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# A Big "Thank You" to Gathering Organizers and Participants

By Jean Taylor, 1944

The highlights of this smaller OLOC Gathering, with about 120 participants, were many and varied.

At the opening, Ali Marrero-Calderon acknowledged the Indigenous people and Alix Dobkin presented the Del Martin Award winner, Carol Anne Douglas. On Thursday, the panel on Intersectionality covered class, poverty, race, age, skin colour, education, ability, immigration, politics, religion, profession, and sex. We broke into small groups to discuss where we stood personally and politically on these aspects of our lives. After dinner, we watched the filmed address and life story of the Lesbian poet Kitty Tsui, beautifully filmed by Jennifer Abod. This was followed by the talent show organized by Alix Dobkin, where Ardy Tibby told her life story in five minutes, and I read part of the Introduction to [my book] *Lesbians Ignite!* 

Friday started with a report of the Wednesday all-day Lesbians of Colour Intensive, which sounded extremely worthwhile. We then formed small groups to discuss what kind of work

we are doing to combat racism. Ubaka Hill was the inspiring keynote speaker. That afternoon, I went to Alix's "The L Word" workshop, where there was quite an outspoken resistance to the challenges we are facing from trans people. That evening, Mimi Gonzalez entertained us with an hour of her laugh-outloud stand-up comedy routine.

First thing on Saturday, I went to Ubaka Hill's "The Power and Joy of Women's Drumming" workshop with a borrowed drum to



The first LOC/OLOC day

learn a couple of songs and drumming routines. This was followed by the memorial slideshow of our Lesbian sisters who have died. After lunch, a choir, organized and led by Ann Schmidt, performed several songs. In the afternoon, we enjoyed another inspiring film by Jennifer Abod, *The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen*. Afterwards, Ardy and I went up to the Book Room, where writers were selling their books—including *Lesbians Ignite!*—and I had a chat with the other writers about our writing. After dinner, the live auction of donated goods raised some money for OLOC, as did the raffle. And afterwards, we danced up a storm with DJ LucyBlu.

The Speak Out on Sunday morning wrapped everything up with thank-yous and reports. Ubaka's Drumsong Orchestra, formed at her workshop, was a fitting conclusion. Playing our drums and singing was a lively ending to the Gathering.

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Who We Are: OLOC is an organization of Old Lesbians. We are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the Lesbian voice as well as increasing Lesbian visibility in a world that stifles it and threatens to erase it.

**OLOC Membership** (as of 10-23-2015): National OLOC welcomes as members Old Lesbians who have reached their 60<sup>th</sup> year.

OLOC's Steering Committee welcomes constructive feedback and suggestions from members by way of mail, phone, or e-mail. Please let us know if you would like a response.

## A Memorable Experience

By Pat Gowens, 1944

I was deeply moved by the wonderful, full-length documentary film about an amazing Lesbian: *The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen*. The filmmaker, Jennifer Abod, was present at the OLOC Gathering, showed the film, and gave us background information about it (and she was my roommate in the hotel!).

The film is about fearless transitions. As Angela says, "You don't have to just do one thing." Angela Bowen is amazingly inspirational, powerful, and bold, and was delightful as a dancer. She was a dance school owner and teacher, a radical Lesbian feminist speaker, a writer and activist, and a college professor. The film has great musical background numbers, interesting interviews, and historical images.

Angela was a ballerina dancer. She married and, with her husband, started the Bowen-Green Dance School, which she ran for 20 years. After hearing and reading Audre Lorde's work (and other Lesbians' writing), Angela decided to dump her heterosexual world and start a new life. And what a life that was!

Jennifer Abod and Angela have been partners for 38 years. Angela now has Alzheimer's, so the film is also important as a means for her to see and remember her past life.

I have contacted the director of Milwaukee's LGBT film festival to urge him to buy *The Passionate Pursuits* of *Angela Bowen* to include at an upcoming gay film festival. The film is distributed by Women Make Movies (wmm.com), or you can purchase it from Jennifer-Abod.com directly.

I encourage you to buy the film and to ask your local film festival organizers to buy it and show it. The film is a real treat to watch, and the more films sold, the better Angela's chances are of continuing to live at home with Jennifer's care.

# **Next SC meeting**

The date of the next National OLOC Steering Committee in-person meeting is October 20–22, 2017 (location TBD). The Committee also meets regularly by conference call between the semiannual in-person meetings. If there are topics you want the Committee to address, contact the Steering Committee by e-mail to info@oloc.org, a note to the PO Box in Ohio, or a phone call to 888-706-7506. Be sure to say if you want a response.

# **Chapter News**

#### Northern Colorado OLOC

By Katherine Wood, 1954

At our summer picnic in June, we created a political action subcommittee, headed by Trish Bangert and Gail Klock. This group will focus on several issues. Our first focus is health care. The group will put out press releases, offer to testify to committees, and develop relationships with our state and national lawmakers.

In July, members read "Detour-spotting for white anti-racists" by jona olsson and worked with her Internalized Racism Inventory. Our goal was to become aware of our conditioning and the white privilege granted by the system we were raised in, and to begin re-educating ourselves. Here are some comments from the meeting:

"I don't know what I don't know. The first step is awareness. This discussion helped me a lot."

"Sometimes I find myself bending over backwards for People of Color in a way I don't do for whites. In her article, jona talked about the importance of being sincere to build intimacy. I need to be real with everyone."

"In the group, I started talking about how we've been treated as Lesbians as a way to identify. Then I realized I was perhaps diminishing the experiences of People of Color by trying to compare them to ours."

"At first I thought it was horrible that we were going to explore racism with only white women. After reading jona's article, I realized that People of Color are probably tired of trying to teach whites about a white issue. And it's not their responsibility."

"I've often pointed fingers at racist white people. I realized how I've been impacted by racist conditioning without even knowing it. Let's keep talking."

A National Gathering report and viewing Our Stories. Our Voices from the OLOHP [Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project] and the women of Puget Sound OLOC was our August agenda.

# No Dust under Puget Sound OLOC Feet

By Margaret Purcell, 1951

It's been a while since Puget Sound OLOC has contributed. But that wasn't because we weren't busy—we were too busy!

Our most recent event was a picnic on Vashon Island, We'll share some credit for the turnout with the beautiful setting along the water and with Mother Nature for providing incredible weather. But our hypothesis is that more than 50 women came from near and far because of what Puget Sound OLOC offers: companionship, support, information, activism, connections, networking, and more. Puget Sound OLOC leadership came, planning to stay afterward for their meeting, and issued an open invitation for others to join them, which resulted in lots of women staying, contributing ideas, and signing up for tasks. As Laurie was heard to say, "I came to a meeting to listen and somehow found myself volunteering to serve on two committees! How did that happen?"

Puget Sound OLOC women continue to be heavily involved in the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project. Puget Sound OLOC boasts 14 interviewers—some new and just getting started, others with more than a dozen interviews to their names. Add a handful of volunteers and transcribers who are based here, and let's not overlook the women who devote time and talent doing presentations about the Project both locally and afar, and you'll see why we are so busy. Approximately 75 Old Lesbians from Washington, Oregon. and British Columbia have shared their stories.

One special project Puget Sound OLOC accomplished this year was a 10th Anniversary issue of the PS OLOC miniNEWS. Seeing what we've accomplished in ten years laid out on paper was empowering! If anyone would like access to a digital copy of that issue, we'd be glad to share. Just drop us a note at info@psoloc.org.

Meanwhile, we'll keep on keeping on.

# **More Chapter News**

# New Mexico OLOC Chapter News

By Rosemary Busterna, 1949

In April, our gathering focused on knowing who our elected reps are and how to contact them to assure our senior voices are heard. A district map and a "Who's Who Political Directory" were provided, as members shared what they are doing politically. Some members became registered "Voter Registration Agents" who register others to vote and will be able to support other group actions. Others attended a Non-Violence Resistance Training to learn de-escalation skills, how to stay safe in "tricky situations," and to know our rights.

Our May gathering acknowledged the passing of members Marijke de Vries, Juanita Sanchez, Phyllis Wisneski, and Rosemary Keefe. Their names were called in memory as we took time to recall Lesbians who have inspired us and whose love, values, and/or beliefs still guide us.

In June, we shared the things that inspire joy and happiness in our lives. It was fun getting to know each other better as self-described introverts/extroverts and to hear how we distinguish between happiness and joy. For Pride, we held our New Mexico OLOC banner high from a location along the ABQ [Albuquerque] Pride parade route and continued to the day-long festivities at Expo.

New Mexico OLOC was proud to cosponsor the documentary, *Political Animals*, which charts four Lesbian California State Assembly members' pioneering legislative achievements. Bills they authored included the first domestic partnership registry enacted by a legislature and the first antibullying bill, which protects gay students and many others. This work to assure the legal rights of the LGBT community paves the way for other states.

Members attended a Town Hall Meeting with Senator Udall. Asking questions while listening to the questions of others became

an education exercise. Senator Udall addressed several concerns, and he doesn't think our rights will be reversed by the Trump administration.

# Pioneer Valley OLOC, Northampton, MA By JR (Judy Raphael), 1943

In May, we participated in the Northampton Pride March. In June, many of us attended the Pride March and Rally in Greenfield, Massachusetts and offered OLOC information on a table at the Rally. Other Pioneer Valley OLOCians were walking behind the banner. Our July meeting focused on "Lesbians on TV in the US and around the world." Roberta had a wonderful slide and film clip presentation for us, which was fun and educational. In August, 20+ Pioneer Valley OLOC members went camping, creating a "Mini MichFest." This is our largest group and our 3rd "Fest." Two of us attended the Gathering in Tampa.

Our planning committee has come up with some fun ideas, as well as "organizing for change" programs for the fall, including learning about improv and learning about an Improved Massachusetts Medicare for ALL (a single-payer healthcare proposal with two bills in Boston that are supported by many legislators). We will see the film Fix It (or Now Is The Time) and discuss how we can help this proposal to pass. For December, we are suggesting a potluck and party.



Pioneer Valley OLOC members at the Greenfield, Massachusetts, Pride March with our banner, designed by our own Laura Kaye.

# **Memorials**

#### Annalee Stewart, 1927–2017

Annalee, a longtime resident of Apple Valley, Minnesota, began her career as a probation officer but, after receiving her master's, started teaching social work at the University of Minnesota. She was the first single female in Minnesota to adopt an international child.

Annalee came out in her 50s and was a

strong advocate for L/G rights. She was also affiliated with peace and human rights organizations and was arrested for protesting Honeywell's manufacturing of cluster bombs.



One couple met Annalee through a social group for

Lesbians and had known her casually for a couple of years when she asked one of them, Mary, to go somewhere with her. An organization named OLOC was meeting to do some prep work for an upcoming Gathering at the University of Minnesota. Mary naively agreed. And, before Mary knew what had happened, Annalee had her wondering just how it was she came to be on the local event planning committee! That was the kind of influence she had.

She was a perfect example of what it was like to grow up in a time when you'd never even heard the word "Lesbian." Annalee loved her community and did all she could to bring about positive social change.



**OLOCers at the Gathering** 

# Ruth Michaels, 1924–2017

Ruth, a former member of OLOC, was born in Vienna, Austria. As a youngster, she attended Zionist political rallies with her father, which perhaps contributed to her lifelong interest in political activism.



When Ruth was 14, her family fled the growing Nazi persecution of Jews, and her experience of the Holocaust stayed with her throughout her life and impacted her desire to protest and stand up to injustice.

Ruth attended City College in New York City and earned a master's degree from MIT and a PhD from Columbia University. She was married twice and had two sons, Jerry and Ronnie, and a daughter from Korea, Sandy.

Ruth was very active with feminist organizations, progressive political organizations, and Wiccan spiritual organizations. She came out as a Lesbian and had several long-term relationships, including her last relationship, with Julie Craig. She wrote many of her life stories for the Mother Tongue Feminist Theater Collective. She stood with Women in Black at their weekly protests of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories.

In her last years living independently, she received care and companionship in her home from Karen Flowers, and she spent her last year at the Reutlinger Community in Danville, California.

# **OLOC** works for change by supporting:

- comprehensive immigration reform
- elimination of violence against women
- enactment of universal single-payer healthcare for all
- an end to corporate "personhood"
- an end to any curtailment of voting rights
- the Black Lives Matter and Black Women's Lives Matter movements



## Congratulations, Ali!

The Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice recently launched its Acey Social Justice Feminist Award, which honors Lesbians of Color over the age of 62 who have made significant but under-recognized contributions to our movements and have unmet financial needs. It is named after Astraea's Executive Director Emerita Katherine Acey, who led the Foundation for 23 years.

One of the inaugural honorees is OLOC Steering Committee Member Ali Marrero-Calderon, 1948! Here are some excerpts from her interview at www.astraeafoundation.org/stories/alimarrero-calderon/:

To organize something as big as a Lesbian of Color caucus for Old Lesbians—that's my dream right now. That's what I'm trying to do in OLOC, because we have a Gathering every two years. We're all aging, so we need organizations that have a strong

platform where Lesbians of Color who are aging can be heard, can use resources, and can figure out how we can celebrate ourselves. We need to continue celebration; to me that's important, the celebration.

OLOC is a fairly white organization. Right now, I'm the only Lesbian of Color on the Steering Committee. I would like to bring on four more Lesbians of Color into leadership roles.

Living is a big challenge today for a lot of Old Lesbians of Color. I think that two of the biggest challenges are housing and health.

I want to talk about who we are, where we're going, where we're from, what we want to see happen in our lives. What is it that we need to see happen? Because not only as Lesbians are we becoming more marginalized, but as old women. We are totally marginalized. You have one over here in this house, and one over there in that medical facility. We need something just for us so we can say, "This is a Lesbian-run community of the future."



Pat Cull resigned from the Steering Committee, effective immediately after the Gathering. She is cutting back on leadership responsibilities in her life, now that she is 75 (Happy Birthday a bit late, Pat). The Steering Committee will miss her goodnatured presence and willingness to take on tasks and complete them with thoroughness. We wish her good luck and good times with her future projects!

If you are a member of National OLOC who wants to be on OLOC's National Yahoo e-mail discussion list, you can subscribe by going to groups.yahoo.com/group/NationalOLOC/. If you have any problems, contact susan@oloc.org.

To find OLOC on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com/NationalOLOC.



Ali Marrero-Calderon





# Reports from the Gathering



#### A Hotel to Remember

By Jennice Thomas, 1940

The Gatherings always provide a big boost of energy. I think it's being among so many Old Lesbian feminists. You know, those women who changed the world.

I was apprehensive about August in Florida since I hate hot and humid weather. But the hotel, as promised, was cool and quiet and comfortable. But what I did not expect was such a hearty, warm welcome from the hotel

staff. It started with a gigantic welcome mat on the floor in front of the desk [above]. Our OLOC logo dominated the entrance lobby, and the buffets, the food, and the people who served it were all more than anyone could ask for.



The staff wore our logo!

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#### OLOC

By Jennifer Abod, 1946

Every time I go to an OLOC Gathering, I am inspired and feel such support. I love meeting Lesbians from all over, and the opportunity for talking and sharing the events that OLOC has planned for us.

I am so grateful for helping me to get to the Gatherings; that is such a mitzvah.

#### **Lesbians of Color Intensive**

By Raquel Colon, 1946

It was great to see the women of OLOC in Tampa. I want to thank everyone who was instrumental in bringing the Gathering to Tampa and including a segment for the Women of Color.

The Women of Color gathering on Tuesday was a great experience. The facilitators, Olga Orraca-Paredes and Ali Marrero, were successful in getting the group to come together in meeting the objectives and goals of this segment of the Gathering.

Everyone participated in the discussion. Good

t Some of the 26 who

attended the Intensive

ideas and personal experiences were shared, and I felt the camaraderie among the participants. I feel confident that this Gathering will result in bringing about many positive changes for Lesbians of all Colors.

I've always thought that there was nothing smarter than an old woman. . .

—Berenice Abbott, photographer

Age is no issue to me. There are no rules that say you have to dress a certain way or be a certain way.

—Tina Turner

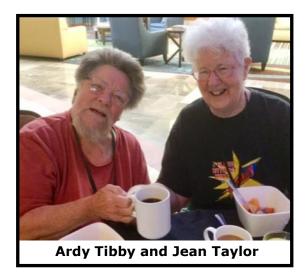


# More Reports from the Gathering



# **Reflections on the OLOC Gathering** By Ellen F., 1951

It was wonderful to be with all these amazing Old Lesbians. The energy brought back memories of MichFest many years ago. That alone made the trip to Tampa worthwhile. The OLOC Steering Committee clearly worked long and hard to bring us this event, and some of the things that detracted from the total experience were beyond their control. The Gathering was fun, especially the positive Old Lesbian energy, seen and felt throughout! I'm grateful to everyone who put time and energy into making this event happen! Thanks!



# Thank You, OLOC (at the Gathering)

By Sherry Dowd, 1957

I've been waiting for years to attend my first OLOC Gathering. My dear friend, Saundra Tignor, 1937, has been attending for years, and always shares her wonderful experiences with me, but I was not old enough to attend. I turned 60 in March and finally I am at my first OLOC Gathering.

I love the energy here. It is so refreshing to see elders taking charge of the future. In a country that treats aging as a terminal illness, it is so nice to be surrounded by women who take their power, who stand for what's right and are willing to fight for those who can't fight for themselves, and who are role models to show that becoming an elder does not make you an invalid. I am honored and proud to be a part of the next chapter of OLOC.



#### **OLOC Mission Statement**

To eliminate the oppression of ageism and to stand in solidarity against all oppressions.

#### **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.

# More Reports from the Gathering

#### Wonderful As Usual

By Charlotte Ellis, 1943

It was wonderful as usual to be with so many Old Lesbians. I especially enjoyed the work-shop with Ubaka Hill and being able to play in her Drumsong Orchestra. I enjoyed spending time with the other Chapter Coordinators and hope it has inspired me to get our chapter going again. Thanks to the Steering Committee for all their work. The hotel was wonderful.



# Dear OLOC,

The August 2017 Gathering was fun and educational. Ubaka is an inspiring and motivating teacher, bringing womyn together for a performance in a short period of time. The choir performed *amazonly* and *beautifully*! Would super love to have the song program. The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen by Jennifer Abod was engaging and well done. Thank you, Jen, for presenting the film!

Thank you to every womyn for your time, beautiful presence, and an educational Gathering.

In loving gratitude, Tree Frog, 1990

OLOC maintains a Media Library and will lend items to members. For a complete list of items available, contact <a href="mailto:susan@oloc.org">susan@oloc.org</a>, write the PO Box in Ohio, or look under OLOC PROJECTS at oloc.org.

#### **Memorial Slideshow**

Making its debut at the Tampa Gathering (complete with an encore showing), the 2017 edition of our memorial slideshow has now been added to the Media Library\*\* for year-round viewing. Prepared by Cristina Vegas, 1945, a long-time OLOC volunteer from Long Beach, California, it features 190 Old Lesbians, many of whom you are likely to have known or heard of. It is 13 minutes long and includes background music. If you would like to borrow it from the Library, please contact Susan. There is no charge, although we request a minimal donation for shipping.

If you know of an Old Lesbian who has died and should be included, please send us a recent photo with her years of birth and death, and we will add her to the show for 2019.

# **New Book on Aging**

Fierce with Reality: Literature on Aging, by OLOC member Margaret Cruikshank,1940, portrays growing old in all its glorious complexity, ambiguity, and diversity. It provides a necessary corrective to the view of aging as solely a process of illness and loss. It's available from Hamilton Books: 1-800-462-6420 or www.rowman.com/ISBN/9780761868705/Fierce-with-Reality-Literature-on-Aging

#### **Three Generations of Rebels**

OLOC member Laura Bock, 1945, recently published her memoir, *Red Diaper Daughter:* Three Generations of Rebels and Revolutionaries. It is available through local bookstores.





# **Old Age and Urinary Tract Infection**

By Susan Howe, 1933

The symptoms of UTI (urinary tract infection) are different for old women. It's important to know about these new side effects. Since we do not feel pain when urinating as we did when we were younger, we are not forewarned by that symptom before the illness hits full bore. As well as the usual frequency of urination, we can also experience symptoms of mental failure that mimic dementia. My UTI has caused some loss of memory, from my forgetting how to tie my shoes to my blocking on names of people familiar to me. It makes me feel crazy and scared. Symptoms can also include tiredness, depression, and shortness of temper. My doctor has not been able to solve the problem of the frequency of occurrence.

# **Dealing with Medical Folks**

By Malinda McCain, 1940

Because some of my problems present differently now, I've had to convince some healthcare providers about what was happening. The most significant one is urinary tract infections. "Do you have pain on urination?" No. "Do you have frequency?" To some extent but not like it used to be. "You don't have a UTI." Yes, I do. "What are your symptoms?" When I pee, it's gallons. And sometimes comes so quickly I can't control it. "Those aren't typical UTI symptoms." Yes. they are my UTI symptoms. They've changed as I've gotten older. Once, in rehab, I said, Please iust run a test. Then we'll know. And the nurse came back surprised, to admit I was right. My regular doctor knows me and believed me right away. She gave the lab a standing order for testing, and I have pee cups at home.

We have to speak up for ourselves. It's my body—I know how it functions and I know when it's functioning differently.

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## **Health Problems of Old Age**

An anonymous OLOC member born in 1948 wrote us: "I can't dance without arthritic pain, can't garden as much as I want to, live with a wife I am caregiving due to her sick and aging body. I want to be recognized as having these problems that old people have. It makes me unhappy in general. I have had to make adjustments to my life due to being old. My brain doesn't function well. I can't recall names of things common to me. I do not want to be denied recognition of these things. That in itself is dismissal and makes me feel like something is wrong when it's perfectly normal for my age. I would appreciate some young people helping me out! More and more I am hiring folks to do what I used to do. I have always been active as a dancer, a hiker, a gardener. I cannot do these things much anymore and I have to accept that. It's hard. And I hate it. It feels good when other old women talk about the same aging issues I have. I would like to see discussion and support."

Please send responses in for our December Reporter. This is an important issue that affects all of us. Let's bring it out of the closet and talk about it!

#### OLOC Chapters (as of August 15, 2017)

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