

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change



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Pulling It Together for Another Great Gathering

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

Planning, planning. We are excited to be designing another National Gathering! This year we are not starting out with a reserve for financial assistance, so fundraising is at breakneck speed. Of course, any help you want to send our way is always great.

We have the beginnings of a schedule with Alix Dobkin and Maria Cora performing on Thursday night, Karen Williams giving us her special brand of incentive on Friday night, and the auction and dance on Saturday night. These events are open to women of all ages.

And of course, the workshops, which are up to you. Please send in your proposals (find proposal form on page 9).

We are very open to correction, feedback, and more ideas about our decisions.

What Is Ageism?

By Retts Scauzillo, 1953

I am a member of Old Lesbians Organizing for Change. My friend, Alix Dobkin, 1940, asked me to join before I was of age, so I joined as a supporter. I knew I needed to be a part of this organization when I got OLD.

So now I'm OLD and the Chapter Coordinator in the Hudson Valley, New York chapter. As we start to embrace the word OLD proudly, we begin to see the subtle and accepted forms of ageism that exist. Just read the birthday cards for women over 60. We are ugly, our teeth are falling out, we don't want sex, we can't hear or see, and so on.

Has a young person ever ignored you or treated you like a nonhuman? It's as if we finally have gained wisdom, made all our mistakes, and now have some clarity in our lives. But instead of being celebrated, we are dismissed. When this happens, I want to shout, "I know more than you" or "Hello, I'm a person."

Thankfully, the Lesbian community does honor the Crones among us. I don't think the same discrimination happens to old men; just look at the US Congress—it is full of old men. The few old women there are constantly being attacked, such as Hillary Clinton, Elizabeth Warren, and Nancy Pelosi. I was so hoping to have an OLD woman in the White House, but that was stolen from us. We need to fight this obvious discrimination against old women by holding people accountable, as we would if we encountered racism or sexism or any other ism.

So I encourage you all to join with OLOC in the fight against AGEISM. It's also fun to be with women your age who know your truths and have been fighting the good fight alongside you for many years. We can all celebrate together. And we do!

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.

Old Lesbians of Color Day
all day August 21, 2019.

OLOC full National Gathering
opens evening of August 21 and
ends midday August 25.

Part of our
series on the
many isms of
discrimination

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Deadline for the next issue is February 1, 2019. Limit general submissions to 300 words. There will be no more member memorials in the *Reporter*, only announcements with name, birth and death years, and city and state of the Lesbians who died. See E-News for memorials. Contact us for the style guide (revised November 2018). We may edit articles for clarity and/or length. Send articles to OLOC: info@oloc.org or PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498.

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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 60th year.

New Member of the Steering Committee

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

When we (and the world) lost Paij Wadley-Bailey, 1939-2016, a few years ago, the only Old Lesbian of Color remaining on the National Steering Committee was Alí Marrero-Calderón, 1948. So, in keeping with our determination to work toward a more colorful governing body, we invited three more Old Lesbians of Color to attend and participate in two consecutive Steering Committee meetings.

María Cora, 1953, Windsor Young, 1943, and Sherry Dowd, 1957, decided to try it out. After the two meetings, María and Windsor chose to continue with us. Even though Windsor decided to give it a try, after seeing what is really involved with all of the necessary email, she decided against it.

Sherry, upon reconsidering her previous commitment to the NIA Collective (*Honoring Lesbians of African Descent*) and learning the amount of work SC membership entails, decided to concentrate on one group, rather than two. She enjoyed associating with us and will continue her support of OLOC, but will be devoting her energy to the NIA Collective. We look forward to working with Sherry and Windsor on future projects and warmly welcome María to full membership on the OLOC Steering Committee. She and Alí are planning the Old Lesbians of Color Day of our 2019 National Gathering. All of us are excited to have her as a new member and look forward to the August Gathering. Watch for more information about new members in future issues or in the E-News.

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 movement
- the Say Her Name! movement
- the civil rights of all indigenous people

For a list of some of the organizations the Steering Committee of OLOC recommends that our members support, contact Susan susan@oloc.org or phone at 888-706-7506.

OLOC is supported in part by grants from the Carpenter Foundation, the Horizons Foundation, and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota.

OLOC Support: Anyone who agrees with our purpose is welcome as a supporter



Passings

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

Dear OLOC members and supporters:

We are receiving more and more memorial notices and stories and want to do all we can to honor these. We will continue to put the notices in the *Reporter*, but from now on, accompanying details will appear in the monthly E-News.

Jan Zobel, 1947–2018, Oakland, California

Roxanna Fiamma, 1943–2018, Sebastopol, California

Jinx Beers, 1933–2018, Van Nuys, California

Marge Nelson, 1928–2018, San Francisco, California

MEMBER NEWS

Charlotte Ellis, 1943, Serves on Panel

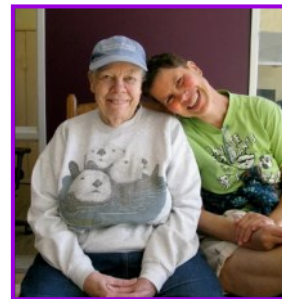
In June, I served as my church's delegate to the Missouri United Methodist annual conference in Springfield, Missouri. My church became a reconciling congregation a year ago. That means we are open to all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We had been for a long time, but this made it official. There was a workshop on LGBTQ issues at the annual conference, and I was asked to be on the panel as an out Lesbian. I was a little scared because about 200 people from all over the state were in the room and I had no idea how they would react. Fortunately, everyone was nice and they asked good questions. People came up afterward to thank us, and even the next day, people came up to me and thanked me. I felt like this was one of the bravest things I have ever done.

OLOC Member Jewelle Gomez Chosen as a Grand Marshal of San Francisco Pride 2018

We are proud that long-time member and supporter of OLOC Jewelle Gomez, 1948, was one of the Community Grand Marshals this year, along with four other people and one organization (www.sfpride.org/grand-marshals/). She was the only one in that group who was billed as the Lifetime Achievement Grand Marshal. Way to go, Jewelle! Steering Committee member Alí Marrero-Calderón, who was a Commemoration Awardee Grand Marshal, was one of the leaders of the parade.

Story Available

Pictured is longtime OLOC member Toni Langfield, 1935–2016, not long before she died. She is with her daughter, Carol Baker, 1961, who has written a story about Toni's death called "Toni's Amazing Death."



She wants anyone in OLOC who knew Toni or who is interested in the story to be able to read it. If you would like to do so, let Susan know by email (preferred) at susan@oloc.org, by phone 888-706-7506, or at PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498.

OLOHP and OLOC

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

In 1998, Arden Eversmeyer, 1931, and her partner, Charlotte Avery, 1930-2018, began to record the oral herstories of Old Lesbians. It was a project Arden felt was very important.

At that time, she was also a Co-Director of OLOC. OLOC agreed about the importance of this work and was supportive. For a very short time, OLOHP (the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project) was considered a project of OLOC, and we gave financial help, but it was Arden and Charlotte who designed, interviewed, trained, and gave lots of time and travel to doing the work. Over time, the project grew, and many Lesbians were doing interviews. After Arden was no longer on the Steering Committee, OLOC continued to provide financial help.

Because of some confusion, it seems necessary to emphasize that OLOHP and OLOC are now two completely separate groups. OLOHP has its own tax-exempt status, and its own mission, to "gather and preserve the life stories of Old Lesbians." OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) also has its own tax-exempt status and its own mission, to "eliminate the oppression of ageism and to stand in solidarity against all oppressions."

The two organizations continue to stand together to advance the visibility and importance of Old Lesbians and to recognize the valuable contributions we have made to the world.

National OLOC has a Yahoo email list where we can exchange ideas. If you want to join in, subscribe at groups.yahoo.com/group/NationalOLOC/. If you have problems, contact susan@oloc.org.



Chapter News

FINISHING PRINCIPLES OF SOLIDARITY

Bay Area Radical Lesbian Crones (RLC) Chapter

By Pacifica, 1941, and Joan Margaret, 1942

Early this summer, we finished our Principles of Solidarity (POS), describing our new OLOC chapter. Radical Lesbian Crones (RLC) are coming out to our feminist community in Northern California. At WoLF Fest (Women's Liberation Front), we had the opportunity to share the POS and discuss our belief that there is a deeply felt need in the Lesbian community for RLC. In September, we completed our preparation phase and sent out the call for new members.

We want to attract Old Lesbians who want to work and play in harmony with female-born Lesbians of all ages, colors, and ethnic backgrounds. As such, we want Old Lesbians of Color as founding members, not just as an afterthought to a white-dominated chapter. We want to create safe spaces for female-born Lesbians and to make decisions by consensus. We are also opening part of our chapter to Lesbians under 60 and calling them Crones-in-Training.

We will continue to hold meetings to plan further recruitment of Old Lesbians of Color. Until we reach our goal of reflecting our community's diversity by at least two more Lesbians of Color, RLC will not invite more white dykes into the chapter. We must do it differently if we want different results in an increasingly diverse country. Please pass on our contact info to any like-minded Old Dykes of Color, even if they don't live in the San Francisco area, because we also want to help build RLC chapters throughout the country, based on our POS (a living document developed by our original three members, one an Old Lesbian of Color).

We invite all women who value female-born, Lesbian-only space to join us. Contact us at RadLezCrones@gmail.com for an e-copy of our Principles of Solidarity. A more detailed announcement will be in an upcoming OLOC E-News.

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

MONTHLY SLATE OF ACTIVITIES

New Mexico Chapter

By Susan Buchler, 1946

July 2018: The Writers among Us

Our July meeting showcased six of the many published writers who are part of our OLOC chapter. They talked about what has motivated their writing and what writing means to them. They then read excerpts from their works of fiction, creative non-fiction, memoir, and poetry. We celebrated the writings of Joyce DePow, Mary Oishi, Mary Morell, Alison Reichle, Susan Hallgarth, and C. Diane Ealy.

August 2018: Women Running for Office in New Mexico

Our meeting in August was a special OLOC New Mexico Political Forum. Women candidates running for office in New Mexico were invited, and 17 women accepted the invitation. They included women running for the Court of Appeals, for the US Congress, for New Mexico Secretary of State, for land commissioner, and several for the New Mexico House of Representatives. A representative for Michelle Lujan Grisham (who was running for governor of New Mexico) also attended. This was an exciting event—78 women attended the political forum, including the candidates and their representatives.

September 2018: Training In Nonviolent Intervention

Ilse Bealle returned for part 3 of her training on nonviolent intervention. Part 1 took place at the Center for Peace & Justice in 2017. Part 2 was our February 2018 program. Ilse has many years' experience training in nonviolent actions, starting in South Africa. She has been a significant asset to Albuquerque, New Mexico's justice system.

October 2018: The Wisdom of Aging, Illness, and Death

The program by Tiska Blankenship welcomed us to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Coming from Tiska's Buddhist practice, this was a presentation of perspectives on impermanence, what is the truth, and that pain is inevitable but suffering is optional.



Chapter News (cont.)

HORSE PLAY ON THE FARM

Champlain Region of Vermont and New York Chapter

By Madeleine Winterfalcon, 1950

On Saturday, August 4, the Vermont OLOC chapter had an outing to the Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge, Vermont. Each year there is an open house at the farm, and they show off the new foals—what a riot! They are so rambunctious and wild and so much fun to watch! We spent a good part of the day there with our picnic lunches.



Some of us visited the Weybridge cemetery, where Sylvia Drake and Charity Bryant are buried. They were a same-sex couple who died in the mid-1800s. They were the aunts of William Cullen Bryant, who wrote a poignant letter about them that is printed at the front of Joan Nestle's *The Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader*.



Vermont picnickers

POLITICKING, PLANNING, AND PARTYING

Hudson Valley, New York Chapter

By Retts Scauzillo, 1953

On a beautiful summer day, over 40 Old Lesbians attended our annual pool party to work on membership and visibility, and I am happy to report that we have five new members. Seven members of the Pioneer Valley chapter joined us, and we promised to return the favor and attend an event of theirs next year.

Bonnie Wagner, 1942, organized an OLOC Salon at our house. Alison Solomon of Gulfport, Florida, and her spouse, Carol Farrell, stayed

for a few days. Alison read from her book, *Timing is Everything*, which takes place in Gulfport and is the first of a series of Lesbian mysteries. Both Alison and Carol are supporters of OLOC and volunteered at the Gathering last year. About 25 Old Lesbians attended.

At our September meeting, we decided to keep the age minimum for chapter members at 60 and to update our chapter banner. We showed the film about Sharon Katz and the Peace Train. It would be wonderful to hire them for a future Gathering.

Other ongoing events and ideas for future meetings:

1. We gather in front of Congressman Faso's office on Fridays to protest his voting record, and many of us have written postcards to support local candidates.
2. A pop-up social at the R&R Lounge in Woodstock allows us to socialize every month.
3. The LGBTQ Center hosted a Death Café* and we agreed to host another one at an OLOC meeting.
4. We plan to host an intergenerational panel at a meeting.
5. We are interested in putting on a series of short plays on topics that are relevant to Old Lesbians.

*Death Cafés offer a safe space to discuss thoughts, feelings, and experiences openly regarding death, ultimately moving us toward a society that mindfully accepts dying as a part of everyday life.

PROTESTING AND CANVASSING

Washington, DC, Metro Area Chapter

By Carol Anne Douglas, 1946

Ten of us, including three new members, met at lunch on September 30. Two of us protested the Kavanaugh hearings from outside the Capitol and the Supreme Court. We did it on different days, because we are from two states and the District and it's not easy to do actions together. Several of us were canvassing, phoning, and/or sending letters for Democratic candidates. We planned to meet again after the election.



OLOC's Fall Steering Committee Meeting

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

We gathered for five days, including a trip from Columbus to Athens, Ohio, where a number of Jan Griesinger's friends, colleagues, and admirers gathered to honor OLOC's former Co-Director and view the film, *No Need to Repent: The Ballad of Rev. Jan Griesinger*. Long-time activist and beloved icon in the state where she has co-founded numerous organizations for women, for peace, and for justice for all, a typically reluctant Jan took center stage and humbly accepted tributes from women whose lives she has profoundly impacted over many decades.

Back to work, the meeting dealt with the *Reporter* (thanx, Jennice and Malinda!), the E-News (thanx, Sheryl!), the Facebook page (thanx, Retts!), the Yahoo group (thanx, Sandy C. and the regulars!), graphic designs (thanx, Connie!), and our new and excellent website (thanx, Barbara Gottlieb and Sheryl!). They are all running well, and the same goes for our operations (thanx, Susan!).

The bad news: We are losing too much money and must tap more resources to keep our doors open. Our Gatherings always lose thousands of dollars, so where do we cut our budget? Accessibility? Financial assistance? Food? Should we send out more fundraising letters? Should we talk to everyone we know who has money and might direct some our way? Should we resume collecting chapter dues?

Items discussed for the upcoming Gathering: programming, prices, workshops, hospitality room, memorial, and auction. Fortunately, a splendid group of Ohio volunteers will help with local promotion and publicity, seeking sponsorships, and more. We look forward to working with them and are especially excited about the Old Lesbians of Color Day.

As the only national organization for and by Lesbians, it is crucial that we carry on. Now, with María Cora as a new SC member, the future (which, as we know, is female) looks better and better!

AUGUST 2019 GATHERING WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Deadline: April 1, 2019

Workshop proposals for the 2019 National Gathering in Columbus, Ohio, will be accepted until April 1, 2019. We hope you will consider sharing your expertise and experience with us! Preference will be given to workshops relating to our theme:

Old Lesbians RESIST AND PERSIST.

Send us:

- Workshop title.
- Workshop content/outline (one short paragraph).
- Leader's (and co-presenter's, if any) name, birthdate, age, phone number, email 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.
- Maximum number of workshop participants.
- Social media connections (website, Facebook, Twitter, any other).

You need to bring your own equipment, supplies, and handouts. Workshop leaders must register for the Gathering and are not compensated in any way. Let us know if you have any access needs.

Send proposals by email to info@oloc.org (preferred) or in print to Bonnie Wagner, 11 Olde Zena Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. If you have questions, call 888-706-7506.

Next Steering Committee Meeting

The next National Steering Committee in-person meeting will be April 30–May 3, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio. 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 them by email at info@oloc.org, a note to the PO Box in Woodstock, New York, or a phone call to 888-706-7506. Be sure to say if you want a response.





OLD LESBIANS ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE
2019 NATIONAL GATHERING
August 21–25, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio
Old Lesbians RESIST AND PERSIST



Panels, Workshops, Entertainment, Dinner, Dance, Silent and Live Auctions,
Keynote Speakers, and Talent Show!

Welcome: Lesbians 60 or over (and female partners/female caregivers of any age).

Wednesday, August 21, will be the second Old Lesbians of Color Day,
How Do You Resist/Persist and What Are Your Plans for the Future?

It is free (including lunch) and for all Old Lesbians of Color.

The full Gathering will open to everyone later in the day.

Early registration deadline is April 1. Registration form is on page 9.

Workshop proposals are due by April 1, 2019 (see page 6). We hope you will consider sharing your expertise and experience with us! Preference will be given to workshops relating to our theme.

THE HOTEL

Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus
2700 Corporate Exchange Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43231
(614) 890-8600

Free shuttle to/from hotel and Columbus John Glenn airport (CMH)

Room rate for two is \$124 per night
(includes a full breakfast daily).

Manager's reception from 5:30 to 7:00 with snacks and beverages, including alcohol.

The OLOC hospitality room will be stocked with snacks, fresh fruits,
and lots more yummies—also free!

All “rooms” are suites and can sleep up to six. Accessible suites available for up to four.

Refrigerator and microwave in all suites.

See the E-News or oloc.org for more about the hotel.

A block of rooms has been reserved for August 18–27, 2019. The special room rate will be available until July 29 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.

To book your hotel reservations online (you'll need code OLC), go here:

tinyurl.com/2019Gathering

Or call the hotel directly at (614) 890-8600.

Be sure to tell them you are coming to OLOC.

BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND YOUR SISTERS

In addition to sensitivity and awareness of all disabilities, we request that you make every effort to help us create a space that is free of the chemicals used to make scented products. They affect the health of all of us, some more severely than others. Please come with fragrance-free body-care products and clothing. **We urge you to read your confirmation packet for specific scent-free instructions.**



OLD LESBIANS ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE
2019 OLOC NATIONAL GATHERING
AUGUST 21-25, 2019
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Old Lesbians Resist and Persist!

Deadline for completed ads is June 1, 2019. Email the electronic ad to Connie Rose at ImagesNatural@gmail.com as an attachment or send by Dropbox.

Ads that can be created by Connie must be submitted to her by May 1, 2019.

Ad must be a PDF or .jpg file distilled at a print-ready resolution. Please snail-mail business cards to be scanned to Connie at: High Desert Rose, 441 W. Matterhorn St., Tucson, AZ 85737. Thank you.

We would love to see your ad in the Program Book. The book is an excellent 40-page publication, distributed to attendees and advertisers from all over the country.

Do you have an organization, business, or group that would support OLOC by placing an ad? Or perhaps a personal or memorial greeting?

Here is the information for submitting payment, along with the form for placing ads.

Thank you for supporting OLOC by advertising!

Ad and Greeting Sizes and Prices

Full Page (7" wide X 9.5" tall)	Inside Front Cover	\$600
	Inside Back Cover	\$500
	Outside Back Cover	\$650
	Other full page ad	\$400
Half Page	(7.5" wide X 4.5")	\$240
Quarter Page	(3.75" wide X 4.5")	\$150
Business Card	(3.5" wide X 2")	\$60
Greeting	(20 words or less)	\$30

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Greeting text _____

Pay by Check

Pay by Credit Card

Pay by PayPal

PayPal Transaction ID# _____

Payment: Mail this form and check to OLOC or use the Donate button at www.oloc.org to pay by PayPal (include your transaction ID above once you've paid) or by credit card. For more private payment by credit card, contact Ruth Debra at 760-318-6794, or email your phone number (ruth@oloc.org) and she'll phone you.

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Old Lesbians Organizing for Change
2019 National Gathering, August 21–25, 2019
Old Lesbians RESIST AND PERSIST



Registration Form

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

Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Age as of 8/21/2019 _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Country _____ ZIP /POSTAL _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Do you plan to attend the Old Lesbians of Color Day on August 21? _____
 It is free for all Old Lesbians of Color, including lunch. For LOC not from the Columbus area, a hotel room (with a roommate) will be provided.
 Roommate's name _____
 Would you prefer for OLOC to help you find a roommate? Yes _____ No _____

How did you hear about this event? _____

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

Emergency contact (if you become ill or need help):

Name _____ Phone _____

Would you be willing to volunteer to assist during the Gathering? _____

STEP 2: Registration fee covers programs, entertainment, and a welcome reception and at least two lunches. Does not cover housing, transportation other than local shuttle, or meals except as listed.

OLOC is using a sliding fee scale for registration this year with a minimum of \$100. Even the highest fee (\$500) does not pay for the cost of the Gathering. We are asking you to pay the highest fee you can, as many Old Lesbians cannot do that. What you decide to pay will be confidential.

REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 15.

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE IF POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1.....	\$100–500
REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED APRIL 2 to JUNE 15	\$250–500
REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED AFTER JUNE 15.....	\$350–500

STEP 3: PAYMENT (Financial Assistance form on the next page)

Registration fee (see schedule above)	\$ _____
OLOC Membership \$35–100 (optional, includes newsletters)	\$ _____
Contribution for financial assistance (optional, but much appreciated)	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

If you used PayPal, please include the transaction number _____

Mail this form and check to OLOC or use the Donate button at www.oloc.org to pay by PayPal (include your transaction ID above once you've paid) or by credit card. For more private payment by credit card, contact Ruth Debra at 760-318-6794, or email your phone number (ruth@oloc.org) and she'll phone you.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for OLOC 2019 National Gathering



The 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.

RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY MAY 15, 2019. NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IF NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MAY 15, 2019.

OLOC is committed to access at our National Gathering and this includes financial access. Financial assistance is limited by our budget and how much money we raise. We will let you know by June 10, 2019, whether or not we are able to help you and, if so, for how much. Then you will be able to make your plans. If you have any questions, please contact ruth@oloc.org or 1-888-706-7506 .

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—5 nights if you are attending the Wednesday Lesbians of Color Day—with a roommate of either your or OLOC's choosing. Roommate's name _____
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 \$100 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 other forms of transportation if you wish to be reimbursed.

Hotel: OLOC will make your hotel reservation.

Please state how attending this Gathering will impact your activism: _____

You must send a check or credit card payment for your portion of the fees by July 1, 2019. Send your check to OLOC, PO Box 834, Woodstock NY 12498. For credit card/PayPal, go to www.oloc.org and click the Donate button on the right side. If you prefer not to enter your card online, call Ruth Debra at 760-318-6794 for credit card payment.

Seeking Nominations for the Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award

Created to honor Del Martin, 1921–2008—activist, pathfinder, and OLOC member, the \$500 Award will be presented to a Lesbian 70 years or older whose life and work have impacted and will continue to impact the lives of Old Lesbians.



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

Guidelines for nominations:

1. Nominations should describe the outstanding accomplishments and/or achievements of the nominee in 500 words or less. Send by email to info@oloc.org (preferred) or regular mail to PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498.
2. Nominations must be postmarked by April 15, 2019.
3. The Award will be given to an Old Lesbian over the age of 70 at OLOC's National Gathering to be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 21–25, 2019.
4. Nominations are worldwide and for an Old Lesbian in any field of endeavor.
5. Nominee's life and work must impact the lives of Old Lesbians.
6. Nominees must be alive at the time of nomination.

Past nominees who were not selected may be nominated again.

All expenses will be paid (except international travel and food not covered by registration fees) for the winner and her partner, if any, to attend the Columbus Gathering.

Thank you for helping to ensure that we keep Del Martin's legacy alive.

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. You will receive issues of our publications, the *OLOC Reporter* (quarterly) and the OLOC E-News (monthly), if you want them. 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 want to be a member or supporter for the coming year. Please specify which: (members are Lesbians in their 60th year or older and supporters are anyone else).
 _____ Member _____ Supporter
- I am sending this amount _____ (suggest \$35 to \$100 per year) for membership or support. Please specify which:
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Name #2 _____

- I am not sending money at this time, but I want to be a member or supporter for the coming year. Please specify which: (members are Lesbians in their 60th year or older and supporters are anyone else).
 _____ Member _____ Supporter
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Please include demographics (date of birth, race/ethnicity, disability status) here to help us in obtaining grants and achieving diversity (we never give out names of members or supporters to anyone outside OLOC).

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 Disability status _____

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Address _____ City _____ State or _____ Zip or _____
 Out of United States? Country _____ province _____ postal _____
 (If needed, write 2nd address on back.)

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New to OLOC? Yes No

New to OLOC? Yes No

I would like to receive the *Reporter* as (circle one)
 print copy / electronic / both / neither

I prefer to receive the *Reporter* as (circle one)
 print copy / electronic / both / neither

I would like to receive the monthly E-News by email
 and have given my email address above.
 Yes No

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 Yes No

To pay with a credit card or PayPal account, go to oloc.org and click on the yellow **Donate** button in the right sidebar. 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 and send to OLOC, PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498. All money sent is considered a donation and is tax deductible for those who itemize.

Skills I can offer OLOC _____

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 group _____

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

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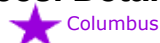
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If it says 2018.12 (meaning
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Next OLOC National Gathering in Columbus, Ohio

August 21, 2019, LOC Day (daytime).
Thanks to a bequest, the full day—
including lunch—will be at no charge
for all attendees. Details on pg 9.



The full Gathering begins on the evening
of Wednesday, August 21, 2019,
and lasts to midday, Sunday,
August 25, 2019.