



3. Looking for Nominations for the Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award

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OLOC, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, will present the 2017 Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award, created to honor Del Martin, activist, pathfinder, and OLOC Member who died at age 87 on August 27, 2008 in San Francisco, the city of her birth. It will be awarded to a Lesbian 70 years or older whose life and work has impacted and will continue to impact the lives of Old Lesbians.

Del was out, proud, and unapologetic when few were. She and her lifetime partner, Phyllis Lyon, forged an enduring image that continues to inspire generations of Lesbians around the globe. In 1955 they co-founded the Daughters of Bilitis, the first U.S. Lesbian organization, and in 1972 co-wrote the equally groundbreaking *Lesbian/Woman*. In 1976 Del's book, *Battered Wives*, first shattered the silence surrounding domestic violence. Her writing and tireless activism on behalf of women earned much praise, many awards, and an invitation to the White House, and drew upon the great strengths of Lesbian tradition, advancing our visibility and pride and carrying that heritage forward.

Guidelines:

1. Nominations not to exceed 500 words describing the outstanding accomplishments and/or achievements of the nominee are to be received by e-mail or regular mail to: info@oloc.org or OLOC's mailing address.
2. E-mailed nominations must be received by March 15, 2017 and mailed nominations must be postmarked by March 15, 2017.
3. The Award will be given to an Old Lesbian over the age of 70.
4. Nominations are world-wide and for an Old Lesbian in any field of endeavor.
5. Nominee's life and/or work must impact the lives of Old Lesbians.
6. The Award will be presented at the 2017 National Gathering in the Tampa Bay Area of Florida.
7. Nominee must be alive at the time of nomination.