

# Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

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## Meet Us in St. Louis: Gateway to Old Lesbians

### FLASH—Carolyn Gage's Lesbian Tent Revival Sparks Excitement!

By Cheryl Larsen, 1949

Summer is a great time to renew friendships, meet new Lesbians, ignite your activist tendencies, and engage in thought-provoking discussions. All these possibilities, and many more, are within reach when you sign up for this summer's 2013 Regional OLOC Gathering. Join women from at least eight states and Australia at the gorgeous Hilton Hotel in St. Louis from July 19–21, 2013.

One of many highlights will surely be the Lesbian Tent Revival and a workshop by author, playwright Carolyn Gage. The Lesbian Tent Revival is a unique combination of comedy, radical feminist politic, communal ritual, and riotous high spirits you won't want to miss.

Another high point will be the keynote address by inspirational civil rights speaker and Nobel Prize nominee, Mandy Carter. A long-time OLOC supporter and member, Mandy is vital to many organizations and projects.

On Sunday, we will have the opportunity to watch the marvelous 2009 Lesbian film *Hannah Free* and enjoy a question and answer session with the movie's producer, Tracy Baim.



Of course, no Gathering will be without a superb dinner and dance and a range of thought-provoking workshops; the St. Louis July Gathering will be no exception. A fiery panel will tackle the political sphere's current War on

Women, and a visual presentation at Friday's opening ceremony will challenge each of us to fight our culture's negative attitudes about old age. Other choices will include classism, writing, telling our stories, belly dancing, free mammograms, and current politics and others.

Don't worry about the summer heat, you can enjoy relaxed small-group or one-on-one conversations in the comfort of the air-conditioned hotel or take a dip in the pool.

We, the OLOC Steering Committee, look forward to seeing you and your friends in St. Louis!



### New Members Join the SC

OLOC welcome three new national Steering Committee members: Pat Cull from Oakland, CA; Cheryl Larsen from Dobbs Ferry, NY; and Bonnie Wagner from Kingston, NY. Each one has taken on a number of OLOC projects/work and we are grateful to them for helping keep OLOC old and bold.

## Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

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### Corrections:

**The 2012 Financial Report** in the March issue of the Reporter was not correct. If you would like to see a corrected version, ask Susan at [susan@oloc.org](mailto:susan@oloc.org) or 888-706-7506.

**Did you notice** that the registration form in the March 2013 Reporter says "National" Gathering at the top? It's a mistake. St. Louis is a Regional Gathering!

### Coming Next Year

Our 25th OLOC National Gathering will be held in Oakland, CA, July 24–27, 2014.

Dorothy Allison and Cherie Moraga will be among our keynoters and as well there will be a special presentation from Bay Area writers and musicians as well. Save the dates and watch for more news.

### Membership in National OLOC as of March 2013

*LGBTQIA (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Transexual Queer Questioning and Intersex) Individuals*

National OLOC supports the right of all people to be and to present themselves in whatever way they choose. National OLOC supports the right of all people to be treated fairly and with equal justice under the law. National OLOC supports the self-determination of all people. National OLOC is an ally to all who struggle for justice. National OLOC feels it is important to have these distinctions. Therefore National OLOC welcomes as members only those women who have reached their 60th year and who are Old Lesbians.

### March on Washington August 24–28

OLOC continues to partner with the National Black Justice Coalition to honor the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington and Bayard Rustin, an African American gay man who organized it. A number of us will attend the events. We have some funds to help pay expenses for Lesbians who want to go, especially any who actually attended the 1963 march, so we can recognize them publicly. If you were at the 1963 march, please let us know by phone, mail, or e-mail so we can talk with you. Details are still not settled on exactly what will happen when, but get in touch with OLOC or watch for further information at [www.nbjc.org](http://www.nbjc.org), [www.thekingcenter.org](http://www.thekingcenter.org), or [www.rustin.org](http://www.rustin.org).

## Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

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OLOC's Steering Committee welcomes constructive feedback and suggestions from members by way of mail, phone, or e-mail.

### OLOC Vision Statement

OLOC will be a cooperative community of Old Lesbian feminist activists from many back-grounds 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"

### Supreme Court and OLOC

OLOC member Edie Windsor initiated the suit now under consideration by the Supreme Court (or may be decided by the time you read this) challenging DOMA in several aspects. Members Mina Meyer and Sharon Raphael filed an amicus brief on the same suit. Edie's is about inheritance rights, and Mina and Sharon's is about social security.

### Lesbians of Color Symposium

Alix Dobkin, 1940, attended the 2nd Annual LOCS—Lesbians of Color Symposium—as an ally at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA, on Saturday, April 13th, 2013. Mandy Carter—OLOC's 2013 Regional Gathering Keynote—was a Special Guest.

### Driving NW of Chicago on Your Way to St. Louis?

OLOC member Phyllis Bere (630-980-2476) offers OLOCers driving to St. Louis the opportunity to stay overnight Thursday at her house, and she will provide dinner. Then they can carpool to St. Louis on Friday.

### Wonderful Book Catalog

Spinifex Press is the Australian press run by OLOC members Susan Hawthorne and Renate Klein. See the wonderful and numerous offerings at [Spinifex.com](http://Spinifex.com)

### OLOC Members Release New Books

Angela Bowen's new book, *Out of the Blue: Aleta's Stories*, is about growing up in Roxbury in the 40s and 50s. To see more about the book and to learn about the film her partner (and OLOC member) Jennifer Abod is making about her life, go to [jenniferabod.com](http://jenniferabod.com). Here are three comments about the film from a recent advance screening: "Excellent! Without Angela, these gifted dancers (young children) would never have been able to become amazing and productive artists." "I was so touched and uplifted while watching it." "I was galvanized."

Batya Weinbaum's anthology *Feminist Voices: An Anthology of the Best of Creative Writing of Femspec's First Ten Years* was

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released at the end of May. Femspec focuses on Feminist Speculative Fiction. Femspec Books has also published *On the Palmist Road*, Volume Two of Batya's column about palm reading, "Opening Palms," which ran from 2007 to 2012 in the *Santa Barbara Independent*. Batya has been working on a mural project on Isla Mujeres, MX, installing goddesses in mosaics and painting community murals. For more information about this project, contact [batyawein@aol.com](mailto:batyawein@aol.com).

### **Puget Sound Chapter**

*By Gloria Stancich, 1935*

Puget Sound members will present a version of the spoken-word performance piece that opened our NW Regional OLOC Gathering here in 2011 as part of the "Queering the Museum" Symposium [www.queeringthemuseum.org](http://www.queeringthemuseum.org) on June 8th at the new Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. These readings are excerpts from archived stories from the OLOHP (Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project, [olohp.org](http://olohp.org)) and give voice to our Lesbian foremothers born in the early 20th century. Many of us here continue to work at gathering, transcribing, and submitting herstories. Several PS OLOCers are also involved in the upcoming Celebrating Lesbian Legacies symposium planned by OLOHP in Houston, TX, October 10–13, 2013 (more information elsewhere in this issue).

We are working with Equality Washington, WA State NOW (National Organization for Women), PSARA (Alliance of Retired Americans), and others on support of immigration reform. Folks from the local Caring Across Generations and Pacific Northwest LGBT Elder Care Providers Network have joined this effort. Other members are involved with efforts around the Sound to establish SAGE affiliates. We currently have one group working well in Olympia, with

others being considered in Seattle, Tacoma, and Port Townsend.

Our South Sound monthly lunch group continues to grow, with 20–30 Old Lesbians gathering each month. We co-sponsor the Coming Out Women support group, which meets twice monthly for women at any stage of the coming out process.

We also meet up at weddings as more and more of us are choosing to acknowledge our commitments through this hard-won legal process in our state. And, we are gearing up for the PRIDE season and will participate in parades and festivals in Olympia, Seattle, Tacoma, and Kitsap County.

### **Palm Springs Rally**

*By Ruth Debra, 1944*

Well, I have to brag a little. We had a marriage equality rally in Palm Springs and I was one of the organizing committee. We had only one in-person meeting and the rest was done by e-mail and phone. Over 700 people showed up, and it was fantastic. Palm Springs is really a small town, and we had more attendance than LA and San Diego's rallies. I invited Katherine Forrest (and her partner Jo Hercus) to speak, and she was fantastic! I was so happy to have the visibility of Old Lesbians and loved that Katherine said she is 74.

Anyway, I had my OLOC banner and wore my "This Is What an Old Lesbian Looks Like" shirt. The TV stations stayed for almost the whole thing. Our new Congressperson spoke and I got a real hug from him afterwards. He said, "This is why we won."

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

## Chapter and Regional News

### Hudson Valley Chapter

By Bonnie Wagner, 1942

We had a special event on April 28 at our LGBTQ Center. We showed the documentary *United In Anger: A History of Act Up*. Sara Schulman, co-producer, was at the screening for questions and answers following the film.

We are planning for our upcoming Pride March and Festival. This year, we will host an open mike prior to the March. We anticipate a good turnout and lots of great entertainment.

### New Mexico Chapter

By Elizabeth R. Berrey, 1945

OLOC members participated in the One Billion Rising (against violence against women) and other Albuquerque events. SAFE House, a local shelter for survivors of intimate partner violence sponsored a flash mob (spontaneous public appearance) dance on February 14 at the Civic Plaza in Albuquerque, NM. As requested, we wore purple to support survivors of domestic violence and teal to support survivors of sexual assault.

One chapter member, who works in the women's detention center, helped organize residents and staff for a One Billion Rising presentation that the residents put together and performed.



Paula Fisher, Jonnie Gathings, Carole Englehart;  
Front row: Susan Turner

Lastly, some of us were at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe for their flash mob. Others also attended the Indigie Femme concert at the Aux Dog Theatre in Albuquerque.

### From Bay Area Chapter's April 2013 Newsletter:

Bay Area OLOC held their spring retreat in May. At their check-ins it goes by age, oldest first. Intended both for fun and for dealing with issues of the structure of Bay Area OLOC, it includes workshops, a salon, and meetings. They ask attendees to "Please refrain from using scented products as some of us have severe reactions." Because the chapter has experienced conflict over whether trans persons who identify as women and Lesbians can be chapter members, they have had a series of sessions about the issue and about the group's structure. At an earlier meeting, the majority of the group said yes, and a few members, some of them crucial to the chapter, left the group.

October 10-13, 2013 in Houston

### Celebrating Our Lesbian Legacies

A conference put on by the  
Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project

A Unique Blend of Speakers, Panels,  
Opportunities for You to Share,  
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Featuring:  
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**Lillian Faderman**  
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## Memorials

### **Marlene Feingold, 1931-2013**

*By Felicia Sobel, 1944*

Marlene Feingold was a long time OLOC member who served for a time on the National Steering Committee. A voracious reader, Marlene was never without a book. She was an activist, participating in the causes of the rights of animals, women, and the LGBT population. She also participated regularly in SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) programs and led the SAGE Singers.

She grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and attended Hunter High School for gifted students in Manhattan. There she learned French and, as a teenager, also studied Yiddish. She graduated from Queens College with a major in Elementary Education and taught sixth grade at PS 209 in Queens, NY, for many years. She was in charge of the school's glee club and was beloved by many students, who appreciated her independent spirit and sense of humor. She was known as a strict but fair teacher.

Marlene's interests included travel and camping. She and her friend of many years, Carol Falcetti, drove across the United States several consecutive summers and visited most of the National Parks.

As testament to the many friendships Marlene forged over the years, there were three memorial services for her—one organized by Carol in a funeral parlor, another arranged by SAGE, and a third by OLOC's New York City Chapter.

### **Dottie Fowler, 1927-1913**

We will have more on Dottie in the next issue. In the day leading up to her death she is reported to have awakened briefly and said "I'm glad I'm an Old Dyke." An OLOC member for a long time, she also was involved in organizing several nonprofits in the Bay Area and founded Lavender Seniors.



### **Lois Mae Applegate, 1928-2013**

OLOC member Lois Applegate's partner (also an OLOC member) Lanna Rodgers was at her side when she died. Lois was a clubwoman and a joiner, an advocate for women in politics, and a supporter of many organizations, including those for women, Lesbians, and LGBT. Lanna said, in Lois's obituary: "Lois was a force to be reckoned with. Towards the end of her life, although she suffered from Alzheimer's-like dementia, simple things brought her great pleasure. She always had a smile on her face, especially when chopping veggies whenever Lanna made vegetable soup. Lois was the most brilliant, generous, devoted, loving, sweet, fun, silly partner—even to the end. She is deeply loved by all who knew her and cherished her altruistic spirit. LOIS WAS BIGGER THAN LIFE."



### **Elaine Weber, 1925-2013**

Elaine was an OLOC member. She was interviewed in 2008 by the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project, and her story is featured in the book *Without Apology: Old Lesbian Life Stories*. She came out at 78 and was 87 when she died.

### **Susan Marilyn Miller 1941-2013**

*By Jan Couvillon, 1940*

Susan was a member of OLOC and San Francisco Bay Area's writers/performers group Mothertongue. Her wit and pathos, combined in her writing and performance, reached women whose lives were as tumultuous as Susan's. Her love reached all, and she was loved by all. Susan experienced many trials before undiscovered ovarian cancer took her. She steadied and comforted us as she moved closer to her death. Susan was a hero and supported many of us in both Mother-tongue and OLOC. Susan's spirit will live on in us.

## Memorials

### Joyce Jackson, 1948–2013

OLOC is sad to report that Joyce Jackson, OLOC member from Lansing, MI, died in late March. She attended the Boston Gathering last year and will be strongly missed. We hope to have more about Joyce in a future issue.

### In Remembrance Program

You can honor a loved one who has passed away by purchasing a plate to be added to the OLOC Memorial Plaque. At each National Gathering, we hold a moving

and inspiring ceremony of remembrance to commemorate those Lesbians who have died. Memorial plaques are displayed along with a slide presentation. If you make a \$20 donation (more if you can, less if you can't), submit a photo of the Lesbian you wish to honor, and include her birth and death years, we will include her in our slide show. Also donations from anyone of any amount will help to cover the cost of honoring Lesbians who have died.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear OLOC,

Have we finally achieved equality?

I noticed the beautiful ad on the inside back cover of *Lesbian Connection* for the July Gathering. It says OLOC is committed to accessibility, anti-racism, and anti-classism. What about anti-sexism? Is it a done deal? Are we finally accepted as women, Lesbians, females in the world? Is there equal pay? Has violence against women been eradicated? Perhaps I missed the 51% majority of women in Congress. And, while I was slumbering for a few years, a woman occupied the White House, and as many women as men were chairpersons of the boards of Fortune 500 companies. Fashion houses showed women in comfortable, functional shoes and stopped showing cleavage. And mothers dressed little girls in comfortable play clothes designed for outdoor games instead of colorful party dresses, open-toed shoes, and long hair designed to retain their femininity.

And how could I forget pornography, that flourishing multi-billion-dollar business that is dedicated to the degradation, humiliation, and destruction of the female spirit?

So, here's my question. Why does the national steering committee of OLOC refuse to acknowledge that the patriarchy is alive and well, that women—females—Lesbians

the world over, are rendered miserable because of blatant woman-hating, which is covered up by the bland name of sexism?

I urge the national steering committee of OLOC to ALWAYS link the three main oppressions—the three-legged stool of patriarchy—sexism, racism, classism, and NEVER leave one of them out of the equation. And NEVER substitute the vague term “accessibility” for any of them.

Sandy Tate, 1935

*(Note: The Steering Committee agrees with Sandy and apologizes for the inadvertent omission in the ad. If you notice other places we have left out sexism, please let us know.)*

Dear OLOC,

I wish to share a thought I have in response to *Words for Thought from Cruikshank* on p. 3 in *The Reporter*, Dec. 2012. Peg Cruikshank refers to the term *old* as an identity that is hiding other distinctions such as health status and class. However, I don't think the term *old* as used by OLOC is meant to describe an identity as much as it is an attempt to turn a negative label into a neutral or positive one.

*Old* in our society has been used to designate something or someone used up or needing to be discarded. OLOC has turned

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old into a tool and should not shrink from using it as Barbara MacDonald and Baba Copper originally intended, as a driving idea to help those over 60—especially women and Lesbians—to throw out the stereotype and to take their destinies into their own hands. What is different is that Old Lesbians are taking this power in an explicit rather than in an implicit way, not with euphemisms like Graying of America or Golden Agers or Senior Citizens but with in-your-face Vibrato. We are Old Lesbians Organizing for Change and we take our name seriously.

Sharon Raphael, 1941

(Note from Peg Cruikshank: “I agree with Sharon Raphael’s response to my rap on old as an identity.”)

### Judy Grahn’s Memoir

Available from Aunt Lute Books: *A Simple Revolution: The Making of an Activist Poet* by Lesbian poet Judy Grahn. In telling her life story, Grahn reflects on the profound cultural shifts brought about by the women’s and gay rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s.

[www.auntlute.com/a-simple-revolution](http://www.auntlute.com/a-simple-revolution)

### “Corrective Rape” in South Africa

By Diana Russell, Ph.D., 1938

I was surprised to discover that the gruesome misogynist male crime called “corrective rape” in South Africa was the topic of an article in *The New Yorker* on May 28, 2012. So-called corrective rapes are perpetrated by lesbiphobic, misogynist males who rape Lesbians to “cure” them of their sexual orientation. According to Charlayne Hunter-Gault, the author of this article, at least 31 Lesbians have been killed in attacks that started out as “corrective rape” since 1998. Few arrests have been made for these lethal *femicides*—the feminist term referring to the killing of females by males *because* they are female (i.e., misogynist murders).

Hunter-Gault noted that South African Lesbians face assault twice as often as

heterosexual women. She also cited the research finding that Black Lesbians, especially those who are viewed as butch and who live in isolated Black townships, are particularly vulnerable to such attacks.

More generally, members of the LGBT communities in South Africa are subjected to widespread discrimination, despite the fact that this country’s constitution “was the first in the world with a clause explicitly forbidding discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.” A Lesbian housemate of mine in Cape Town in 1993 was a member of a small group of gays who used to meet in our home to work on a draft of this progressive section of the constitution. The disparity between the progressive law and the vicious acting out of the homophobia that is especially prevalent among Black Africans reveals that progressive laws are useless if they aren’t *implemented*.

Regarding the astronomical prevalence of rape of women in general in South Africa, Hunter-Gault reported that one woman in two in South Africa can expect to be raped at least once in her lifetime; and a reputable study found that one in four men admitted having raped a woman.

### Call for papers:

A thematic issue of the *Journal of Lesbian Studies* tentatively titled “Old Lesbians” will feature articles exploring community, kin, friendship, and well-being. Peg Cruikshank and Sharon Raphael, editors for this issue, invite short proposals for submissions of completed or nearly completed articles by January 15, 2014. For more information, send inquiries to [smraphael@aol.com](mailto:smraphael@aol.com) and [pc26@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pc26@myfairpoint.net).

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[www.oloc.org/market/market.html](http://www.oloc.org/market/market.html)  
and click on OLOC Market.**

## Announcements

### Red Tent Movie

Want to see a trailer about a new movie called *Things We Don't Talk About: Women's Stories from the Red Tent*, a documentary that chronicles part of the growing worldwide women's Red Tent movement? We've heard it includes Old Lesbians. [redtentmovie.com](http://redtentmovie.com)

### Wonderful Play

If you love live theater and get a chance, see *Guapa*. It centers on two women, addresses sexism and classism and racism, has five very engaging characters, is written by a woman, and is making the rounds in areas with Latino communities. It is in English. You can find out more by [Googling](#) it, if you have computer access.

### SistahSinema

For those with streaming, you can now find a list of at least 21 films featuring queer women of color (with more being added weekly) at [buskfilms.com/category/films/queer-women-of-color](http://buskfilms.com/category/films/queer-women-of-color)

"2013 will be a REVOLUTIONARY year for Queer Women of Color cinema, but it won't be televised." Go here for more information: [sistahsinema.com](http://sistahsinema.com)

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From the Older Feminist Network (London, England) newsletter:

"In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman."

—Margaret Thatcher

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## OLD LESBIANS ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE PRESENTS REGIONAL GATHERING 2013 July 19–22, 2013

### ***Meet Us in St. Louis: Gateway to Old Lesbians***

Keynote speaker, workshops, entertainment, dinner, dance, hospitality room with games and food.

Lesbians 60 or over (and female partners/female caregivers of any age) are invited. Last chance for early registration is June 30.

### **The Hotel**

The lovely Hilton St. Louis Frontenac is our hotel for the Gathering. An express bus is available from Lambert St. Louis International Airport to the hotel. Rooms are \$104 per night and include free breakfast for two people each day and complimentary Wi-Fi service. You can have either one king-size bed or two double beds and up to four people in a room, but if more than two, you will have to figure out about the breakfast. The hotel has an outdoor pool, gym equipment, and many small areas for Old Lesbians to gather. You will need to reserve your own room by calling the hotel at 314-993-1100. Remember to inform the reservationist that you are with OLOC to confirm the rate.

### **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 adversely affect the health of all of us, some more severely than others, and they degrade the environment. Please come with fragrance-free body-care products and clothing and, if you normally use cologne, essential oils, or perfume, we ask you not to use these during the Gathering. *Thank you.*

## 2013 Regional Gathering Registration Form

St. Louis, Missouri, July 19–21, 2013

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 7/18/2013 \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish your information to be added to a contact list that all attending will receive?

Yes  No

I prefer to receive my contact list  electronically  in print

Do you need any specific services to assist with disabilities? If yes, please describe what you would like: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact (if you become ill or need help)

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

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Food preferences (pick one):  meals with meat  fish  vegetarian

other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need OLOC to arrange for a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee covers programs, entertainment, and Saturday night dinner. It does not cover housing, transportation, or meals other than Saturday night.

REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED JUNE 1–JUNE 30 \$175

REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED JULY 1 or later \$ 200

Please note that those who requested financial assistance or disability services will receive a phone call to confirm the details.

### PAYMENT:

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

OLOC membership (optional, includes newsletter: \$25–50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution for financial assistance (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please mail a check and this form to OLOC, PO Box 5853, Athens, OH 45701, or use PayPal at oloc.org.)

Would you like to volunteer to assist during the gathering?

Yes (if yes, you will be contacted later)  No

Online Registration available:  
[regonline.com/oloc2013](http://regonline.com/oloc2013)  
Note that you still must register separately with the hotel for your lodging.

## 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:**

<b>Options</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am not sending money at this time, but I am an Old Lesbian age 60 or older and want to be a member for another year.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am choosing to send (suggest between \$25.00 and \$50.00) for my membership. Amount: _____ (less if you can't, more if you can)
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