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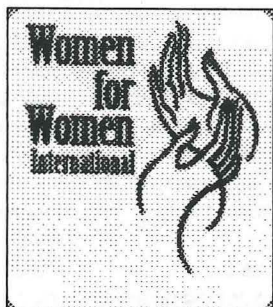
Learn to Drum!

Did you know that women were the original drummers? Are you ready for a spiritual experience? On Saturday, March 1st, 10 am, Herland Sister Resources will host a hand-drumming workshop. Come learn 9 basic patterns, learn to coordinate the patterns into rhythms, and learn some songs. You may bring your own drum if you have one but African drums will be provided. We are asking a \$12 donation which will not only benefit Herland but will also help buy more equipment for future drumming workshops. Don't know if you can do it? If you have a heartbeat, you have rhythm!

Herland Book Club

Ten women met last month for the start of the new Herland Book Club. The group decided to meet on the first Monday of every month, so the next meeting will be February 3rd at 7 pm. Rita Mae Brown's *Rubyfruit Jungle* will be discussed that night. The tentative selections for the following months are:
March - *Desert of the Heart* by Jane Rule
April - *Herland & the Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
May - *Tipping the Velvet* by Sarah Waters
June - *A Woman's Reality* by Anne Wilson Schaeff
July - *Woman on the Edge of Time* by Marge Piercy
August - *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name* by Audre Lorde

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Herland's Year in Review - 2002

The board and volunteers of Herland Sister Resources were very busy in 2002. We spent in excess of 1500 hours planning, maintaining the property, representing HSR at community events, publishing a newsletter, maintaining a web page, and providing social and educational events for the Oklahoma women's community. In addition to the income reported in our financial report, board members and volunteers donated \$1,691.93 in in-kind purchases of office supplies, building supplies, and food for events and fundraisers. This is a recap of what we did.

Planning activities included a day-long planning retreat that produced a strategic plan to guide our work for the next 3 years, revising the by-laws, surveying the women's community to learn how to serve it better, and establishing an event email-notification list.

Maintenance and repairs included repairing the entry ramp to keep Herland handicapped accessible, boarding up and bricking broken windows on the garage, scraping and caulking windows, and contracting major plumbing repairs and flooring in the bathroom (funded by our faithful supporters). Thanks to your generosity, we have enough funds from the plumbing donations to complete much-needed carpentry repairs to the building, such as replacement of deteriorated outside trim and soffits, and more serious repair of windows.

Events included two 2 1/2-day retreats at Roman Nose State Park with workshops, games, and concerts; a monthly book club; "Speedmatch" at Church of the Open Arms; 12 supper clubs; one organized bike ride; the annual Herland Pride Picnic; participation in the Pride Festival and Pride Parade; a day hike at Chickasaw National Recreation Area; two Saturday morning hikes at Martin Nature Center; one Movie Night at Herland; the annual New Year's Day Open House and games; and a potluck or two.

Community support and/or participation included participating in Women's Bold Journeys, the Martin Luther King Celebration Parade, and Celebrate Diversity; placing an ad in the Out Directory; and providing support for Interfaith Disaster Recovery Inc., NALGBTCC, Church of the Open Arms, and Family Pride.

Education and services included a bird-watching hike and Meditation/Stress and Honoring and Owning Your Authentic Self workshops at the spring retreat; an Adoption Workshop for Non-traditional Families; and a Drumming Workshop. Herland volunteers maintained a web site accessible 24/7; published and mailed 12 monthly newsletters to over 1000 women and supporters; and worked over 200 hours staffing the store on Saturdays to provide a lending library, merchandise, and books for sale, a place to meet others, and a source for information and referrals. The Womyn of Color club also met monthly at Herland.

The board of Herland Sister Resources wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation for all the donations of money and time contributed by our supporters. We also wish to thank those of you who participate in our events, read our newsletter, and access our services. You are why we exist.

Womyn of Color Club

The group will meet Sunday, February 9th, at 4 pm at Herland. Please email womynofcolor@gay.com or call (405) 842-3464 or (405) 947-7691 for more information.

Herland Supper Club

Saturday, February 8, 4:30 pm
at The Grand House
2701 N. Classen
followed by
OCU v. SNU
Women's Basketball Game
at 6:00 pm
at the Freede Center, OCU,
N.W. 26th & Florida

Join the Supper Club this month for Asian food at a fine restaurant, The Grand House. Following dinner we will attend a game between No. 1 ranked OCU and No. 3 ranked Crimson Storm. Meet at Herland at 4:15 pm if you wish to carpool to the restaurant and game.

Passageway's Wish List

The YWCA Passageway Shelter cares for battered women and their children. They have published a wish list. If you would like to donate any of the items on this list, you may bring them to Herland any Saturday from 1 - 5 pm with a note stating that they are for the Shelter or you may take them directly to the Shelter at 2460 NW 39th Street - just down the street from Herland.

- * twin size sheet sets
- * pillows, bath towels, & washcloths
- * baby monitors
- * women's underwear (all sizes)
- * children's underwear (boys and girls all sizes)
- * women's night clothes (all sizes)
- * children's night clothes (boys and girls, all sizes)
- * women's socks
- * children's socks
- * shower curtains and rugs (solid colors please)
- * house shoes
- * robes
- * glue sticks
- * play-doh
- * scissors
- * small stickers for rewards
- * construction paper
- * baby wipes
- * infant nail clippers
- * baby bottles & sippie cups
- * nasal aspirators
- * baby hygiene items
- * Disney videos
- * educational family videos
- * AA batteries
- * 9-volt batteries
- * car seats
- * booster car seats
- * alarm clocks

Destroying the Walls: the Civil Rights Movement in Oklahoma

On Monday, February 10, from 7-8 pm, James Smallwood from the Department of History at OSU will discuss the Civil Rights Movement in Oklahoma. The discussion begins with advances in the New Deal and World War II eras and concludes with the mid-1990s, covering the work of Clara Luper, who led the Oklahoma sit-in movement. Part of the Territory Speakers Program, this program is made possible by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Location: Belle Isle Library, NW Highway and Villa, OKC. Call (405) 843-9601 for more info.

Herland Wish List

Microwave—the 22-year old one we had bit the dust!
CD Player—we're still playing cassettes at the bookstore!

Saint Sybil

Sybil Ludington, Matron Saint of the Forgotten Woman, is an occasional contributor to this space. She answers a backlog of questions today.

Dear Saint Sybil,

What do you make of the fact that when I type Governor Keating's name in a document and then run Spellcheck, my word processor balks at "Keating" and offers me two other choices: "cheating" and "kiting". Isn't that a hoot? Do you think some computer programmer - or better yet, Providence - did this on purpose?

Well no, not really - are you thinking that because "cheating" comes up, it is on account of all the money Keating took from Mr. Dreyfus and never reported to the Ethics Commission? Or because he said there had to be moral certainty before executing someone, then totally ignored the unanimous moral uncertainty of his own pardon and parole board, and killed a possibly innocent man? No, really, I think it is just happy coincidence that you get to have so much fun with Spellcheck. You just find fun wherever you go, don't you? Whatever, he's outthere, so forget about him.

Dear St. Sybil,

The President's daughters, Jenna and Barbara, have received very light sentencing for their drug and alcohol abuse. Inner city blacks or working class whites would likely have received much harsher sentences, possibly including jail time. Don't you think the Bush girls should receive the same treatment everyone else gets?

Well no, not really - just the opposite. I think everyone else should receive the same treatment as the Bush girls - treatment, rehabilitation, redemption - a compassionate, caring response to a psychological/sociological problem.

Dear St. Sybil,

A lot of people think that Tiger Woods should boycott the Masters Tournament, in solidarity with women, who are denied membership in the Augusta National Golf Club, where the tournament is played. Do you agree?

Sorry, but no, not really - What I think is that all of the white players ought to boycott the Masters in solidarity with women... It is, after all, white men who make up I daresay ninety-nine percent of the membership of that sexist, racist bastion of white male privilege. IF the white players boycotted the Masters, that would leave Tiger and what - one or two other players in the tournament? With Tiger to watch, it would still be a fun and classy event, wouldn't it?

*Love and Peace,
Sybil*

The Laramie Project

UCO's Department of Theater, Dance and Media Arts will present *The Laramie Project* from February 20-23, 2003. The play tells the story of Matthew Shepard's murder and its effects on Laramie, Wyoming and the nation. In 1998, Shepard was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence in the middle of a prairie. Matthew was openly gay and targeted by his attackers because of his sexual orientation.

The play is being presented by UCO to encourage discussions within the university and the Edmond community about discrimination, hate crimes, homophobia, and acceptance. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for non-UCO students, and \$3 for UCO students. Call the Mitchell Hall Theater box office at (405) 974-3375 to reserve tickets.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

We send out a big "thank you" to Kristall Bright, who not only has donated a computer and printer and all the works to Herland, but has offered us that rarest and most precious of gifts, Technical Support! Thank you, Kristall, we are much indebted and most grateful.

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Herland Sister Resources, Inc.**Financial Statement (1/1/02 to 12/31/02)****INCOME**

General Fund Donations	\$4,139.05
Building Repair Fund Donations	\$4,830.00
Events	\$668.06
Retreats	\$3,142.87
Grant - Astraea	\$1,000.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$225.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$450.00
Rent	\$660.00
Sales	\$378.91
Sales Tax Collected	\$37.10
Miscellaneous	\$32.42
Carryover from 2001	\$429.63
Total Income	\$15,993.04

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$80.00
Building Repair	\$1,927.90
Fundraising	\$472.58
Event Expenses	\$105.00
Community Support	\$100.00
Insurance	\$1,464.94
Newsletter Postage & Printing	\$3,100.69
Other Postage	\$218.50
Retreat Expenses	\$1,790.69
Sales Tax Permit	\$80.00
Telephone	\$737.50
Utilities	\$1,269.46
Miscellaneous	\$160.39
Total Expenses	\$11,507.65

Net \$4,485.39

Building Fund Carryover	\$2,655.01
General Fund Carryover	\$1,830.38

Herland Winter Wonderland Hiking Trip

Join the Herland Hiking Group for a winter weekend outing to the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge near Lawton on February 22-23. Meet at Herland at 9 am on Saturday if you wish to carpool to Lawton. The group will meet at Jane F and Nancy's RV (the meeting spot all weekend) in Doris Campground in the refuge at 11 am. Latecomers and day trippers are welcome all weekend.

Some sleeping spots are available in the RV - just call Jane F ahead of time to make sure there is enough room. Tent campsites are available adjoining the RV site. Jane P will also have two or three bed roll spots in her tent. Remember to bring a sleeping bag or pile of fleece or wool blankets.

Whatever your arrangements, bring lots of layered clothing; hat, gloves, and sturdy boots/shoes; warm socks and sleep clothes; water container, plate or bowl, eating utensils, and cup; sunscreen, sunglasses, and raingear; trail and camp snacks; binoculars; and something (you know, a side of venison or the like) to cook out. (If the weather is too rough for cooking out, we will have a leisurely dinner at a local restaurant.) If you have some outdoor games or activities, bring them as well. Jane and Nancy are bringing bocci.

If you desire lodging instead of camping, there are several options. Medicine Park Lodging is nearby. It seems quaint but expensive. The number is (580) 529-2182 or www.medicinparklodging.com. Also, a full range of motels are available in Lawton, only 15 minutes away.

For more information about this trip, go to members.cox.net/lawton_trip or contact Jane F at fjane@okstate.edu, Nancy at nancym@okstate.edu, or Jane P at (405) 521-9815.

The hiking group will also have its regular outing to Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial, at 10 am on Saturday, February 8. (Optional coffee gathering at Panera's, Memorial & Meridian, at 9:30 am.) This will also be an opportunity to talk to the hike leaders and get any remaining questions answered.

Marine Luncheon

The Women Marines are celebrating their 60th Anniversary nationwide all of this year. Join the local women February 22 at the Hilton Inn Northwest. Get more info at ok2events@aol.com or call (405) 672-8977.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE**February**

- Friday, February 7: Sonja Martinez, Mia Adams, and Kirsti Pollard at Partners, 2805 NW 36th, 8 pm
Friday, February 7: Mary Reynolds at One, 323 White St. in Norman, 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 8: Herland Hike at Martin Nature Park, 5000 W Memorial, 10 am
Saturday, February 8: Herland Supper Club at The Grand House, 2701 N. Classen, 4:30 pm
Sunday, February 9: Womyn of Color meet at Herland, 4 pm
Monday, February 10: Destroying the Walls, Belle Isle Library, 7 pm
Tuesday, February 11: Mary Reynolds opens for Vance Gilbert at All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S Peoria in Tulsa, 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 16: Herland Board Meeting, 4 pm
February 20-23: The Laramie Project at UCO
Friday, February 21: Louise & Mary at Galileo's, 3009 Paseo, 9 pm
Saturday, February 22: Herland Winter Wonderland Hike in Wichita Mountains
Saturday, February 22: Marine Women's Luncheon
Wednesdays: Rally for Peace with Iraq, NW 23rd and Classen, 4 - 5:30 pm
Saturdays: Rally for Peace with Iraq, NW Expressway and Penn, noon - 1 pm

March

- Saturday, March 1: Drumming Workshop at Herland, 10 am
Saturday, March 8: ERA Workshop at Herland, 3:30 pm
Saturday, March 8: Herland Supper Club

May

- May 16-18: Herland Spring Retreat at Roman Nose

Remember the ERA?

Twenty years ago, the ERA went down in defeat after a divisive political battle over women's rights and roles in the home and workplace. But now, even though Republicans are in charge of both the state and federal governments, a coalition of women's and civil rights groups is trying to revive the ERA.

On Saturday, March 8th, at 3:30 pm, at Herland, Leona Evans of the Oklahoma ERA Campaign will show a short video and then explain the "Three State Strategy" to try to get the ERA passed even though the time limit has since expired. After the presentation there will be time for questions. Light refreshments will be served.

Classified: Daisy is a sweet, loyal companion, but she is not for everyone. She is a 65 pound lab/chow mix, a handsome dog with a glossy black coat, who loves to play catch and chew on her toys. She cannot be around other dogs. Daisy was abused as a puppy, and is not over it eight loving years later. But she is a faithful and very gentle friend to people she trusts. She has to be an Only Dog, no other dogs allowed. Other than that, she is low maintenance, undemanding, affectionate, and doesn't yap or shed much - well all right, she sheds as much as other dogs. She is completely housebroken and was spayed following the litter of puppies she had at 9 months.

Daisy would be a wonderful dog to someone with no other pets and without small children, who wants a quiet and loving companion who would scare the daylight out of an intruder. She is free to a very good home. If Daisy is for you, please call (405) 842-3206 and ask for Malika.

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