

# Old Lesbians Organizing for Change



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### The 2019 OLOC National Gathering

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

The OLOC Steering Committee has been working with the Central Ohio Chapter for many months to offer you an inspirational, joy-filled, and memorable five days in the welcoming city of Columbus, Ohio.

For more than 30 years, OLOC has witnessed the steady erosion of Lesbian space and a relentless erasure of Lesbians. Yet we persist. As far as we know, OLOC is the sole remaining national Lesbian organization in the US run by and for Lesbians. Let's take a moment to think about that!

We continue to reaffirm Old Lesbian existence through regular reality checks in the form of chapters, our print and online publications, maintenance of a website, a Facebook page, and a Yahoo group. And mostly by producing our National Gatherings, where we recharge our batteries, strengthen our spirits, and maintain our precious community.



Dear Ones,

We are soooo excited to be coming to the 2019 Gathering!! Already have booked our room! Love and appreciation to you—EACH and all—for organizing another wonderful “to gather” time sure to be as wonderful as 2017.

Big hugs, Ardy (Tibby), 1941, and Jean (Taylor), 1944 (from Australia)

Our first Old Lesbians of Color Day at the 2017 Tampa, Florida, Gathering was so successful that our second Lesbians of Color Day will open this year's Gathering as well. Enormous thanks go to organizers and Steering Committee members Alí Marrero-Calderón and María Cora for coordinating Wednesday's day-long program.

Lunch will be provided daily during the Gathering, and the ever-popular Hospitality Room will offer relaxed community space. A variety of enlightening and interesting workshops has been scheduled, along with plenary sessions and our evening events, to which we welcome women of all ages. These include a concert, keynote address, and dance. We might show off our talents in the Talent Show and take advantage of spaces in the hotel lobby for intimate chats or informal groups.

We offer our gratitude to all those who are helping OLOC put this together and hope everyone has a magnificent few days and an abundance of happy and moving memories to take home.



Attendees enjoying 2017 LOC Day.



Get your OLOC shirts to wear for the Gathering in August!

t-shirts tanks  
sweatshirts buttons and pins

Check out the beautiful new shopping webpage at [oloc.org/shop/](http://oloc.org/shop/).



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Deadline for the next issue is August 1, 2019. Limit general contributions to 300 words. 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](mailto:info@oloc.org).

Memorial announcements: only name, birth and death years, and city and state of the Lesbian who died. See the E-News for life stories.

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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.

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

## Important Airport and Hotel Information

Please note that Columbus has two airports! **The airport that runs a free shuttle to our hotel is John Glenn–CMH.** The other airport, Rickenbacker, is 27 miles away and offers no transportation unless you have a phone that can call a ride-sharing service –no rental cars, and taxis must be pre-arranged.

And there are also two hotels with the same name! **We will be at the Embassy Suites Hilton on Corporate Exchange Drive. Be sure you get the shuttle for that hotel.** If you follow the link below and on our website ([oloc.org/2019-2/](http://oloc.org/2019-2/)), you will show up at the right hotel. Only women staying at the hotel qualify for the free shuttle and free lunches.

You can make hotel room reservations online at [tinyurl.com/2019Gathering](http://tinyurl.com/2019Gathering) (you'll need code OLC), **until July 29.** Or call them direct at 614-890-8600. Be sure to tell them you are coming to OLOC. If you have questions or need help with hotel issues, please contact Ruth Debra at 760-318-6794 or [ruth@oloc.org](mailto:ruth@oloc.org). You'll find more information in emails you will receive in late July and early August.

### At the Gathering:

Show us what you can do at the **Saturday night talent show.** Bring what you will need onstage. Each performer (or group) gets 5 minutes, and sign-ups will be onsite.

Also, we will be **drumming!** Bring your own drums if you have them, and extras to share with those who may not have or can't travel with.

Everyone is welcome to **join the chorus.** Just bring your voice!

Do you have something to **donate to the auction?** It will benefit OLOC, so please bring items and/or services worth at least \$100. You can give them to Alix or any registration volunteer when you get there. Your name will be listed as a donor and your gift will be acknowledged. It is tax-deductible if you itemize.

Another way to benefit OLOC is to **pick out a favorite item to bid on!**



The *Reporter* is available both electronically (PDF) and in print. To switch formats or add one, please email [susan@oloc.org](mailto:susan@oloc.org); write to OLOC at PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498; or phone 888-706-7506.

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





# News about the 2019 National Gathering

## *Old Lesbians Resist and Persist*



### **OLOC Receives Grant for Gathering Access**

We received a grant of \$1,120 from Resist—a foundation that supports people’s movements for justice and liberation—for access services for the Gathering. It will help cover some of the cost of ASL interpreter services and CART (speech transcription on a big screen) and is a much-appreciated vote of confidence in us.

### **Please Lend Your Support to Bring Old Lesbians to Columbus**

Guess which letter gets the least recognition in the LGBTQ movement? (Yep, you’re right.)

Of all age groups, which one is the most overlooked? (Right again!)

In both the LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ populations, Old Lesbians seem always to find themselves left with the short end of every stick. In general, old women are most likely to be poor and Old Lesbians even more so (and Old Lesbians of Color even more than that). So who puts us first on their list of priorities and who contributes most to our support? WE DO!

Why? Because more than most people, we need each other!

Do you support OLOC? We would like to put your name in our National Gathering program book to show your love for all we do. For only \$10 we will do just that. Please help us to get hundreds of names so we know you are with us. By July 1, send the name you want published and a \$10 check to OLOC, PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498 or use PayPal by going to [oloc.org/](http://oloc.org/) and clicking the orange Donate button on the right side of the page. (Be sure to say what it is for!) The page will be titled “Happy 30th Year OLOC. We Support You.”

Nowhere can we recharge our energy in the same ways. Old Lesbians with little family or local community support are likely to experience isolation and loneliness, and Old Lesbians Organizing for Change becomes a primary social network. Our local chapters, regional groups, and National Gatherings are where we find each other for personal support and community activism. With everything going on these days, to gather, connect, and raise our voices is more important than ever!

*Old Lesbians Resist and Persist* is the timely theme for the August 21–25, 2019, OLOC National Gathering in Columbus, Ohio. We welcome every Old Lesbian who wishes to attend, and your deeply appreciated contribution to our GoFundMe campaign will make this accessibility possible!

OLOC National Gatherings offer something unique: the opportunity for Old Lesbians to come together for unparalleled days of support, inspiration, resonance, celebration, and, most importantly, joy! We ask you to go to [gofundme.com/uf52e-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help](http://gofundme.com/uf52e-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help) to help create this special time for Old Lesbians who have no other way to gather with their peers.

Thank you, and see you at the end of August!

OLOC chapters and groups as of June 1, 2019, 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; Colorado; Washington, DC, Area; Boston Area, Massachusetts; Northampton/ Pioneer Valley, Massachusetts; New Mexico; Hudson Valley, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Central Ohio; Rhode Island; Champlain Region of Vermont and New York; and Puget Sound Area, Washington. Others are forming.





## 2019 Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award Winners Chosen

By *Alix Dobkin, 1940*

During our spring meeting, the OLOC Steering Committee reviewed all the nominations we received for the 2019 Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award. Choosing just one winner was a tough decision! But it was unanimous that this year, the Award will go to Ruthie Berman, 1934, and Connie Kurtz, 1936–2018. Mazel tov and congratulations, Ruthie! We are so pleased to honor you both this way.

The Award will be presented at Wednesday's opening reception of the upcoming National Gathering in Columbus, Ohio. Ruthie and Connie's many friends and admirers might consider going to the Gathering to celebrate with Ruthie; if that means you, think about joining us to pay tribute to these outstanding Lesbian champions! The five other qualified nominees are all highly worthy of recognition and eligible for the 2021 Award, so please keep these Lesbians in mind for next time: Karla Jay, 1947; Kathy Lewis, 1938; Sharon Thompson, 1942; Diane Germain, 1942; and Pat Gowens, 1944.



Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz

### Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz: Lesbian Champions

Ruthie Berman, 1934, and Connie Kurtz, 1936–2018, sued the New York City Board of Education and won health/dental benefits for domestic partners of all New York City employees. They shared their story in the media: the documentary *Ruthie and Connie: Every Room in the House*, (see pg 12 at [oloc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Media-Library-list-6-10-19.pdf](http://oloc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Media-Library-list-6-10-19.pdf)), *Donohue*, and *Geraldo*. It was the first time many North Americans had seen an out Lesbian couple.

First in New York and then in Florida, Ruthie and Connie together were very active in Democratic, LGBT, feminist, and #BlackLivesMatter politics, and Ruthie is continuing the work. Certified counselors, they founded The Answer Is Loving Counseling Center in West Palm Beach. They facilitated countless consciousness-raising workshops over decades for colleges, women's groups, NOW, progressive straight groups, and more.

Here are a few of their many awards: several proclamations from New York City, the first New York City NOW *Susan B. Anthony Award*, the first Annual *Lesbian Pride Award* from Brooklyn NOW, Lambda Democrats of Brooklyn *Peter Vogel Award*, named as Marshalls for the first Marriage Equality entrance in the New York City Gay Pride Parade and for the first Palm Beach County Lesbian Pride Parade, National PFLAG *American Family Award*, *Rodeph Shalom Award* from Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, SAGE *Pioneer award*, *Rusty Gordan LGBT Democratic Caucus Activist Award*, named by *South Florida Gay News* as one of 10 *LGBT Gay Activists*, and Equality Florida's *Voice for Equality Award*.

They represented OLOC at the Congressional LGBT Caucus in Washington, DC, and, starting in 2016, the Ruthie and Connie LGBT Elders Law was introduced in the House in Congress. One woman posted on Connie's obituary page: "Ruthie and Connie unapologetically stood for each other, themselves, and all of us. The progress the LGBT community has made could only be possible because of the fights they have fought."

Congratulations again, Ruthie!

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### 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.



## Native Americans in OLOC

At a recent Steering Committee meeting, we considered ways to respond to OLOC member Jean Taylor, 1944 (Australia), who thinks OLOC needs to do more at Gatherings to address racism in the US toward Native American people.

The list "OLOC works for change by supporting..." now includes "the civil rights of all indigenous people."

The Committee also decided to look for more First Nations keynote speakers and entertainers for future Gatherings. We have had First Nations keynote speakers in the past and will again in the future.

Readers, help us find Old Lesbians with First Nations (Indian, Indigenous, Aboriginal, Native American, or Tribal) heritage who might want to speak or entertain at one of our Gatherings. If you can come up with names or you fit the description yourself, please tell us at [info@oloc.org](mailto:info@oloc.org). Include tribes, pueblos, and nations if you can.

## More on Indigenous People of North America

We asked Chapter Coordinators to tell us about the tribes, nations, and pueblos in their area. We would like the same kind of information from our members. Whose land do you live on? Here is a report from one chapter, with more to come in future issues.

### Native Heritage of New Mexico

*By Elizabeth Berrey, 1945*

In New Mexico, we have 19 Pueblos, three Apache tribes (the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the Mescalero Apache Tribe), and the Navajo Nation.

The 19 Pueblos are Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni.

Each group is a sovereign nation with its own government, life-ways, traditions, and culture. All welcome visitors, but please make sure to check ahead of your visit, as some communities close unexpectedly for religious or other cultural observations.

## Another Look at Class

*By Sally Tatnall, 1937*

Discussions about class seem to annoy middle-class and wealthy women much more than working-class and poor women. Poor and working-class women want a dialogue so that class differences are more clearly understood, and they are silenced when more affluent women respond with "I am so tired of always talking about class." This article is meant to clarify the need to have these discussions.

Middle-class children usually get what they want to eat and to wear, and they live in nice houses, go on vacations, and always feel safe. Growing up gave them an expectation that they would always have this kind of security. So, as adults, they have expectations about what they are entitled to.

If you did not grow up with that kind of expectation, as an adult you probably don't expect that your needs will be so easily met. Either you simply do not expect anything, or you believe you need to work hard to meet your needs.

When we communicate these expectations, even unconsciously, we may cause a class-based disruption. When someone around me talks about getting a house for *only* \$140,000, I am astounded that she sees this as a bargain. Of course, she is not trying to make me feel bad, but it happens.

Our behaviors come out of what we learned about our status in life, and without real dialogue, we cannot change. Thinking about what you have learned to expect takes open and internal honesty. Class is the most hidden of oppressions. Talking about it should not threaten middle-class women who grew up with expectations that their needs would always be met. All our needs should be met. That is what feminism strives for.

To borrow media of interest to Old Lesbians, contact Susan at [susan@oloc.org](mailto:susan@oloc.org), phone 888-706-7506, or look at our website under OLOC PROJECTS: Media Library for a newly updated list: [oloc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Media-Library-list-6-10-19.pdf](http://oloc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Media-Library-list-6-10-19.pdf).



## Steering Committee Meeting Report

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

The OLOC Steering Committee gathered April 30–May 2, 2019, at the site of the 2019 National Gathering in Columbus, Ohio (Embassy Suites Hotel, Corporate Exchange Drive).

Before the usual awaiting business, María, our terrific newest member, reminded us of facilitator guidelines, and we sorrowfully noted the (temporary) absence of the single central essential beating heart and data bank of OLOC, our Executive Administrator, Susan, whose calm and wisdom, not to mention knowledge, were deeply missed spiritually as well as practically. In fact, several SC members struggled with just two of the many tasks she normally and routinely accomplishes throughout these dense, intense all-day semiannual meeting days. We will raise funds to help with her medical expenses [Editor: she fell and broke her hip in multiple places] and welcome her back with open arms and hearts.

We discussed the website (we like it), the *Reporter* (post-Jennice), the budget (our members are generous, but wow, do we need money!), the 2019 Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award (Congratulations, Ruthie and Connie!), and much additional business—most of all, the Gathering: our almost finalized schedule, the program book (a million revisions), work-shops (juggling rooms and schedules, finding monitors, and more), pricing for all-age evening events (the concert, keynote speaker, and dance will cost \$15 each for non-registrants), and lots more. As always, we are trying to fill all needs with less-than-all resources, a/k/a financial assistance, accessibility, etc.

To highlight our labors, a group of hard-working and locally involved members of the Central Ohio Chapter brought their excellent ideas; thoughtful, helpful energy; local resource connections; and uplifting, encouraging presence. Big thanks to them and everyone who supports Old Lesbians!

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.

## Language

By Sally Tatnall, 1937

Remember when there were only words that said you are a woman with or without a man? We had *Mrs.* and *Miss.* Then feminism came along and challenged that. We wanted a word that just said, "I am a woman," period. We won the right to call ourselves *Ms.* We were freed from that horrible male-connected identification.

The patriarchy will always have space for our requests without really changing anything. We also managed to get the terms "man" and "mankind" out of things describing the whole of humanity. Those were the good ole days. We were radical. We were not accepting, and we were not going to put up with the old ways.

So tell me why we now use the term *guys* to describe the whole of a human group. Even when the group is all women, people often say "you guys."

Alice Walker says, "It has been despairing to see the ease with which women, after over 30 intense years of feminism, have chosen to erase their gender in language by calling each other, and themselves, *guys.*"

*Guys* is about men, not women. I am tired of the laziness in thinking being exhibited today. Whatever is "in," we will use. Where is the radical foundation we worked hard for in the 1970s and 1980s? Where is our challenge to the modern norm? Do we all think we are really outmoded? Is the third wave way of thinking OK with each of us? It is not OK with me. I am suggesting we learn to use one of these words when referring to groups of people: *friends, folks, chums, y'all, people, buds, associates, colleagues, women, and girls.*

If none of these appeal to you, I suggest you look up in your family thesaurus for something you would like to use.

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### Next Steering Committee Meeting

The next National Steering Committee in-person meeting will be October 24–26, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona. The Committee also meets regularly by conference call between the semiannual in-person meetings. If there are topics you want the Steering Committee to address, contact them by email at [info@oloc.org](mailto:info@oloc.org), a note to OLOC at PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498, or a phone call to 888-706-7506. Be sure to say if you want a response.





## Chapter and Regional News

### Colorado Chapter

By Katherine Wood, 1954

In the picture below, we are at our March meeting with author Gail Beaton (first one on left in back row). Gail is a historian specializing in Colorado women who have impacted our state, and she had just done a presentation for us as Rosie the Riveter. Also at the meeting, geologist Sue Hirschfeld talked about some dinosaur tracks she has discovered. She will be leading hikes for us to view them.

In January, Carmah Lawler, 1929 (first row, lavender shirt), turned 90! She has been an active member of OLOC since 1994, and many of you know her. She has been instrumental in Colorado politics. Happy Birthday, Carmah! [Editor: In 2010 Carmah received the first Del Martin Old Lesbian Pride Award with her partner, Kathy Glass, 1932–2014.]

In February, we had a talk by a mental health specialist on suicide awareness and the signs to look for in family and friends.

In April, Jude Gassaway, 1940, talked about her many legacies, including having a geological fault named after her, recently starring in an independent movie, and having a documentary made about her collections, which is winning many awards. Afterward, we each shared individual legacies we hope to leave and ways we have been instrumental in promoting Lesbianism.

In May, Mary Speegle, 1957, shared stories of out Lesbians from her podcast *The Lesbian Story Project*, which you can find online.

Each quarter, the chapter selects a worthwhile project to contribute to. In 2018, we gave \$2,214 to National OLOC's Lesbians of Color Project, All Terrain Lesbians (a Colorado group that helps Lesbians with medical needs), Rainbow Alley (a teen group at the GLBT center), and the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project. The first quarter of 2019, we gave \$415 to All Terrain Lesbians and are collecting this quarter for ONE Colorado.

### Central Ohio Chapter

#### Workshop at Ohio Lesbian Festival

By Pam Jackson, 1941

At the 29<sup>th</sup> Ohio Lesbian Festival in September, OLOC members Betty Howard, 1946, Jan Griesinger, 1942, and Pam Jackson, 1941, offered a workshop on "Aging with Purpose and Passion."

Our group of nine women explained how we are attempting to leave this world in a better place before we die. Betty explained that her contribution was through her music and counseling. Jan explained her dedication to demanding justice for all. I explained how the swimming programs that I taught helped people develop trust.

One of our concerns, however, was being able to live our lives fully, not just survive. Adequate housing, financial security, and good health are critical issues we can address without discounting working on the *isms*. We are creative, and I believe we can find answers to enable women to age with a purpose and be able to give back, contributing to a richer life.



## More Chapter and Regional News

### New Mexico Chapter

By Susan Buchler, 1946

OLOC Programs for February, March, and April 2019

*February 2019:* “When People Grieve: Caring with Competence; Receiving with Grace” was facilitated by Jean Hopkins. She clarified myths and realities about grief. We explored how to offer useful support. Jean is a hospice chaplain; there is rarely a commercially available condolence card she is willing to buy. Jean explained that all of us are experts and also unskilled when it comes to grief and grieving. She asked us to reflect on someone we had lost and we wrote condolence cards. We went around the circle and shared what worked best for us when we have grieved.

*March 2019:* “I’m Still in Charge!” was facilitated by Diane Strader, retired lawyer. As we age, a frequently hidden fear begins to develop. “Will I continue to be able to control the decisions made about my life?” The simple answer is: “Yes, if we lay strong groundwork today.” We discussed the legal documents that every woman should have in place while she is alive, regardless of what

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

**Members:** Are you in National OLOC’s national Yahoo group? It is a great place to converse with other members. The list does not have a lot of traffic, so it won’t fill up your inbox. You can get it as individual comments or in a digest format. To subscribe, go to [groups.yahoo.com/group/NationalOLOC/](https://groups.yahoo.com/group/NationalOLOC/). If you have any problems, contact [susan@oloc.org](mailto:susan@oloc.org).

financial or familial situation she is in. Plus, we looked at planning for decisions at time of death, as well as how to distribute our estate—large or small—after our death. We reviewed the “Death with Dignity” legislation from the 2019 New Mexico Legislature.

*April 2019:* “Racism: How Did We Get into This Mess?” was facilitated by Lhyv Oakwomon, 1943, political activist. We looked at racism from ancient cultures to the Victorian era. Among women’s issues, race appears to be one of the hardest to come to terms with. To understand how this concept developed over time, Oak explained that “inappropriate contextualization of emotion” (fear of the other) evolved from our earliest human history of tribal consciousness. We tried to define what causes racism and how to discuss when talking with others.

### PASSINGS

Jane Stabile, 1949–2019, Kingston, New York  
Barbara Hammer, 1939–2019, New York City and Kerhonkson, New York  
Gloria Stancich, 1935–2019, Gig Harbor, Washington  
Kate Bernd-Barnett, 1946–2019, San Leandro, California  
Spring Ruth Friedlander, 1943–2019, Oakland, California  
Mary Lou Perkins, 1927–2019, Easthampton, Massachusetts  
Jean Adele, 1936–2019, Mentone, Alabama  
Gail Slotwinski, 1944–2018, Woodstock, New York

See E-News for more about these Lesbians. If you want to add an Old Lesbian who has died—especially since August 2017—to our memorial slideshow, please send us by July 20 her years of birth and death, with the most recent photo you have (high resolution is best), to get it in our 2019 slideshow for Columbus. She does not have to have been a member of OLOC herself. The 2017 slideshow is on our website at [oloc.org/memorial-slide-show/](http://oloc.org/memorial-slide-show/).

To find OLOC on Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com/NationalOLOC](https://www.facebook.com/NationalOLOC).







OLD LESBIANS ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE  
2019 NATIONAL GATHERING

August 21–25, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio

*Old Lesbians RESIST AND PERSIST*

Workshops, entertainment, dance, live auction,  
keynote speaker, 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) for all Old Lesbians of Color.

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

Get your registration in soon! (Registration form is on page 9.)

Please note that there are two airports in Columbus. **Columbus John Glenn airport (CMH) runs a free shuttle to/from the hotel.** the other airport, Rickenbacker, is 27 miles away and offers limited transportation.

There are also two hotels with the same name! We will be at the

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus,**

2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43231, (614) 890-8600.

Room rate for one or two is \$124 per night and goes up \$10 a night for each Lesbian over two/night (includes a full breakfast for everyone daily). Two beds plus a sleeper sofa can sleep six per room (\$164 for the room per night, or \$27.33 each, plus taxes). One king bed plus a sleeper sofa can sleep four (\$144 for the room, or \$36 each, plus taxes). All accessible suites sleep four.

Free reception every evening with snacks and beverages, including alcohol. The OLOC Hospitality Room will be stocked with snacks, fresh fruits, and lots more yummys—also free! Refrigerator and microwave in all suites. See [oloc.org/hotel/](http://oloc.org/hotel/) for more about the hotel.

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

[tinyurl.com/2019Gathering](http://tinyurl.com/2019Gathering)

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

Be sure to tell them you are coming to OLOC.

Here's another way we are looking for generous Old Lesbians: If you have a hotel room and would like to give half to another Old Lesbian free of charge, we would be very grateful to you. This is one way to make new friends with no effort on your part—perfect if you are the shy type. We are also looking for Lesbians who would like to save money by having a roommate. Please contact Ruth at [ruth@oloc.org](mailto:ruth@oloc.org) or 760-318-6794 if you would like to do either.

**BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND YOUR SISTERS**

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. **For specific scent-free instructions, we urge you to read the email you will receive about two weeks before the Gathering.**



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 \_\_\_\_\_ (See below for help finding a roommate.)

Would you like for OLOC to help you find a roommate for Old Lesbians of Color Day and/or for the entire Gathering? 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, a welcome reception, and three lunches. Does not cover housing, transportation other than local shuttle, or evening meals.

**STEP 3: PAYMENT**

**OLOC is using a sliding fee scale for registration this year. Even the highest fee (\$500) does not pay the full cost of the Gathering. We are asking you to pay the highest fee you can. What you decide to pay will be confidential.**

Registration fee \$350–500 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OLOC Membership \$35–100 (optional, includes two different 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](http://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](mailto:ruth@oloc.org)) and she'll phone you.*

\*The LOC Day is for Old (anyone who considers herself old) Lesbians of Color. The daytime portions of the Gathering are open to all who attend the Old LOC Day and to Lesbians in their 59th year or older along with their Lesbian partners and female attendants of any age. The evening events are open to women of all ages (non-registrants pay \$15 per event).

**OLOC, PO Box 834, Woodstock, NY 12498**



## 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 \$35.00 to \$100.00 per year) for membership or support. Please specify which:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Supporter

### 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).  
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- I am sending this amount \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest \$35.00 to \$100.00 per year) for membership or support. Please specify which:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Supporter

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).

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Race/ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disability status \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

To pay with a credit card or PayPal account, go to [oloc.org](http://oloc.org) and scroll down to a yellow **Donate** button. 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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I already belong to the following OLOC chapter or group \_\_\_\_\_

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

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I found out about OLOC from \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have a different address during different seasons of the year, please give us details as the post office will not forward your newsletters and OLOC will have to pay for them to be returned to us.*

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*Time to Renew? Check  
your label* →

If it says 2019.06 (meaning  
June 2019) or earlier, your  
membership or support has  
ended and it is time to  
renew.



## Next OLOC National Gathering in Columbus, Ohio

**August 21, 2019, Old LOC Day (LOC only),  
daytime August 21.**

**Due to a bequest, the full day,  
including lunch, will be at no charge  
for the LOCs attending.**

★ Columbus

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