

Bay Area OLOC

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change



COME to OLOC's OUTDOOR POTLUCK!!

Sunday - July 20, 12:00 – 4:00 / Live Oak Park, Berkeley

On July 20st, Bay Area OLOC will party at Live Oak Park in Berkeley from 12:00-4:00. Lesbians 60 and over —plus partners and caregivers of any age— are all invited to this annual summer picnic. Get to know new friends and connect with women you haven't seen for a while. This is a good opportunity to check us out if you haven't attended a Bay Area OLOC event before.

Bring a favorite dish: a salad, appetizer, main dish, drinks, or dessert. Vegetarian, sugar-free, and gluten-free offerings are always appreciated. **Due to smoke sensitivities, we will not light up the BBQ.** Women with dietary restrictions are welcome to bring their own food. Bring your own plate and utensils or use the ones OLOC will provide.

The site has water, ample seating, and a disability accessible indoor restroom at the Art Center by our area. There's a public restroom for able-bodied women in the park across the street. The wooded, shady site is accessible and served by paratransit. Street parking may be scarce as the SF Mime Troupe will be performing near us. For a ride from North Berkeley BART, call Ginny ahead of time at 510 495-4285 and we'll arrange to pick you up. Our site is Picnic Area 2, between Oxford and Walnut next to the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut Street. **We hope to see you there!**



Photo by Sandy Morris ssmxcski@comcast.net

OLD LESBIANS ARE PLAYING GAMES!

A dynamic group of OLOC members is announcing their next game event:

Sunday, July 13th – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Piedmont Gardens, 225 41st Street, Oakland

There will be free parking at the Piedmont Gardens lot, 4008 Howe St. Bring snacks and games! Come early to help set up, or stay later to help clean up. PLEASE RSVP to let folks know you are coming: oloc-games-group@googlegroups.com.

A Little Background on Games:

After our last retreat, a Games Group got together to plan future events. They announced a play date to retreat participants for May 25th and 13 women attended. The Games Group expects to hold regular game events on the 2nd Sunday of each month, from 3:00 to 6:00. Karen Orlando, Laura Rifkin, and Shivano Ross are heading up this project, and have created a contact list. Please RSVP to oloc-games-group@googlegroups.com if you want to be notified of upcoming play dates.

Upcoming Bay Area OLOC Events:

Bay Area OLOC's next 3 day retreat is coming up:

Friday, September 19th – Sunday, September 21th, 2025

Enchanted Hills Camp in the Napa Valley

Bay Area OLOC offers Lesbians 60 and over three wonderful days in the wooded hills of Napa at a special camp. On Friday night, we'll share dinner and play games in the evening. Saturday morning is our check-in circle. A group activity will be planned for the afternoon, with time for hikes and swimming at your pleasure. Saturday evening brings the "Salon" with all kinds of performances by Lesbians attending. Participants at these retreats always find plenty of free time for getting to know each other. Enchanted Hills includes a spacious central dining building, duplex style semi-private cabin rooms and a lodge with additional bedrooms. There is a heated pool. You will get registration information in August. Bay Area OLOC always makes our activities available to all on an ability to pay basis.

Autumn Women's Tea Dance

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Bay Area OLOC's Valentine's event was such a success, we're bowing to popular demand and planning another afternoon dance! We'll be at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarians at the corner of Cedar and Bonita in Berkeley. Women of all ages are welcome and as with all Bay Area OLOC events, entrance is open on a donation basis. **We'll have a live band again!**

What kinds of events would you like to see Bay Area OLOC organize?

At the last retreat, a number of attractive ideas were raised for events Bay Area OLOC could sponsor. Talented writers shared their work, suggesting that we could hold a group reading. We have graphic artists who have shown their work around the Bay Area, and musicians and singers who could help us tune in with instrumental music and song. ***Any of these ideas could become reality if women are willing to help plan and carry them out!*** Contact Susan at susanchnew@gmail.com and we can post your idea in the next Newsletter.

National OLOC:

Sign up as an affiliate for more Old Lesbian resources.

If you are receiving this Bulletin, you are on Bay Area OLOC's mailing list. But National OLOC offers a wonderful assortment of support groups, Zoom events, and other resources to Old Lesbians who join as "affiliates." Joining is easy, and dues are on an ability-to-pay basis. National OLOC calls its members "affiliates" for legal reasons, and you have to be connected to national OLOC as an affiliate to receive notices and links to their many events. The website to gain access to all this is www.OLOC.org . **There's still time to register for national OLOC's Gathering in Columbus, Ohio on August 20 – 24, 2025.**

Your next local newsletter will come out in mid August.

The August newsletter will provide all the information you need to register for the fall retreat. Send articles, poems, artwork and photos to editor, Susan Chacin at susanchnew@gmail.com (Please put "BA OLOC Newsletter" in the subject line of your email.)