

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change



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Plans for 2017 Gathering in Tampa, Florida

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

OLOC is looking forward to a wonderful National Gathering in Tampa, Florida, August 2–6, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore. We expect Old Lesbians from the entire Tampa Bay area to attend, along with Old Lesbians from many other places.

We have been looking at the word “intersectionality,” which seems to be another buzzword used by political activists. But what does it mean in real life? How does a person experience it?

We are told that everyone has several identities by which they can be oppressed at any time. Am I being oppressed because I am a woman, or because I am a particular race or ethnicity, or is it because I am old? At this Gathering we want Old Lesbians to talk about our experiences with this phenomenon and how it impacts us on a daily basis. How does ageism interact with racism? And when am I being oppressive?

NEWS FLASH!

Popular Lesbian comedian **Mimi Gonzales** (mimigonzaless.com/) will provide us with a ton of laughs at the August Gathering, and drummer/teacher extraordinaire **Ubaka Hill** has agreed to deliver our keynote address and to lead a workshop, so bring your percussion instruments and stay tuned for more info.



Ubaka Hill

As Old Lesbian feminists who have looked at the ways oppression works ever since the 1970s, we feel the need to broaden our analysis to look at how ageism compounds all oppressions. As Audre Lorde once said, “there is no hierarchy of oppressions.”

To say more about the Gathering, there will be fun, food, and fantastic Lesbians. Of course there will also be a dance, the Del Martin Award, an auction, and fabulous workshops.

We will have limited financial assistance, so please apply early. The forms are all in this issue.

Intersectionality at OLOC Gathering

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

At our August 2017 National Gathering, OLOC is focusing on what is known as “intersectionality” of ageism with other oppressions. As a prelude, we invite your contribution to the discussion with a brief personal description or observation about this topic for *The Reporter*.

For example, I’ve thought about the intersection of being old, Jewish, and raised a Communist like me, growing up during the Red scare when homos and Reds were automatically connected and targeted, followed by JFK and the institution of a political youth culture topped off by our (!) refusal to trust anyone over 30—and they all intersect.

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.

OLOC Mission Statement

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

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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 (10-23-2015):

National OLOC welcomes as members Old
Lesbians who have reached their 60th 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.

National OLOC Steering Committee Meets

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

The OLOC Steering Committee met from Thursday
through Sunday, October 20–23, at the Holiday Inn
Tampa Westshore, the site of our next National Gath-
ering. Everyone liked the hotel, most affordable in the
Tampa Bay Area.

We mourned the death of Pajj Wadley-Bailey, shared
our memories, and honored her unique and powerful
contribution to OLOC. We renewed our commitment to
having more than two Old Lesbians of color on the SC.

Because this was our first SC meeting since the split
with ZAMI NOBLA, we were able to explore our shock
and sadness, our deep disappointment, and regrets, as
well as feelings of betrayal and anger. We reviewed
the process and our part in it.

Some time was spent on the successful June Chapter
Coordinators meeting in St. Louis. There are plans for
further chapter recognition, as well as chapter calls
and Ali's plan to form a Latina chapter and explore the
possibilities of a group in Puerto Rico.

Also on the agenda was financials: the 2017 budget,
including the Smith Archive and the \$4,000 it will take
to process the OLOC collection, and fundraising for
financial assistance for the Gathering.

Lacking a Florida chapter, we met on Sunday with
seven local Old Lesbians who responded to our call to
help with local matters, to find and organize volunteers
and other support. They remained undaunted by the
amount of work a Gathering demands. Afterwards, we
drove to Gulfport (*Dykeport*) for a jolly dinner, satisfied
with what we had accomplished and our better grasp of
the work ahead.

Next Steering Committee Meeting

The date of the next National OLOC Steering Commit-
tee in-person meeting is April 20–23, 2017, in Tampa,
Florida. Often they also meet by conference call be-
tween 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-
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Chapter and Regional News

Northern Colorado Organizing for Change

By Katherine Wood, 1954

In July, Northern Colorado OLOC began preparations for our deeper exploration of the –isms in 2017. Using the Consensus Decision-Making Model taught to Chapter Coordinators in St. Louis by Jona Olsson of Cultural Bridges to Justice, we arrived at our communication agreements and a conflict resolution model. Members also took a test to determine which of four personality types we are. This has given us more awareness of how we can honor our differences and similarities.

In August, we met at a wilderness area, and, following the Navajo Blessing Way Prayer, we walked in beauty, making each step one of respect for Mother Earth. We brought forward our own beauty and beheld the beauty in everything around us. We did this with the intention of bringing change by bringing beauty.

In September, we had a program on healthy choices by the Alzheimer's Association. The presenter, Marissa Volpe, shared many ideas on small changes we could make in our everyday lives to be healthier. We organized for change in our personal lives with small changes we would each make. These personal changes included drinking one more glass of water per day, stretching like our cats, parking farther away from the grocery store to get in more walking, learning to speak Spanish to keep our brains engaged, and eating fish three times a week.

In October, we watched *Strong Sisters*, a video about Colorado women in politics. This was followed by a discussion on what we can do to create change around this election. Also Trish Bangert has been holding discussions on our upcoming ballot issues and getting us involved in registering voters.

In November, we are planning a post-election discussion on where we go from here. And what about that Equal Rights Amendment?

OLOC would love to have more chapters/groups. If you are interested in starting one in your community, please contact ruth@oloc.org if you are west of the Mississippi and bonnie@oloc.org if you are east of the Mississippi.

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

Hudson Valley, New York, Chapter Report

By Retts Scauzillo, 1953

Our Chapter met on Sept. 22nd for our first meeting since the spring. We generally take the summer off except for our Annual Pool Party in August. Unfortunately, we needed to cancel that party due to weather conditions. So this meeting was important to reestablish our chapter. The meeting took place at the LGBTQ Center of the Hudson Valley in Kingston, New York.

Thirteen Old Lesbians attended. The potluck did not disappoint. It is wonderful to start our meetings each month with a meal and some social time. After our check-in, I gave my report on the Chapter Coordinators meeting in St. Louis. We also discussed the upcoming National Gathering in Tampa, Florida; membership in National; and the future of our local chapter. We settled on dates for the rest of 2016, and planned a holiday party for Dec. 15th at 7pm. DJ Retts will spin. The dance will be open to ALL.

We then showed a film, *Letter to Anita*, by Ronni Sanlo. It is about the Lesbian and gay history in Florida. I think it would be a perfect film to show at the Gathering but, of course, we would need permission to show it.

Cleveland, Ohio, Chapter

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

Last April, the Chapter put on a panel talking about how we navigate getting OLD when there may be problems. Titled "Old Lesbians Speak Out On Aging," the panel consisted of a Lesbian living with cancer, a Lesbian who was a former director of the Cleveland Memorial Society, a Lesbian living with dementia, and a Lesbian's daughter working in Hospice. About 40 Lesbians attended. It was very well received, and we will do another workshop on actual end-of-life decisions.

The Cleveland Chapter is small but very active in the community. We make a point of showing up at activist events as Old Lesbians Organizing for Change. And even though we are small as a planning group, many other Lesbians join us in what we do.



New Mexico Chapter

By Rosemary Busterna, 1949

I have so enjoyed meeting the women of New Mexico OLOC since moving to Albuquerque two months ago. They are a vibrant group that loves enjoying the special enchantment of the high desert landscape, the open star-filled sky, and the beautiful mountains and volcano remnants that cradle this cherished place for us to find our joy. I know I am blessed in this environment, and the OLOC women I have met have filled my heart with delight. How else can a woman go to a new state knowing no one and within a month come to find a family of dear women simply by joining the OLOC chapter?

This chapter has gone through a series of changes these past few months, shifting to a shared governance model that now distributes tasks and responsibilities to several women in the organization. There is no specified leader, per se, only the commitment among its volunteers to work collaboratively, in mutual respect, to keep us vital and responsive to member needs. We have monthly meetings for chapter business and programs and an exclusive Meet-up site that connects us for meals together, dances, music venues, hikes, and other fun activities that speak to our various interests. This is the foundation I have found that provides the connection to friends who are strong, self-sufficient, well-accomplished women in the later years of life. What a privilege to be here. If you are in town on the third Saturday of the month, come to a meeting. You can reach us at nmoloc@gmail.com.

OLOC Chapters

OLOC chapters and groups as of November 2, 2016, are Arizona (meeting in Central Arizona); Coachella Valley/Palm Springs, California; San Francisco Bay Area, California; Radical Lesbian Crones (also Bay Area), California; Long Beach, California; Northern Colorado; Washington, DC Area; Boston Area, Massachusetts; Northampton/Pioneer Valley, Massachusetts; St. Louis, Missouri; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Hudson Valley, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Central Ohio; Champlain Region of Vermont and New York; and Puget Sound Area, Washington. Others are forming.

Women's Land

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

In the heyday of women's liberation, Lesbians created a culture, a community, and a her-story. We created publishing houses, record companies, bookstores, women's buildings, and women's land collectives.

Now, most are gone. Only abortion clinics, battered women's shelters, and rape crisis centers remain, to clean up after the men.

Once again the men have seemingly won. While all this is gone, women's land collectives remain, though many are struggling. When the analysis of patriarchy is lost, women forget how important our own stuff is. And we are the only ones to create it.

For anyone interested, the land collectives are looking for women to continue the legacy.

Here are a few where OLOC members live or have lived. If you know of Lesbians who want to live on Lesbian land, let them know. Contact us to find out how to reach them.

Pagoda: St. Augustine, Florida

SuBAMUH: Southern Ohio

Hawk Hill: South Central Missouri Ozarks

Alapine: Alabama on the Georgia border

OLHA: Arkansas near Fayetteville

The Common Guy: One Seemingly Benign Phrase Makes a Man Out of All of Us

This is an excerpt from an article written by Audrey Bilger for *Bitch Media* in 2002. To see the entire article, go here: bitchmedia.org/article/the-common-guy

"What's the problem?" people ask when I question this usage. The language has evolved, and now 'guys' is gender neutral, they say. Even those who consider themselves feminists—who conscientiously choose 'he or she' over 'he,' use 'flight attendant,' 'chairperson,' and 'restaurant server,' and avoid gender-specific language as much as possible—seem quite willing to accept 'you guys' as if it were generic. But let's do the math: One guy is clearly male; two or more guys are males. How does a word become gender neutral just by being plural? And then how do you explain something like Heyyouguys.com, 'The Man's Search Engine'? Can the same culture that says 'it's a guy thing' to refer to anything women just don't get about male behavior view a woman as one of the guys?"



The Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award

Guidelines for nominations:

- ◆ Nominations not to exceed 500 words describing the outstanding accomplishments and/or achievements of the nominee are to be received by e-mail to info@oloc.org or regular mail to OLOC, PO Box 5853, Athens, OH 45701.
- ◆ E-mailed nominations must be received by March 15, 2017, and mailed nominations must be postmarked by March 15, 2017.
- ◆ The Award will be given to an Old Lesbian over the age of 70.
- ◆ Nominations are worldwide and for an Old Lesbian in any field of endeavor.
- ◆ Nominee's life and/or work must impact the lives of Old Lesbians.
- ◆ The Award will be presented at the 2017 National Gathering in the Tampa Bay Area of Florida.
- ◆ Nominee must be alive at the time of nomination.



Nominations sent in for the cancelled Atlanta Gathering will be included; therefore, it is not necessary to re-send them.

Two Additions to OLOC's Media Library

Thanks to a donation from member Jo Oppenheimer, we have *Sunset Story*, a funny and intimate documentary that will make you think differently about growing old. It tells the story of two women, 81 and 95, who continue their radical activities in Sunset Hall, a "rest" home for radicals. Warm and humorous, with English subtitles, it is 75 minutes long, with 65 more minutes of bonus material.

Inez Milholland ~ Forward into Light tells the story of an American icon who broke convention with her striking conscience, advocating for gender equality, pacifism, racial justice, unions, and free speech in the early 20th century. She became the voice of suffrage. In 1916, Inez crossed the US, giving 50 speeches in 28 days. Pushing through exhaustion and anemia, she fell at the podium and died 30 days later. It is 15 minutes long and closed captioned.

A Tale of Two Organizations: OLOHP and OLOC

By Arden Eversmeyer, 1931, and Margaret Purcell, 1951

It has become more apparent over the past few years that there is lots of confusion about the relationship between OLOC and OLOHP (Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project), and we'd like to clear that up. Part of the confusion comes from the similarity in acronyms, the overlapping aspects of their work, and the fact that many women are involved in both organizations.

It is important that everyone understand that OLOHP and OLOC are separate. Each is incorporated separately and has its own leadership, board of directors, mission, and goals. And neither is privy to the inner working and finances of the other.

Members of OLOC already know about the work of OLOHP but may not be as familiar with the focus of the Project. The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project collects and preserves our life stories to honor the lives of Old Lesbians, focusing on Lesbians 70 and older.

For any nonprofit organization to work diligently toward its goals, money is essential. To find the funds necessary to do this important work, both OLOHP and OLOC rely on people who believe in what these two entities are doing. It is important that donors understand that they are donating either to OLOHP or to OLOC.

OLOHP appreciates the contributions OLOC has made to its efforts. For years, OLOC and its supporters have demonstrated a strong interest in the work of OLOHP and have generously contributed to its success by helping promote OLOHP in the OLOC newsletter, on the OLOC website, and at its Gatherings. OLOC has also provided funding that was significant in helping the Project thrive.

OLOHP and OLOC are two separate organizations, proud of what they are doing themselves and supportive of what the other is accomplishing. Learn more about the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project at www.oloHP.org.

OLOC maintains a media library and will lend items to members. For a complete list of items available, contact susan@oloc.org or write the PO Box in Ohio.



Ageism

By Sharon Raphael, 1941

OLOC has a mission to support Old Lesbians and educate within and without the organization about ageism. We proudly use the word “old” not as a negative stereotype, but as a natural process and period in time that affects us all if we are lucky enough to live long enough. We choose to confront stereotypes about old age rather than conform to them. We are Old Lesbian Pride Sisters. OLOC believes all the –isms are connected. That helps us see the whole picture and understand that collectively we can change the world and, as individuals with this understanding, we can be strong and proud in old age and at any age. We are feminists. Sexism and ageism are interconnected. Old women experience more poverty than their male counterparts, and young women in their 30s and 40s are seen as “over the hill” because of society’s youth obsession, which hurts all women. Race and class affect how we deal with aging. Life chances are limited by all the –isms. That is why we look inside ourselves and try to grow beyond our –isms

Rain and Thunder Needs Your Support

Rain and Thunder: A Radical Feminist Journal of Discussion and Activism is a grassroots publication created and distributed by a collective of radical feminist women. It provides a space for radical feminist thought, analysis, creativity, activism, and resistance to flourish. A radical feminist perspective is one that is aware that:

- Men, as a class, are waging a war against women.
- Rape, battering, incest, prostitution, pornography, poverty, heterosexuality, and gynocide are some of the main instruments of male supremacy.
- All forms of hierarchy and domination, including misogyny, racism, classism, ableism, ageism, and every other interconnected oppression, must be opposed.
- We must strive to eradicate domination and subordination from our personal lives and sexual practices.

- Organized political resistance is necessary to make change in our local communities and the world.

There are numerous ways in which you can take part:

- Subscribe for yourself and your friends.
 - Post and distribute flyers on campuses, at libraries, in cafes, on kiosks, at bookstores, and in other public places.
 - Table and spread the word at conferences, festivals, and gatherings.
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 - Send articles, essays, reviews, action reports, interviews, artwork, and news clippings.
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 - Include a link to *Rain and Thunder* on your website.
 - Make a tax-deductible contribution.
- Join them in creating a culture of resistance and a liberation movement!

Rain and Thunder, PO Box 674, Northampton, MA 01061

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www.rainandthunder.org/index.html

SPIRAL Makes Donation to OLOC

OLOC is grateful for the donation from SPIRAL (Spirited Powerful Independent Revolutionary Amazon Lesbians) in Kentucky. We are sorry that the Spiral Land Trust for Women dissolved but very glad they chose OLOC for some of their funds.

If you now receive *The Reporter* in one format and want to switch to or add the other (print and electronic), please e-mail susan@oloc.org, write the Ohio office, or phone 888-706-7506.



Memorials

Paij (Panchita) Wadley-Bailey, 1939–2016

Paij was a member of the OLOC Steering Committee when she died. She was born in Riviera, Florida, and grew up in New England. She lived in Montpelier, Vermont, for most of her life.



Paij earned an M.A. in Social Ecology at Goddard College and an M.Ed. at the University of Vermont. She served on the faculty at both colleges. She developed the Lesbian and Gay Studies Program at Goddard and was the first coordinator of the UVM LGBTQA Service Center.

Paij was Director of the Vermont Anti-Racism Action Team, which maintained a hotline for complaints about racism in the public schools. She was the founder of Vermont Reading to End Racism, an initiative to eliminate racism through personal and literary programs that educate and empower youths. She was also an anti-racism trainer and diversity consultant.

Paij identified as a “bull-dagger.” Her forbears dressed as men to herd cattle (“doggies”) and help “tame” the Wild West. When it was discovered that they were female, the “o” in “doggies” was changed to an “a” to denote they were females.

Paij had four children and four grandchildren. Her life was celebrated in a Memorial Service in Montpelier on August 17, 2016.

Susan McAllister, 1948–2016

By Carol Squires, birth year unknown

Susan was a member of OLOC since 2014. She was a lifelong artist who spent most of her life in the San Francisco area.



She entered a social work program at the University of California, Berkeley, and started an internship there at Creative Growth, a groundbreaking program working with artists with developmental, mental, and physical disabilities. In the 1980s, Susan and her partner, Anne Moore, organized and staffed tables at many San Francisco LGBT Pride Parades.

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Susan Levinkind, 1942–2016

Long-time member of National OLOC and the Bay Area chapter, partner of Elana Dykewomon, and briefly on the National Steering Committee, Susan was active in the planning and execution of the 2014 Gathering. More about her in the next issue.



“Susan Levinkind, my partner, spouse, great friend these last 27 years, died tonight, Oct 29, 2016, at home. My heart is cleaved, a flock of wild birds, startled, take wing into the dark... May her great love for lesbians and her kindness remain a soothing presence in all our lives.” Elana Dykewomon

Irene Weiss, 1926–2016

Irene was a member of OLOC since 2007 and attended at least two Gatherings.



She was born in August 1926 in Pennsylvania. After moving to California as an adult, she worked at a variety of nursing positions over the next decade or two. Finding her niche in a nursing home, Irene learned the business side as well as the practice of nursing. She took on accounting, learning budgeting, staffing, reading construction plans, and more.

Her long-time partner, Marilyn Murphy, introduced her to the women’s movement, and they devoted themselves to it. They were an essential part of California’s Califia Community, a radical feminist educational collective known for its week-long retreats. They later lived at the women’s communities Pagoda in Florida and Superstition Mountain Resort in Arizona. Marilyn died in 2004, and Irene found love again with Michelle de Beixedon, with whom she lived at Discovery Bay Resort in Sequim, Washington, another women’s community. Irene is quoted in the book *Califia Women* by Clark Pomerleau and was interviewed in the movie *Lesbiana* and also the OLOHP book *A Gift of Age: Old Lesbian Life Stories*.



**OLD LESBIANS ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE
2017 NATIONAL GATHERING
August 2–6, 2017**

OLD LESBIANS MOBILIZE FOR THE FUTURE

Keynote Speakers, Panels, Workshops, Entertainment, Food, Dancing, Silent and Live Auctions.
Lesbians 60 or over (and female partners/female caregivers of any age) are invited.

Early Registration deadline: April 2, 2017

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Suites available for approx. \$152 (\$135 + 12% tax)
Room fee includes breakfast for two people and wi-fi.

To book your hotel reservations by phone, call tollfree 800-439-4745.

To book your hotel reservations online, use this link: tinyurl.com/zyxwacz

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**AUGUST 2017 GATHERING WORKSHOP PROPOSALS
Due no later than March 31, 2017**

Workshop proposals for the 2017 National Gathering in Tampa Bay Area, Florida, will be accepted until March 31, 2017. We hope many of you will consider sharing your expertise and experience with us! Preference will be given to workshops relating to our theme:

OLD LESBIANS MOBILIZE FOR THE FUTURE.

Please send:

1. Workshop title.
2. Workshop content/outline (one short paragraph).
3. Leader's (and co-presenter's, if any) name, birthdate, age, phone number, e-mail address, race/ethnicity, and a one-sentence bio as you want to see it in the program (it may be edited). Preference will be given to OLOC members.
4. Maximum number of workshop participants.
5. Social media connections (website, Facebook, Twitter, any other).

Please note that you must bring your own equipment and supplies. You must also provide your own handouts.

Please be aware that workshop leaders must register for the Gathering and are not compensated in any way.

Send proposals by e-mail to info@oloc.org (preferred) or in print to Bonnie Wagner, 11 Olde Zena Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Questions? Call 888-706-7506.

REGISTRATION FORM

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

REGISTRATION FORM
OLOC 2017 National Gathering
August 2–6, 2017, Tampa, Florida

STEP 1: Tell us about you. Please *print* exactly as you want to be listed.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of 8/2/17 _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State or Province _____ ZIP or postal _____

Out of United States? City _____ Country _____

Primary phone # _____ E-mail _____

How did you hear about this event? _____

Do you need any specific services to assist with disabilities? If yes, please describe what you would like: _____

Emergency contact (in case you become ill or need assistance):

Name: _____ Phone _____

Food preferences:

Meals with meat ____ fish ____ vegetarian ____ vegan ____ other _____

Would you like to volunteer to assist during the Gathering? _____

STEP 2: Registration fee covers programs, entertainment, and one meal. It does not cover housing, transportation, or meals other than the one listed.

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE IF POSTMARKED BY APRIL 2	\$275.00
REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1	\$300.00
REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED AFTER JUNE 1	\$325.00

STEP 3: PAYMENT (Use financial assistance form if needed)

Registration fee (see schedule above) \$ _____

OLOC Membership \$25–50 (optional, includes newsletter) \$ _____

Contribution for financial assistance (optional) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail a check and this form to OLOC, PO Box 5853, Athens, OH 45701 or use Paypal at www.oloc.org.

You can also go here to register online: www.eventbrite.com/e/oloc-2017-national-gathering-tickets-28344116014

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for OLOC 2017 National Gathering

This fund for financial assistance is intended for those who will be able to attend only with this help. Please consider your situation carefully so we will be able to help as many Old Lesbians as possible.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY May 15, 2017. NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IF NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY May 15 2017. OLOC is committed to access at our National Gathering and this includes financial access to the best of our ability. Financial assistance is limited by our budget and how much money we raise. We will let you know by June 10, 2017, whether or not we are able to help and, if so, for how much. Then you will be able to make your plans. Please contact ruth@oloc.org or 1-888-706-7506 if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES This is the maximum amount that OLOC will pay. Please try to pay as much as you can.

1. Hotel – **up to 4 nights with a roommate** of either your or OLOC's choosing.
2. Travel – **no more than \$550 per seat, no international travel.**
3. Registration – OLOC will cover some of the fee; you will pay a minimum of \$50 of the registration fee. Please tell us what your financial assistance request is: _____

Your name _____ Phone # _____

Have you received financial assistance for prior Gatherings? If so, how many? _____

TRANSPORTATION: OLOC will make all flight or train reservations. Please submit receipts for reimbursement for other forms of travel.

HOTEL: OLOC will make your hotel reservation.

Additional information you would like to share? _____

OLOC must receive a check or credit card payment for your portion of the fees by July 1, 2017. Please pay by sending a check to OLOC, PO Box 5853, Athens, OH 45701; by credit card/PayPal by clicking on donate button at www.oloc.org; or by contacting Ruth Debra at 760-318-6794 for credit card payment.

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

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OLOC Membership/Supporter Form

We welcome everyone as either a member or a supporter, whether or not you can send money now. To be a member, you must be in your 60th year or older and be a Lesbian. Anyone who is not an Old Lesbian is welcome as a supporter. Membership or support is for one year. We need to hear from you each year to keep you active. Both members of a couple may use this form.

Name #1 _____

I am not sending money at this time, but I am an Old Lesbian and want to become/continue as a member for the coming year. ☐

I am sending this amount _____ (suggest between \$25 and \$50) for my membership (more if you can, less if you can't).

I am not qualified for OLOC membership but would like to be a supporter. Suggested donation for supporters is \$30-\$60 for one year (more if you can, less if you can't). Amount _____

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Please include demographics (date of birth, ethnicity, disability status) here to help us in obtaining grants and achieving diversity. No names will be associated with this information.

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To pay with a credit card or a PayPal account, go to www.oloc.org and click Donate. You do not need a PayPal account to use a credit card there. If a couple is paying, please include both names in the purpose/comments section. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OLOC. All money sent is considered a donation, which is tax deductible for those who itemize.

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I would love to have an OLOC group near me and could help work toward establishing one. Yes ☐ No ☐

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