

# What is OWL ?

Founded in 1980, OWL is the only national grassroots membership organization that focuses exclusively on issues unique to women as they age. OWL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that conducts research, education, and advocacy activities to improve the status and quality of life of midlife and older women.

As grassroots advocates, we work together to improve women's access to high-quality, affordable health care; to ensure that all women have the tools necessary to build personal economic security; and to advocate for the right of all people to maintain control of decisions affecting their well-being through the end of life.



## OWL'S AGENDA

OWL is dedicated to improving the status and quality of life of midlife and older women.

Our educational and advocacy activities seek to promote the following:

### HEALTH

- A universal, affordable, and accessible health care system to provide quality physical and mental health care.
- Long-term care that respectfully meets women's needs

### ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Preservation of the social-insurance principles of Social Security
- Better pension for women
- Laws barring discrimination based on age, gender, race, sexual orientation, creed, disability, and national origin
- An adequate, equitable wage for women
- Compensation for caregiving, including Social Security and tax credits

### QUALITY OF LIFE

- Safe, accessible, nondiscriminatory and affordable housing
- Public transportation that meets the needs of older persons
- The elimination of exploitation and abuse of older women
- The right of all persons to remain in control of decisions throughout their lives
- Respectful, accurate, and diverse images of midlife and older women in the media

## CHANGING LIVES

Through groundbreaking reports and studies, testimony before state and national legislature, national grassroots campaigns, powerful public education programs, and coalition work with other organizations, OWL is demonstrating that midlife and older women's needs are the *needs of a caring, just society*. By speaking out and acting on their own behalf, OWL members are making important and lasting improvements in midlife and older women's lives.



*No matter your age, join us!*

Make a difference in the lives of  
midlife and older women—

*Join OWL today!*

Eastern Mass OWL has a sliding dues structure in order to provide membership for all, regardless of income. We send a portion of your dues to national OWL.

Your contribution level is a personal decision. Dues do not cover the expenses of the organization, therefore any additional contribution is appreciated. Local and National OWL thanks you for your generosity.

Please make all checks payable to:

**Eastern Mass OWL**

All contributions to OWL are tax deductible.

**OWL Dues: \$5.00 - \$50.00**

*My Dues:*

*Additional Support for OWL:*

*Total:*

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone Number:**

**E-mail Address:**

## Members Receive:

- Eastern MA OWL Electronic Newsletter
- Local programs available throughout the year which educate and connect with like minded women
- The OWL Observer, a newsletter published throughout the year with the latest on National OWL's work and other important news.
- Access to Powerline, OWL's toll-free, 24-hour national issues update
- Frequent updates on OWL activities and state and national public policy issues through our e-mail Action Alert Network
- Free copies of OWL Reports upon request

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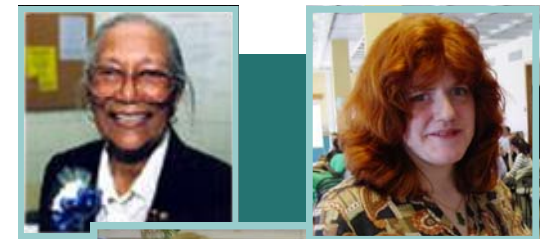
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## *Eastern Massachusetts Chapter*



THE VOICE OF MIDLIFE AND OLDER WOMEN