

Herland

VOICE

August, 2001

ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A HERLAND VOLUNTEER?

Seriously, we are updating our volunteer file and need everyone who is interested in being a Herland volunteer to let us know, even if they you have already told us before. Please give us a call at 521-9696, send an email to herland@home.com, or send a note to Herland, 2312 NW 39, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 and let us know you're interested.

Herland is an all volunteer organization and depends on volunteers for everything from watering the grass to serving on the Board. We currently need women who are willing to staff the center for one Saturday afternoon a month. During your shift, you could be involved with such tasks as visiting with individuals who stop in at Herland, helping them make purchases or check materials out of the library, answering questions about Herland and community resources, straightening up the center and processing of library materials.

We also need women who would like to take a leadership role in Herland by serving on the Board of Directors. Board members are expected to participate in a monthly Board meeting, serve on at least one committee and actively participate in Herland activities.

Other needs include women who are interested in facilitating support groups of various kinds or visiting with women in nursing homes. Perhaps you have another idea of how you would like to participate in the Herland community -- just give us a call! □

SO LONG 'TASHA!

Long time Herland friend and proprietor of Mystic Forest Treasures, Natasha Rice, is moving to Columbus, Ohio. Natasha served on the Herland Board for several years and has lent her considerable talents to Herland in many ways. The landscaping around Herland is just the most visible of these. Stop by Mystic Forest Treasures in Norman to say your farewells (and to pick up a bargain or two during the moving sale.) □

HERLAND FALL RETREAT

Make your plans now to attend the Herland Fall Retreat on September 14-16 at Roman Nose State Park.

Mary nBright, with Mary Catherine Reynolds, Nancy Nesser, and Crystal Bright will be the featured entertainers. Other plans are still being made. If you'd like to lead a workshop, please leave a message at Herland or send an email to herland@home.com.

Retreat registration is on a sliding scale and includes accomadations in a group camp cabin and Friday night supper, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Look inside this issue of the Voice for a registration form. □

*Herland Supper Club, 5:30 PM,
August 11. Meet at Herland*

*Breakfast Bike Ride, 8:00 AM,
Sunday, August 19 We'll go for an easy
ride and then have breakfast. Call Ginger
at 942-1535 for the location.*

*Herland Board Meeting, 4:30 PM
Sunday, August 19.*

*Herland Coffeeshouse with Jan
Rosenberg performing. 7:00 PM
Friday, August 24 Don't miss your last
chance to hear "Dr. Jan" before she
moves to Florida.*

*Herland is open every
Saturday from 1-5 PM.*

Herland is located at 2312 NW 39, OKC, OK

WHEN NUNS GO BAD...

The US government has thrown the book at an 88-year-old nun and her 68-year-old kid sister, also a nun.

Last month, in Columbus, Ga., Judge Mallon Faircloth apparently decided to make the world safe from religious women of conscience who peacefully trespass on federal property — specifically, the military training facility at Fort Benning formerly known as the School of the Americas:

He sentenced Franciscan nuns Dorothy Hennessey, 88, and her sister, Gwen, 68, to six months each in federal prison - the maximum possible penalty. Since 1990, when Maryknoll priest Roy Bourgeois and other protesters showed up at the gates of the school (recently renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation), it has been targeted by thousands of demonstrators; including some of our finest Oklahoma activists. Every October, folks gather at the entrance to Fort Benning to decry the school's deadly role in Latin American politics and to demand its closure.

Some of the protesters "cross the line" and trespass onto the grounds. Usually, they carry coffins and name placards that represent the people who've died at the hands of SOA/WHISC graduates.

The Hennessey sisters were among several thousand who crossed the line last October and got arrested. So were two other nuns and a Quaker couple from Ohio, all four in their 70's. Altogether, 26 peaceful trespassers were sentenced by the judge. Most got the maximum sentence.

Faircloth offered Dorothy Hennessey the option of serving her sentence under "motherhouse arrest" in Dubuque. According to the National Catholic Reporter, Sister Dorothy told the judge, "No thanks" because she wanted to be treated the same as her 25 co-defendants.

Like their fellow convicts, the Hennessey sisters said they weren't looking forward to jail, but they planned to make the best of it. Said Dorothy: "If there's time left after we get out we might want to go into prison ministry." □

Adapted from the article by Stephanie Salter, San Francisco Chronicle

Carolyn Cason needs lots of warm thoughts and our prayers. She and Diane are a special part of our community. Our hearts go out to them and we encourage others to offer support.

--- The women of the Herland Board

WEB SITE HELPS OK HIV/AIDS PATIENTS

A new Web site is making it easier for Oklahoman living with HIV/AIDS and for those who treat them to access up-to-date medical information.

CHAIN, Oklahoma's first Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Information Network, can be accessed at <http://chain.ouhsc.edu>, and features a statewide directory of HIV/AIDS resources, electronic collections, a list of relevant HIV/AIDS sites on the Web, a virtual reference desk, and an interactive calendar of HIV/AIDS related events in Oklahoma and the nation.

The Web site's electronic reference desk gives users easy, confidential access to an HSC reference librarian. Users may request mediated searches and ask for help with questions. Search results and relevant documents are packaged and sent to individuals by fax, U.S. mail, or e-mail, in order to minimize concerns about privacy.

The Web site especially benefits HIV/AIDS patients living in rural parts of the state, where there is often a shortage of medical personnel and support services, transportation difficulties and greater distance to specialized services. Frequently, the rural resident with HIV is the only person with HIV whom his or her health care provider has ever managed.

Most of the state's 200 public libraries now offer free access to the Internet. The information contained on the Web site is not meant to replace the advice of a health care provider. □

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COHRA SEEKS MEMBERS

Central Oklahoma Human Rights Alliance (COHRA) is seeking members to support their human rights work in Oklahoma. In 1995, the Oklahoma City Council terminated funding for the city's Human Rights Commission, COHRA was formed to receive complaints of human rights and hate-related offenses, refer such complaints to mediation, and offer public programs and sensitivity training to civic, business, school, social, and faith groups. Please write COHRA at 924 N. Robinson, OKC, OK 73102 or call (405)232-0217 to find out how you can get involved. □

HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival: The 6-day quintessential women's music festival will feature Laura Love, Dar Williams, Chris Williamson, and Lucie Blue Tremblay, Amy Ray and the Butchies, Urban Bush Women and many, many others. This year it runs from August 7 to 12th in Walhalla, MI. Visit their website at www.michfest.com or call (231)757-4766 for more information.

SISTAHfest 2001: The 11th Annual SISTAHfest retreat will be October 4-7, 2001 in Malibu, CA. The United Lesbians of African Heritage produces the event for Black women and the women who love them. Join them for a

weekend of exploration, relaxation, inspiration, and perspiration in a space that affirms our lifestyles, choices, relationships, families, and ourselves. Additional information may be found at www.ULOAH.com or phone their hotline at 323-960-5051.

The Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force is asking for your help. Under current U.S. immigration law, American gay and lesbians are unable to petition for their foreign partners to immigrate. The U.S. is the only English-speaking country that continues to deny same-sex couples the right to petition. Help the LGIRTF make Congress aware of this issue by signing their petition. Find out more at www.lgirtf.org.

Provincetown Swim for Life: Swimmers and paddlers from around the country will converge on Cape Cod for the 14th Annual Provincetown Harbor Swim for Life & Paddler Flotilla AIDS Benefit and Community Fundraiser on September 8, 2001. For more information, check their website at www.swim4life.org.

National Conference for Lesbians of Size: The four-day Festival features speakers, workshops, a dance, talent show, and a performance by Toshi Reagon. The event is sponsored by the National Organization for Lesbians of Size and will be held October 5-8, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel, Parsippany, NY. Email NoLoseLass@excite.com for more information. □

HERLAND FALL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 14-16, ROMAN NOSE STATE PARK

Please choose the registration amount most appropriate for you. On-site registration will be \$65. The deadline for pre-registration is September 10. Registration is non-refundable after September 12.

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):
 \$15 \$25 \$35 \$45 \$60

Saturday only Registration \$25

Single Person's Annual Income	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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 10 are welcome)

Please send your completed registration to: Herland, 2312 NW 39, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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