

Gray Panthers was honored to be a member of the Leadership Committee for the January 20, 2018 Women's March in NYC. Once again, this year's Women's March marks an important and visible reflection of the power of women of all ages, and their allies. As marchers, Gray Panthers is proud to have been among the first contingents of the parade. We were represented by more than 40 members – a substantial presence. More than 200,000 women, along with their allies, marched down Central Park West and Sixth Avenue to demonstrate that their voices must be heard; that active participation in the political process and following their passions is critical in today's world. We are here to show that the veil of invisibility must be lifted, so that the gifts and talents of older women (and their allies) can continue to make positive contributions.

Here are a few comments from Gray Panthers marchers.

Lee: Buoyed by all the spirit and voices of women around me, determined to March with canes, in wheel chairs, rickety and wobbly but MARCHING. Saw Yoko Ono being buoyed by her friends on each side. She was determined, like all of us, to show up. Not beautiful, not lithe and young but WOMEN who care about quality of life for all. So we get old with a little help from our friends. Thank you Gray Panthers for holding a space for us. Otherwise I couldn't participate.

Nydia: The weather was made to order and it was another remarkable New York City day of solidarity among people of all ages. A display of caring enough to demand what is most important in life: the opportunity to live and work together for a common goal of justice and peace with empathy.

Sally: My fellow marchers who went with the Gray Panthers and I really appreciated the work you did connecting with the Disability Caucus. Getting into the march was hassle-free and it was wonderful being so close to the inspiring, moving speakers!

Barbara: I was heartened by the number of people under forty who were marching. They're necessary if our work will continue to live on.