

# *To the* HERLAND VOICE

April, 1994

## SPRING RETREAT

Roman Nose State Park is the site of the annual Herland Spring Retreat for Women from May 21 to May 23. Featured entertainers are Miss Brown To You with Mary Reynolds, Lousie Golberg, Terri Hoersch, and Elyse Angelo. Other highlights include the late-night campfire sing-alongs; discussion groups; the fabulous pot-luck supper; a women's market with goods from Herland and others; an open-mike with jokes, poetry, and music; and all the other fun things that a hundred or so women can dream up. If you've never been to a Herland retreat or if you've been to most of the last 14, join us at Roman Nose - it's bound to be an experience you won't forget.

Miss Brown To You appeared at the Lone Star Music Festival in 1991, 1992, and 1993 and have played frequently at a variety of venues in Oklahoma City. Individually and collectively, they are respected musicians.

Terri Hoersch began her career playing in the pop/rock clubs in Chicago and has toured extensively in adult contemporary and country bands. Elyse Angelo has long been in the vanguard of OKC music. She has played and toured with several rock and roll bands from Oklahoma City. Louise Goldberg, influenced by her father, a jazz pianist, began playing piano as a child and studied classical and jazz piano. She has appeared with many groups most notably reggae groups the Street People and the Whale and the Flea (she has been known to admit publically to being "Reggae Louise"). Mary Reynolds has been singing since she was 18 months old. In the 80's, she performed extensively in Greenwich Village and for a time in the Bay Area. Most recently, she is performing with the Therapy Sisters of Austin.

Roman Nose State Park is set in western Oklahoma's red-canyon country just a little over an hour drive west of Oklahoma City. Recreational facilities available in the park include paths and trails for hiking and mountain biking, a nine-hole golf course, fishing, and horseback riding. The group camp has a softball field and volleyball court and you can bet that where there are lesbians there will be at least one game so bring what you need to play.

Registration includes a late-evening meal Friday night and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, the Miss Brown To You concert and housing in the group camp cabins. Registration is on a sliding-scale based on income. Please see the registration form in this issue for details. Concert-only admission for those not registered at the retreat will be \$10.

The group camp has cabins with about 10 bunks each (remember Girl Scout or church camp) and bathhouses with hotwater showers. Women are also welcome to bring tents and camp on the group campgrounds. There are no RV hookups in the group camp but they are available elsewhere in the park. Roman Nose also has a lodge for those who would like more luxurious accommodations. Individuals must make their own arrangements for lodge rooms or RV hookups. □

## HSR NEW THREE-YEAR PLAN

Herland volunteers and Board members gathered on Sunday, February 27, 1994 to set goals for the next three years. Together we looked at Herland's accomplishments of the past three years; assessed ourselves as an organization and the environment in which we operate; agreed on goals for 1994 - 1997, and began planning the actions to accomplish those goals.

When we met in 1991, we set ambitious goals for ourselves, and were pleased to find in reviewing those goals last month that we have accomplished much of them. The mortgage balloon payment, representing a huge sum of money for us to raise, was met on time. The library and resources available for purchase have been expanded. Herland has become more active politically, with contingents traveling to Wichita during the siege by Operation Rescue, to Washington in 1992 for the March for Women's Lives, and back again to Washington for last year's March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian, Bi & Transgender Liberation.

The Herland Legal Defense Fund, not even vaguely visualized during our goalsetting of 1991, was established and has raised thousands of dollars to aid in lesbian-mother custody cases. The building has been significantly renovated; it now boasts a handicap-access ramp, a new roof, bright new paint outside and attractive landscaping, a performance deck in the back yard, and two new rooms salvaged from storage-rooms-from-hell to usefulness. We have space devoted to a variety of items for sale crafted by local artisans. (continued on page 6)



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# ST. SYBIL

*Sybil Ludington, unsung hero of the American Revolution, is an occasional contributor to this space.*

Dear St. Sybil,

Every morning I stumble to the kitchen and even before I feed the pesky pets or drink a cup of coffee, I pour myself a huge glass of orange juice. I need the sweet/sour taste and healthy feeling to get me going. Please oh please oh please don't tell me I have to boycott orange juice now that the Florida Citrus Growers Association has hired idiot-of-the-earth Rush Limbaugh as spokesman.

Fearfully yours,  
Ivan O.J. Jones

Dear Ivan,

Of course you don't have to boycott orange juice. You liked Anita Bryant, you're sure to love Rush Limbaugh. Buy enough Florida orange juice and be confident of having Limbaugh to kick around as FCGA spokesman for another six months - at a cool million dollars per half year.

Go ahead, reinforce that bigotry and idiocy, that blithe facile stupidity of Limbaugh's that he passes off for humor. Nevermind that his contempt for women is just slightly less than his abhorrence for lesbians and gays; drink that juice. Make the Florida Citrus Growers proud of their taste and judgment...

Oh c'mon, Ivan, stop crying. You really can have your juice and take your business away from the FCGA too. Alternate OJ possibilities:

1. The canned stuff from Texas. Well, all right, I've never tried it either, but it must be okay or it wouldn't still be in the markets, right?
2. Squeeze it yourself, kiddo, from oranges from California, New Mexico, Arizona, Spain - anywhere but Florida. It tastes far better than even the best refrigerated not-from-concentrate OJ, costs less, and takes only minutes more.
3. Buy the kind that is squeezed by the individual supermarkets, just make sure that they squeeze it from Californian, New Mexican, Arizonian, Texian, or Spanish oranges. Most of them already do, or would be pleased to do so if you ask them.

Remember, Ivan, withholding your business from businesses that displease you is as American as freedom of choice, religious freedom, or the privacy of the bedroom; and sometimes it is more of a duty than a liberty.

So, stay away from Florida citrus, and consider taking the suggestion of the National Organization for Women: Flush Rush, drink prune juice.

Fondly,  
Sybil

Dear St. Sybil,

Who invented monogamy, and why doesn't it work anyway?

Despairingly,  
Ken Fused

Dear Ken,

Monogamy was a result of natural selection, because the mother and child unit had a better chance of survival if

the otherwise unhampered male remained with them. So women invented monogamy.

The child of a mated pair whose father remained with the group had a better chance of survival than the child of a father who took off following his contribution; so the male who remained with the mother-child unit had a better chance of his genes surviving. So maybe men invented monogamy.

Why doesn't monogamy work anyway? Well, it does sometimes, of course, if a person really chooses it.

Life for most people in the United States is a series of choices, large and small. Choose one thing, choose against another. Watch the NCAA basketball finals, or go outside and plant a garden. Read to the children, or stick them in front of the tv. Dristan or Coricidin, Coke or Pepsi? Live the hard fast life on the coast, or the easy slower life in Oklahoma? Gin or vodka in your martini? Olives or onions?

To tell the truth, Ken, mad sexual passion for one person only lasts so long - six years max, according to an aunt of mine who should know; frequently less than that. Many people, mostly of the male persuasion I am compelled to say, find it an onerous burden to remain faithful, committed and monogamous after that derangement of the soul has passed. A person has to appreciate the alternatives in order to happily give up that senseless (but oh such a sensuous, sensual, sensory) pleasure.

And what are the alternatives to indulging in recurring sexual novelty? What rewards do fidelity and monogamy bring to counteract a lessening of passion and excitement? Trust, for one. Security, not a small thing, nothing to be sneered at. Intimacy, real intimacy. Innovation and Creativity. Trust. Comfort. Love. *Friendship*. Peace and Harmony, and Trust again.

And so, my dear, some people choose the one, and others the other. Personally I think that the wise choice is fidelity and commitment; but still I find it hard to fault those people who choose the other, provided they are honest with themselves and their partners. The main problem I see with that choice is that in the times in which you are living, in what you are pleased to call the twentieth century, the system purports to be monogamous and to value commitment, and encourages the promise of fidelity; then the lies and dissembling which must needs accompany infidelity are truly, totally ruinous to friendship, to intimacy, to trust and security and love.

So, Ken honey, to answer your questions: monogamy invented itself, and it does work sometimes; but the goddess knows it can be hard work.

Love, peace, and harmony to you, and strive to enjoy the great experiment,

Sybil

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**From the NY Times:** "She [Martina Navratilova] has almost a year to say goodbye to the sporting life that transformed her, a once-chubby defector from communist Chechoslovakia, to a heroine whose uncommon athleticism was surpassed only by her uncompromising life choices." (emphasis added) We couldn't have said it better. Thanks, Martina.

## HSR GOALS FOR 1994 - 1997

Goal 1: By 1997, complete expansion and renovations of entire property.

Goal 2: By the end of August, 1994, develop a policy for active participation in Herland by Transgenders and males (e.g. as volunteers, Board members, and at retreats).

Goal 3: To increase visibility in the gay and lesbian community by

- a. expanding the Resource Center:
- b. writing articles and expanding advertisements in diverse publications.

Goal 4: Herland will actively expand programming and advertising to assure ongoing growth of two Retreats yearly.

Goal 5: We will focus more effort to provide frequent cultural and educational events for increased personal growth and community strength.

Goal 6: Herland will focus substantial effort to develop and implement sustaining financial base to achieve financial independence.

Goal 7: The Herland Board will assess current Sister I-IV structure and develop clear "job description" for Sisters by 12/31/94.

Goal 8: Institute an annual by-law review process.

Goal 9: Develop a permanent volunteer training packet (updated annually) by 8/31/94.

Goal 10: Develop an expanded Board Member packet for Board training by 8/31/94.

Goal 11: By 1997, HSR will increase the use of the library and bookstore.

Goal 12: Herland will learn about and seek involvement in Herland by women inclusive of the diversity (e.g., ethnicity, race, age, class, religion, sexual orientation, disability status) of our community.

Goal 14: To continue to produce a monthly newsletter that informs, educates, and interests the community.

### Secondary Goals:

- a. Expand local contributing base
- b. Establish and publish Newsletter themes
- c. Include more local news
- d. Review funding and expenses.

Goal 13: Obtain space (possibly 2316 NW 39th) to be women-only and used as additional meeting space and living space for needy/threatened women, including battered, aged, and dispossessed women; such women to contribute as individually possible in terms of money and/or labor.

## WHO'S YOUR SWEETHEART?

### OR WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

Now's your chance to say so. Invite them to the SWEETHEARTS BALL!!! A wonderful evening is being planned for couples and singles. Whether you wear a tux, a dress, or feel more creative in boots and jeans, you'll fit right in.

Join us on Saturday, April 30th from 8PM to midnight. The ball will take place at the Unitarian Church, NW 13th & Dewey, Oklahoma City. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Ms. Leather Oklahoma Cindy Bookout will be the guest DJ. There will be a cash bar, as well as coffee and soft drinks.

Seabrooks Formal Wear has offered a great rental price of \$40.00 for a standard black tuxedo. New Leaf Florist is giving a 10% discount on boutonnieres and bouquets.

So start looking around for that special person to be your sweetheart. Get your tickets from OGLPC (524-2131) or Herland Sister Resources (521-9696). □

## ALTERNATIVE VIEWS OF OKLAHOMA HISTORY

East Central University history professor, Dr. Davis Joyce, has just published an edited volume entitled *An Oklahoma I had Never Seen Before: Alternative Views of Oklahoma History* (University of Oklahoma Press, 1994).

Among the many diverse chapters in this volume is one written by Dr. Tom Guild, Dr. Joan Luxenburg, and Keith Smith on "Oklahoma's Gay Liberation Movement." The chapter was completed in 1989 and covers the first 20 years of gay rights in Oklahoma.

Guild and Luxenburg both teach at the University of Central Oklahoma (Guild in business law and Luxenburg in sociology). Smith (formerly the Executive Director of OKC's AIDS Support Program) is presently Executive Director of New Mexico AIDS Services, Inc.

The writing of the chapter involved a collective effort to interview key members of Oklahoma's gay/lesbian community to document the highlights of the 1970's and 1980's. The focus of the work is on community organizing and litigation. The Herland Voice was a major source of information contained in the chapter. A brief description of Herland appears within the chapter. □

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Dear Friend,

Herland has ambitious plans for the future. The three-year plan described in this issue of *The Voice* outlines our goals for the next three years. This plan was drafted by the HSR Board and volunteers with input from many people in our community. Your support and participation is necessary to its success.

One of Herland's unique strengths is the way the community has financially supported her. **Unlike most nonprofit organizations, Herland is supported largely through the small contributions of many people in our community and the income from events and bookstore sales.** With this kind of support, Herland is free to be responsive to the needs of the community and not tied to restrictions imposed by foundations or large funders.

The contributions and income amounts change every month. Some months are good and some are not-so-good. **In the not-so-good months, it can be hard to meet the basic expenses necessary to keep Herland's doors open.** To make sure Herland has a stable source of income to meet those basic expenses, we are forming a group of Herland Sustainers. Each Sustainer will pledge a minimum of \$10 a month to make sure Herland's basic expenses will be met.

We need your help to continue to grow and remain independent. **Only 100 Sustainers, who each pledge to contribute \$10 a month, will ensure Herland's future.** Think about how important it is to have Herland in your community. Is it worth \$10 to you? If it is, please return the enclosed pledge card with your pledge. Thank you for your support.

Renée McBride  
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Sincerely,

The Women of Herland

Margaret Cox  
Pat Reeves  
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Laura Clarke  
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**Yes, count me in as a Herland Sustainer!**

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Please make your check payable to: Herland Sister Resources, 2312 N.W. 39, OKC, OK 73112

## SALUTE TO UNCOMMON WOMEN

LEGACY, an endowment fund, whose mission is to provide financial support for projects which address the social, cultural and educational needs and which promote the civil rights and well-being of all lesbians in today's society and for future generations to come, would like to announce a very special event -LEGACY SALUTES UNCOMMON WOMEN: An International Lesbians Awards Ceremony; celebrating the accomplishments of lesbians throughout the world.

The event will take place on June 19, 1994 in conjunction with Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25 in New York City's prestigious Town Hall. The evening's agenda will consist of a brief awards ceremony, a presentation of scholarships and a fabulous celebration of lesbian talent.

LEGACY is reaching out nationally and internationally by conducting a search for outstanding lesbians who have actualized LEGACY's mission and who serve as examples in their community in exceptional ways. They would like to honor these Uncommon Women and are asking for recommendations. All nominees will be included in the LEGACY's Salute to Uncommon Women Program Book.

To nominate (or self-nominate) an International Uncommon Woman, please submit by May 1, 1994: name, address, telephone # of nominee (will be kept confidential); a brief bio or description of her achievements (no more than 50 words and preferably in English and a black and white photo.

Please send all submissions to: LEGACY, 147 West 79th Street, Suite 4A, New York, New York 10024. □

## P-FLAG DENOUNCES NAMBLA

The Board of P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, has denounced the "man-boy love" group, NAMBLA, with the following resolution:

"As a family organization, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gay, Inc. strongly condemns the sexual exploitation of children by any individual, group, or organization, in any form and under any circumstances.

"Although the majority of sexual abusers of children are heterosexual men, and the majority of victims are young girls, the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) is a pedophile organization whose sole purpose is to facilitate sex between adult men and young boys. P-FLAG, therefore, repudiates NAMBLA and its aims.

"P-FLAG opposes the inclusion of NAMBLA in any umbrella organization, coalition, event, or activity that is associated with the gay, lesbian, bisexual communities or their families and friends." □

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## REVENGE

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my moods swing...  
because of you.*

*like the very willows  
i too weep..  
because of you.*

*like the roots of a weathered tree  
i often feel exposed...  
because of you.*

*like the great oak  
through it all i will stand stronger...  
because of you.*

*and one day, like the leaves of autumn  
you will fall...  
because of me.*

This poem was written by a woman who, at one time, had great hopes of prosecuting her perp, but because of overwhelming fear, decided not to even pursue the idea. She still knows that she can get her revenge. She tries to empower everyone she meets so as to prevent it from happening to them. She has turned the situation around to her favor and uses it as away to get to learn more about herself. She is learning and every morning that she wakes up and every night that she lays her head to her pillow, she thanks God that revenge isn't always in a police station or courtroom. Every day she thanks God that revenge is hers. This poem was written by me for all the survivors that haven't reported it and those who still haven't gotten "good revenge." I hope that you can get it too, because it's beginning to feel good...finally.

— M. Renae McCurdy □

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# TRASH

by Vivien Ng

I found a grocery bag full of trash in my mailbox the other day. Who could have done such an uncivil thing to me? Is it not safe for me to live in my own house any more? These horrible thoughts flashed through my mind as I threw that bag away, in a trash can. Was it not an accident that some months ago, when I returned home from an out-of-state trip, I found that my garbage can was gone and my mailbox flattened?

It disturbs me to think that I am the target of an anonymous hate campaign. What have I done to incur such hatred? Is it because of the "Pro Choice Vote:" bumper sticker on the rear window of my van? I don't think that it is because of the rainbow-flag sticker, because most Oklahomans are illiterate as far as lesbian/gay pride symbols are concerned. Maybe they think that I am a member of Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition? Maybe it's because I don't look like an "American"?

I remember that in 1989, after my house was broken into and stuff was later stolen from my mailbox, a friend of mine from out-of-state suggested that perhaps it was time for me to leave Oklahoma, that it was no longer safe for me to live here. I dismissed that suggestion at the time but maybe I should rethink my options more seriously now.

The thought of leaving is no longer out of the question now. I just got back from a wonderful 5-day trip to the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. To my surprise, I fell in love with the snow, the hills, the hot springs, the people I met there, and even the drag show that I went to at the local gay bar. I was surprised as well to find several high-ranking administrators there who are openly lesbian. What a difference! Not even in New York City universities would one find such out-of-the-closet openness. My visit was so successful that I have been invited back to teach a women's studies course in the summer of 1995. Maybe I'll just stay there and not come back...

On the other hand, I have friends here in Oklahoma, people who mean a lot to me. I have invested so much of my life and energies here that it would seem such a shame to just pack up and leave. I have lived in Norman longer than any other place since I left home for college; surely this should mean something? More importantly, would leaving now after such ugliness be tantamount to surrender, or is this kind of thinking too egotistical?

Herland friends, what would you do if you were in my shoes? □

## SIMPLY EQUAL- OKC ENCOURAGES SUPPORT FOR OETA

Officials of Simply Equal-OKC, a lesbian and gay rights organization, are denouncing a move by radical right-wing legislators Grover Campbell and Bill Graves to cut funding to the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA). Campbell, an Owasso Republican, and Graves, a Bethany Republican, are trying to coerce OETA into abandoning positive portrayals of lesbian and gay people. OETA has little choice but to respond to the attacks of these legislators, according to Simply Equal-OKC spokesperson Terry Gatewood, but the way they respond depends greatly on how the gay and lesbian community responds to OETA.

Simply Equal-OKC spokespersons, Pat Reaves and Terry Gatewood, are asking the community to support OETA. Gatewood said, "this is the time of year when OETA solicits pledges from the public. These pledges are used to provide funding for programming as well as determine the type of program for the upcoming year. If you called in a pledge, follow through with your pledge when the card comes in the mail and add a statement of support for *Tales of The City* and ask for continuing programming with positive portrayals of lesbians and gays. If you did not call in a pledge send in a donation with a statement of support of OETA. OETA can only act in the best interest of the gay and lesbian community if they know of our interest and have our support."

Simply Equal-OKC is also asking for support in the on-going effort to enact OKC's proposed Human Rights ordinance. This ordinance would make it unlawful to discriminate against any person based on their race, color, religion, creed, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or familial status. It passed the OKC Human Rights Commission on November 8, 1993. The proposed ordinance is currently being reviewed by the Judicial Committee of the OKC City Council. It is expected to come to a vote of the City Council after May 1.

Simply Equal will be sending letters to all those persons on the Simply Equal mailing list to enlist support for the ordinance and membership in Simply Equal-OKC. Anyone who would like to be on the mailing list can contact Simply Equal by mail at P.O. Box 63105, OKC, OK 73146 or by leaving a message at 521-9696. General chapter meetings of Simply Equal-OKC are held at 7 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Herland Sister Resources. □

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## DISTURBING IDEAS

by Deborah Fox

In my feminist studies I have come across a couple of theories that have disturbed me. One is the idea that women involved with men are "consorting with the enemy," the other is that motherhood subverts womanpower. With the latter I understand that we want women to have more choices, but I don't think we should denigrate some choices in favor of others. Some feminist theory has given the impression that women who choose to bear children are not strong and creative. Motherhood, first belittled by patriarchy is now belittled by feminists. I have chosen to stay at home and rear my son. I'm happy with my choice, it affords me freedom to write, sculpt and build my own Ranching business. The only time I've felt diminished by my choice has been when I measured myself by some outside standard. In the process of expanding women's choices limitations have been insinuated. How ironic!

As to the former; ridiculing each other for the gender of our partner is the success of "Divide and Conquer." What's important is healthy choices, regardless of gender, (or Race, Class, etc.). Feminists who believe that women involved with men are consorting with the enemy are expressing a grave lack of faith in women! It says women lack competent judgement for their own best interests and are too stupid to know what's right for themselves - isn't that what patriarchy has been trying to make us believe?! We can broaden women's choices but we cannot choose for them.

Hetero feminists against lesbian feminists, lesbian feminists against hetero feminists - what is this bickering?! There is room enough for all our diversity! Isn't our collective goal to be free? Free to be our unique selves? We can be assets and strengths to one another if we can accept our differences.

We live in a time of vision, as Agnes Whistling Elk said. No one can predict the outcome or the exact means to get where we dream to go and all the myriad things we do are important. We may not be able to clearly see the bigger picture, but we do well to stand back from time to time and try. □

## LETTERS

Editor:

"That sucks!" Doesn't anyone notice how offensive this phrase is? Why on Earth would gay men and their friends use such a hateful expression?

The idiom obviously derives from the ancient stereotype of a gay man as a depraved weakling who fellates strong, macho men - who are somehow presumed to be heterosexual and moral. Therefore, anyone or anything which "sucks" is despicable.

Thanks to Bart Simpson, this expression has gained widespread popular acceptance. We hear it much more frequently now, and most people give no thought to its malicious meaning.

Certainly, at least within our own communities, we can raise awareness and discourage the use of this self-hating expression. With our own consciousness and pride roused, we can eliminate the thoughtless use of this idiom from general society.

Jenny Sayward

## THREE YEAR PLAN

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The newsletter circulation has nearly doubled, and is now proud to contain a nationally recognized comic strip each month, and even prouder to present regular contributions by Professor Vivien Ng.

We are keeping better financial records, have obtained a couple of very nice grants and begun a monthly-pledge sponsor group. We keep on having wildly successful twice-yearly retreats, and had one hugely successful concert as well as many smaller ones. Use of the building by the lesbian/gay community has increased greatly, with groups meeting at Herland at least four nights every week.

A listing of our goals as articulated at our meeting is found on page 3 of this issue. Generally, we feel an imperative to continue and improve on Herland as a resource center for women; to continue and improve the *Voice* as a source of information and challenge; to better represent and serve, and become more welcoming to a more diverse membership; to improve our internal functioning; and to become more secure financially. Fundraising is an eternal concern, both for general day-to-day operation and to obtain funds for larger projects - turning our tidy little brick garage into a coffee house, for instance.

A number of internal and external challenges face Herland, but we left the goalsetting retreat pleased and confident of our ability to meet all of them - with, of course, a little help from our friends. And friends, you know who you are, and we thank you. □

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# Dykes To Watch Out For



# OKLAHOMA PRIDE SUMMIT

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Oklahoma Pride Summit scheduled for July 15 - 17. The summit, which is being planned by a group of Oklahoma lesbian and gay organization will bring lesbians, gays, bi-sexuals, transgenders, and our friends from around the state together. Organizations involved include Herland, Simply Equal of OKC and Norman, Tulsans for Human Rights (TOHR), the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, OU Gay, Lesbian and Bi Student Association, Family of Faith MCC, OKC Chapter of Affirmation Chapter, and the OSU Gay & Lesbian Student Association.

The goals of the Pride Summit include establishing a network of lesbian, gay, and friendly organizations throughout Oklahoma who can work together sharing information and other resources. While the program has not yet been finalized, it will include something for everyone with workshops to build organizational skills and forums for discussions about being lesbian or gay in Oklahoma and the future of the lesbian, gay, bi, and transgender movements in Oklahoma. Summit planning is on-going with the location and specific agenda yet to be determined. If you or an organization you belong to would like to be involved in making the Summit happen, leave a message at Herland (521-9696) and we will get you information about the next planning meeting.

## 20TH NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

A world concert premiere of a classical piece celebrating the cycles of women's lives will be among the highlights of this year's National Women's Music Festival in June. Among feature performers this year are comic Kate Clinton and musicians Ferron; the funny Topp Twins from New Zealand and Mary Watkins, a gifted pianist and composer.

The celebration of women's music and culture will be June 2-5 on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington.

Registration brochures are available by writing P. O. Box 1427-PR, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427. You also may call (317) 927-9355 and leave your name and address.

## HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES MISSION

Herland Sister Resources envisions and strives toward a world in which all women live free from oppression. Herland supports and includes all women who experience oppression. Lesbians as a group have a deep experience of the general oppressive climate of this world. Although Herland is not restricted to lesbians, we have a strong lesbian focus. We are a womanist organization, supporting women in their journey toward self-definition and self determination, and recognizing that each woman has her own pace of growth and enlightenment.

Herland is a non-profit volunteer organization. We publish a newsletter, operate a bookstore and lending library, and provide musical and cultural events for education and entertainment. We offer a safe place for women to meet and exchange ideas, feelings, hopes and fears and to learn about themselves and each other.

The only requirement for involvement in Herland is a desire for women to be free of the restraints of oppression. (adopted December, 1990)

# BULLETIN BOARD

**The 1994 Charlie Christian Jazz Festival:** Come down to the Deep Deuce for this year's celebration. Enjoy continuous music all day for two days, April 30th and May 1st. Enjoy good food and good socializing. Peep in the art tent and see the special exhibit on Second Street and Charlie Christian. You will be pleased with this weekend of family entertainment provided for you at no entry cost. Relax and join Blac, Inc. in the final moments of the 1993-94 season.

**Are you a lesbian who has used artificial insemination to become pregnant?** Shari Clifton, an OU graduate student, is writing a paper on the use of AID by lesbians. She would like you to write or e-mail her with information about your experience. Write: Shari Clifton, 1716 Caddell Lane, Norman, OK 73069 or email: sclifton@rex.uokhsc.edu.

**OJ:** To let the Florida Citrus Commission know what you think about Rush Limbaugh as their spokesperson and how it might affect your purchasing of Florida citrus products, write: Florida Citrus Commission, P.O. Box 148, Lakeland, FL 33802-0148; phone 813-499-2500; fax 813-499-2374.

**The Lesbian Teachers Group** met with Mark Hendrickson, president of the Oklahoma ACLU in March. He discussed legal concerns for lesbian and gay teachers in Oklahoma. A copy of the information he brought is available in the Herland Library with the current periodicals. The next meeting will be at Herland on Thursday, April 14 at 7 P.M. All educators are invited to participate.

**20th Annual Feminist Women's Writing Workshop:** Join a community of established, emerging, and novice women writers for eight days in a serene, supportive atmosphere on the shore of beautiful Seneca Lake in New York's Fingerlakes Region. Share a residence (private rooms) on the lovely campus of Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. Enjoy workshops on a wide variety of topics, evening readings, talks and critiques, as well as time for solitude and individual writing. Our Guest Writer will be poet, short story writer, and novelist Dorothy Allison. For more information, send SASE to: Feminist Women's Writing Workshops, Inc., P. O. Box 6583, Ithaca, NY 14851.

**The Nurse's Health Study**, an on-going study of post-menopausal women, will now collect information on the health of lesbians in the nursing profession. The decision to include the questions came as a result of an extensive letter writing campaign organized by a coalition of organizations.

**The Association of Women's Music and Culture (AWMAC)** is publishing a monthly events calendar including musicians and comics of interest to the lesbian/feminist communities everywhere in the US and Canada. The calendar will include up-to-date itineraries (by date and geographical region) of such performers as Melissa Etheridge, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Susan Herrick, Cris Williamson, Dos Fallopa, Ani Difranco, Margie Adam, Kate Clinton, Wynonna Judd, Jamie Anderson, The Flirtations, Marian McPartland and many more. Subscriptions to the AWMAC Women's Music Calendar are available by mail for \$45/one year (non-members) and \$35/year (AWMAC members - membership is \$25/year). Send check or money order to: AWMAC Calendar, 219 Allen, Lansing MI 48912.

## Herland Sister Resources 1994 SPRING RETREAT FOR WOMEN

MAY 21 -- MAY 23  
ROMAN NOSE STATE PARK

Single Annual Income	Person's Annual Income	Retreat 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

Please choose the registration fee most appropriate for you based on these suggested guidelines. On-site registration will be \$60 with no exceptions. The deadline for pre-registration is May 19, 1994. Registration is non-refundable after May 20.

Complete and return the pre-registration form to Herland, 2312 N.W. 39, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registration fee enclosed:  \$15  \$25  \$35  \$60  I need a scholarship to attend.

I'm enclosing an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide retreat scholarships.

I'm bringing \_\_\_\_\_ children. (Girls of all ages and boys under 10 are welcome at the retreat.)

I would like to ride with someone.  I can help provide rides to the retreat.