

# Old Lesbians Organizing for Change



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## The Reporter

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### News of the Gathering

By Alix Dobkin, 1940

We are delighted to announce that Chinese-American award-winning poet, writer, body-builder, and activist Kitty Tsui has accepted our invitation. She and Ubaka Hill will deliver keynote addresses for the upcoming OLOC

National Gathering in the Tampa Bay area, August 2–6, 2017. OLOC is proud that Kitty will join us as the first Old Asian American Lesbian to address an OLOC Gathering.

**Kitty Tsui:** Born in Hong Kong and raised in England, Kitty immigrated to San Francisco in 1968, where she was instrumental in the founding of the Asian/Pacific Islander Lesbian movement. In both her activism and her art, she insists Chinese women come from anger to strength: “born into the/ skin of yellow women/ we are born/ into the armor of warriors.” Editor of *Phoenix Rising* and *New Phoenix Rising*, she was cofounder of the first Asian American women’s performance group, Unbound Feet. In 2016, the Asian/Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community (APIQWTC) honored her with the Phoenix Award for lifetime achievement. Her new book, *Nice Chinese Girls Don’t*, will be released in July.

**Ubaka Hill:** Not only will Ubaka be a keynote speaker, but she will also give a drumming and percussion workshop at the Gathering. An inspirational visionary, she steps into leadership



Photo taken by Cathy Gade

roles to help empower and improve quality of life through art, music, and community initiatives. A dynamic public speaker, she will give you new insights and make you laugh both in amusement and in recognition of profound truths. She has been an authentic, energetic performer, composer, songwriter, recording artist, public speaker, and teacher of hand drumming for more than 30 years. Her appearances include street gatherings, the bedsides of the sick, theater productions and coffeehouses, concert halls, campuses, conferences, healing circles and ceremonies, festivals, and soon, an OLOC Gathering.



**Entertainer Mimi Gonzalez:** Welcome to Mimi’s Latina world view, where “mi caca es su caca!”

This Ohio-born, Michigan-raised, Cuban-Italian American is a professional comedian of almost 20 years. Road-tested, high-octane comedian Mimi Gonzalez takes the audience on a wild ride from the profound to the profane. Bawdy and political, her ferocious idealism of inclusion has been embraced by colleges, Prides, comedy clubs, resorts, festivals, and cruises. Her television appearances include LOGO’s *One Night Stand Up*, the *Today* show, Mo’Gaffney’s *Women Aloud*, *Ellen*, *Que Pasa*, *Funny is Funny*, and *Latino Laugh Festival*.



### Lesbians of Color Intensive

OLOC will host a Lesbians of Color daytime pre-Gathering Intensive on Wednesday, August 2nd. The full Gathering begins that evening with the Opening Reception. At the Intensive, Old LOC will talk about needs, politics, and activism. Puerto Rican activist Olga Orraca-Paredes will facilitate this special day. We warmly invite Old Lesbians of Color who are current OLOC members and Old LOC who are not yet familiar with OLOC to attend. Tuesday night’s hotel room and Wednesday lunch will be provided. See the forms later in this issue to register for the Gathering and the Intensive. Questions? Phone OLOC Steering Committee member Ali Marrero-Calderon at 510-365-6745. Spread the word.

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Deadline for the next issue is May 1, 2017. Limit general submissions to 300 words, memorials to 200 words. Contact us for a style guide. We may edit articles for clarity and/or length. Send articles to OLOC: [info@oloc.org](mailto:info@oloc.org) or PO Box 5853, Athens, OH 45701.

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

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

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

## **Jewelle's New Play, *Leaving the Blues***

Jewelle Gomez, 1948, wrote a play about Alberta Hunter, star blues singer/songwriter from the 1920s and 1930s. It is opening at New Conservatory Theatre Center in San Francisco on March 3, 2017 (this is the World Premiere), and runs through April 2, 2017. Jewelle says: "Alberta wrote Bessie Smith's first big hit. She retired, became a nurse, and then made a comeback when she was 80! I saw her several times and was inspired, especially when my grandmother confirmed the rumor that Alberta was a Lesbian." Her songs have been covered by Women's Music musicians. You will recognize them.

Jewelle suggests, "OLOC might want to get a group rate and bring some members." The theatre is accessible, with an elevator down from the lobby and movable seats in the first row.

[www.nctcsf.org/shows/2016-17-Season/Leaving-the-Blues](http://www.nctcsf.org/shows/2016-17-Season/Leaving-the-Blues)

## **Magical Milestones for Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project**

*By Arden Eversmeyer, 1931, and Margaret Purcell, 1951*

You'd think reaching a huge milestone like completing 500 interviews with Old Lesbians would have been a good stopping point. But no. Instead, we keep reaching out to find Lesbians willing to share their life stories. So we're now nearing the 550 mark and have quite a few more planned.

We're also in the early stages of creating a Finding Aid (a document containing detailed information about a specific collection of papers or records within an archive) for each story. OLOHP Finding Aids would help ensure that the collective stories of our amazing lives are more useful to researchers.

As we continue with our ongoing work interviewing Lesbians 70 and older, we're also beginning to expand our focus. We're pretty sure this will be a huge undertaking, and we welcome more volunteers to help! See [OLOHP.org](http://OLOHP.org) or write to [info@OLOHP.org](mailto:info@OLOHP.org).

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As of March 1, 2017, OLOC had 16 chapters or groups. We would love to have more. If you are interested in starting one in your community, please contact [ruth@oloc.org](mailto:ruth@oloc.org) if you are west of the Mississippi and [bonnie@oloc.org](mailto:bonnie@oloc.org) if you are east of the Mississippi.



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# Memorials

## Ruth Mountaingrove, 1923–2016

In the 1980s, Ruth Mountaingrove edited ten issues of *The Reporter*. She was born in Philadelphia in 1923 but lived on the West Coast most of her life. She earned a Master of Arts in Photography in 1990 from Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. She had numerous one-woman exhibitions in her career. Her work in photography since 1986 was largely a process she called "Drawing with Light." This work looks more like sumi ink drawings, or in some cases like paintings.



In 1946, she published her first book of poetry, *Rhythms of Spring*. She was a research chemist with five children when she became involved in the early feminist movement and met her future partner, Jean Mountaingrove, 1925. In the 1970s, she and two of her children joined Jean at Mountaingrove, an intentional community in rural southern Oregon. Ruth and Jean became central figures in the Southern Oregon women's land movement, publishing *Womanspirit Magazine*, founding and co-editing *Blatant Image*, and organizing *Ovulars*. There she began her next creative and productive life journey as a musician and composer. Ruth was creative, funny, inspirational, courageous, independent, outspoken, and determined.

Repeating these photos that were poor in quality in previous issue.



## Next Steering Committee Meeting

The date of the next National OLOC Steering Committee in-person meeting is April 20–23, 2017, in Tampa, Florida. The Committee also meets regularly by conference call between the semiannual in-person meetings. If there are topics you want the Committee to address, contact the Steering Committee by e-mail to [info@oloc.org](mailto:info@oloc.org), a note to the PO Box in Ohio, or a phone call to 888-706-7506. Be sure to say if you want a response.

## 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

## 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.

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

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](mailto:susan@oloc.org), write the Ohio office, or phone 888-706-7506.

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

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

## Recommended: Lesbian Issue of *Rain and Thunder*

Issue #66, Fall 2016 of *Rain and Thunder: A Radical Feminist Journal of Discussion and Activism*, is titled *On Lesbians and Lesbian Community*.

## Michigan Festival Issue of *Sinister Wisdom*

By Jan Griesinger, 1942  
*Sinister Wisdom: A Multicultural Lesbian Literary and Art Journal* dedicated the entire Winter 2017 issue to "Celebrating the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival," with some very fine personal stories by women who had attended the festival for decades.





# Chapter News

## Northern Colorado Chapter

*By Katherine Wood, 1954*

We shifted our [planned] election celebration to organizing for change by writing a collective letter to our members of Congress and participated in "Moving Toward Collective Liberation," a gathering of state LGBTQ groups. Agreeing to follow the suggestions in "Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda," we are actively contacting our members of Congress and attending town hall meetings.

In January, we read four articles: "Sex and Gender" from the Center for Gender Sanity, "Perpetrating Gender" (an excerpt from *Becoming Nicole*) by Amy Ellis Nutt, "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence" by Adrienne Rich, and "One Is Not Born a Woman" by Monique Wittig. Our intention was to listen to what other women are really saying about who they are so we can move forward together on our common goal of working against oppressions that affect Old Lesbians. We also participated in the Women's March on Denver. In February, one of our transgender members gave an educational and personal program to deepen our understanding.

Our March meeting will be with youth looking for intersections between our activist lives and their knowledge of technology.

## New Mexico Chapter

*By Rosemary Busterna, 1949*

In December, a group of us attended the ABQ WOW (Women of the World) Poetry Slam Championship in Albuquerque. We identified ourselves to the crowd as Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, and our Chapter Coordinator, Elizabeth Berrey, 1945, volunteered to be a judge for the contest. The competition among the young poets dealt with the challenges of sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, patriarchy, love, and relationships. Absent, however, was any reference to ageism from these young women. Perhaps next year an elder poet

among us will step into the competitive fray and educate the audiences about what it feels like to be an Old Lesbian.

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, we participated in the Women's March on Washington by joining rallies in Albuquerque and Santa Fe while one of our members headed to Washington, DC, to lend her voice to that rally. We hoisted our banner in Albuquerque at the Civic Center to show solidarity with the many unique cultural groups across New Mexico and to proclaim that women's rights are human rights. For me, the rally was transforming in that I stood with women, children, and men of all ages, feeling supported for who I am and what I value.

## Pioneer Valley, MA Chapter

*By Emily Green, 1946*

Pioneer Valley OLOC delved deeper into raising our awareness about transgender issues and anti-racism with a full two-hour meeting for each topic.

The Presidential election was definitely troubling to most of us. One member went to Washington, DC, to join the Popular Resistance in demonstrating against the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership) and the DAPL (Dakota Access Pipeline).

Plans for the next six months include Helping Hands, organizing Improv Theatre, a discussion on classism, and organizing a Pride Day March. We are also planning our Second Mini-Michfest for August (picture is of our 2016 Mini-Michfest).



## Gloria's Corner (Puget Sound)

By Gloria Stancich, 1935

One-tenth of a century! A decade! Ten Years! Puget Sound OLOC is alive and pulsing with energy. The growth of this group over these years astounds me. The enthusiastic work of so many Lesbians to provide community, coalitions, and allies at our sides is heart-warming and a large factor in feeling safe. We live in a state [Washington] that has been insulated from major attacks of fear and hate. This hasn't come easily, but through the work of folks going to organizations, meetings, and door-to-door to introduce themselves, shake hands, and talk earnestly one-on-one. That led to votes locally and statewide to pass legislation (before the Supreme Court decision) to protect our relationships. The brewing political storm will bring unknown challenges. I can't see the future, but I do know that what we have done to form a tight community of Old Lesbians and allies will aid us in weathering that storm.

## At Standing Rock

By Phyllis Bloom, 1944

When I heard about what was happening at Standing Rock, North Dakota, I was enormously moved.

I had always felt deeply about indigenous people being forced off their land; being robbed of their culture; being separated from a way of life close to land, animals, and nature; being forced into impoverishment; and being perpetually

plundered and imprisoned. This resonates with my Jewish history and its landlessness, being robbed and murdered, being a nation of survivors. Perhaps the closeness to land and nature and the ardent protection of the sacredness of earth and water resonate with me as a woman identified with women whose bodies represent living earth and whose sensibilities represent caring and nurturance. Perhaps it is the way in which, as an Old Lesbian, I understand what it means to be outside a dominant culture and what harm abuse and marginalization create.

I felt that this issue represents something I had to put my body into; I still had a chance to stand for what I believed in, and I was grateful to have the opportunity to do this.

I saw that this was a major front in which to make a difference in supporting a community against an army of corporate greed, against powerful men who are willing to run over and destroy any aspect of life that stands in their way.

The three of us who traveled from the Northeast to Cannonball, North Dakota, were unsure of what we would encounter. On entering the community that had grown around resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline, we felt belonging, generosity, and acceptance. The sense of purpose around a clear intention of peace, prayer, and nonviolence, according to Lakota Sioux tradition, kept people centered around values that would benefit all of us rather than a few.

### OLOC 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### INCOME/AVAILABLE FUNDS

Individual donations	32,890
Grants	14,500
Dues from chapters	1,618
National Gathering 2017 registrations	825
Financial assistance for use in 2017	17,014
Dissolution of Spiral Land Trust	6,250
Other	748
Transfer for chapter development	14,000
Bequests/estates (from previous years)	<u>20,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 107,845</b>

#### EXPENSES

Staff	
Admin. Coordination	23,975
Program Coordination	2,800
Stipends for Co-Directors	6,100
Outreach (newsletter, conferences)	10,816
National Gathering refunds	488
Ally with ZAMI NOBLA	2,420
Chapter development	30,311
Oral Herstory	2,500
Anti-oppression training	6,711
Supplies, office, equipment	3,589
Steering Committee meetings	18,225
Misc.	<u>2,136</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 109,571</b>

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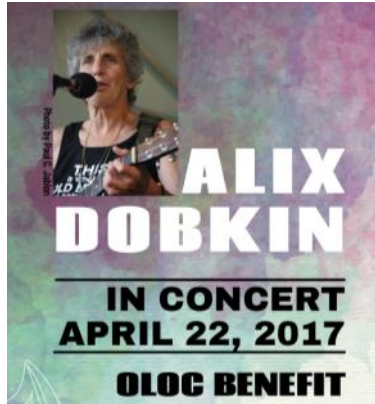
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## Alix Is Coming to Gulfport

By Retts Scauzillo, 1953



Attention all Florida OLOC members and everyone else. Alix Dobkin, 1940, will be performing a benefit concert for OLOC at 7:30 on Saturday, April 22, in Scout Hall, 5315 28th Ave S, Gulfport, FL. I am hoping everyone who can attend will make it

to see her and help OLOC raise a few dollars for the 2017 Gathering in the Tampa Bay area in Florida. So, all you veteran Alix fans, bring an Alix virgin and get to Gulfport for this fun concert. We need to be together as much as possible so we can change the world. You know Alix will sing her heart out for you, and she will have a lot to say about Lesbians and the world today. Also, Sunday, April 23, we are planning a potluck. How Lesbian is THAT!! Come on down to Gulfport and show your support for Alix, OLOC, and our country. The National OLOC Steering Committee will be there to cheer for Alix. Go to the Gulfport OLOC Facebook page [www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Gulfport%20OLOC](http://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Gulfport%20OLOC), check it out, and buy your tickets. Admission is \$15–25 on a sliding scale. Seats are limited. Thank you and goddess bless.

## Words from the Marchers

We had some lively conversation on our national Yahoo group about the Women's Marches.

*I'm really hopeful that this may be the spark that starts the third wave of the women's movement.* Sandy Covahey, 1949

*Phoenix, AZ: 20,000. Good speakers and music. Many Lesbians and a few gay men, some with children. Many hetero families with their children. Significant representation of women 50+.* Sylvia Larcamp Brown, 1939

*I was in DC. An amazing milestone. This has propelled solidarity to a new level. Demonstrations were held in several Hudson Valley [NY] cities, yet 1200 showed up for a local Woodstock march, though my daughter and grandson traveled from there to NYC!* Alix Dobkin, 1940

*It really feels as if we have reclaimed "pussy" from being derogatory to powerful. Loved seeing all the pussy hats. One woman made one with rainbows on the ears.* Ruth Debra, 1944

*In Santa Fe, NM, there were 10,000–15,000, the largest march ever in this small city. I was impressed by how many young women were there.* Pelican Lee, 1947

*15,000 in Cleveland, more than any other march to date. It was glorious.* Sally Tatnall, 1937

*Up here in Port Townsend, we had 1000 marchers and sent 250 women to Seattle. The ferries stopped taking walk-on passengers because they were so full.* Nyla Dartt, 1943

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## Want to be in the OLOC GATHERING SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK? Here's how: Take out an ad!

We invite you to consider supporting OLOC with an ad in our Program Book, which will be given to all advertisers and attendees—hundreds of Old Lesbians from across the U.S. and other continents.

From August 2–6, OLOC will be hosting its tenth National Gathering in the Florida Tampa Bay area. This year's theme is *Old Lesbians Mobilize for the Future*.

For as little as \$30 you can take out a personal 20-word greeting or get together with your friends or your chapter/group (if you have one) for a business card-sized ad for \$60 and up to \$650 for the back cover.

You can solicit ads from anyone or any business you know who might want to support OLOC and gain visibility with our constituency.

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## ***“Old Lesbians Mobilize for the Future”***

Deadline for completed ads is June 1, 2017.  
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Ads that can be created by Connie must be submitted to her by May 1, 2017.

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.

# 2017 OLOC NATIONAL GATHERING

AUGUST 2-6, 2017  
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2017 NATIONAL GATHERING  
August 2–6, 2017**



**OLD LESBIANS MOBILIZE FOR THE FUTURE**

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

**Early Registration deadline: June 1, 2017. Registration form on the next page.**

**August 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., programming will be specifically for Lesbians of Color, 60 and older.  
The full Gathering will officially begin at the Welcoming on the evening of August 2.**

**THE HOTEL**

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The hotel recommends calling them directly to be sure to get the discounted rate: (813) 289-8200

Be sure to tell them you are coming to OLOC.

To book your hotel reservations online, use this link [tinyurl.com/zyxwacz](http://tinyurl.com/zyxwacz) and  
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To register online: [www.eventbrite.com/e/oloc-2017-national-gathering-tickets-28344116014](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/oloc-2017-national-gathering-tickets-28344116014)

**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.

**AUGUST 2017 GATHERING WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

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. Your 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](mailto:info@oloc.org) (preferred) or in print to Bonnie Wagner,  
11 Olde Zena Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Questions? Call 888-706-7506.





**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? 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend the session *Lesbians of Color 60 and Older*, on August 2? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Food preferences:

Meals with meat \_\_\_\_ fish \_\_\_\_ vegetarian \_\_\_\_ vegan \_\_\_\_

other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer to assist during the Gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2:** Registration fee covers programs, entertainment, and three lunches. It does not cover housing, transportation, or meals other than Thursday, Friday, and Saturday lunches.

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE IF POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1	\$275.00
REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED AFTER JUNE 1	\$300.00
REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED AFTER JULY 15	\$325.00

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

Registration fee (see schedule above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OLOC Membership \$25–50 (optional, includes newsletters) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.oloc.org).



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION for OLOC 2017 National Gathering



The fund for financial assistance is intended for those who will not be able to attend without it. Please consider your situation carefully so we can 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](mailto: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? \_\_\_\_\_

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You must send a check or credit card payment to OLOC for your portion of the fees by July 1, 2017. To pay, please send a check to OLOC, PO Box 5853, Athens, OH 45701; use credit card/PayPal by clicking on donate button at [www.oloc.org](http://www.oloc.org); or contact Ruth Debra at 760-318-6794 or [ruth@oloc.org](mailto:ruth@oloc.org) to arrange for credit card payment.

### 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](mailto: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 canceled Atlanta Gathering will be included; therefore, it is not necessary to re-send them.*



## 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 continue as/become 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer (circle one) print copy / electronic / both

### Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Disability status \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State or province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip or postal \_\_\_\_\_

Out of United States? Country \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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New to OLOC? Yes ☐ No ☐

Okay to send monthly E-News by e-mail?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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New to OLOC? Yes ☐ No ☐

Okay to send monthly E-News by e-mail?

Yes ☐ No ☐

To pay with a credit card or a PayPal account, go to [www.oloc.org](http://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.

Skills I can offer OLOC: \_\_\_\_\_

I already belong to the following OLOC group: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 it to be returned to us. \_\_\_\_\_



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