay, if you think the upcoming election isn't important, or if you have some carefully thought out reason why you are going to stay away from the polls, I'm not going to argue with you. Otherwise, it's time to get up off your butt and make sure you are registered to vote. Or, stay seated if you prefer, go online, and go to some of the links provided below.

According to the Oklahoma State Election Board, Friday, Oct. 10 is the last day to register to vote if you want to vote in the Nov. 4 general election. You can download a registration form at www.ok.gov/~elections/vrfrmshl.html. Or, we have included it on pages 5-6 of the Herland Voice.

You may mail your voter registration application to the State Election Board. After you complete the application, enclose a copy of your identification if needed. Fold it and place it in an envelope. Affix postage and mail it to:

**OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD
P.O. BOX 528800
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73152-8800**

Lists of Oklahoma statewide candidates and ballot measures are available by following links from the main site, as is information about how to find your polling place.

For more information, you can check out www.ok.gov/~elections/voterreg.html.

website of the
month
www.talk2self.blogspot.com



All are Welcome! Event is FREE!

Celebration of Our Pets

at

Epworth UMC

1901 N. Douglas Avenue

Saturday, October 4 - 4 to 6 pm

Blessing of Our Pets & Memorial Service

Rev. Sherron Hughes-Tremper will administer the Blessing & Memorial Service. Pet Participants will receive a St. Francis Medallion.

Strut Your Mutt Dog Contest

A Trophy will be awarded to the winner of each of these categories:

Best Dressed • Owner Look-a-Like
Most Talented • Best Tail Wag • Best Kiss
Best Smile • Best Dancer

A Potluck Cookout too!

Bring items such as hotdog buns, chips & sodas.

Schedule

4:00 pm - Dog Contest Registration
4:30 pm - Dog Contest
5:00 pm - Cookout
5:30 pm - Pet Blessing & Memorial

For more information call the church office at 525-2346 or check the church website: www.epworth-okc.org

Free Doggy Goody Bag with Treats & A Toy!

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