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## Leave No Old Lesbian Behind: 2006 Gathering and Program Information

by *Shaba Barnes, 70; Mina Meyer, 66; and Jan Griesinger, 66*

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change is thrilled to present its 2006 Gathering: *Leave No Old Lesbian Behind*. Highlights include not only the extraordinary speakers Mandy Carter and Suzanne Pharr and featured performer Alix Dobkin, but also Ida VSW Red, visionary writer and artistic performer/creator for over 20 years with Mother Tongue Feminist Theater Collective. Ida Red will involve participants in creating, preparing, and presenting a performance to the entire Gathering. Ida Red's workshop is entitled *Lesbian Lives Aloud*.

Cathy Cade will present a slide show titled *West Coast Old Lesbians, Our Organizations and Events* as well as a second exciting workshop, *Time Lines, A Tool For Remembering Your Life*. Participants will receive the support they need to tell and write their own stories.

Regina Shaver, Executive Director of Griot Circle, a dynamic elder LGBT center for people of all colors, will run a special workshop that will share lessons learned on decreasing Lesbian isolation and enhancing knowledge of gender and cultural-specific programs.

Carol Maxon's workshop *Energy, Healing and You* will allow us to explore laughter and a positive attitude—good energy in ourselves!

Additionally, there will be workshops on

*Health Care Advocacy, Housing, Do I Dare Fall in Love Again?, What is Activism?, and Differently Abled in Organizational Settings: What We Need and Must Have*. Jan Griesinger will facilitate a workshop called *Mobilizing People of Faith As Allies To Our Movement*.

A panel on *Lesbophobia and Ageism* will address aspects of discrimination that affect old Lesbians as couples and singles and as Lesbians of color. The panel will explore strategies to deal with these types of "isms."

Another session will be groups of women of color and white women challenging race and class, and building OLOC community.

**Special Pre-Gathering Workshop:** We have a special Oral Herstory Training Workshop set up for Thursday, August 17 1-5 p.m., for those who are interested in joining this important project. **Go to page 2 to read more about it!**

There are many other wonderful, exciting activities planned and unplanned that lie ahead, including a silent auction!

**Bring Your Friends!  
Leave No Old Lesbian Behind!**

OLOC provides Old Lesbians with the chance to meet like-minded women in our common struggle to confront ageism, to share mutual interests, and to experience the joy and warmth of playing and working together.

## Get On Board For OLOC'S National Gathering *By Jan Griesinger*

Registration materials were mailed to subscribers in a separate envelope in April. If you did not receive one or need more copies, please call or email the national OLOC office. (740-448-6424)

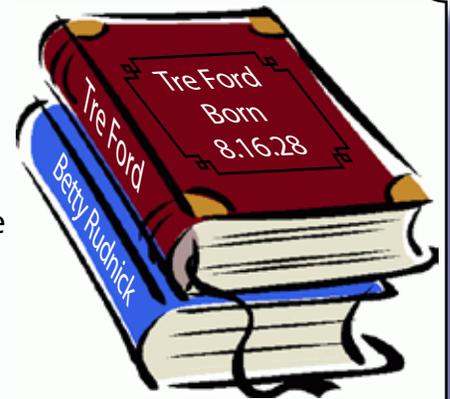
The opening session of the Gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 17. Registration will open at 12 Noon that day. The Gathering will conclude at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 20.

OLOC is thrilled to have a local host committee working hard in North Carolina to help us with the Gathering. The committee is chaired by Mandy Carter, one of the keynote speakers. OLOC Steering Committee members met with 25 area women in April 2005 as the planning began. At the recent Steering Committee meeting (April 2006), we met with eight local women (ages ranging from their 40's into their 80's) who have joined the host committee and are working to assist with logistics, housing for attendees in private homes if needed, finding a local videographer to record part of the Gathering, selling ads in our program book and tickets to the Saturday night banquet/entertainment/dance to which women of all ages are invited, and many other local details.

Thanks, women!

### Get Involved in the Oral Herstory Project!

Women traveling to Durham to the 2006 National Gathering also have a wonderful opportunity to learn how they can take an active role in the Arden Eversmeyer Oral Herstory Project. Arden herself is offering an afternoon workshop on Thursday, August 17. There, you'll not only learn more about the project but receive training on how to do the interviews yourself. If you need more information about the workshop, please don't hesitate to contact Arden. Her phone number is 713-869-1482 and her email is [aeca87@houston.rr.com](mailto:aeca87@houston.rr.com).



### Intergenerational Dialogue *by Jan Griesinger, 66*

For the first time, OLOC will hold a special event for local women the night *before* the August 17-20 Gathering begins. The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham, North Carolina. (Research Triangle Park). Lesbians of all ages are invited to attend to talk about their lives and how ageism affects us all, whatever our age.

### Registration Additions and Corrections

We neglected to include the toll-free-phone number for the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. It's 919-941-5050. If you call for reservations, **make sure you specify** that you are attending the OLOC Gathering to qualify for the special convention rate. We were also incorrect when we said there were queen beds. There are rooms with 2 double beds and rooms with one king-size bed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**If you are staying at the hotel and want to be paired with a roommate, let us know. The National office will act as a clearing house for those wanting to share a room. The Sheraton Imperial was selected because it offers more rooms with handicap-accessible features than other hotels.**

## THE MEDICAL CORNER

Dr. Jean Eckerly, 68

I have received both direct and indirect positive feedback concerning my article (about flu) in the March issue of *The Reporter*. I thank you. The direct feedback

came through a group of women looking at spirituality and aging. There are some interesting parallels in religion and health care that I promise to tackle in the future. Meanwhile, let's take a look at a favorite "old lady disease" from the perspective of our last discussion.

A few months ago our editor sent me an article from the HealthLetter (published by the Public Citizen Health Research Group) entitled "New Diseases," which are often invented by Drug Industry Marketing Departments to sell you drugs. Her question had to do with comments on osteoporosis/osteopenia (losing/thinning of bones, since any of you who are involved with some managed care system have most likely been confronted with this aspect of the overall "disease" called aging.

First of all, this is nothing new. When I was a student, conjugated estrogens became available and were really just marketed to subdue the "bitchiness" of menopause (another way to protect the sanctity of marriage). When this became noticeably "politically incorrect," emphasis was placed on marketing HRT (hormone replacement therapy) for osteoporosis. It was obvious to "everyone" that grandma was now shorter than she was on her wedding day. So was grandpa, but forget that!

Unfortunately there were no really good tools to accurately look at a person's bones to tell if they were disappearing, but "impression" was regarded as reliable enough for prescription.

Then a more sophisticated X-ray machine called a dual-energy X-ray absorptiometer,

otherwise known as DXA or DEXA, was invented. Ultimately the standard for how much X-ray is absorbed was developed from a total of 6,913 persons who were said to represent the entire U.S. population between the ages of 24 and 74.

We now have a "gold standard." Or do we? The test is 90-96% accurate in determining how dense your bones are (which means there can be an error from one test to the next simply from the procedure). The idea that one can predict the possibility of hip or vertebral fracture on the basis of bone density comes from studying the bone density of persons who have already sustained these fractures. Of course the bone densities of these people varied, so you can't say that when your bones get to "x" thinness, they will break. In fact, there are many people with "thin" bones that will never break. The data must be somewhere in that 6,913. By the time we marshal all women to have the test we should have a lot of data. The spin will be that the bones that did not break were because the women were being treated.

You are being advised to have a bone density test. There are two scores. The Z score compares you to other women in your age group (decade). The T score compares you to a 30-year-old woman (who is probably an athlete). Both these scores are based on plus or minus standard deviations from the mean. Basically the "bell shaped curve" distributes a population around a center point where approximately 34% falls on either the plus or minus side as one standard deviation; an additional 13.5% on either side as two standard deviations. And another 2+% as three deviations, with the whole "bell" encompassing 99.73%. The important point is that by definition, someone has to be within the far-out third standard deviations to be at risk. Somehow, you and your doctor are

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being convinced that you aren't really healthy unless you fall within the first standard of the athletic 30-year-old woman. Thus, the T is your diagnostic score, and unless you are currently pumping iron, your bones will be thin. Because--unless we are pumping lots of iron--our bones get thinner as we get older.

Then you are advised that you need treatment. Now, if the recommended therapy would make your body feel and respond like that of a 30-year-old athlete, we might be onto something here. Since the truth about hormone (estrogen/progesterone) replacement therapy has come out, the drugs that are being prescribed are Actonel, Fosamax, and Boniva, bisphosphonates that prevent resorption of bone; Raloxifene that enhances some estrogen receptors (Evista); and calcitonin and synthetic parathyroid hormone (two hormones produced in the parathyroid gland that encourage deposition of bone).

The real question is--do you need any of this? The "public health" aspect of "preventing osteoporosis" is to prevent hip fractures and save some 14 billion dollars a year in health care costs.

Don't ask what the profit margin is on doing these tests and selling these drugs. The incidence of hip fracture is 1 in 906 persons (8 out of 10 are women--could be those darned shoes!). We have already said that you can't predict which bone density score will result in a hip fracture (or not). Will these treatments improve your bone density? Maybe. The bisphosphonates will improve your bone density by 3.3 to 4.8%, which is translated to a relative risk reduction of 33 to 90%, but actually means an increase of .077 points where risk is considered to be present in a score of 1 to 2.5

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points. These drugs have been largely tested on women who have already fractured a hip. Side effects are 5-7.5% and include esophageal erosion and actual bone loss, especially in the jaw. Evista might increase your score by .035

points but has a risk of hot flashes and blood clots. I find it interesting that these studies also included treatment with calcium and vitamin D.

Your bones, like everything else in your body, are in a state of balance. You are resorbing and depositing minerals all the time. A much better way to determine if you are resorbing faster than depositing is through a simple urine test that checks your pyridinoline and deoxypyridoline (by-products of resorption).

Vitamin D is essential for strong bones and healthy teeth (among other things). You might remember that from health class in grade school. You can have your Vitamin D level checked through a simple blood test. If you are experiencing net loss of bone, you can probably reverse this with calcium and vitamin D.

So, the propaganda based on the 6,913 persons and the development of the "gold standard" is that 44 million Americans are at risk for osteoporosis. Thirty seven percent of women ages 50-59 are at risk, and 87% over 80 (even though no one ever looked at anyone over 74) are at risk. The deception is that a minuscule increase in bone density (.077 points) represents a 90% reduction in risk. The sin of omission is that there is no data on what the drug will do without the assistance of calcium and vitamin D.

***P. S. Remember the article on flu? Keep an eye on the bird flu and who is getting the money for readiness. Also remember that the 1918 flu virus was recreated last year and is under as much security as our seaports. Stay safe and be well!***

## **OLOC Field Organizer Hired** *by Jan Griesinger, 66*

OLOC has its first paid field organizer. Sally Tatnall of Cleveland, OH, will begin July 1, 2006, working primarily east of the Mississippi River to find and support local organizers and help get local OLOC groups established.

Tatnall, age 68, has worked in the Lesbian and feminist movements for over 35 years. She says, "I started organizing in 1955 when I arrived at college and found that women were required to keep very limited hours. I joined the women's student government and, by the time I left, the hours women could be out of the dorm were greatly expanded." (*Editor's note: women students but not men had to be in their dorms at required times—around 10 p.m. on weekdays and 11 or 12 midnight on weekends.*)

She is a co-founder of Womenspace, Cleveland Women's Counseling, and was on the Board of the Dinner Party Site Project which brought Judy Chicago's exhibit to Cleveland. This project raised over \$80,000 and was the seed money for the women's community foundation which Sally helped to found. Recently she has been active in the acquisition of a house in east Cleveland believed to be a part of the Underground Railroad, a site that will become a freedom center and museum.

Shevy Healey and Ruth Silver were OLOC's original field organizers, traveling across the United States in their RV in the early 1990's to find old Lesbians and get them involved in OLOC. Since that time, it's been hit or miss.

We are proud that two new OLOC groups have been formed in the last year in Ohio and the St. Louis area. We would like to have groups in Atlanta, western Florida, the Washington, D.C. area, New England, the New York City area, Philadelphia, the Triangle area of North Carolina, Detroit, Chicago, and wherever else women are ready to organize. See contact information for Sally Tatnall in the OLOC Steering Committee listing near the end of this newsletter.

## **New Steering Committee Member** *by Jan Griesinger, 66*

Mina Meyer, age 66, was recently elected to the OLOC Steering Committee. Mina is from Long Beach, California, and was one of the original conference coordinators (though she was not yet 60 at the time) for the West Coast Old Lesbian Conference and Celebration in 1987 at California State in Dominguez Hills.

Meyer was a Human Relations Commissioner for the city of Long Beach, a worker for 16 years at the Sisterhood Bookstore, and a founding member and Board member of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

With her life partner, Sharon Raphael, she helped organize, in 1977, the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology. OLOC welcomes Mina Meyer.

## **Other Steering Committee News** *by Cam Jancek, 72*

Our other candidate that was eligible to join the Steering Committee as a full member at the April meeting was Chris Roerden. She was approved unanimously to join. Unfortunately, she could not accept for personal reasons. However, Chris has volunteered to continue proofreading *The Reporter* before its final printing and also help OLOC in other ways. We are all absolutely very pleased to have her on our side as she is a very talented woman!

## **March Reporter Correction**

In the March issue of *The Reporter*, we misspelled Pat Parks' last name in the article about the Memorial Plaque, Our apologies to Pat and those who knew her.

## Over 50's West Coast Lesbian Conference

At last year's Over 50's West Coast Lesbian Conference in Vancouver BC, Arden Eversmeyer made such a hit with her unscheduled, informal discussion on the Oral Herstory Project that she was invited to lead a workshop this fall. The 2nd Annual Gathering/Conference will be held September 7-10, 2006, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Lesbians of all ages are welcome to attend the event which features workshops, entertainment, food, socials and, in their own words "Women/Womyn/Womon!!" For more details about this event, go to their website: [www.soundsandfuries.com](http://www.soundsandfuries.com).

### Karen Clark Honored In Minnesota

**By Annalee Stewart, 78**

Representative Karen Clark was honored at a "Tea and Toast" GLBT Generations celebration of her 25 years of service in the Minnesota State Legislature. She is the longest serving "out" Lesbian in the nation. OLOC added to the celebration by acknowledging her 60th birthday. With pride and pleasure we presented her with a subscription to *The Reporter* and an OLOC pin, which she is looking forward to wearing to work.

### Special Grants

**by Jan Griesinger, 66**

OLOC is proud to announce the receipt of two grants which will be used to assist our new field organizing program and our August National Gathering. Thanks to the Appalachian Peace and Justice National Network of Athens, Ohio, for a grant of \$3,800 and to the Bernard/Heller Fund of ASTRAEA Lesbian Foundation for Justice for a grant of \$1,500.

### A Note From North Carolina

Dear OLOC- Here is the brief announcement and website address for OLOC Gathering attendees who might want to come to Durham early to catch the LGBT film festival.

Come to Durham August 10-13, before the OLOC Gathering, and enjoy the best of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender films along with food, fun, filmmakers, and community. The North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is the second largest in the southeastern US. Join us to see all the latest LGBT films (features, documentaries, shorts). For more details, visit <http://festivals.carolinatheatre.org/ncglff>.

### Lesbians With Endometriosis

**By Jan Griesinger, 66**

The Endometriosis Associates has begun a new Lesbian Outreach Council for those who would like to be public advocates for Lesbians with endometriosis. The president is Sharon Deevey, R.N., PD.D. from Columbus, Ohio, who is involved with the Ohio OLOC group. She is also a board member of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Associates.

Most of the research on this condition assumes heterosexuality, although many Lesbians report experiencing it. Lesbian health research literature does not address it, either. If you would like more information, contact Endometriosis Associates at: 8585 North 76th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53223; 414-355-2200, or online website: [www.EndometriosisAssn.org](http://www.EndometriosisAssn.org).

### Thanks, Silver Threads! **By Jan Griesinger**

Silver Threads holds a gathering for Lesbians 50 and over every January on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Over 135 women attend. This year they donated part of their proceeds to OLOC. A check for \$1,000 will be presented to OLOC at our August Gathering. Their next event will be January 12-15, 2007. For details about Silver Threads, contact [RIKALE@aol.com](mailto:RIKALE@aol.com) or 727-323-0132.

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**Let your voice be heard.**

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## Golden Threads 20th Celebration

The 20th Annual Golden Threads Celebration for Older Lesbians is June 22-25, 2006, in Provincetown, MA. On the website, [www.GoldenThreadsPtown.org](http://www.GoldenThreadsPtown.org), there are lots of pictures of last year's celebration including a section on "First timers at Golden Threads and what brought them to P'town."

Golden Threads is very proud to present a Celebration first - an Author Panel: *Lesbian Fiction – Then and Now*, with Ann Bannon and Radclyffe. Yes, *that* Ann Bannon, who wrote the best-selling, Lesbian-affirming *Beebo Brinker* series back in the 1950s and 60s. Radclyffe is a best-selling author in the new wave of Lesbian fiction, with hero(ine)s who are out, proud and sexy. Christine Pattee will also be on the panel.

They will again have all the exciting activities women have come to expect: workshop discussions of sexuality, spirituality and every topic in between; a casual 50's dance; banquet and dance with DJ Mary V; and much more. On Wed., June 21, there will be Early Bird Extra Activities: Whale watch, Provincetown Walking Tour and Lobster/Chicken-Rib Barbeque.

For more information, go to their website (listed above) or email [joydg2002@yahoo.com](mailto:joydg2002@yahoo.com).

## Remembering Pinky Ramos

Barbara Stevens of Provincetown, MA, wants to share a poem to acknowledge the loss of her friend Yvonne Marie "Pinky" Ramos of 50 years. The Poem is called *Pinky*.

**P** is for her pagan personality, pulchritudinous plus, peerless, peacemaking, positive, persevering prowess

**I** is for her inherent, impeccable integrity, intrepid, insouciant, industrious, invincible, insightful intensity

**N** is for her noble, nursing, non-violent nature

**K** is for her kindred, knowing, kindhearted keeper of the kale soup of life

**Y** is for her youthful, yielding yes to you + me..

Y is for you + I who sigh

**WHY?????**

**Put them all together they spell Pinky**

**Remember her Serenity**

## Birthday Fundraisers for OLOC by Mina Meyer, 66

Late last year, I wrote that I intended to have a Tea Party for my birthday and ask that any gifts I might receive be tax deductible checks made out to OLOC. I now want to let all of you know that I did have that party at a local tea house in Long Beach, California, and OLOC received \$1,000 from that party!

Many of you may hesitate to throw a birthday or anniversary party because you don't want to feel as if you are asking for a gift for yourself, and you wouldn't have any space to put it if you received a present anyway. This is the perfect answer. We in OLOC need your help and you can enjoy celebrating your life with your friends. Everybody wins! And don't forget—OLOC is a tax deductible organization!

## **Marching With OLOC** *By Cathy Cade, 64*

The first time I marched with the Bay Area OLOC was in October 2002. The event was a huge anti-war march from the San Francisco Ferry Building to Civic Center. With the hope of preventing another war in the United States, about a half million people took part in San Francisco and more in cities across the country.

Even before the march began, I observed people reading our banners and noticing us. They were white, black, Latina, Asian, straight and gay. Over and over I saw their surprise, then delight--with us!

After further marches with similar positive reactions, I came to the conclusion that the very existence of Old Lesbians and their participation gave hope to all of the people that old does not mean invisible. About a dozen of us marched, carrying our purple banner and wearing our purple T-shirts and OLOC visors. Because of the huge crowd and inability to see the ground, one of our members, Natalie Zarchin, fell into a hole in the street and had to be taken to the hospital to have five stitches in her thumb.

We decided before the next demonstration that the march was too much for us, so we made a plan to stand with our banner somewhere along the march route in a place with high visibility so that everyone could note our presence. We also made signs, held our banner and brought along a few chairs.

The plan worked. Most marchers saw us, waved, cheered, and some even photographed us. I have taken so many photographs of this march and others that I am thinking of doing a photo series of different kinds of people looking at our banner, our signs, and us.

## **SC Meeting in Durham**

The Steering Committee met for several days in early April, focusing on a variety of tasks, most revolving around the upcoming Gathering in August. While there, they also spent time on other issues, including updating the *Facilitator's Manual*, fundraising strategies, and clarifying a job description for a field organizer. The tentative location for the next SC meeting is Long Beach, CA. The meeting is scheduled for October 11-16, 2006. That will allow two days for travel and four working days.

## **Women With Disabilities** *By Jan Griesinger, 66*

The Women's Needs Funds, a national non-profit organization, is made up of women with disabilities working at the grass roots to help each other and to have their own needs met. They interact with one another, forming bonds of friendship, breaking isolation, and building networks to further their goals to meet basic survival needs. To support this fund, you can send checks to: ACCESSIBILITY ALTERNATIVES WNF

P. O. Box 594, Shutesbury, MA 01072

## ***Sinister Wisdom Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary***

Editor Fran Day requests submissions to this very successful journal. Suggested material includes reflections on thirty years of *Sinister Wisdom* and the Lesbian feminist movement. Remembrances of experiences that shaped your life as a Lesbian feminist; tributes to Lesbians, living or deceased, who touched your life and changed your thinking. Writing guidelines can be accessed at [www.sinisterwisdom.org](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org) or by emailing [fran@sonic.net](mailto:fran@sonic.net). Deadline for submissions: August 1, 2006.

**OLOC Statement of Purpose**

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC) is a national organization of Lesbians 60 and over. We are committed to networking with Old Lesbians everywhere in order to:

- confront ageism within our own and larger community.
- explore who we are and name our oppression.
- analyze our experience of ageism which has been so little defined.
- develop and distribute educational material.
- facilitate formation of new groups and refocusing of old groups to confront ageism.
- make our presence a visible force in the women's movement.

*We want to celebrate our differences and affirm the diversity of our races, our ethnicities, our class backgrounds, our herstories, and our present lives.*

**LOOK AT YOUR LABEL — Does it have a date?  
If that date has passed your subscription  
has expired and money is now due.  
Please use the form on page 11**

**Thanks for the Suggestion!**

Over the past few years, several of you have suggested we redesign the Subscriber/Supporter Application page of the newsletter so that it is easier for couples to include their information. We gave it a try. Hope it helps!

**A Way to Support the Gathering**

One of our needs as we plan the Gathering is money to publish the Program Book. We in Minnesota want to pass along our fund raising technique for you to use in your area. We call it the Petition Style Ad. People donate what they can (we suggest a sliding fee from \$5 to \$25). This is what the petition looks like:

**Women-Friendly Greeting Cards!**

**A Dozen Designs  
Color  
and B&W**

**Some blank;  
others with  
a message.  
All with  
white  
envelopes.**

*For a flyer describing all the cards and an order form, call Annalee @ 612-724-6541 or email her at [stewie4@mac.com](mailto:stewie4@mac.com)*

**Cards produced and sold by MN OLOC**

*If you would like to support OLOC in their preparation for the 2006 Gathering, please sign (and print) your name below and contribute whatever you can. The final ad will contain a greeting and include your name.*

**We welcome the wonderful women of OLOC to their 2006 Gathering!**

| <b>Signature</b>       | <b>Printed Name</b> |
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| <i>Annalee Stewart</i> | ANNALEE STEWART     |
| <i>Jo Hiner</i>        | Jo Hiner            |
| <i>Linda Bogut</i>     | Linda Bogut         |
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Don't be shy. Ask your friends, family and other members of our community. Gather the funds and send the petition ad and check to OLOC at our Ohio address (hopefully, by June 15 so we'll be sure to have room).

## Regional OLOC Group Contact List

OLOC would love to have regional groups form all over the country! If you're interested in helping form a group, email us at [info@oloc.org](mailto:info@oloc.org) or write or call Jan in Athens, OH. (see below)

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### PDF Newsletter, Anyone?

For those of you who have said you would prefer to receive your newsletter via your email, we're ready to give it a try. If you'd like to be one of our testers, send an email request to [info@oloc.org](mailto:info@oloc.org). When an issue is ready to go, we will attach a copy to an email and send it directly to your inbox. The attachment will be a PDF, the Internet's standard document format. If you need it, we'd be glad to help you with accessing the free PDF reader, too. The PDF version will be formatted to fit a regular letter-size piece of paper, making it easy for you to print any or all of it if you want to.



For those of you who like your paper copy to arrive in your mailbox as *The Reporter* always has, don't worry. There will always be a paper version.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor: Mea culpa—I have failed too often to renew my newsletter subscription and I know you need the money. I also suspect that I am not the only one who neglects this important response. OLOC is about aging and ageism, so I'm going to send my renewal every year on MY BIRTHDAY!

I invite all of you to do the same on your birthdays because *The Reporter* needs our support!

*Annalee Stewart, 78*

### Editor's Response:

What a GREAT IDEA! We all know when our birthday is coming so all we have to do is think: birthday--REPORTER! (plus ice cream, cake, presents and fun). Thank you for your great suggestion.

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## OLOC Subscriber/Supporter Application

Lesbians 60 and over: We urge you to subscribe to *The Reporter* as an expression of your commitment to be with old Lesbians in your own area, working to confront ageism. If no such group exists, become an OLOC Contact Woman and work with a mentor to start a local group. If you are not yet 60, we welcome you as a Supporter. By giving OLOC your generous financial contribution you can show your commitment and support for challenging ageism.

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### Please check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am (we are) 60 or over and wish to subscribe (or renew) my (our) current subscription to *The Reporter*.  
\$25 to \$50 for a one-year subscription.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) want to receive *The Reporter* but I (we) can contribute only \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) want to become an OLOC Contact Woman and work with a mentor to organize a local group.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am (we are) not yet 60 but want to Support OLOC. Enclosed is \$30 to \$60 for a one-year subscription to *The Reporter*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) want to keep OLOC alive and strong. Please accept my (our) tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or my (our) pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) want to purchase the *Travel Directory*. Enclosed is \$3 for costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) want my (our) names to be included in the *Travel Directory*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) would like to give a \$20 gift subscription to the name(s) listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send a sample of *The Reporter* to the name(s) listed below.

### OLOC Endowment

An additional way to help OLOC grow is through the OLOC Endowment. It was created to receive bequests from OLOC Subscribers and Supporters. The bequest can be an outright gift listed in a will or a percentage of assets. If you are interested and would like additional information, please send for a copy of the OLOC Endowment Fund Brochure.

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