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(or consider increasing your membership to a higher level when you renew)

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(sponsors memberships for prisoners and women with financial hardship)

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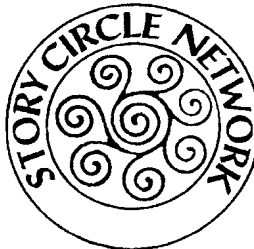
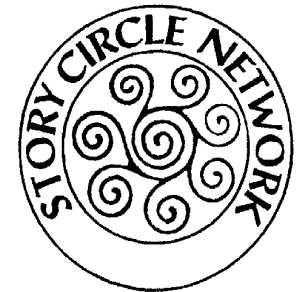
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***Your Gift
Assures the
Future of the Story
Circle Network***



“When the storyteller tells the truth, she reminds us that human beings are more alike than unlike....A story is what it’s like to be a human being—to be knocked down and to miraculously arise. Each one of us has arisen, awakened. We do rise.”

Maya Angelou

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About the Story Circle Network

The Story Circle Network believes that women's stories are a vital part of the whole historical record of our communities, our culture, and our country. We recognize that women often need encouragement to undertake the important work of life-history, so we provide publications, classes, workshops, and woman-focussed programs which empower women to create their own stories, discover their identities through their life stories, and choose to be the authors of their own lives. Membership in the Network is open to all women everywhere.

The Board of Directors, which is based in Austin, Texas, oversees the Network's classes and workshops, the publication of the quarterly *Story Circle Journal*, the Network's web site, and its grants and sponsored projects. In 1998, the Network received a \$100,000 grant to support a two-year project, the Older Women's Legacy Circle. SCN received a pledge of \$50,000 over three years in its 2003 Annual Fund Drive to sustain the Network's expanding program.

The Network's first local chapter was chartered in 1999 in Austin TX and an Internet Chapter was created in early 2000. The organization is operating under an ambitious five-year plan for the Network's growth, providing for increased membership among all ages and races, expanded programming, and additional sponsored projects.

Our Mission Statement—

The Story Circle Network is dedicated to helping women share the stories of their lives and to raising public awareness of the importance of women's personal histories. We carry out our mission through publications, a web site, classes, workshops, writing and reading circles, and woman-focused programs. Our activities empower women to tell their stories, discover their identities through their stories, and choose to be the authors of their own lives.

How your gift will benefit the Network

Your tax-deductible gift to the Network is put to work to support its programs, publications, and projects. Dues cover only one third of SCN's operational budget.

Programs

We offer a variety of programs to our members and to the general public, many of them free. In the past two years, these programs have included classes, workshops, lectures, juried writing competitions, Reading Circles, Writing Circles, and a full program of Internet activities. We also hold a large national conference in Austin in even-numbered years and host a weekend writing retreat in odd-numbered years.

Publications

The Network supports a number of publications designed to encourage women to write and share their stories and to give them a forum for publication of their work. All members of Network receive *The Story Circle Journal*, a 24-28 page quarterly newsletter. We also publish *True Words from Real Women*, an annual collection of women's writing; "LifeStory Briefs," how-to tip sheets; and a guide for Story Circle facilitators. In addition, we offer many resources free to the public on our web site, www.storycircle.org.

Projects

The Older Women's Legacy Circle Project, our first major funded project supported by a generous grant from the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, in Houston TX, was completed in 2000. The Sisters' gift enabled us to develop a series of guided memoir workshops for women over sixty. In 2003 the University of Texas Press published a collection of these memoirs titled *With Courage and Common Sense* edited by Dr. Dayna Finet and Dr. Susan Wittig Albert with an introduction by Liz Carpenter.

SCN's recent major writing project, *What Wilderness is This*, includes juried selections from 274 submissions as well as essays from professional writers. The completed collection was published by the University of Texas Press in 2007.

How to make a gift to the Network

No gift to the Story Circle Network is too small or too large, and every contribution is tax deductible. Gifts and contributions should be sent to the Story Circle Network, PO Box 500127, Austin TX 78750-0127. When we receive your gift, we will send you an acknowledgement that you should save for your tax records.