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Dear Friend:

At OKon and elsewhere, we have managed to collect some 24 names of persons interested in or actively engaged in writing SF in Oklahoma.

I could mail a list of addresses, but I'm sure that there are some who treasure their privacy, so I ask you earnestly if you know of someone who is trying to write, is writing, or doing SF artwork, etc., that you kindly mail me that person's address or have them contact me; we are restricted to those within reach of or within this state (in case there is someone right on the border, ok.) I know that I may have missed some, and I would like to remedy those omissions.

What I propose is an Oklahoma SF writer's Association, in the interest of helping new writers and generally promoting the field about the state. I can't do this thing by myself: I would hope that the new writers themselves (who could profit most from such an organization) would be willing to carry the burden of it...actually the pros in the state have nothing at all to gain from the organization except some delightful company and the chance to get together occasionally...but for those of you that are pros, I would hope that you might find it possible to come in on the meetings when schedules permit. I'm probably crazy myself for trying to promote such a thing, but a couple of hours monthly in good conversation with folks who appreciate something beyond the mundane does tempt me: I hope it does you. So one-time-only, I'm sinking my own pocket funds into this mailing, and the one by which I'll respond to those who write me back that they're interested...although SASE would be appreciated. (Special thanks, incidentally to Jan Wolfe, who's helping with this mailing.)

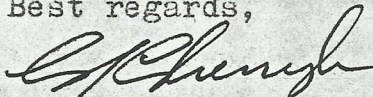
So if this thing is going to work, I need volunteers, input, help, and bodies. DON'T send me money, not, at least, until there is an organization, after which time I hope there will also be a treasurer and responsible people to handle the whole business.

If you are a club president, survey your membership and see if you have any interested parties in your club. I'd like to hear from them.

And if you're interested, please mail back the questionnaire at the soonest possible, with SASE if at all possible. (That's Stamped and Self-addressed Envelope, for those of you who've not sent in a ms. yet.)

Wish you well, whatever.

Best regards,



C.J. (Carolyn) Cherryh

P.S. I'd handwrite, but have mercy; this has to go out twenty four times.