

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

Founded in 1989



Meet Us In St. Louis, July 2013

Gateway to Old Lesbians

*By Jan Griesinger, 1942, Charlotte Ellis, 1943,
and Alix Dobkin, 1940*

OLOC will hold a Regional Gathering in St. Louis MO, July 19–21, 2013, at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel. Events begin Friday late after-noon and end on Sunday at noon. We are pleased that Mandy Carter will be our keynote speaker. An OLOC member since 2008, Mandy spoke at our 2006 Gathering and was one of two leaders of the 2012 National Gathering intensive. Mandy is one of the editors of a new book, *We Have Not Been Moved: Resisting Racism and Militarism in the 21st Century*. Praised by Maya Angelou, the book includes writing by Anne Braden, Barbara Deming, Audre Lorde, Dorothy Day, Andrea Dworkin, Chrystos, and many others. Mandy was one of the founders of Southerners on New Ground (SONG) and the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC).

Charis, St. Louis Women's Chorus, will sing for us during the Gathering. There will be many opportunities to meet Old Lesbians and we will have workshops, caucuses on topics you choose, a dinner and dance, a presentation on St. Louis Lesbian history, and possibly an optional tour. St. Louis has many interesting sights, so you may want to come early or stay late to visit the Gateway Arch, Missouri Botanical Garden, or our museums.

We honor the OLOC Puget Sound chapter that contributed \$1000 from the 2011 Regional

Vera Martin 1923–2012



OLOC is saddened to lose one of our founding mothers. See story on page 9.

Gathering in Tacoma WA as seed money for the St. Louis Regional Gathering.

If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the OLOC Regional Gathering in St. Louis this coming summer, please send info to Sally Tatnall at tatnalls@yahoo.com. You should include the title and a short description of the workshop and a short bio of the presenter. Sally will be in touch. Please be aware that OLOC does not pay presenters. Watch for further details in the next issue of *The Reporter*.

(We plan to offer financial assistance to those living in the Midwest who request it. We are getting support for this event from the local St. Louis OLOC chapter and also from the SAGE affiliate there.)

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More Comments on the 2012 National Gathering:

--From *Sandra Tignor, 1937*

About Mandy Carter and Lisa Weiner Mahfuz's day-long intensive workshop on "Activism for Racial Justice": I found the collective approach to addressing the "isms" to be thought-provoking.... It has been my experience and observation that one "ism" is just as oppressive in its manifestation as another. I had heard this multifaceted approach before, so I was delighted to hear it at OLOC. The multifaceted approach is logical to me and reduces organizational time and energy, as well as personal time and energy.

As an African-American woman, I am fully aware of racism and sexism in all of its manifestations in America. Yes, sexism is alive and well in the African-American community!!

--From *Naeko Wakabayashi, 1947*

I am a 64 year-old Japanese Lesbian and a member of a Lesbian group "Regumi Studio Tokyo."

I was very happy to attend the 2012 OLOC Gathering in Boston. I could meet and talk with many wonderful Old Lesbians...The workshops or sessions in which I participated were interesting...It was very impressive that many of the attendants have experiences as activists on Women's Liberation, Lesbian & Gay, Racism, Anti-nuclear-power-plant, and so on....

I talked with many Old Lesbians during the Gathering and it was really fun. I got lots of energies and confidence to live as an Old Lesbian in Japan. I will share my experiences with other Old Lesbians here in my country.

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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.

Mission Statement for OLOC

We are committed to:

- addressing what it means to be Old and to be Lesbian
- finding ways to gather Old Lesbians for ongoing support
- working against all oppressions that affect Old Lesbians
- standing in solidarity with allies for racial, economic, and social justice

OLOC works for change by supporting:

- comprehensive immigration reform
- elimination of violence against women
- enactment of universal single-payer healthcare for all
- all efforts to challenge/overturn racism, classism, sexism, ageism
- an end to corporate “personhood”

Update on Edie Windsor’s Historic Victory

On October 18th National Public Radio spread the word that the Court of Appeals in New York has ruled in favor of Edie Windsor’s challenge to DOMA by declaring that Act unconstitutional. OLOC member Edie Windsor, 1929, filed suit in 2010 because, after her partner died, she had to pay federal estate taxes even though the couple had been married in Canada in 2007. We are thrilled that she is an OLOC member and has been mentioned on NPR.

Words for Thought from Cruikshank

Fierce with Reality: An Anthology of Literature on Aging is a 2006 book by Margaret Cruikshank, OLOC member, noted writer and speaker. She says some things for OLOC to wrestle with:

“What seemed an all-encompassing designation (‘old’) now appears to disguise or hide as much as it reveals. People over 70 are

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extremely diverse. Ethnicity, gender, and class create distinctions among ‘the old’ as does health status, so many distinctions in fact that the category ‘old’ may not be meaningful in and of itself. At present, though ‘old’ remains a potent signifier, its usefulness as an identity can be challenged” (p. 2).

“Many Black writers have not lived to be sixty, a great loss for American literature. How would women such as Audre Lorde, June Jordan, Barbara Christian, Barbara Jordan, Pat Parker, Toni Cade Bambara, and Olivia Butler have described their aging process?” (p. 3).

“The way that racism exacerbates ageism, which is further exacerbated by class, is our project and nobody else’s. To paraphrase Langston Hughes, somebody oughta write a book about black women coping with the addition of years, and I guess it oughta be us” (p. 90).

New Mexico Chapter

By Elizabeth Berrey, 1945

New Mexico Chapter members Elizabeth Berrey, Paula Fisher, and Pat Pedersen attended the New Mexico Conference on Aging in August. Some of them wore OLOC shirts and they had a booth where lots of women stopped by over the two days of the conference. They gave out OLOC literature. People working at senior centers took handouts and were very happy to know about OLOC.

Hudson Valley Chapter

By Bonnie Wagner, 1942

Our chapter had an excellent showing in the Hudson Valley Pride March in June. While we do not meet during the summer, there is an annual party at my house. This year at least 60 women attended from both the Hudson Valley and New York City. Many of us were at the Gathering and shared our experiences. The party is always fun and many women make new contacts or reunite with women they have not seen for many years. We have had two meetings since the party. We had a scheduled speaker for the September meeting who was unable to attend due to a work conflict. At the October meeting we showed *Lesbiana: A Parallel Revolution*. Everyone enjoyed the film and thought that it would be a good idea to continue to show films at our meetings. We also assisted with our local public radio fund drive. We answer phones, and many callers contribute when they hear that OLOC members are staffing the phones.

St. Louis Chapter

By Charlotte Ellis, 1943

The St. Louis Chapter is looking forward to hosting the Regional Gathering here next July 19–21 at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel. We hope to see many of you here.

Our September meeting was held in conjunction with SAGE and the men from

Prime Timers at the community center which may become SAGE's new home. We had a speaker from the St. Louis LGBT history project speak about the work they are doing. It was a potluck with SAGE providing fried chicken. I think we all had a nice time.

Salt Lake City Chapter

By Sue Morrow, 1942

Being an Old Lesbian in Utah is a strange contradiction. Despite Utah's reputation as an ultra-conservative state, Salt Lake City is a blue city in a red state, with several Lesbian and gay political figures and a mayor who is an ally to LGBT people. The strong presence of a conservative religious majority is challenging, but it seems to inspire activism in a way that is unique. When we first began organizing Old Lesbians, we were amazed at the number of passionate, political women. Our chapter meets monthly, the 3rd Sunday of the month from 4:30–6:30 pm. at the Utah Pride Center. Following our debut at the Utah Pride Parade and Festival this summer, we have focused on getting to know one another, raising consciousness through our discussions, and looking at both community-building and political action directions for Utah OLOC. We will continue to identify future directions for organizing for change. You can "like us" at: www.facebook.com/oloc.utah. To learn more, contact Kate at katecall53@gmail.com or Lynn at lynnkscott@gmail.com.

OLOC Chapters

To find out about OLOC chapters, presently in California, Colorado Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, look here: www.oloc.org/about/chapters.php. Or call us: 888-706-7506.

OLOC Adopts Position Opposed to *Citizens United* Decision

“OLOC supports all efforts to overturn the January 2011 Supreme Court decision *Citizens United* and to amend the U.S. Constitution to make clear that corporations are not persons and that donating money is not free speech.”

This is meant to address the increasingly large political contributions from corporations and the super-wealthy and the lack of full disclosure about who is contributing. Cities in 19 states have passed a similar resolution, with Vermont, Massachusetts, and California having the largest number of cities. Twenty-four U.S. Senators have endorsed a constitutional amendment to overturn the ‘Citizens United’ decision.

We urge you to find groups in your area to work hard on this issue. Until we get the big money out of politics, we will not really have a democracy or get much legislation we want. You can find out more at www.democracyisforpeople.org.

Public Relations Help Needed

OLOC is looking for a Public Relations Coordinator to help get word about OLOC to Old Lesbians nationwide. We want to publicize the work that we do combating ageism in our communities and to promote our Regional and National Gatherings. We need someone who is experienced with e-mail lists, blogs, press releases, social media, publications, and Internet sites of interest to Lesbians. If you are interested in contributing your skills to OLOC, please contact us by e-mail at info@oloc.org or by mail at OLOC, PO Box 5853, Athens OH 45701.

For the first time in her life, an old woman can refuse society’s meaningless busywork and self-betrayals and she can take charge of her own life.

Exciting Upcoming Events

The next OLOC Regional Gathering will be held in St. Louis MO, July 19–21, 2013 (Friday–Sunday).

The next OLOC National Gathering will be held in the San Francisco Bay Area, July of 2014.

An Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Symposium will be held in Houston TX, October 10–13, 2013.

Keep watching *The Reporter*, the OLOC website, the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory website, Facebook, the National OLOC Yahoo Group, and your E-news for further details about these events as they emerge.

Important Study on Caring for Partners: Ongoing

At the Caring for Partners study, we are talking with LGBT people nationwide who had a partner who was very sick or injured in the last five years and stayed in a hospital or a health care facility. We are hoping to learn ways to improve care and reduce discrimination for LGBT people in health care settings. Our study includes an interview and questionnaire. If individuals would like to be in the study but prefer not to contact our office, they can participate anonymously at our website: caringforpartners.org/. We intend to do interviews through 2013 and possibly into 2014. (Sharon Raphael, our Research Gatekeeper, has approved the study.)

New Study about Old Lesbian Identity

If you are a Lesbian 60 years or older, you are invited to participate in a study about sexual minority identity. The main purpose of the project is to study sexual minority individuals’ strengths in order to help researchers and clinicians better understand and assist them.

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The study consists of online questions. Participation in the study is voluntary, and no identifying information will be collected. In recognition of your participation, a donation will be made to OLOC upon completion of the study. To participate, please go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/rossagingstudy.

The earlier the better, but the final date is January 31, 2013. If the deadline is past, contact Amanda Ross to see if your participation is still possible:

adr21@uakron.edu. (This study has been approved by OLOC's Research Gatekeeper Sharon Raphael.)

Old Lesbians and Brief Moments of Fame

"A new book for Old Lesbians arrived today, and I just couldn't resist a quick dip. Hours later, so many experiences to think about, and smile or frown—for there are sweetly heavy moments here too. All are wonderful and recommended by rainbow williams (story number 22, I modestly proclaim)!"

Note that many of the writers are OLOC members. This book is edited by Joy D. Griffith, Karen Gibson, and J. Ross, and the premise is that we all have at least one time in our lives when we have been famous (in our own definition).

A second edition is underway, so you have plenty of time to submit. You can reach Joy at this e-mail address to find out the premise and submission guidelines:

joydg2002@yahoo.com.

To buy the Vol.1 book, send Joy a check for \$15.00 plus postage of \$2.47. Joy D. Griffith, 205 Linden Ponds Way HG722, Hingham MA 02043.

Planned Gifts

In the previous issue we mentioned a woman who set up a system to donate funds to OLOC upon her death. We said it was from "her foundation," but that was an error. She has made arrangements with a local

foundation she trusts. She will donate the money to them and designate a certain amount to OLOC. Other ways you can make a planned gift to OLOC:

(1) If you purchased stock or a mutual fund that has appreciated over time, you can avoid capital gains tax by gifting the stock or fund to OLOC. (2) Funds remaining in an IRA or other retirement plan after death are subject to estate tax as well as income tax on the accumulation. If OLOC is named the beneficiary, you don't pay either tax. (3) Naming OLOC in your will can reduce your estate tax—you can designate a dollar amount or a percentage. 4) Life insurance can also be set up to do this. Obviously you can guess what the next step is: Consult with your financial, tax, and/or legal representatives.

The *OLOHP Insider*

By Arden Eversmeyer, 1931

Not much is free in life anymore, but if you're willing to receive it electronically, the *OLOHP Insider* is a real bargain. All it will cost you is your e-mail address! The *Insider* comes out quarterly and is typically four pages, full color. Content varies some, but typically each issue will give you an update from Arden on what the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project has been doing for the past few months. It also will have an article or two on a specific aspect of the Project, like transcribing, and we share excerpts from a couple of the stories in the collection. Once all that is in, we add as many photos as space will allow.

If you're interested in getting on our mailing list, please send us an e-mail request to info@olohp.org. And if you'd like to read some of the back issues, you can download them from our website: www.olohp.org.

New Electronic Book

OLOC member Elana Dykewomon's latest book, *Risk*, is now available electronically. Go to this website to order it for your Kindle, Nook, or other device: www.bywaterbooks.com/shop/risk

Warning: OLOHP Conference under Construction

By Arden Eversmeyer, 1931

Another milestone for the OLOHP! Celebrating Lesbian Legacies: An Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Symposium will be held in Houston TX, October 10–13, 2013. Send us an e-mail request (info@olohp.org) and we'll keep you posted as plans develop, or watch the next OLOC *Reporter* for more news.

Looking for a Home for Your Lesbian Books?

“Lesbian books you no longer want to keep can be sent to the LGBT Center, 247 W. 24th St., Norfolk VA 23517. LGBT books can go to Lighthouse LGBT Center, 3909 Main St., Kansas City MO 64111.” --From Aug 2012 *Lesbian Connection* (lconline.org/home/welcome-to-lc.)

In addition, Lesbian media of all types can be archived at: Woman, Earth and Spirit Lesbian Archive, POB 130, Serafina NM 87569. Use USPS Media Mail and, if you are able, send a money donation for processing.

Also, if you are planning to come to the next National Gathering (2014 in the San Francisco Bay area), save some choice Lesbian media to donate for the sales table. Proceeds will be used to augment the OLOC financial assistance fund.

Carole Stoneking, 1937, honored

Past Steering Committee member Carole Stoneking, 1937, was recently honored at the 3rd Annual South Carolina Women's Gayla presented by Listen, Inc, and the Columbia SC Community of Women. She received the Life Time of Achievement Award for her many activities on behalf of women and Lesbians throughout her life, including her work with the YWCA, NOW, the Coalition to Take Back the Night, United Way Executive, Coalition for Choice, as a member of the Planned Parenthood Board, and, of course, OLOC,

among many others. Stoneking continues to work in her home community, as well as enjoying the companionship of her beloved cat, Ya-Ya. She has been an out Lesbian for 56 of her 75 years.

Benson Wins Award

By Karen Kronenberger, 1947

Judy Benson, an active OLOC member, was honored as an outstanding leader at Cleveland's Annual LGBT Heritage Day Ceremony in October. Her award was in the category of Civil Engagement/Neighborhood Leadership. See why she was chosen as you read excerpts from her acceptance speech:

“In Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's book, *It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us*,... (she) advocates a society that meets all of a child's needs ...it also takes a village to support an old person in the final decades of life, and to insure each person reaches their potential. We cannot do this life alone....

“I am honored to receive this award, but my civic engagement and neighborhood activism is made possible by others. The village of my age group peers [is OLOC]. I thank the women who keep this village vibrant and available for me.... There are many ways to get involved. Just do it; just get involved.”

Way to go, Judy! Thanks for your inspiration and perspiration.

From the October 23, 2012 National Black Justice Coalition (nbjc.org) online newsletter:

“A new Gallup survey, the largest of its kind, found that people of color are more likely to identify themselves as Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT). In fact, the poll showed that 4.6 percent of African-Americans identify as LGBT along with 4 percent of Latinos and 4.3 percent of Asian-Americans. Only 3.2 percent of white Americans say they are LGBT.”

Letter from June Marie Rogers, 1930

Dear OLOC Readers:

There are two contributions to the September 2012 issue of *The Reporter* that touched my heart, Joan Emerson's account of Grief Groups at San Francisco's OLOC Retreats and "Army of Women about Breast Cancer."

My companion died of colon cancer nine years ago which was the ONLY option left for her to be relieved of her horrendous pain—in spite of morphine. Knowing that she was (and is) finally at peace helped me immensely to accept my loss.

Referencing the "Army of Women about Breast Cancer," I am compelled to mention my good fortune regarding a cancer issue. I was diagnosed with breast cancer with surgery (lumpectomy) being performed in May of 2012, which was successful. I cannot describe the peak of my anxiety following the pathology report *or* the relief after the lumpectomy.

If there is anyone who can relate to either or both of my traumatic experiences, I would love to hear from you. Of course I have no "magic wand" to offer anyone, but I will gladly share all of the uplifting emotional and mental "tools" that I possibly can to help anyone get through anything similar to what I have experienced.

If you can relate to my experiences, please feel comfortable in contacting me. (E-mail or phone Susan for June's contact information.)

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

By Jackie Grover, 1943

Recently my body got assaulted by the medical community twice in the same month!

Having skin cancer removed from my forehead was painful, but my surgeon had a sense of humor. Once my face was cleaned, draped and ready, he barked: "Where's the banana?" His two nurses scurried off.

Suddenly, this squishy thing was thrust in my right hand. "That's where you put your pain," he informed me. After five hours of digging and then examining stuff microscopically, he was done. The banana had done its job, but I was exhausted!

Two weeks later I was back in the same hospital. Tests had showed I had stage one uterine cancer. In the last two years I had lost 112 pounds so this news came as a big blow to my self-esteem. After a week's "visit" I was discharged with an eight-inch belly scar.

My surgeon came to see me just before I left. She asked if I'd noticed other changes in myself. I had begun to be aware of thinking more clearly, of having much less "brain fog." "Yes," she said, "I've noticed that, too. And, while you were with us, you never needed insulin. Your blood sugar was controlled by diet and a simple pill."

What a revelation! No more needle sticks! With continued good food management and weight loss, I could go without insulin. What a great motivational pep talk! Now you know what I did with my summer "vacation"!

Activism Materials in OLOC Media Library

Our new Activism section includes films about issues we want to know more about, such as anti-racism, immigration issues, corporations, and the enslavement of children in chocolate production along with our own on ageism. Contact susan@oloc.org or phone 888-706-7506 to request a print or e-mail list. It is also at www.oloc.org/resources/library.php.

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and click on OLOC Market.

Vera Martin, 1923–2012

By Kay Van Cleave, PhD, 1937

Vera was one of the founders of OLOC. She was the national coordinator from the beginning in 1989 to 1997, when she became a Co-Director with Arden Eversmeyer and remained one until 2004. Since then she represented OLOC at many conferences, doing work against ageism in particular. She gave one of the keynote addresses at the 2012 OLOC National Gathering in Woburn MA. She has acted as an advisor to the Steering Committee on many occasions. Her presence at Gatherings, both National and Regional, was a given whenever she was able to attend.



She spent her time as an activist for causes such as unions, minorities, abortion rights, AIDS, ending ageism, and Lesbian rights. Falsely branded a communist in the 1950s, Vera always said, “I have always been a rebel.”

Vera was very proud to be an African American Lesbian. Her life was filled with interest in helping and marching for rights. A long-time civil rights worker, she belonged to such organizations as the NAACP, Urban League, Committee on Racial Equality, CONNEXXUS, and the Local 660 of the AFL/CIO. She was also a member of the American Society on Aging and its Lesbian and Gay Aging Issues Network and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and she was a supporter of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, Southern Poverty Law Center, Mazer Archives, and Sister Spirit. OLOC has donated \$250 to the Untitled Black Lesbian Elder Project in honor of Vera.

See more of Vera’s story in *A Gift of Age: Old Lesbian Life Stories*, which you can order from the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project at www.olohp.org.

Tita Caldwell, 1931–2012

After Tita found Bay Area OLOC in 2005, she wrote, “I felt as if I had finally come home after having been an activist and a feminist since the age of 13. Here were the women I had been looking for all my life.” She joined the Bay Area OLOC Steering Committee in 2007 and the National OLOC Steering Committee in 2008 following the National Gathering near L.A. Her wisdom, considered opinions, skills, and activism played a large part in the direction of OLOC.



Tita was a social justice activist from 1944, when she participated in demonstrations for the October Revolution in Guatemala where her family lived. She died at age 81, four days after her last act of solidarity, this time with the student uprisings against rigged elections in Mexico.

She participated in Civil Rights, anti-Vietnam, anti-nuke, immigrants’ rights, anti-Iraq war, and Occupy demonstrations. She was arrested several times. More recently, Tita was involved with demonstrations to save Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. For the last eight months of her life, Tita led a weekly “Occupy Bank of America” demonstration to protest the Bank’s illegal foreclosures and evictions of neighbors. The bank closed during the noon hour to protect itself from demonstrators with walkers, canes, and signs kept in a shopping cart. WOW (Wild Old Women) made national headlines and went viral on Facebook all over the world.

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Memorials

Feminism touched Tita to her core and she carried its principles into everything she did. She fought tirelessly against ageism, racism, and classism. She could be counted on in every political struggle. More importantly, Tita could be counted on to be a good friend. The world was a better place with Tita in it.

Cam Jancek, 1933–2012

Cam Jancek was a pioneering Lesbian and served on the OLOC Steering Committee. She was also a board member of the East Bay social group Women Over Fifty and Friends (WOFF).

Cam got her Master's in English & Literature, and a Library Science degree at UC Berkeley. She collected thousands of books and read every one of them. She expected the same of her high school students, to whom she assigned 30 books a semester. She also taught college English and History. Later she worked as a Law Librarian in San Quentin and Vacaville prisons.

A memorial to celebrate her life was held in October in Pinole CA. Cam is survived by her loving partner Cheryl Greene, two children, and four grandchildren.



Sunlight, 1923–2012

A longtime member and supporter of OLOC, Dorothy Lane, known simply as Sunlight to her many friends, was born in Albuquerque NM. Her family moved to the orange groves north of San Bernardino CA when she was two. Sunlight attended Stanford University, majoring in biology and graduating in 1947. She received a Master's Degree in Cellular Physiology at the University of Chicago in 1951. Her career was in the field of microbial genetics and molecular biology, and she did biological research in medical labs in New York and in Paris.

Sunlight was an avid gardener, botanist, and environmentalist and studied Social Ecology at Goddard College in 1974. She designed, drew up blueprints, and built her passive solar home in Albion when she was in her 70s, doing much of the carpentry and tile work herself. She was a published author, writing books about women's community, spirituality, nature, and the creatures of the earth. She was an antinuclear activist. Her book, *A View from Diablo*, tells of her experience protesting the Diablo Canyon Nuclear facility.

She inspired and gave courage to so many. Her smile, her twinkle, and her love generously shone on all she met. She will be deeply missed.



OLOC Honors Affinity

OLOC has chosen to honor the work of Chicago's African American LGBT group Affinity with a \$250 donation.

OLOC Membership/Supporter Form

Everyone who wants to be a member or supporter is welcome, whether or not you can send money right now. As either a member or supporter, you will receive four issues of the OLOC Reporter before you have to renew. Please check all that apply:

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