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OLOC Receives a Great Grant

The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation has made a grant to the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice for the benefit of OLOC's growth and development. The \$12,000 grant is the largest single grant that OLOC has ever received.

The grant award will allow OLOC to begin a program we have only been able to dream about before now. Members of the Steering Committee have heard many of you ask for local old lesbian contacts and local groups. OLOC plans to hire a part-time Field Organizer to help establish local groups and support local leadership. The six local groups now in existence are proving to be wonderful networking opportunities for their members. This level of support needs to be available to Old Lesbians across the country.

The funds are also earmarked to assist OLOC in doing more outreach and advertising. Lesbians everywhere need to know that we are here. Some of the funds will be used for scholarships to help us bring more old lesbians to our August National Gathering in Durham, North Carolina and some of the funds for expanding our web presence.

Many thanks to the Carpenter Foundation!

Thanks for the Help

In the December issue of *The Reporter*, we put out a call for assistance in entering the OLOC bylaws into a computer. We're pleased to say several readers volunteered, and Sara C., from Florida, took on the job and did a great job for us. Way to go, Sara!

OLOC provides old lesbians with the chance to meet like-minded women in our common struggle to confront ageism, to share mutual interests, and to experience the joy and warmth of playing and working together.

Be on the Look Out: Gathering Materials Heading Your Way

Watch your mailbox in late March for a packet of information about the upcoming National Gathering in Durham, NC. The mailing will include a registration form, scholarship application, details on housing and a few other items. As quickly as we can, we'll also post all of this on our web site. If you know someone you'd like us to send this packet to, send her name and mailing address to info@oloc.org or mail us at PO Box 5853, Athens OH 45701.

Oral Herstory Update

Always looking for an excuse to travel and get to know another Old Lesbian, Arden Eversmeyer is always looking for more women (preferably over 70 years of age) who would be willing to tell their stories. For anyone new to OLOC, Arden is the mover, shaker and soul of the Oral Herstory Project, which now documents the fascinating stories of more than 70 lesbians. If you're willing to tell your story, or you know someone else who might be interested, please contact Arden. Her email address is aeca87@houston.rr.com. She can also be contacted by phone at 713-869-1482.

OLOC FINANCIAL REPORT for calendar year 2005

| Income | Budget | Actual |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| News. subscriptions | 3000 | 2369.00 |
| Individual contributions | 14,375 | 13,683.00 |
| Grants | 5,000 | 7,500.00 |
| Local group dues | 175 | 611.00 |
| Sales | 800 | 122.00 |
| Reimbursements | 0 | 1132.61 |
| Bank interest | 35 | 22.64 |
| Memorial Plaque | 75 | 160.00 |
| Transfer from reserves | | 5000.00 |
| | | |
| Total Income | 23,460 | 30,600.25 |

| Expense | Budget | Actual |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| Administration | | |
| rent | 1260 | 1,274.00 |
| supplies, postage | 1750 | 1,759.85 |
| professional serv. | 250 | 360.00 |
| office mgr | 3600 | 4,900.00 |
| SC Meetings | 7500 | 9,707.30 |
| Outreach/Education | | |
| newsletter | 1500 | 3,099.11 |
| delegates to confs. | 3200 | 924.00 |
| advertising | 300 | 531.75 |
| Oral Herstory Project | 2500 | 1,037.61 |
| Stipends-CoDirectors | 900 | 3,900.00 |
| 2004 Gathering | | 1,649.42 |
| Misc. | 700 | 345.60 |
| | | |
| Total Expense | | 29,488.64 |

SC Will Meet in April in Durham

The OLOC Steering Committee will be meeting in Durham, NC, April 7-9. As you can imagine, with the next National Gathering coming soon, the SC has a crowded agenda. If you have something you'd like the SC to know, or if you're in the area and would like to drop by, please contact Jan G. at ucmjan@frogn.net as soon as possible.

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Let your voice be heard.

Deadline for the June issue is April 15, 2006.
Send articles to Cam Jancek: judybolton@aol.com
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A Note From Lesbian Connection

We've had a note from Lesbian Connection that they are planning occasionally to include a column called "Notes from Our Elders." Since 1974, Lesbian Connection has published a magazine full of ideas for, by and about lesbians. They are encouraging interested women to write a few paragraphs on topics such as:

What was it like when you came out? How did you find other lesbians? What kind of work did/do you do? How's retirement going for you (if you are retired)? Do you have any words of wisdom for the rest of us? How did you first hear about Lesbian Connection? It's also a good opportunity to explain to younger lesbians just what ageism is and why they should care.

If you would like to participate, send your stories to: elsiepub@aol.com by email or P.O. Box 811, E. Lansing, MI 48826 by regular mail or by FAXing to 517-371-5200.

OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

We keep hearing about problems in our "health care" system: not enough people have coverage, treatment is too costly, etc. I am writing for OLOC—I want to talk about what is going on here.

What if I told you that our "health care" system is working exactly the way it was intended to and, moreover, it is doing that very successfully? I believe this to be true. This is the 24th article I have submitted to *The Reporter*. Ten of those articles, as well as a piece entitled "Hazardous to Your Health," have addressed the system.

"Medicare" or "health care" is no different from any other component of our "New World Order." We talk about "Health Maintenance Organization," "Managed Care," "the Best Health Care System in the World."

This is all part of what Dwight David Eisenhower originally labelled the military-congressional-industrial complex. Chemicals are a big part of the military and pharmaceuticals are a big part of the chemical industry. So whatever you think about the connection between government, oil, and the military, just throw in the pharmaceutical as well. The bottom line here is about money and control.

AMA medicine was politically established in the 1911 Flexner Report (which was started to show that allopathic medical schools had the best curricula). What followed was the exclusion of homeopathy, naturopathy, and chiropractic for almost 70 years. These approaches were not included until it became evident that people were spending some 12 billion dollars a year on these sources—and the "medical establishment" wanted to capture that money.

The main test of allopathic medicine is that treatment should be more powerful than

the disease, sort of a "shock and awe" approach. It was said to be "scientific" (whereas other approaches were based on experience) and science was based on

materialism, which means that all of creation can be analyzed in smaller and smaller units. The new evidence from quantum physics shows us that this is an erroneous definition of science. Hence, this "system" is operating within a false paradigm if it is in fact seeking answers to disease-related questions.

It is true that much information about biology, physiology, and biochemistry has

come about through scientific research and experimentation. One outcome has been identification of tens of thousands of compounds that affect the body's physiology.

These compounds are waiting in a catalogue to be attached to some phenomenon that can be marketed. Rather than a philosophy of "if you build it, they will come," there is a philosophy of "if you scare them enough, they will buy."

Pharmaceuticals have been an integral part of the allopathic approach, and as the FDA—mislabelled as the Food and Drug Administration; should be named Federal Drug Administration—was developed, it also developed the criteria for determining what was proof of effectiveness for a drug.

A drug can be called effective if it benefits 51% of those it is tested on. Very little attention is paid to those who are benefitted by placebos (which are irrelevant to the market).

While all this was transpiring, fewer and



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fewer tax dollars went to support research in finding cures for diseases and more and more funding came from the "private" sector—the pharmaceutical and other medically related paraphernalia companies. Researchers are thus funded, and at present some 80% of papers published in the so-called peer-reviewed medical journals are actually written within those companies. The "rationale" is that data so pooled from large numbers of institutions and larger numbers are more relevant. What this really means is that with large numbers one can define a problem and "prove" statistically that the selected approach is beneficial.

I have talked before about relative risk or relative benefit, which is the primary type of evidence used in marketing. That is to say, if 2 out of 1000 persons given a drug show benefit, while only 1 of 1000 placebo persons show benefit, the drug has shown a 50% benefit (1 is 50% of 2). The medical profession is being trained to believe this type of evidence of "relative risk or relative benefit." We have also moved from treating diseases when they occur to treating them before they occur. This is called prevention and is marketed to you and your doctor the same way insurance is marketed.

There is a national committee on almost every disease. These committees are made up of physicians in research who have a vested interest in continuing this funding. Clearly, if they have discovered a new compound, they want to see it come to fruition. They are NOT unbiased. These committees come up with guidelines that include the definition of a disease and the recommendations for treatment, or now, more frequently, its prevention. You will never see them recommending that we clean up the water, stop putting so many chemicals

in food, create decent working conditions and adequate pay so people aren't physically and psychologically stressed to the max.

Drug companies are not in the business of finding cures. If you are not sick, you don't need medicine. It isn't good business to obliterate your market. Moreover, just as Congress is invested in military contracts that benefit certain constituencies by providing jobs, so are they invested in pharmaceuticals and related devices. The pharmaceuticals and related industries lobby Congress heavily to get their new diseases and treatments approved for insurance payment. The markup for medical equipment and drugs is not at all different from what you have been exposed to in the military. Your tax dollars are definitely

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being spent to support research in "medicine"; you just don't have anything to say about what is being researched. In my own state, our financial future (as designed by our Republican governor) lies in biotechnology

companies that manufacture this stuff. It is for the good of the industry to have every citizen on some drug. I am not making this up—you can read this in their publications.

What I am trying to point out to you is that you need to look at the information that is being given to you as "medical fact" with the same discernment that identified misogyny, heterosexism, and a sea of other "isms." Look closely at the facts. Ask questions. Don't be dumbed down. Remember "Our Bodies, Ourselves." This is still Roe v. Wade. Our bodies are being used for profit and even more so now that we are old.

**LOOK AT YOUR LABEL — Does it have a date?
If the date has passed your subscription has expired and money is now due.**

Knock, Knock... Who Wasn't There

The once-a-decade White House Conference on Aging met in chilly Washington, D. C., December 11-15, 2005. This was the fifth WHCoA held but the first which the President of the United States did not attend. Instead, he chose to motor over the Potomac and visit Greenspring Village, an upscale, gated retirement community where he met with a few previously selected residents. There was no great speech but lots of arm-around-seniors photo ops. This snub, according to one *Washington Post* reporter, "galvanized" many of the 1200 possibly hostile delegates who had come from all 50 States and were still smarting from his proposed "privatization" scheme for Social Security.

Previous WHCoAs had produced some of our best policies, such as Medicare and the Older American Act which provides Meals-on-Wheels, homemaker services, transportation to medical appointments and other practical and needed services for seniors. But this Conference was tightly scripted and floor resolutions were blocked. Delegates studied, discussed, and argued about the 73 resolutions presented them by the Policy Committee. Supposedly these resolutions were selected from "Listening Sessions" held around the country earlier in the year. One such five-county session in Western Ohio was attended by nearly 300 people, most of whom were professionals and staffers, and almost all of whom were white females from Senior Citizen Centers and Councils on aging, with little gray hair to be seen.

There was an inordinate focus on "Boomers," that demographic bulge of coming seniors who were described as "not wanting to be known as Seniors and not interested in centers thought to contain only jigsaw puzzles and quilting frames. Boomers want exercise rooms, putting greens, cruises, and fashion shows. Boomers see us current seniors as mired in the thriftiness of the Great Depression, the steadfastness

by Mary Morgan, 80

of World War Two, and the wimpy "brother's keeper" ethics while they are so "hip," better educated, and economically successful. Maybe they won't even get old! The ageism and classism was so thick, you could have cut it with your Social Security card!

But WHCoA delegates in Washington did tackle some real, current concerns, voting overwhelmingly to retain the current Social Security program, and perhaps pulling into it civil service workers and raising the cap so that higher incomes would be subject to withholding.

When one of the top implementation strategies for improving Medicare was offered—to scrap Schedule D, the prescription nightmare now confounding Seniors, and to replace it with a government-run benefit as a part of Medicare that can directly negotiate for lower prescription prices, great cheers arose from the attendees! Reauthorizing the Older American Act, which is now under fiscal attack, ranked as the Number One resolution of the Conference. Transportation needs and long-term care also received strong support.

The Older Women's League convened in The Older Women's caucus to discuss certain "hot topics" to ensure that our voices would be heard. They say, "We know at OWL that the face of aging is a woman's face." You can find their web site at www.owl-national.org.

The "private sector" was showcased in a new feature—a 100,000 square-foot Exhibition Center where Intel, G. E., Honeywell, and other enterprises had huge exhibits of robots, sensors, alarm systems and other electronic gadgets supposedly to help Seniors live independently in their own homes. As with all these conferences, it will be the implementation, not the resolutions, that will tell the tale of success or disappointment with the 2005 WHCoA.

For a complete report, visit the web site at www.whcoa.gov.

Increasing The Visibility of Old Lesbians

The February 14 issue of Advocate, the nation's premiere gay and lesbian news magazine, ran an article entitled 40+ years of Valentine's Day. OLOC was very pleased the article featured our very own Mary Beth Brindley and Evelyn Hall. While the article was not about OLOC per se, it did profile two old Lesbian couples in a strong, positive light. Here is the text from the part of the article about Mary Beth and Evelyn:

It's all about compromise when it comes right down to it. After such a long partnership (March 1 marks 47 years), that's what Evelyn Hall, 67, and Mary Beth Brindley, 66, have figured out. That, and that people really don't change all that much, no matter how hard you try to wrangle, wrestle, and rope them into it.

"That's a life lesson that once I learned it, things got a lot easier," Brindley says. "Once you give up any control of the other person, the relationship will be smoother, but as long as you are doing that, it will have ups and downs. It's all about compromise. But if you think people are going to change, they really aren't. You think maybe they won't snore or maybe they'll stay up later with you, they won't. It took me 15 or 20 years to figure this out."

The two got together soon after they met through a bowling league in 1958 in Memphis, Tenn., at a time when the L word was whispered, if spoken at all and Southern ideals for girls were to get married and have babies. They moved to Fort Worth, TX, in 1959 to flee the pressure of disapproving family members, only to find themselves in a city that felt less than affirming. They spent 37 years in the closet there.

Hall's advice to younger couples: "Go ahead and come out. Go for it. Take advantage of the social groups and support groups that are out there and just go for it."

OLOC Women: Hear them Roar!

Once again, several OLOC women have been making their mark in the media. Here is a bit about what they've been up to:

Ruth Mountaingrove of Arcata, CA, wrote an article that appeared in *Sinister Wisdom*, Issue #65 Autumn 2005. The theme of the issue was Lesbian Mothers and Grandmothers. Ruth's article was titled *On Being a Lesbian Grandmother*. *Sinister Wisdom* is a multi-cultural journal by and for Lesbians. You can get more information or order a copy of that issue at www.sinisterwisdom.org or PO Box 3252, Berkeley CA 94703.

Regina Shaver, founder of the Griot Circle in Brooklyn, NY, received the first ever National Gay and Lesbian Task Force award for her work on aging issues. Griot Circle is an intergenerational and culturally diverse organization that is responsive to the realities of the lives of older Lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, two-spirit and

transgender persons of all colors. While their policies are inclusive, and all are welcome, GRIOT is particularly designed for the cultural and social needs of LGBT Elders of color. Find out more at www.griotcircle.org or go to 30 Third Ave. Room 202, Brooklyn NY 11217.

Mina Meyer of Long Beach, CA, was a recent contributor to *off our backs*, a feminist newsjournal by, for and about women. *Lesbian and Gay Aging: Age, Power and the Professionals*, appeared in the Sept/Oct 05 issue. Based on a paper she presented at the American Society on Aging, Mina writes about the need for professionals who deal with aging issues to make sure the services and programs they develop truly meet the needs of Old Lesbians — not what they, the professionals, want when they get old. To obtain a copy, write to *off our backs* at 2337B 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 or contact www.offourbacks.org.

Creating Change Conference Report *by Shaba Barnes, 70*

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force presented its 18th Annual Conference, "Creating Change," November 9-13 in Oakland, CA. The theme was "Building Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Political Power."

I had heard about the Conference for years. I also witnessed the joy and satisfaction others felt when they returned from this Conference. But being there and sharing the consciousness of over 2,500 people, many supporting issues that we in OLOC face continually, I was rejuvenated and knew that OLOC shall always be a priority in my life. Jan and I presented a workshop on Opening Day and had a caucus for Old Lesbians the following day.

Although we both thought the room was an adequate size with perhaps too many chairs, we were soon proved wrong when the room began to swell with people and we ran out of seating space! The title of our workshop was "Challenging Ageism As A Strategy To Divide And Conquer."

In addition to Old Lesbians, there were a few women who headed Senior centers and a couple of old men who were there to learn more about ageism. All were excited to be discussing issues of ageism in a friendly setting.

We had put out emails to lesbians we

knew in the Bay Area to meet for lunch prior to the Caucus. I was thrilled and excited to see Kate Rosenblatt, one of the founders of OLOC, as well as to meet new and many old friends. We were even successful in recruiting some new OLOC members on the spot.

I was awed by the way the activities were organized. There was something for everyone, on into the night. Its diversity was phenomenal and structured so it was easy to follow and attend workshops of interest to us without missing any. Jan and I split up to attend different workshops that were of interest to each of us.

I cannot leave out the Elder Hospitality Room. It was open and staffed until 9 p.m. each evening. There were drinks, sandwiches, desserts, along with lots of networking, sharing, and relaxing. I have since received correspondence from Sue Hyde, the Director of Creating Change, thanking us for our participation for the sessions led by Jan and me.

Will I go again? You bet I will! This is an experience I recommend to anyone who wants to feel a part of the powerful nationwide LGBT Movement. The next Creating Change Conference is November 8-12 in Kansas City.

Local OLOC Group Contact List

OLOC would love to have regional groups form all over the country! If you're interested in helping form a group, email us at info@oloc.org or write or call Jan in Athens, OH (see page 9).

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In Memory of Elizabeth Freeman

Elizabeth Freeman, 86, died peacefully on January 11, 2006, in Chapel Hill, NC. Born September 4, 1919 in Binghamton, NY, she was named for her aunt, Elizabeth Freeman, a noted suffragist, civil rights worker and pacifist. She was a graduate of Cortland University and earned a master's degree at NYU. She volunteered for the Women's Army Corps, and after the war taught at Paramus High School in New Jersey.

Her life changed dramatically when she retired to Wolf Creek, OR, where her nephew and his partner built her a house. She embraced women's, lesbian and environmental causes, notably the Oregon Women's Land Trust and is well remembered by many lesbians for her work and devotion to the Land Trust.

In the 1980s, Elizabeth and Elaine Mikels' nephew, Carl Wittman, and his partner, Alan Troxler, moved to Durham, NC, where they were active in the gay and lesbian community. A national spokeswoman on the problem of housing for the elderly, Elizabeth created the Molly Hare Cooperative, an apartment building in Durham owned by its residents. She also founded Crone's Own Press and published volumes of older women's writings. After suffering a debilitating illness, she lived with Mab Segrest, Barb Culbertson, and their daughter Annie, and later moved to Carolina House in Chapel Hill.

She is survived by three nieces and one nephew, a sister, Ruth Freeman, and an adopted nephew.

**Contributed by Margaret Johnson (Peg)
Binghamton, New York**

In Memory of DJ Shelley

On September 8, 2005, we lost Dorothy J. Shelley. At her death of lung cancer at age 81, in Washington, she was already a survivor of two bouts with breast cancer, bladder cancer, and a heart attack. Yet, in the week before her passing, she was using her 24" chain saw and driving the car.

Everyone who knew her remarked on her selflessness, kindness and hard work for others. She valued her friendships. A memorial article noted her remark that friendships were the

"real gold that she found with her involvement in the organization."

Shelley, as everyone knew her, had a forty-year career with Boeing and was the first woman factory supervisor there. She and Val Valentine, her partner of 32 years, worked hard on their "Empire at the base of Mt. Rainier." Val says "we fished, gold prospect-

ed, traveled, cut our own firewood and built as much of our retirement home ourselves as we could," enjoying it just as much as they did their many other interests. Val even once won a free dinner recounting a tall tale about Shelley's fishing prowess.

Shelley was a member and had been chapter librarian for NAMA, the North American Miner's Association, in connection with her interest in gold mining. At her death, an issue of *The NAMA Nugget* was dedicated to her. She and Val had indulged this fascination from California to Alaska, and the memorial article recalled her stories of these travels.

As Val says, "she was a great lady and a lot of fun to be with."

**Excerpted from information sent to us by
Val Valentine.**

***Tell the people you
love that you love them
at every opportunity.
Remember, life is not
measured by the number
of breaths we take, but
by the moments that take
our breath away.***

OLOC in OHIO

OLOC in Ohio is growing every month and taking shape fast! We meet every other month for 4 hours in public libraries in the center of the state. We potluck, share experiences and news, and rotating chairpersons moderate a topical conversation. Energetic volunteers have accepted responsibility for various projects, such as placing notices about our meetings in LGBT and alternative newsletters around the state. We are in the process of establishing our own resource list of persons among us able to provide skills, talents, time and care for those of us who might be in need (tax advice, therapies, rides, home visits, for example).

Planned topics for 2006 are: March 4: healthcare decisions and information about a Colorado project dealing with the invisibility of the elderly. May 6: Ageism and how to respond when we experience it.

July: a fun outing at the lake cottage of one of our members. August 17-20, the OLOC National Gathering in Durham, NC, of course! (many of us will be carpooling). September: images of aging, end-of-life and long-life issues, as well as ways to build and sustain wonderful lesbian support networks as we age.

For more information, contact Sally Tatnall in Cleveland (216-932-0977) or Adrienne Edwards in Columbus (614-579-6021).

Contributed by Adrienne Edwards

Please Note: The change in the deadline for articles and news for the June issue of the Reporter. We had to move it up a bit — so don't procrastinate too long or you might be left out!

OLOC Statement of Purpose

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC) is a national organization of Lesbians 60 and over. We are committed to networking with Old Lesbians everywhere in order to:

- confront ageism within our own and larger community.
- explore who we are and name our oppression.
- analyze our experience of ageism which has been so little defined.
- develop and disseminate educational material.
- facilitate formation of new groups and refocusing of old groups to confront ageism.
- make our presence a visible force in the women's movement.

We want to celebrate our differences and affirm the diversity of our races, our ethnicities, our class backgrounds, our herstories, and our present lives.

Women-Friendly Greeting Cards!

A Dozen Designs Color and B&W

Some Blank; others with a message. All with white envelopes.

For a flyer describing all the cards and an order form —

**Call Annalee @ 612-724-6541
or email her at stewie4@mac.com**

Cards produced and sold by MN OLOC

In Memory of Founders and Supporters *by Shaba Barnes, 70*

OLOC has created a memorial to dedicated visionaries who have given contributions of time, energy, creativity and/or money to found a lasting method of monitoring and erasing ageism. We honor the women who are gone with these plaques.

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change

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| <i>Shevy Healy</i> | <i>Barbara MacDonald</i> | <i>Barbara Pyle</i> |
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| <i>Pat Denslow</i> | <i>Baba Copper</i> | <i>Muriel Fisher</i> |
| <i>Marge Green</i> | <i>Marilyn Murphy</i> | <i>DJ Shelley</i> |

The above is how the plaque is designed. The plaque is of cherry with individually engraved black plates mounted on it and gold trim. Our logo, the wording, and the names are all engraved in gold. The best way to see the memorial is on display at the 2006 National Gathering in Durham, NC, as you share in the Legacy of the Sisters who have gone but are not forgotten.

Can you think of a name that belongs on this plaque? All it takes is a small donation (suggested amount: \$20). Notify us to have the woman's name put on the plaque. Send us at least one paragraph telling us about her life. The plaque contains 24 plates for 24 names. At present, three are blank and available. Another plaque will be started when necessary.

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OLOC Subscriber/Supporter Application

Lesbians 60 and over: We urge you to subscribe to the *OLOC Reporter* as an expression of your commitment to be with old lesbians in your own area, working to confront ageism. If no such group exists, become an OLOC Contact Woman and work with a mentor to start a local group. If you are not yet 60, we welcome you as a Supporter. By giving OLOC your generous financial contribution you can show your commitment and support for challenging ageism.

Please check all that apply:

_____ YES, I am 60 or over and wish to subscribe (or renew) my current subscription to the *OLOC Reporter*. \$25 to \$50 for a one-year subscription.

_____ YES, I want to receive *The Reporter* but I can contribute only \$ _____.

_____ YES, I want to become an OLOC Contact Woman and work with a mentor to organize a local group.

_____ YES, I am not yet 60 but I want to be a Supporter. Enclosed is \$30 to \$60 for a one-year subscription to *The Reporter*.

_____ YES, I want to keep OLOC alive and strong. Please accept my tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ or my pledge of \$ _____ / month.

_____ YES, I want to purchase the *Travel Directory*. Enclosed is \$3 for costs.

_____ YES, I want my name to be included in the *Travel Directory*.

_____ YES, I'd like to give a \$20 gift subscription to the name(s) listed below.

_____ YES, Please send a sample issue of *The Reporter* to the name(s) listed below.

OLOC Endowment

An additional way to help OLOC grow is through the OLOC Endowment. It was created to receive bequests from OLOC Subscribers and Supporters. The bequest can be an outright gift listed in a will or a percentage of assets. If you are interested and would like additional information, please send for a copy of the OLOC Endowment Fund Brochure.

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