

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

Founded in 1989



July St. Louis Gathering a Success

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

Hooray for one more successful OLOC Gathering! Attendees represented nine OLOC chapters/local groups from across the country from California to Massachusetts. One traveled from Australia and another from Canada.

Personally, I didn't set foot outside the Hilton Frontenac for three days. The sixty-plus Old Lesbians began gathering on Thursday afternoon for cheese and crudités; a brief, informative Power Point slide show on ageism by Steering Committee member Cheryl Larsen; followed by table discussions; after which OLOC member Charlotte Ellis, a member of the St. Louis Women's Chorus, Charis, brought the chorus in to serenade us. We were then entertained and tickled by Olympia Dukakis in the film *Cloudburst*, which I recommend to all.

Saturday morning we listened to Mandy Carter's keynote address, including information about the 1963 March on Washington for Civil Rights and about Rosa Parks, who attended the renowned Highlander Folk School that provided training for Rosa



Some members of the National Steering Committee at the St. Louis Gathering. From left, Bonnie Wagner, Alix Dobkin, Cheryl Larsen, and Jan Griesinger. Photo by Tracy Baim, *Windy City Times*.*

and Martin Luther King and many other justice activists. Mandy pointed out our current movement moment, actions like the ongoing Moral Mondays protests in North Carolina and Florida. She stressed the importance of "showing up" for social and economic justice. And, we showed up with our OLOC banner on August 24 for the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington.

After leading an invigorating "Joint Movement" session for all, Sally Tatnall led Kate Lavender and me on a panel discussing "The War on Women." This sparked lively table talk and reports for general discussion detailing unrelenting attacks on every phase and at every level of women's lives in patriarchy.

The plenary passed a resolution on Voting Rights by acclamation (see text elsewhere in this issue). We enjoyed a tasty dinner and danced to a DJ. Many local Lesbians joined us to hear Mandy and dance. Next July in Oakland we plan to hire a live band for our National Gathering dance.

Through the days and nights, every time I passed by the double doors of the Hospitality Room, I glanced in to see a space filled with happy Old Lesbians snacking, shopping,

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*To see article, go to www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/Old-Lesbians-Organizing-for-Change-gather-in-St-Louis/43826.html?utm_source=twitterfeed

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conversing, laughing, and hanging out, exactly the way we'd hoped, planned, and expected.

Sunday was packed full. In the morning Carolyn Gage presented her enthusiastically received *Lesbian Tent Revival* on "the Seven Deadly Sins & How We Can Get More of Them into Our Lives." A showing of *Hannah Free* was followed by a wrap-up and speak-out.

Before packing up and heading for home, some of us went to see the famous Arch, another soul-satisfying Old Lesbian weekend under our belts.

Seen in *The Journal on Active Aging*: "There is nothing funny about ageism. In fact, the impact of negative views of aging is simple, according to a study led by Yale's Becca Levy (a leading researcher in the fields of social gerontology and psychology of aging). Older (*sic*) people can literally 'think' themselves into the grave 7.6 years early by feeling 'bad' about getting old."

OLOC Resolution on Voting Rights

OLOC stands against all forms of oppression and injustice. We are pleased about the overthrow of DOMA but are appalled by the racism gutting the Voting Rights Act and consider it a serious threat to democracy and justice.

We urge these actions:

- ◆ Remain resilient
- ◆ Support organizations that are committed to intersectional politics and social justice that ensure voting rights are not curtailed
- ◆ Write letters, send e-mails, make calls, hold the decision-makers accountable
- ◆ SHOW UP!



—Adopted by acclamation at Regional Gathering in St. Louis, July 20, 2013.

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

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OLOC Vision Statement

OLOC will be a cooperative community of Old Lesbian feminist activists from many backgrounds working for justice and the well-being of all Old Lesbians.

Mission Statement for OLOC

We are committed to:

- ♦ addressing what it means to be Old and to be Lesbian
- ♦ finding ways to gather Old Lesbians for ongoing support
- ♦ working against all oppressions that affect Old Lesbians
- ♦ standing in solidarity with allies for racial, economic, and social justice

OLOC works for change by supporting:

- ♦ comprehensive immigration reform
- ♦ elimination of violence against women
- ♦ enactment of universal single-payer healthcare for all
- ♦ all efforts to challenge/overturn racism, classism, sexism, ageism
- ♦ an end to corporate "personhood"
- ♦ reinstating the Voting Rights Act

OLOC's Steering Committee welcomes constructive feedback and suggestions from members by way of mail, phone, or e-mail.

SAVE THE DATE!

2014 OLOC National Gathering in Oakland, California!
Wednesday, July 23–Sunday, July 27, 2014

Lesbian Activism Changing the World: OLOC Celebrates 25 Years!

The Bay Area OLOC Chapter and the National Steering Committee are working hard on making this a terrific, inspiring Gathering!

Wednesday will be a pre-Gathering intensive on the varied roots of our activism and developing strategies we can bring forward from our past. Thursday through Sunday we have a full schedule of workshops, fishbowls, a panel with OLOC founders, keynotes and exciting cultural events, including a first-ever Author's Night, the Memorial, Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award, and a dance with the Bay Area Lesbian Legends Boogie Band. You won't want to miss any of this!

Confirmed speakers include Dorothy Allison (author of *Bastard out of Carolina*) and Cherríe Moraga (co-editor, *This Bridge Called My Back*). We're very excited to have them joining us in Oakland.

You will find a warm welcome from the Lesbians of the Bay Area (Oakland has the highest number of Lesbians per capita in the U.S., possibly in the world!).

Coming Soon: Details on registration, Oakland Marriott hotel accommodations, and a form for workshop proposals. So start thinking now about the kinds of workshops you want to offer and how they might fit into the theme.

Plan now to be bathed in Lesbian energy next July and have your life refreshed!

Chapter News

Utah OLOC Makes a Move

By Sue Morrow, 1942

This summer saw Utah OLOC in its second appearance in the Utah Pride March. We partnered with our sibling organization, SAGE Utah, while retaining our own Old Lesbian identity (and banner). Our June meeting found us in our new digs, the beautiful new Pride Center (to see it, visit [www.facebook.com/UTpridecenter?ref=ts!](http://www.facebook.com/UTpridecenter?ref=ts)) in downtown Salt Lake City, 255 East 400 South. Utah OLOC meets the third Sunday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Please friend us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/327614687312716/. Our three coordinators are Lynn Scott (1951), lynnkscott@gmail.com; Sue Morrow (1942), sue.morrow@utah.edu; and Luci Malin. Please join OLOC Utah in wishing our oldest member, Donna Hawxhurst (1939), a very happy birthday!

Hudson Valley Chapter News

By Bonnie Wagner, 1941

About 15 OLOC members showed up for the Hudson Valley Pride March in June. The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center celebrates Pride Week by asking each of the organizations that meets at the Center to sponsor an activity or an event. So this year HV OLOC hosted an open mike night and drew an enthusiastic crowd.

Our chapter does not meet in July, but our annual pool party at my house in August always draws a large crowd. We usually have at least 50 women at the party.

In the months ahead, Hudson Valley OLOC has plans to show *Brother Outsider* and *Cloudburst*, two films that many members have expressed interest in seeing.

New Mexico Chapter News

By Elizabeth R. Berrey, 1945

Our New Mexico Chapter continues to be vibrant! Activities of note lately include:

June: Long-time Marriott employee and proud OLOC member Marie Moe secured

free space at her Marriott for a music herstory and dance event. Seventy-eight Lesbians participated. Shaba Barnes was in attendance, and we got to introduce her to all as one of OLOC's founders. Carole Eagleheart provided a lively story (with music) of Womyn's Music Herstory. Then we danced our asses off to a soundtrack put together by OLOC member Judy Lenzner.

Albuquerque Pride: OLOC member Ann Nihlen secured a place in the shade (yes!) for us to hang our banner and gather. We were a lively bunch, dancing in the street, garnering much attention and appreciation from those *in* the parade, and passing out our OLOC business cards to likely candidates. (And, yes, we have several more Old Lesbians now on our e-mail list.)

July: Ten Old Lesbians gathered for a camping weekend at OLOC member Mary Morrell's family campgrounds in Regina (rhymes with "vagina"!), NM. Great food! Hiking, fishing (we ate 'em!), reading, and interesting conversations.



New Mexico Chapter at
Albuquerque Pride Celebration

OLOC Attends Three Conferences

1. **AARP**—Ruth Debra and Pat Cull attended this event in Las Vegas. Pat says one woman gave her a thumbs-up when she was wearing her “This is What an Old Lesbian Looks Like” t-shirt. Pat reports that they got quite a few positive comments from straight women as well as straight/gay men, but they only spotted one Lesbian couple. She feels AARP is probably not an organization where OLOC will have much impact.

2. **NOW**—Cheryl Larsen and Alix Dobkin attended this event in Chicago where they set up a display of OLOC material. They believe there were many Lesbian attendees but few publicly identified themselves as such. (See Alix’s report, following this.)

3. **“Facing Race”**—Sally Tatnall and Alix Dobkin attended this event in Baltimore. They report that of the 1,400 in attendance, more than half were women from a number of national and local groups working on social justice issues. They got great response when they handed out OLOC’s rainbow cards, “I’m proud to be a card carrying Old Lesbian.”

NOW Conference, Chicago Hilton, July 5–7, 2013

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

Cheryl Larsen and I spent July 4th traveling to the national NOW conference at the Chicago Hilton. For Cheryl, the highlight of the weekend was the friendliness of women there. For me, it was taking a bus to a Wal-Mart along with several busloads of NOW members who joined the picket line on Saturday. Wal-Mart workers and organizers welcomed us, and for about an hour and a half we listened to speeches, walked the line, and chanted: “*No Justice/No Peace!*” “*Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart, You’re No Good/ Treat Your Workers Like You Should!*” Available NOW signs proclaimed, “*Wal-Mart Always Discriminates.*”

Another highlight for me was the workshop we conducted with Sally Brown and Judy Lear. Much of the conference was devoted to structural organization and conference rules. At the “Ending Racism/Promoting Diversity” workshop, representatives of many groups described the same issues we struggle with as we try to widen our leadership and diversify our constituencies.

Jesse Jackson delivered a riveting keynote recalling civil rights history. Long-time feminist activist and noted writer Sara Paretsky gave a wonderful speech. Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun was knowledgeable and charming.

Except for our workshop and the OLOC table, I was not aware of any Lesbian visibility whatever. Of the approximately 400 women who attended, many were our age but few showed any interest in OLOC or our material. Unfortunately our (assigned) table was next to “female condoms” (for Pete’s sake!) and none of that crowd paid much attention to us Old Lesbians. No one at their table could think of any case of woman-to-woman transmission of AIDS (because there is none).

I’m glad we were there and think the OLOC name was promoted as well as possible.

The 2013 LOC Symposium

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

On Saturday, April 13, I attended the Second Annual day-long Lesbians Of Color (& allies) Symposium at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA. I sat with sister Mandy as I did last year and mentioned OLOC at every opportunity.

Edie Windsor Wins for Lesbians

OLOC is proud that one of our own, OLOC member Edie Windsor, brought the suit in the Supreme Court that struck down DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) and allowed legally married same-sex partners access to the same Federal benefits as heterosexual married partners if they live in a state that allows (or recognizes) same-sex marriage.

Announcements

Florida Boycott Proposed

By Sandra Tignor, 1937

In response to the acquittal of Mr. George Zimmerman, I am responding by Boycotting Florida until the Stand Your Ground law is repealed. I am encouraging people who live near the borders of South Carolina and Georgia to shop for gas, groceries, liquor, etc., in those neighboring states. I am also asking people to cancel (when possible) vacations, visiting in Florida, or attending Disneyworld. Please do not buy products originating in Florida. This idea did not originate with me. Mr. Stevie Wonder has announced that he will not visit or perform in the state of Florida until the law is repealed. I believe that taking this position will be in accordance with OLOC's stand against racism.

Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award

Put on your thinking cap, and start thinking about who deserves the 2014 Del Martin Lesbian Pride Award, to be presented at the Oakland Gathering. A \$1000 cash award will be presented to a living Lesbian 70 years or older, whose life and work has impacted and will continue to impact the lives of Old Lesbians. The award was created to honor Del Martin, activist, pathfinder, and OLOC member, who died at age 87 on August 27, 2008, in San Francisco.

Cloudburst

Here's a great way to support OLOC. Wolfe Video has announced the DVD release of *Cloudburst*, a terrific Lesbian feature starring Oscar-winners Olympia Dukakis and Brenda Fricker as a pair of Old Lesbians on the run to get married in Canada. When you order it

now from WolfeVideo.com, using the special link below, OLOC earns a 50% commission on your purchase (that's ten bucks for every copy sold). This was one of the biggest films of the year on the LGBT film festival circuit (it won 30 best-film awards) and a huge hit with both Gay and Lesbian audiences. In addition, Wolfe Video has given us a copy for our Media Library. Use the link in the ad below.

Rain and Thunder: A Radical Feminist Journal of Discussion and Activism featured an article in its Spring 2013 issue written by OLOC member Naeko Wakabayashi from Japan. It was titled "Activist Spotlight" and described what feminist activism looks like in Japan. Subscriptions are \$1 for every \$1,000 you have in yearly income. PO Box 674, Northampton MA 01061. www.rainandthunder.org.



Lesbian Connection reviews very positively the book *Old Lesbians and Their Brief Moments of Fame*, a collection of 35 stories edited by Joy D. Griffith, Karen Gibson, and J. Ross.

Familiar Concerns?

The Older Feminists Network in England had this in their recent newsletter: "Britain's ageing population is often described as a demographic time-bomb. As a society we often view ageing as a 'problem' that must be 'managed.'" *Sound familiar?*

This same group will give a "Feminar" on Ageism, "Challenging the stereotyping and prejudice against Older Women and how individuals suffer from group prejudice." *Sound familiar?*

OLOC is encouraged to know that our concerns are shared by the Older Feminists Network in England.



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Memorials

Sandra Tappen, 1946–2013

By Mina Kay Meyer, 1940, and Sharon Raphael, 1941

Sandra (Sandy) Tappen was a member of national OLOC and attended Gatherings. She was a devoted member of the Southern California chapter that met in Long Beach, CA. Despite fighting cancer toward the end of her life, she still came to meetings. Her OLOC sisters remember her lovingly as someone who deeply cared and was always willing to help others in whatever way was needed.

Sandy lived at Leisure World in Seal Beach where she was elected for two years as President of her “Mutual” (a section of housing) after serving many years on the Board of Directors. Sandy was a very strong believer in the idea that members of her retirement community should be democratically represented in governing themselves. Sandy and her progressive colleagues fought an uphill battle to better the quality of life at Leisure World. In spite of the obstacles put in their way, these activists achieved many of the goals that they had sought. Sandy lived just long enough to know her work was coming to fruition.

Sandy had two Bachelor’s degrees, one in Sociology, the other in Criminology, from California State University, Fullerton. She retired after working many years as a social worker for Orange County, CA.



Dorothy “Dotty” Ann Fowler, 1927–2013

Dotty was active in OLOC from its beginnings. She was involved in the first founding conferences. (Were they called Gatherings way back then?) Recently, she was involved with the Race Awareness group of Bay Area OLOC, and she still continues to support OLOC with money left in her estate to help develop new chapters.

Her life-long activism on behalf of LGBT elders led her in the late 1970s into pursuing a degree in psychology with an emphasis on gerontology. She was active in the Pacific Center, an LGBT counseling and support center in Berkeley. In 1994 she was a founding member of Lavender Seniors, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for older LGBT people. She received numerous awards for this work.

In addition to her political work, Dottie remained actively involved with the theater in many capacities from payroll and box office to stage manager. She worked with summer stock companies as well as the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco and the Old Globe Shakespeare Theater in San Diego. She also maintained a lifelong love of sailing, owned many boats, and qualified for a Master’s License from the Coast Guard in the 1980s.

She was the last of her part of the family and is survived by her “adopted” grandson, Sam; her beloved dog, Jimbo; and many friends.



Barbara Lindquist, 1930–2013

By Jeanne Arnold, 1931

Partner of OLOC member Jeanne Arnold for 39 years, Barbara was known throughout women’s bookstores and publishing for her wit and creativity plus her innovative Macintosh publishing techniques. Barbara and Jeanne created Mother Courage Bookstore from 1978 to 1983 and

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Members

Barbara Lindquist (cont. from page 7)

Mother Courage Press in 1981. In 1982 they started a women's spirituality group and mentored many Lesbians by confronting society's homophobia in Racine, WI.

The press published 25 titles that sold internationally, including two that were among the first sexual-abuse therapy books for children. Barbara illustrated and authored several books. She was also an educator, visual artist, songwriter, musician, boat-builder, sailor, and creative instrument builder.

At Racine's Gay Pride Day on June 30, Jeanne's daughter Jody, 52, spoke to the audience saying, "What she and Barbara had done was VERY brave, especially those decades ago. They lived their lives on the edge of society's acceptance—with so much love and dedication to each other. I have so much respect and admiration for them both. They set a wonderful example for me and many others of how to love, how to live life to the fullest, how to look ahead and not behind."

OLOC Members Receive Recognition

Mary Beth Brindley and her recently deceased partner, Evelyn Hall, were recognized for their efforts on behalf of LGBT seniors by the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest. Mary Beth was one of the founders of Portland's chapter of OLOC.

For most of their time together, while they resided in Texas, Mary Beth and Evelyn lived in the closet. But in 1966 when they moved to Portland, OR, they were determined to live their lives in the open. Even though they were "out and proud," they knew there was work still to be done for Gay and Lesbian rights. The issue closest to their hearts was senior housing. They joined other seniors and founded Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises (SHARE). They raised the issue of Lesbians and Gays wanting to feel safe in retirement homes—safe and free to be who they are. No going back into the closet.

When Evelyn died in 2008, Mary Beth lost the love of her life and partner of 49 years, and Portland lost a hero. Today Mary Beth carries on with OLOC, SHARE, and Gay and Gray to make sure elders never have to go back into the closet.

Celebrating Our Lesbian Legacies
October 10-13, 2013 in Houston
A conference put on by the
The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project
All Are Welcome
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Lillian Faderman
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Announcements

New Film of Note from the National Black Justice Coalition

The New Black documents activists, families, and clergy on both sides of the campaign to legalize gay marriage and examines homophobia in the Black community's institutional pillar, the Black church. It reveals the Christian right wing's strategy of exploiting this phenomenon in order to pursue an anti-gay political agenda. See www.nbjc.org for more info.

Civil Rights March, August 1963, Washington, DC

By Laura Kaye, 1945

You asked for stories from those of us who attended. I was 18 in 1963 and had just graduated from high school in Connecticut. As the daughter of white liberals, I had participated in some local civil rights actions, including picketing a Woolworth's store. I traveled to DC for the historic march with a male friend who was kind of a brother to me; we were chaperoned by his mom. I don't remember too many details about the day, except that the feeling of being in a crowd of predominantly African-American people was a big eye-opener for a white girl from the NYC suburbs. Even though I understood the enormous significance of the movement to all black people, it seemed amazing to me that so many folks would have come together on this one day, many traveling great distances. We were far away from the stage, but we could hear bits of Martin Luther King's now famous speech; that was thrilling.

I would not come out as a Lesbian for another 10 years, but when I did, it was with a strong consciousness about the nature of

oppression and the power of people gathering together in solidarity for freedom. Whether things are better now, 50 years later, and if so, for whom, is a whole other story. . .

Ageism and Ableism

The spring issue of the SAGE quarterly magazine featured a story by Eleanor Smith about the intersection of ageism and disability issues. Smith writes: "Ageism and ableism are even more closely intertwined than most oppressions. For instance, both older people and disabled people are often devalued because our bodies or minds deviate from the norm by being—or perceived as being—weaker and less functional."

SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) can be contacted at www.sageusa.org or 646-576-8669.

Study Results

If you are interested and/or you have participated in a study on "Stress and Resilience: The Negative and Positive Aspects of being an Asian American Lesbian and Bisexual Woman," a PDF summary of the results is available from susan@oloc.org.



Vermont Chapter: Back Row: Madeleine Winterfalcon, Pat Waterman, Barbara Maltby; Middle (seated on table and tanding: Peggy Luhrs, Mary Donnelly, Naomi Winterfalcon; Seated: Kay Branagan, Lukah Kavlock, Louise Brill; Not pictured: Alexis Claire, Ann Crocker, Ba Deal, Glo Daley, Paj Wadley-Bailey

An OLOC Steering Committee member sent this comment: "At a training I went to, the Alameda County director of Public Health called old people this **country's** only growing natural resource. Maybe a new line for OLOC: *Old Lesbians, the country's growing natural resource.*"

Be a Friend and Listen

By Jan Marotta, 1940

It is easy to be a friend if you are willing to take the drama with the easy stuff, to be there for someone if and when they need you, to help out, to listen. Yes, to listen! I think in my 72 years so far on this planet that listening, not fixing, is what friends really need from us—listening without judgment. If listening lightens a burden, helps sort out feelings by getting them out to a friend, then be a good friend and just listen. I have been told that listening is something most folks don't do very well. We go to "Let's fix it!" and, hey, that doesn't always work, nor is it wise to foist your solutions on someone who may not think, feel, or act as you do. I found that out the hard way a time or two. So, safe to say, JUST LISTEN. Your friends will appreciate it, even if they don't tell you that often or don't recognize your help right away.



OLOC Stuffed with Writers

By Susan Wiseheart, 1941

In this or other issues we've mentioned Alix Dobkin's *My Red Blood*, Margaret Mann's *A Dramatically Different Direction*, Sally Cohn's *A Handwhistler—Memories of Creativity and Activism*, and Sheila Morris's *Deep in the Heart*. Mary V. DeMassa has *On My Own* and Ronni Sanlo *The Purple Golf Cart*. We have many authors involved now or in the past with OLOC.

Here are some others who have written books, in alphabetical order by first name: Arden Eversmeyer, Barbara Macdonald, Billie Potts, Carolyn Gage, Carren Strock, Charlotte Bunch, Chris Roerden, Connie Torrisi, Del Martin, Dell Williams, Elana Dykewomon, Elly Bulkin, Evelyn Torten Beck, Janice Raymond, Jean Taylor, Jeanne Cordova, Jenna Weston, Jezz Jesmain, Jewelle Gomez, Joanne Passet, Julia Penelope, Katherine V. Forrest, Lillian Faderman, Marjorie Norris, Margaret Purcell, Patricia Hynes, Peg Cruikshank, Phyllis Lyon, Pia-Kristina Garde, Renate Klein, Sally Gearhart, Selma Miriam, Sharon Deevey, Sharon Thompson, Sheila Ortiz-Taylor, Sonia Johnson, Susan Hawthorne, Suzanne Bellamy, Suzanne Pharr, and zana.

Undoubtedly there are more, and this list doesn't even include scriptwriters and songwriters; magazine, directory, newspaper, grant, technical, newsletter, and science writers; bloggers and journal keepers. I wonder what percentage of the Old Lesbians in our membership consider themselves writers. Any guesses?

Busy Season for Puget Sound OLOC

Puget Sound OLOC members have been sighted marching, tabling, and handing out rainbow-colored beads with our cards attached at nearly every Pride event around the Sound this summer. We've been blessed with beautiful weather. One of our members spoke at the Seattle Dyke Rally and was proud to talk about Edie Windsor's role in the dismantling of DOMA.

We've also had a dozen or so Old Lesbians traveling together to music festivals this summer. A motley crew from this area rode together to Madison, WI, for the National Women's Music Festival and to the Vancouver (BC) Folk Music Festival. We had an Ice Cream Social while Arden Eversmeyer and her "sugar" Charlotte were visiting, and a big bunch of us went to Port Townsend on August 3 to take a boat cruise out to protection island where the puffins and other birds are nesting and raising their young.

After our very successful presentation in June of the staged readings from the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project, we have had a flurry of invites to present information on OLOC, Old Lesbian issues, and the staged readings to such coalition groups as the local Caring Across Generations chapter, PSARA (Puget Sound Action for Retirement), the LGBT Elders Care Providers Network, and GLEAM, the gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and transgender employees group at Microsoft. Looks like a busy season ahead for PS OLOC!

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