

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
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**OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE RECORDS**

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**Introduction**

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The Violence Committee studies methods to end the cycle of violence in the lives of older women in the St. Louis area who are victims of domestic violence. The Health Care Committee advocates for health care reforms at the State and National levels. The OWL Gateway Chapter was influential in the passage of durable power of attorney for health care legislation and the continuation of health care benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) law. In 1995 OWL members testified for the breast cancer insurance reform bill in both houses, the osteoporosis education and prevention bill, and the Missouri Health Assurance bill. The Committee supports collaborative citizen actions and keeps the membership and general public current concerning health through its newsletter, meetings, and a Speaker's Bureau. The Bureau has presented information groups of retirees, senior citizens, and families of disabled patients.

The Housing Committee advocates affordable, safe shared housing arrangements in the state of Missouri providing legislative testimony to change crippling laws. The highly recognized Mid-life Divorce Support Group offers peer support and information to women experiencing divorce after 20 or more years of marriage. The group of 15-20 women meets weekly and has served more than 200 women adjusting to divorce. Several are counselors who refer their clients to the support group.

The troupe of members performs 'Courageous Women in History,' a skit developed by the Gateway Chapter depicting outstanding women, including Susan B. Anthony, Eleanor

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Roosevelt, and Margaret Sanger. In the past, this educational project has performed for teacher's organizations, conventions, and social groups.

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