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Honoring Our Founders Through Service

January is a special time of year for so many reasons. Those of you living in warmer climates may shudder as you read this but I love to look out my windows early in the morning to see our occasional fresh snow with animals' paw prints showing the paths they've traveled. It's a beautiful scene and one that inevitably leads me to think about what lies ahead—not just for me personally, but also for P.E.O.

On January 21 we will celebrate our 145th anniversary as a sisterhood whose members share an incomparable fellowship and who, throughout the years, have provided immeasurable support for women around the world. Do you know that January 21 is also "Wear Your Pin Day"? I hope you'll join members throughout the United States and Canada as we honor our Founders and celebrate this anniversary by proudly wearing our P.E.O. emblems on Founders' Day.

This time of year also has special significance for P.E.O. because this is when our local chapter nominating committees begin to consider which members will be their leaders for the upcoming fiscal year. Accepting service to your chapter is one of the greatest ways to honor our Founders while supporting the health of your chapter. Our sisterhood has become what it is today because of the leadership exemplified by our Founders and by the thousands of members who have given their service over the years.

While reviewing some historical files, I came upon this message Franc Roads Elliott sent to the 1924 state conventions, which I believe puts into perspective the value of service to our chapters.

"In the past, through frequent and happy communion I have had with P.E.O. members, I have learned to know the honesty of purpose invariably shown, the far-seeing visions, the unselfishness, and **the knowledge that service is the thing that counts most in human relationships.** With this happy realization, my faith knows no bounds as to the fulfillment of whatever you undertake. As I write I am filled with joy and faith that only good things will come from your meetings, that because of what you will have said and done the world will be a better world and men and women will be happier."

Perhaps these words from Franc will inspire you to say "Yes!" when the nominating committee honors you by asking you to serve as an officer. Accepting this commitment will give you an enriching experience as your knowledge of P.E.O. grows and as you develop tighter bonds of friendship by working more closely with fellow officers and chapter members. Fulfilling this commitment is made easier by referencing the wealth of P.E.O. resources available for guidance and instructions for each office.

I always marvel at what we have become given that it all started from a friendship seven young women shared. But it took more than their friendship for our sisterhood to evolve to the organization we are today—it took leaders who were willing to give of their time, talent and vision. That's what our Founders offered in 1869. That's what you can offer in 2014.

As you know, I've asked all members to use the "Power of 1" to identify at least "1" action to help us Reach New Heights in membership and in support for our philanthropic projects each year of this biennium. Honoring our Founders by serving as an officer could be your "1" for this year. I hope you'll give it serious consideration.

So...What is your "1"?



Maria T. Baseggio,
President, International Chapter



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promoting educational opportunities for women. Our sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies that include Cottey College, a women's college with two- and selected four-year programs, and five programs that provide higher educational assistance: P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, P.E.O. Scholar Awards and P.E.O. STAR Scholarship. P.E.O. is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa.



P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund

Educational Loan Fund (ELF) is a revolving loan fund established in 1907 to lend money to qualified women students to assist them in securing a higher education.



P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (IPS) Fund was established in 1949 to provide scholarships for international women students to pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada.



P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education

P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the United States and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families.



P.E.O. Scholar Awards

P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA) was established in 1991 to provide substantial merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university.



P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the United States or Canada in the next academic year.



Cottey College

Cottey College is a fully-accredited private residential liberal arts and sciences college for women in Nevada, Missouri, with two-year and selected four-year programs. It has been owned and supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1927.

Individual donors may make tax-deductible gifts to the above mentioned projects or through the P.E.O. Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the project or the P.E.O. Foundation and sent directly to the P.E.O. Executive Office. Donations may also be made online through the website peointernational.org. Look for the "Giving Opportunities" link on the home page.

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P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

For more information visit the website peointernational.org. A reprint of this page is available on the website under PROJECTS/PHILANTHROPIES.

Happy to be Active P.E.O. Again

I've been a member of P.E.O. since 1975; I was an officer for years but have been in a P.E.O. desert for awhile. Due to distances and night meetings I didn't attend much, if at all. However, through serendipity, a lovely lady moved to my area from out of state and at a church event I realized she was a P.E.O. She was already an active member in her new chapter and asked me to come to a meeting. All of the meetings are during the day and after a transfer, I attend everything. Only now do I realize how much I missed being a participating sister. I am so happy to be active in a chapter again, I just had to share my story.

*Barbara Pedersen, KB,
Saint Charles, Illinois*

Traces of P.E.O. History Discovered in Old Home

My husband and I recently bought a house in Fort Collins, Colorado, and have been renovating it in anticipation of retiring there in a few years. The house was built in 1890 and certainly needed some upgrading. During the demolition, workmen came across a small stash of old letters, photos and documents and they saved them for us. The first item I came across was a Christmas letter. It is not dated but is obviously quite old. The first sentence reads, "It seems quite a long time since I have seen you. I see your name in the paper quite often. I am still hoping to be in Collins some time and attend P.E.O. or Past Matrons or Shakespeare Club or an Episcopal Guild meeting just to meet old friends again." I found the mention of P.E.O. interesting but didn't think much more about it.

On my next visit, I found the second two documents which pleased me even more—a June 1913 P.E.O. Record that contains a mailing label on the front addressed to Mrs. Carrie McCormick,

a former resident of the home we now own in Fort Collins and a document that mentions Chapter G, Fort Collins, Colorado. I have enjoyed reading the old P.E.O. Record—how the writing style and topics differ from today's P.E.O. Record! And although the photograph is not labeled, I think the picture may be of Carrie McCormick as census records seem to link her to Iowa where the photography studio existed. I plan to do some additional internet research to learn more definitively. I certainly am looking forward to learning what I can about Chapter G, Fort Collins, Colorado, in the years to come.

Carol Goettl, BQ, Decatur, Georgia



This photo was found during the renovation of Carol Goettl's house in Fort Collins, Colorado. Carol believes the photo, from around 1913, is of a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Carrie McCormick.

BIL Impressed with International Convention

I had the privilege of attending the 71st Convention of International Chapter as a guest of my wife, Margaret, a 48-year P.E.O. in Chapter CC, Greene, Iowa.

I was most impressed with the opening ceremonies and projects program and hearing the recipients of various P.E.O. monetary awards relate their compelling stories. As I listened to these ladies I thought how wonderful it would be if all P.E.O. members could attend an International Convention to more fully learn and appreciate the basic philosophy and purpose of P.E.O. to further education which was the founding and continuing principle of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The seven founding members of P.E.O. would be so very proud of today's organization.

*Les Johnson, BIL,
Greene, Iowa*

Thanks to Nurse Annie

Having a wheelchair-bound, health-challenged husband, I doubted that I would ever use the P.E.O. Bed & Breakfast listings. However, four years ago our son married our wonderful daughter-in-law in San Diego and I needed some help finding a suitable caregiver for my husband during the wedding weekend festivities. By pure chance, I chose to call the B&B hostess of Chapter BR, San Diego, California, Annemarie Sprinkle, to see if (perhaps as a nurse) she might know of an appropriate agency that I could contact. Nurse Annie is retired, but told me she would research agencies for me and mail me needed information. She went over and above in getting me the right information and I hired someone from the agency she told me about. I am so grateful and only regret that it has taken me so long to publicly thank P.E.O. sister Nurse Annie.

*Joan Leeney, Chapter KK-NI
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Leadership Team 2013-2015



Members of the executive board, boards of trustees, standing committees and standing appointments attending the November 7-10, 2013, Leadership Team Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa:

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Message from the Editor

by Becky Frazier, Editor, *The P.E.O. Record*

I hope you all enjoy reading this issue of *The Record* as much as we enjoyed putting it together. There are lots of great features inside including two stories about P.E.O.s who have special bonds with working dogs, a profile of a P.E.O. who handled top secret material for the Joint Chiefs of Staff during World War II and an article about a P.E.O. chapter in North



Carolina that worked together to reach out and make a difference in their community.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood was founded 145 years ago this year. On January 21 we celebrate Founders' Day—a time to look back at our long illustrious history and marvel at how far we've come as an organization. Turn to page 12 to read a fascinating article by P.E.O. historian Joyce Perkins about how P.E.O.'s image has remained powerful and our influence has reached into society through the years.

Have you ever considered submitting an article to *The P.E.O.*

Record? Have you or someone in your chapter accomplished something extraordinary? Do you know a P.E.O. with unique interests or hobbies or an especially unusual or noteworthy occupation? Do you have exceptional examples of how P.E.O. has positively affected your life or the lives of others? We want to hear about it! Submitting information to *The Record* is easy! Turn to page 24 in this issue for complete submission guidelines. Not a writer? No problem! Even story ideas are welcome.

Thanks for reading and Happy New Year! 🌸

The International Website Provides Tools for P.E.O.s

Need a quick idea for a program? Trying to complete your annual reports? Wondering what's new at P.E.O.? Want to find a B&B for vacation? Need some help with a post-initiation consultation? Wondering when and where the next Convention of International Chapter will be? Would you like to order some new P.E.O. jewelry?

You can find answers to these and many other questions on the P.E.O. International members' website, peointernational.org. What's more, you can read past issues of *The Record* online too!



At peointernational.org, you will find tools to use and information about topics including:

- Our six philanthropies
- The P.E.O. Foundation
- How to nominate prospective recipient candidates
- Online ordering of P.E.O. jewelry
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- Guides about how to work with the media
- Ideas to promote P.E.O.
- Software to create and print local chapter yearbooks
- Access to state and chapter websites



A Pathway to Higher Education in Stained Glass

by Albert Leffler, Guest Editor, The P.E.O. Record



Most of us can undoubtedly recall things we have seen in stained glass, whether windows large or small or art pieces of an infinite variety. Raw materials yielding to chemistry and physics and shaped by the force of a creative imagination can result in works of beauty that endure and inspire for centuries. While the combination of color, shape, texture and form can often stand alone, it is the expression of a story or theme through stained glass that makes the art form so special.

Imagine then, a small work in stained glass that wonderfully

tells an important part of the story of P.E.O.

I recently received a note and photograph from Joan Stecker, a charter member of Chapter BT, Brevard, North Carolina, describing a work in stained glass created by her BIL Joe. Joan explained that the program for one of her chapter meetings was called "Off the Shelf" and she was looking around their home for something "on the shelf" she could talk about. Fortunately, a shelf in their dining room held a work in stained glass created

by her husband Joe that would be the perfect contribution.

During Joan's presentation she explained that several years before, Joe had worked with stained glass for a few months with one of his projects making it "to the shelf." Joan provided some interesting background: she became a P.E.O. in 1957 and married Joe in 1972. Through the years Joe picked up The P.E.O. Record many times at their local post office. He was well aware of the "education for women" as the main goal of P.E.O. In working with stained glass, Joe came up with the idea of "climbing a path through

a woods and up a hill where it then arrived at a beautiful spot in life, i.e., a student working her way up through college and achieving her goal."

Joe also viewed the stained glass piece as "an expression of growing up in awareness of the beauty of life and what was possible to achieve—this piece expresses what life has to offer if you follow your dreams."

The title of Joe's artwork is "Pathway to Higher Education" and I think it wonderfully captures a crucial theme: of the many journeys that women pursuing education take; their paths are almost never straight but inevitably climb upward to the light if they follow their dreams. How wonderful to have P.E.O. philanthropies help so many dreams come true. 🌸



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P.E.O.'s Therapy Dogs Organization Heals Hearts

by Cindy Wanek, CM, Crete, Nebraska



Gale easily shifts gears between her service dog work with Mysti and her service to P.E.O. as Chapter CM, Crete, Nebraska, PCE and ELF chair. She came by her passion for P.E.O. through a close family connection. Gale's mother-in-law, Rowena Miller, was a 73-year member of Chapter CM before her death last year.

Gale Lothrop, CM, Crete, Nebraska, is the best friend (and sister) any woman could ever have. As my P.E.O. sister, she helped me apply for and receive a \$3,000 PCE grant to go back to school for a career change into nursing after I had turned 50 in a painfully tight job market. I completed my schooling and was quickly employed. What a pleasure now to be a nurse greeting Gale in my nursing home setting accompanied by "man's best friend"—her therapy dog Mysti.

Even though Gale's P.E.O. compassion is for women only, her Healing Heart Therapy Dogs organization is for everyone—wherever there is a need. Gale has been a part of canine crisis response teams at the Virginia Tech

and Illinois University shooting tragedies and at Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. She has received national publicity, yet local service remains her passion. Gale knows that the presence of a dog in any situation, anywhere, can make a huge difference in how a person feels. Nurses know it too—the effortless act of petting a dog can provide unsurpassed comfort that no words can offer.

Gale began her therapy dog work more than 10 years ago with her dog Mysti, a Belgian Tervuren. In 2004, Gale co-founded an all-volunteer organization, Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, Inc.®, to visit schools, libraries and nursing homes. Today the organization has 50 trained members with dogs who provide more than 5,000 volunteer hours a year in hospitals, retirement centers, hospice programs, mental

health programs, schools, children's museums and any place that desires the benefits and positive impact of a dog.

One of Gale's volunteers is Chapter CM sister Nanci Kyhn, who never fails to tear up when recalling her remarkable visit with a seven-year-old boy who was hospitalized after a stroke. The child was depressed and had not spoken to anyone. Nanci's dog, Miss T, a yellow lab, after being placed on the bed, laid her paw on the boy and waited patiently. Finally, the child rolled over, smiled, reached out and spoke to Miss T. Everyone in the room was overjoyed and amazed to witness the power these dogs have to touch lives in a way no one else can.

In addition to therapy dog visits, Healing Heart Dogs is part of the national R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dogs®) program with



Service dogs like Mysti love their work—including this library visit—but with work comes stress. To lessen stress, promote calmness and maintain optimal health, Gale utilizes animal acupressure. She began studying small animal acupressure in 2012 at the Tallgrass Animal Acupressure Institute of Larkspur, Colorado. She became certified in August 2013.



Nanci Kyhn (center) is a Chapter CM sister and covolunteer through R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dogs®) program with Intermountain Therapy Animals. Nanci is pictured here with her dog, Miss T, interacting with children and staff at the local library.

Intermountain Therapy Animals. In this program, dogs provide a completely nonjudgmental environment for children who are learning to read. Sometimes kids dread reading in front of friends, teachers and parents and often “freeze up.” When reading to a dog, they start to relax and begin to enjoy the experience of reading—often for the first time in their lives.

Librarian Lisa Olivigni has witnessed the power of dogs in the Crete Public Library in Gale’s hometown of Crete, Nebraska. She recalled, “We had a first grader who hated to read but loved dogs. Even so, when the day came for her to attend the program, she hid under her bed and threw a tantrum before her mother finally got her to the library 15 minutes late. During the child’s four sessions, she

became comfortable reading out loud as she bonded with her assigned canine buddy. She even began coming to the library with her older sister to borrow books. Both the mother and daughter were very happy with the program.”

Gale and her Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, Inc.® volunteers have seen firsthand the difference a dog can make: to the woman who just lost her son to suicide; to the family whose home was blown away in a tornado; to the Alzheimer’s patient in the nursing home who speaks for the first time in three months to a dog; to the child who is finally able to read at grade level; or to the bewildered nursing home resident who had to give up his beloved farm dog. Gale sums it up as “Healing hearts—one at a time...that’s our name and our mission.” 🌸



Healing Heart Therapy Dogs is a loving outreach to all who need a little unconditional love from a trained human/canine team.



Jill Jensen and her service dog Linden (center) at a meeting of Jill's P.E.O. chapter, Z, Cheyenne, Wyoming

My Service Dog Tale

by Jill Jensen, Z, Cheyenne, Wyoming



On a warm fall day in early October our family went to Estes Park to attend the Scottish-Irish Festival. We set out to explore the fairgrounds full of festivities; my love for dogs led us to the Exhibition of British Isles Working Dogs. Being partial to Labrador retrievers, that was the first booth where we stopped. This was no ordinary booth with hunting labs, but a booth of working labs that helped individuals with physical disabilities, the hearing impaired and the blind.

I had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 16 years prior to this. Those working at the booth encouraged me to apply for a service dog. I didn't think I would qualify because I could still walk but used a manual wheelchair for long distances. Nine months later, I found myself in Kansas training to work with a yellow lab service dog named Yankee. The trainer, Michelle

Woerner, taught Yankee to pull me in my wheelchair, brace me while walking and going up and down stairs, picking up items that I had dropped and closing and opening doors. For two weeks I worked with Michelle and Yankee and learned to give the correct commands.

Assistance Dogs International certified Yankee and me as a working team. I was given a booklet of laws in all 50 states concerning service, guide and hearing dogs. The laws allow access and protection of service dogs at state and federal levels. Much to my dismay there were only two states that did not have any protection laws—Wyoming was one of them. Not one to sit on my laurels I contacted my state legislator Pete Illoway. Together we worked on a bill which became the Assistance Dog Protection Law. The bill was passed in both the House and the Senate before Governor David Freudenthal signed it into law. The

law makes it a crime to injure or kill a service dog.

Yankee and I had a wonderful team partnership lasting 11 years. He was one week shy of turning 14 when I had to put him down. He tried to work for me up until that last day. That's what I call devotion! Every summer Yankee and I would go back to Kansas for a refresher and to meet other teams. One year, Michelle suggested that I start thinking about a successor dog because of Yankee's age. Six months later along came Linden. Now I had two service dogs wanting to work for me. It was a bit of a challenge at first but the three of us were able to work it out.

Two years ago Michelle wanted to start a nonprofit assistance dog training facility of her own. My husband Bob and I suggested she do it in Cheyenne. The rest is history. Michelle and her family moved from Kansas to Cheyenne. We applied for and received a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. A board was

developed, and K9s 4 Mobility, Inc. was born! We will have been in existence two years in March of 2014. Since its inception, we have been busy with fundraising and grant writing. On November 1 we began building a training facility. We have placed four teams and currently have two more dogs in formal training with more puppies on the way and a growing waiting list of individuals wanting an assistance dog. 🌸



Jill and Linden



Linden gets dog treats from a P.E.O. sister

Honoring a Canine Companion

by Kay Jessen, Z, Cheyenne, Wyoming



Chapter Z, Cheyenne, Wyoming, had a unique meeting in November. Linden, Jill Jensen's service dog, was honored by our chapter with treats and a special daisy collar. He was not too thrilled with the daisy collar being placed on him while he was working but finally settled down and enjoyed the attention.

Jill, who joined Chapter Z in 2011, suffers from multiple sclerosis. She is bright and her mind still sharp; with the help of her assistance dog Linden, she has continued to be a productive member of the community. Last year she worked with Wyoming legislators to develop and pass an Assistance Dog Protection law. She was also instrumental in getting 501(c)(3) status for the nonprofit organization K9s 4 Mobility. Jill took lemons and made lemonade out of her dreadful condition.

Jill has a van with a slide-out ramp which she uses to come to meetings. Linden follows after her and helps with securing her vehicle. Linden attends P.E.O. meetings and has a habit of groaning toward the end, which is our signal it is about time to go.

At our meeting, dog trainer Michelle Woerner presented an informative program about how they find the dogs for the K9s 4 Mobility program—many come from shelters—and about the physical demands on the dogs and what kind of personality they look for in assistance dogs.

Following Jill and Michelle's presentation, lunch was served—hot dogs with puppy chow for dessert. Dog treats were served to our special canine guests. Everyone had a great time. It was heartwarming and wonderful for ladies to see that disease does not rob you of being productive.

P.E.O. is in Good Company and Continues to Make a Difference

by Joyce Perkins, Historian

As we reflect on our Founders in January, think of the impact they had through P.E.O. on so many lives. These women, helped by loans/scholarships/grants/Cottey College, would never have known about the organization had it not been for our financial help.

Our image remains powerful. To keep it that way, we need to continue to be visible to the world. Recently two books were published by women who are not P.E.O.s but who speak of the history and influence P.E.O. brings.

Jo Kline Cebuhar, an attorney and entrepreneur, was asked by a friend to do a program at her chapter on her book "So Grows the Tree: Creating an Ethical Will." The book addresses the legacy of beliefs and values, life lessons and hopes for the future. A member attending the program was so impressed, Jo was asked to do a joint Founders' Day program for several chapters.

Although she had lived in Des Moines for many years, Jo knew little about P.E.O. In researching the organization, she became impressed with the organization and her mind started spinning as she began planning her next book...one on value-inspired philanthropies. She felt "The most important legacy to receive and provide cannot be measured in dollars and cents: it's the sharing of values and life lessons." After researching several companies/organizations she knew she wanted to include P.E.O. and worked to weave the stories that impressed her into an EBook, "Whose big idea was that?"

Guided by the Glow of a Five-Pointed Star is the title of P.E.O.'s story in "Whose big idea was that?":

"It was an exhilarating time of social reform, just four years after the end of the Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln. The deadliest conflict in our nation's history had touched these girls' families and their classmates, breaking hearts

and stealing youthful innocence. As one of their friends, Alice Bird, had reflected, 'It was the age of vision and reconstruction, not only along national lines, but reconstruction of thought, minds, and souls.'"

She includes the story of our Objects and Aims and tells "How little they have changed since 1869 with philanthropy still the society's definitive goal. Early on, chapters completed hundreds of projects for libraries, homes for the needy and aged, hospitals, cemeteries and parks. P.E.O. members provided aid for flood, famine and cyclone victims and visible support during World War I when they bought more than \$4,500,000 in Liberty Bonds and Savings Stamps (that's \$59,690,809 in 2012 dollars), contributed more than \$130,000 to the Red Cross and adopted 416 French and Belgian orphans."

Jo ends the section on P.E.O. by stating that the mission of P.E.O. International is an affirmation of its Founders' values: affection, altruism,

benevolence, camaraderie, community, compassion, cooperation, devotion, education, faith, friendship, fun, generosity, grace, growth, honesty, humor, independence, justice, kindness, knowledge, leadership, love, loyalty, patriotism, purity, self-reliance, self-respect and spirituality.

Wow! From seven young women and their legacy of beliefs, values and life lessons we are given the charge to continue good works through our hopes for the future.

Other organizations in the book include stories of Alois Alzheimer, the doctor who in 1910 diagnosed Alzheimer's disease. There is a section on William Gordon Murray who upon his retirement knew Iowa needed an outdoor museum dedicated to

preserving the history of agriculture. The plan evolved until 1970 when the gates to Living History Farms were open to the public in Urbandale, Iowa. The 500-acre interactive outdoor museum has 110,000-120,000 annual visitors from around the globe.

to help her study for the bar. Ezra agreed but died shortly after. Fortunately for Mary, her ancestors were among Hartford's settlers and she was able to secure a position "reading the law" with a prominent attorney, John Hooker. Mary became

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Another story tells of four women in 1860 in Hartford, Connecticut (Louisa Bushnell, Elizabeth Hammersley, Mary Goodwin and her sister Alice Goodwin) who started the Dashaway

Club. The club disbanded when the Civil War began.

In this story Jo links P.E.O.'s story of Belle Babb, the sister-in-law of Founder Alice Bird Babb who was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1869 and became the first woman to be admitted in the United States.

Belle had graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University in 1866. By an odd coincidence she says, a certain Mary Hall graduated that same year from Wesleyan Academy in the parallel university of Silbraham, Massachusetts.

After 11 years of teaching math Mary asked her brother Ezra, an attorney,

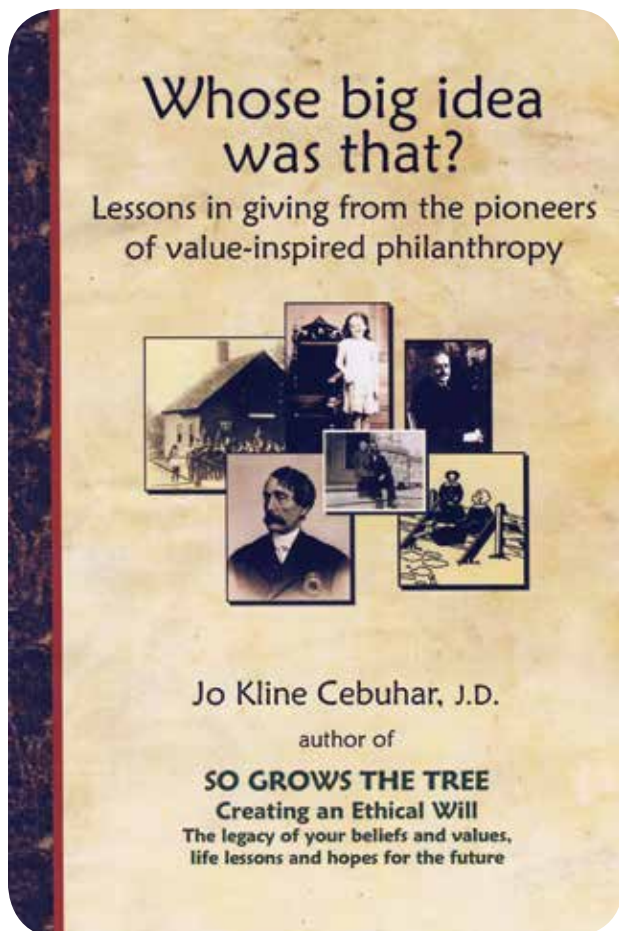
the first woman to be admitted to the Connecticut Bar and Mary Hall became the second woman in the nation to become a licensed attorney in 1882.

Throughout the remainder of her 84 years, Mary used her professional status to advocate for juvenile justice, charitable causes, women's suffrage and temperance but "The Good Will Club was her first priority and her life's work. By 1888 the club owned its own meeting place known as the Good Will Building and the Good Will Club and its predecessor, the Dashaway Club, are acclaimed as the seeds of what became an iconic international association known as Boys Clubs of America."

There is also the story of how in 1866 Henry Bergh was responsible for the beginning of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

And, finally the story of how Etta Angell Wheeler, who was spending the last years of her life bedridden in a tiny third floor tenement, was disturbed after hearing a small child, Mary Smitt, crying out. After pleas to the police and child charities were disregarded she contacted Henry Bergh, founder of ASPCA, for help. Although he was frustrated by failure

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in a similar case, Henry was prompted to help “by his feelings and duties as a humane citizen.”

As Etta Angell Wheeler, Henry Bergh and Elbridge Gerry (Henry’s attorney) discovered in 1874, there were agencies for the protection of animals but not children. On December 15, 1874, the first child protective agency in the world, the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC) was launched and Elbridge Gerry, its first president, secured the passage of a law that gave it and similar agencies the authority to appear in court for the protection of children.

P.E.O. should feel proud to have been chosen to be included with this group of organizations that, while separate, continue to make a difference in the world. We indeed are in good company and should be proud to be included with these others.

Enfys McMurry, of Corydon, Iowa, recently wrote a 750-page history of Appanoose County called “Centerville...A Mid-American Saga.”

This retired college teacher tells about how from 1894 changes were happening in the town and “People wanted to be informed. They wanted cultivated minds. They found it a legitimate ambition. Upstairs, over Miss Oppenheimer’s Millinery Store on the Square’s Eastside in November 1895, the town’s first public library opened. It was known as the ‘Reading Room.’ There were comfortable chairs and tables. Books, periodicals and weekly and daily newspapers were available to all. It was the result of 20 years of work, starting with the publications’ circulating libraries in the 1880s.” She continues by explaining that “In the 1890s two women’s organizations, the Young Women’s Christian Temperance Union and the local chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization

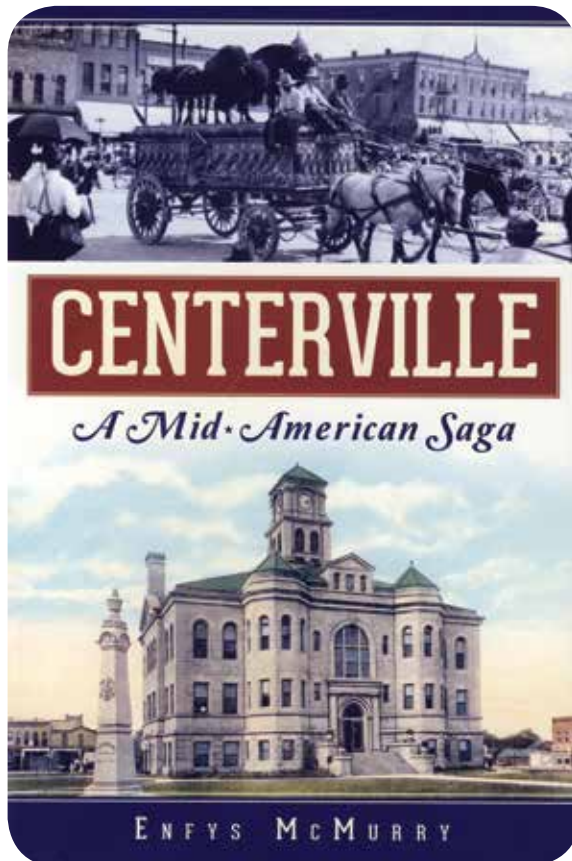
(P.E.O.), took determined action. Their members circulated subscription lists and collected money. They held benefits and receptions with homemade candies and cakes. They held

We indeed have a history of which we can be proud—from the small towns of Iowa—Mount Pleasant in 1869 to Centerville (where the first chapter was organized in

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entertainment and suppers in church parlors and vacant store rooms. They prepared the room over Miss Oppenheimer’s Store as the town’s first library. For the women of P.E.O., these actions are a reflection of their principles. Established some 80 miles northeast of Centerville at the Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, the organization was formed to promote the education and development of women. It was born in 1869, one year after Iowa led the nation in admitting women to the bar—an action triggered when Mount Pleasant’s Arabella Mansfield [not a P.E.O. but the sister of Alice Bird Babb’s husband] became the first female lawyer in America. It was one year after the state began admitting female students to Iowa’s Agricultural College, granting African Americans suffrage and integrating state schools. P.E.O. was a reflection of Iowa’s dedication to the encouragement and education of all minorities.”

1882)—to both coasts and Alaska and Hawaii. We are connected to the world through P.E.O. and we continue to be in the company of organizations which have indeed made a difference. 🌸



Founder's Historical Marker Restored by Louisville Chapters

by Carolyn Bruce, Past President, Kentucky State Chapter



On August 27, 2013, the plaque marking Founder Alice Virginia Coffin's birthplace was put back into place near downtown Louisville, Kentucky, for all to see.

Alice Virginia's historical marker, #1715, was dedicated in 1981. In 1996 it was stolen and missing for a short time. Once recovered, the plaque was given a new coat of paint and put back up; however, it was still looking the worse for wear. Recently, after receiving a grant to cover most of the cost, 10 Louisville chapters contributed to have the marker sent to a foundry where it was restored.

Located in a small grassy area on Jefferson Street between Preston and Floyd Streets in Louisville, this is the only historical marker dedicated to a Founder of P.E.O.

The marker reads (on both sides):

BORN ON THIS STREET, ALICE VIRGINIA WAS ONE OF SEVEN FOUNDERS OF P.E.O., AN INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPIC AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN. IT BEGAN AS A SORORITY AT THE IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE, 1869, OWNS COTTEY COLLEGE IN MISSOURI, AND PROVIDES MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION OF WOMEN. MISS COFFIN DESIGNED THE P.E.O. SEAL.

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If you're in the Louisville area, visit Alice Virginia's historical marker and have your picture taken. Be sure to wear your pin! 🌸

P.E.O. FOUNDATION



As announced at the Convention of International Chapter, the P.E.O. Foundation's 2013 distribution of undesignated funds is as follows.

IPS.....	\$275,000
PCE	\$325,000
PSA.....	\$260,000
STAR.....	\$346,519
Cottey	\$238,600
Iowa Wesleyan for P.E.O. Memory Room	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$1,450,119

Tenth year in a row of more than one million dollars distributed!

Thank you P.E.O.s for your generosity in making this possible.



Scottie Lingelbach: Proud Navy Veteran & P.E.O. Sister

by Nancy Pike Hause, GQ, Lawrence, Kansas

In 2012 Claudine “Scottie” Lingelbach, GQ, Lawrence, Kansas, celebrated her 90th birthday and received the prestigious LARRY award, given by the Lawrence, Kansas, newspaper, *The Journal World*, to outstanding Lawrence citizens. This would be a big year for anyone, but for Scottie it was just one of many big years she has experienced.

Still active at 91, Scottie was an ensign in the Navy’s Women Accepted for Volunteer Service (WAVES) during World War II where she handled top secret material for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. Aides to the

Joint Chiefs copied documents on mimeograph machines where they had to read what they were copying. Scottie knew about the D-Day invasion well ahead of the event.

P.E.O.s are experts at keeping secrets but Scottie had more training in that area than most people will ever have.

“The one we couldn’t figure out,” she said, “was The Manhattan Project, which of course we know now, was the creation of the atomic bomb. That was the biggest secret of all.”

Scottie delivered papers daily from the Chiefs throughout Washington including to the OSS (forerunner of the CIA.) In her Lawrence home is a picture of the four men, General

George Marshall, Admiral William Lahey, General Hap Arnold and Admiral Earnest King.

Featured with a page of pictures in Tom Brokaw’s book “The Greatest Generation,” Scottie became friends with the Brokaws with whom she still keeps in touch. “You know,” she said, “both Tom and Meredith Brokaw’s mothers were P.E.O.s and Meredith went to Cottey for a year. When I was Cottey project chairman for Chapter GQ I asked Meredith to send a letter to the chapter about her time at Cottey. She did and it was a most interesting program.”

Scottie also talked about P.E.O. to President G.W. Bush. On a visit to



Tom Brokaw (left) featured Scottie (right) in a chapter of his book "The Greatest Generation"

Washington D.C., for the dedication of the World War II memorial as the guest of now retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard Myers, they encountered the President on the South Portico of the White House. Inviting Scottie to walk along with him toward the map room, they discussed her time in service and the new memorial.

Scottie said, "I told him that I belong to a group (Chapter GQ) where members put a dollar in a happy money box at the end of the meeting. I said I put a dollar in because his mother had made white hair fashionable again." The president threw back his head and laughed and put his arm around her. The White House photographer, walking ahead of them, snapped two pictures, which are also on Scottie's wall along with the President's card.

Scottie was impressed with P.E.O. for much the same reason she picked the WAVES over other branches of the service. They both value education. She said, "I had just graduated from Kansas University when I joined the Navy. You could not be an officer

candidate in the WAVES without a degree. I knew my parents would appreciate it if I used my degree." She learned about P.E.O. from her older sister and was initiated in 1988. "I highly approve of P.E.O.'s emphasis on education," she said, "particularly when I found out how much it meant to me after my husband's early death."

Scottie married Dale Lingelbach, an Army lieutenant in the infantry who was wounded outside of Saint Lo, France, in 1944. The couple had two children and were longtime residents of Carthage, Missouri. After Dale's death at 45 in 1967, Scottie taught high school in Neosho, Missouri, and raised her then teenaged son and daughter.

She says her life has been influenced by the motto of her junior high school, the former Boswell Junior High School in Topeka, Kansas: "Enter to learn, go forth to serve." She has always been active in community volunteer work both before her husband's death and after she quit teaching.

When she moved back to Lawrence she turned much of her attention to volunteer work, with her beloved alma mater, Kansas University, as well as becoming a P.E.O. sister. She has held several offices in Chapter GQ and served as a committee chairman. She plays bridge with the P.E.O. bridge group and is a member of GQ's book group. "I still drive," she said, "although I had an eye problem awhile back and had to be taken to doctors' appointments—my P.E.O. sisters helped with transportation."

Anything Scottie does, she does with dedication and enthusiasm, whether it's supporting P.E.O. projects, Kansas University basketball or community activities such as being an art museum docent and working to help homeless families.

As Tom Brokaw said about the Greatest Generation, "These were the people who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II and went on to build modern America." Scottie Lingelbach, proud Navy veteran and P.E.O. sister, surely did her share. 🌸



Scottie Lingelbach in her WWII Navy uniform

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P.E.O. Sisters Go to Court

by Diane Leusky, L, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Diane Leusky and Sue Mattern outside the
Family Conference Room

I watched, dumbfounded, in the bustling corridor of our county courthouse. A visibly upset, petite Hispanic woman was shedding tears and speaking rapidly in Spanish as her toddlers crawled on the floor, tugging at her skirt. Seated next to her on the bench was a woman in a business suit, probably her attorney. Reality sank in when I noticed the dark splotches on her arm; she was probably a victim of domestic violence. The situation left me feeling troubled.

I had a lunch date with my husband, a lawyer who spends a lot of time in the Orange County District Courthouse in Hillsborough, North Carolina, but he had been delayed so I witnessed those events unfold in front of me. During lunch, I asked him about what I had seen. He explained that the courthouse was overcrowded and no private meeting space was available for lawyers to meet with their clients. A new annex was being built, but nothing seemed



Outside the Orange County Courthouse,
Hillsborough, North Carolina

to be on the drawing board for a conference room.

At that moment I decided to do something to remedy the situation, and it turned out to be the beginning

of a two-year journey. Enlisting the help of my P.E.O. Chapter L sisters in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, I presented a proposal to create a “safe haven” for women and children who are called to appear in domestic violence (DV) court—a private, comfortable, child-friendly place. As a chapter, we hadn’t done community projects before. This was an opportunity to branch out, to reach out to our community and to make a difference helping women during a difficult time in their lives. After all, we were being encouraged to talk publicly about P.E.O. Once I had gained the support of my chapter, I didn’t have the foggiest notion of whom to approach in the courthouse community. Fortunately, my husband offered to make some calls and soon I was making appointments with court personnel to enlist their help. It was no easy process; the bureaucratic red tape was unbelievable.

Knowing I needed an ally inside the court system, I asked a female district court judge, who often heard



Diane Leusky, tireless champion for creating the Family Conference Room

the DV cases, if she would support my proposal. She was the magic I needed. Soon other judges, lawyers, social workers and even the county maintenance manager were agreeing to meet with me. Everything was in place except for one major hurdle. All of the rooms in the new annex had already been assigned and there was no more space available. My only option was to wait while they remodeled the old building, where a small room could be designated for this project. I willingly agreed, not knowing it would mean almost another year of frustrating delays.

Those months of waiting provided valuable time for our chapter to gather the donations needed to transform the bare, dismal room that had been designated for our use. The news of our project began to spread and soon, P.E.O. Chapter AT of Chapel Hill joined our efforts, along with other friends in the community. Donations of books, toys, puzzles, furniture



Meeting space for clients and their attorneys

and a rocking chair piled up in my basement. One sister in Chapter AT even donated a huge stuffed polar bear. She had planned to give it to her grandson, but thought it would instead be a great addition to our room.

Finally, the room, smelling of fresh paint and spotlessly clean, was ready. Several Chapter L sisters came to help decorate the room, including a potential new member who brought her trusty electric drill to install the hardware for the drapes. Maybe this collaborative project helped her decide to join P.E.O.; she is now a member of our chapter!



Lots of toys and books to entertain the kids

The new Family Conference Room was now complete and ready to use. A large, official, beautifully engraved sign in the corridor announced that it was "Sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter L." And brochures on the desk let everyone know about our organization. Lawyers who use it say that it is "one of the best community projects ever." Now women and their children can meet in a private, quiet and safe environment, where the only distractions are the good kinds—the ones that keep children happily occupied during long waits for court time or while their moms talk to attorneys. We can tell they appreciate the room by the way it is kept in pristine condition every time we go to replenish crayons and paper. Even the deputy sheriffs working at the security station near the room occasionally use it for a quick coffee break. One

of these men has quietly taken on the responsibility of being caretaker of the room. He encourages women and children to use the room whenever it is available. He's even suggested adding a changing table. The sheriff's department has added some of their coloring books for kids, and new books and toys have mysteriously been added to the collection.

One of the lawyers showed her appreciation with a wonderful thank you note, clearly indicating that the room filled a need! "I just wanted to say THANK YOU because my client, her daughter and I used the family conference room and it was so great! It was really nice for them to be able to enjoy the books and toys while they were waiting and it was really nice for my client and me to be able to talk about her case comfortably with her little girl fully occupied and happy. Really, this was an amazing project and we are using it well."

Persistence and patience paid off and it gives our chapter great joy to know that we have successfully completed our first-ever community project—a safe haven for women who may not be our P.E.O. sisters, but are still sisters at heart. 🌸



Members of Chapter L visiting the completed Family Conference Room

Royal Celebrations

You can always count on P.E.O.s to find an excuse to celebrate and to do something good for P.E.O. and their communities, often at the same time. The birth of the royal baby last summer was no exception. The Record received several submissions from chapters who held baby showers in honor of the birth of Prince George Alexander Louis. Sisters commemorated this momentous occasion with social gatherings where baby items were collected to donate to local charities.



Chapter DC sisters gathered to celebrate the impending birth of the royal baby—they dressed in pink or blue depending on if they thought Princess Kate would have a girl or boy.

Chapter DC, Traverse City, Michigan

On May 6, 2013, Chapter DC, Traverse City, Michigan sisters, held a spring social/fundraiser with a baby shower for Princess Kate of London, England. The sisters brought an outpouring of baby gifts that were donated to the Grand Traverse Baby Pantry.

Chapter sisters dressed in pink or blue, depending on their intuition if Princess Kate would have a boy or girl. Miniature cupcakes frosted in pink or blue were among the refreshments served. It was a wonderful evening of sharing personal birth stories and knowledge of baby items.

This fundraiser naturally followed Chapter DC's spring social/fundraiser of two years ago, on April 18, 2011, which featured a bridal shower for

Princess Kate. Inspired by an English High Tea, sisters dressed up with hats and gloves; one sister wore her mother's lace wedding dress! A delicious assortment of tea sandwiches was served and several gift items were auctioned, the proceeds going toward P.E.O. projects.

Chapter DB, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

It seemed like a natural progression for Chapter DB's Grand Rapids, Minnesota, social committee to host a Royal Baby Shower to celebrate the July birth of Prince George Alexander Louis. After all, the chapter "attended" the wedding of his parents, William and Katherine, at 4:30 a.m. on April 29, 2011. That early morning gala required appropriate attire and

the ladies outdid themselves with hats, gloves and other special touches as they watched the live festivities on the host sister's television. A champagne breakfast followed the ceremony. Proceeds were earmarked for P.E.O. projects.

This year, on August 21, 28 sisters gathered at Debbie Vergin's home, bringing new, unwrapped baby items to be donated to Baby Steps Boutique, a local community organization that helps to "educate and support parents on the everyday challenges of raising children." Participants are encouraged to earn coupons by taking positive steps in parenting such as scheduling and keeping medical appointments, following nutritional guidelines, etc. These coupons can then be redeemed at the boutique.

Individual donations from DB sisters included boxes of diapers and wipes, lotions, diaper bags, thermometers, books, toys, blankets, outfits, onesies and gift cards.



Appetizers and beverages were served after which several shower games were played.

Katy Joyce, CE, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

One P.E.O. got to celebrate the birth of the royal baby in a very public way. Katy Joyce, CE, Lansdale, Pennsylvania,



Chapter DB's social committee, from the left: Jane Quitney, Katherine Sedore, Nancy Zwonitser, Jean Thompson, Andrea Tok, Tina Vergin

is married to an employee of the QVC shopping network, where Adora Dolls was set to launch their Royal Keepsake Play Doll. Adora and QVC were hoping to have someone with a British accent on-air to present the new doll. Katy was born and raised in England; after completing a class and passing a screen test, she was chosen to present the doll on QVC. The doll was being held for release until the royal baby was actually born. Katy was on-call for the days and weeks before the baby was born, as they were hoping to present the doll as soon as possible after the birth announcement. Katy went on-air with the Adora Doll five minutes after receiving word of the royal birth.



Gifts Chapter DB sisters brought as donations to Baby Steps Boutique.

Fun Fact!

Most people in the USA think "High Tea" is something posh and upper class, but it is not. High Tea is hot food served as supper when workers arrive home, whereas Afternoon Tea (also known as Low Tea) is what traditionally consists of scones, clotted cream, finger sandwiches and mini pastries.

Celebrating the Royal Birth in London

by Kelly Knapp, AH, New York, New York

After many years living in London I am still enchanted by the Royal Family, a feeling not always shared by the British who have a love-hate relationship with the Monarchy. To help encourage excitement amongst my work colleagues I set up a small betting pool where we guessed what the new Prince would be named. I was excited when my bet was correct and the world welcomed the arrival of Prince George. I was lovingly teased by my colleagues as being "so American" when I declared my winnings would be spent at the

Buckingham Palace shop buying a Royal Baby tea towel.

I am fortunate to work a stone's throw from Buckingham Palace, Saint James's Palace and Clarence House which makes for lovely lunchtime walks seeped in history and surrounded by the beauty of the Royal Parks. In the days leading up to the



A marching band in Green Park outside of Buckingham Palace on the day of Prince George's birth

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Prince's birth my colleagues and I watched the world's news crews set up camp outside Buckingham Palace with the number growing dramatically each day. The highlight for me of the Prince's arrival was the 41-gun royal salute in Green Park honoring his birth. One thing that cannot be denied is that British pomp and circumstance

is impressive. With utmost precession cannons arrived on horse drawn carriages, unloaded, and the gun salute executed in a harmonious synchronized manner.

Several months later the excitement returned with the christening of the young Prince at Saint James' Palace. While the christening was

to be a private family affair, my colleagues and I again watched the transformation of the neighborhood as road barriers went up and the number of Royal Guards increased. On the day of the christening our lunchtime walk was shortened due to the constraints of road blockages and well-wishers congregating outside the Palace anxiously waiting to see Prince George and the other members of the Royal Family.

I doubt my fascination with the Royal Family will subside over time, so am looking forward to the next momentous event in Prince George's life and where I will be when it happens. 🌸



Outside of Saint James' Palace, where the royal prince was christened

What's New with the UK P.E.O. Group

The UK P.E.O. Group continues to thrive. They have been doing some wonderful things this year, especially concentrating on bonding with newly arrived sisters and frequent guests.

After the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, London followed in 2013 with celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, the birth of the Royal Baby to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (William and Kate) and the 50th anniversary of the National Theatre.

Recently, the UK P.E.O. Group and two P.E.O. sisters and their BILs who were visiting London from the states were able to catch a part of the excitement of the National Theatre's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

On the 14th of September the Group organized a private tour of the National Theatre, located on the South Bank of the Thames, and were able to see its three theatres, explore the history, visit the backstage and learn about the inner workings which make the National Theatre such a magnificent venue. The National Theatre presents an eclectic mix of new plays and classics from the world repertoire with seven or eight productions in repertory at any one time.

National Theatre Live broadcasts live performances of the best of British theatre to more than 500 venues around the world, including 132 cinemas in the USA and 54 in Canada.

If you are planning to visit London, try to attend a meeting of the UK P.E.O. Group; and make your trip easier and more memorable with the "P.E.O. Insider's Guide to London: for Sisters by Sisters," available in the Items for Sale.



Dues are Due!

**Pay your dues
before March 1
to maintain your active status!**



Don't forget to pay
your P.E.O. dues
before March 1.

Rebecca, I heard that
a cat never forgets!

Oh no, Amelia, that's an elephant!
An elephant never forgets.
A cat always lands on its feet.



Meow!

I paid my dues and
landed on my feet.



P.E.O. Record Submission Guide

The P.E.O. Record receives most of its content from our readers. Sharing the experiences and accomplishments of our members is what makes The P.E.O. Record unique; however, it makes choosing which sisters to highlight a daily challenge. We strive to publish a variety of submissions and thus look for unique, not necessarily important, stories to blend with our regular features. Space, not unworthiness, is the biggest reason for not publishing all of the accomplishments of our members. There are only 49 pages in each issue and six issues per year to include these member submissions along with standard features such as project articles, Your Letters, Award Winning Ideas, Authors, Spotlight, New Chapters, Centennial Chapters and Items for Sale. In addition, certain issues are filled with special sections, e.g., Gallery of Presidents, convention details and project recipient listings.

As you read each issue, please join us in celebrating all our accomplished sisters—those who appear in the magazine and those who do not. They are all a tremendous reflection of the quality of women belonging to our organization.

Submission Checklist

To avoid disappointment and to ensure The Record office receives all the information needed for publication, review the following checklist before sending your submission.

Does my material adhere to The P.E.O. Record submission guidelines?

Specific guidelines for each section are listed on this and the next page.

Did the event or news happen more than six months ago?

Please submit news in a timely fashion. We try to publish information about centennial chapters and new chapters as soon as we get the information.

Have I included all the necessary information?

Each section of The Record requires different materials. Check to make sure you have included all the information needed. In addition, please include your name, complete mailing address and

telephone number or email address. Material will not be published without the name of an author or contact person who is responsible for ensuring the information is correct.

Copyright:

Material published in The P.E.O. Record does not carry a copyright. Members are encouraged to copy any articles or excerpts for new members or for use at chapter meetings. When doing so, please credit The P.E.O. Record as well as the author (when a byline appears).

Where to send your submissions

After you have reviewed the submission checklist, send your submissions to:

The P.E.O. Record
3700 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

Email: brazier@peodsm.org

All submissions will be acknowledged unless otherwise noted.

Note: All items are published free of charge with the exception of the Items for Sale section. The P.E.O. Record does not pay for submissions.

Photos will be returned upon request. Publication of photos submitted is always at the discretion of The Record editors.

Guidelines are subject to change after publication.

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Guidelines Authors

P.E.O. authors whose works have been published no earlier than the previous year. An author must be a member of the Sisterhood at the time the work was published and submitted.

Include:

- an objectively written article
- a copy of the book for our retention and review
- photo of author (optional)

*Publication of books that have limited audience (e.g., self-published books and church, family, or town histories) are subject to the discretion of The Record editors.

Award-Winning Ideas

Innovative and unique ideas for chapter wellness or fundraisers for the six projects of International Chapter.

Include:

- description of fundraiser or project
- photo (optional)

New Chapters

In order to publish the news of a chapter's organization, the official Organizer's Report of Charter Members must have been received by the executive office's Membership Department.

Include:

- date of organization
- photo
- identification of those pictured

Chapter Anniversaries

Anniversaries of 100 years only.

Include:

- date of organization
- date of celebration
- photo
- identification of those pictured

Artwork

Artwork—images of fine art paintings, illustrations, sculptures or photographs—may be featured inside the magazine. Art is kept on file permanently unless an artist requests its return.

Include:

- photographs, slides or transparencies of artwork
- biography of the artist
- photo of artist (optional)

General Interest

Articles of general interest by or about active members of the Sisterhood are encouraged. Material chosen for publication may be edited due to style or space restrictions.

In the Spotlight

Articles about recent accomplishments of P.E.O.s of national interest or of a significant or unique nature. Awards and honors on a national or international level. Publication of such items is subject to the discretion of The Record editor.

Include:

- objectively written article
- photo (optional)

Not accepted:

- member birthdays (includes 100+ years)
- member P.E.O. anniversaries (Golden Girl celebrations)
- multiple generations of chapter members or initiates
- memorials, obituaries (exceptions are made for past presidents of International Chapter)
- traveling P.E.O.s or those who meet while traveling
- retirements
- endowments, trusts or items named after P.E.O.s
- promotions, professional or state board appointments
- honorary degrees
- mayoral elections
- ministerial positions
- Who's Who awards
- Other awards: alumni, community, state, university, governor's and "designation of the year" (unless on a national or international level)
- Several P.E.O.s belonging to another organization

Project Recipient Articles

Articles about project recipients are written or selected by the board of trustees of the particular project. Please send these articles to the project chairman listed on the inside front cover of The P.E.O. Record. 🌸



P.E.O.s love pictures! Good photographs add richness, depth and interest to The Record. Yet getting high quality photos suitable for publication remains a large challenge in putting together The Record. We would like your stories to shine bright with spectacular photos. Here are some guidelines and ideas to help you submit brilliant photos to The Record.

- Clear photo prints made by retail photo labs are wonderful.
- Digital photos of at least 300 ppi in JPG or TIFF file format are preferred.
- Remember, good light makes good photography.
- Whenever possible, high quality photojournalistic photos help tell a story better than headshots. If you are photographing an event, try to show doing rather than posing. Candid shots are great...feel free to show sisters having fun and helping women reach for the stars at every opportunity.
- Please make sure all photos have sufficient space around the subject, allowing for minor cropping as needed.
- Beware of objects and patterns in the background, which may detract from the subject.
- Please, no photos printed from home printers or copies of photos from copiers...sadly, those are not high enough quality for use in The Record.
- Photos clipped from newspapers or brochures will not reproduce well and cannot be used.
- Please do not send photos retrieved from websites or online sources such as Facebook or Twitter...they are not high enough quality for use in The Record.
- Photos from cell phones are welcome, if they are large, high-resolution images that meet The Record standards.
- Please, don't use the date and time stamp feature on your camera while taking photos for The Record. 🌸



A Peek into the ELF Files

by Cathy Allen, Chairman, Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees

Just a peek into the files...

I first met Elisa when I visited Kaiser Permanente early one morning in February for a routine blood test.

Elisa was the phlebotomist drawing my blood. In order to take my mind off of the procedure, she asked what I was doing that day. Since I was heading to a P.E.O. meeting, the first thing that came to mind was "it's OK to talk about P.E.O." So, I told Elisa about P.E.O., our purpose and philanthropies. Upon hearing about our wonderful sisterhood, she said, "I have been accepted at the Denver School of Nursing to study for a bachelor of science in nursing and really need some financial help."

That started the wheels rolling; so three members of our chapter met Elisa for an interview. Getting to know Elisa was a delightful experience. Chapter CW is very happy to support Elisa in her endeavor to obtain her bachelor of science in nursing.

Martha D. Logsdon, CW, Denver City, Colorado

You may be surprised to learn how many different ways P.E.O. chapter members find ELF applicants. In some cases, loan applicants find ELF!

Family Connections

"Her grandmother, who is a close friend of our current chapter president, referred her to us."

(British Columbia)

"Her grandmother, a chapter member, asked that we consider the recommendation."

(Missouri)

Teachers and Coaches

"I first encountered Kara in her high school years... where I was a school counselor."

(Alberta, Canada)

"I coached Molly during her high school cross country career, in which she showed a high level of work ethic and motivation."

(Nebraska)

Community Connections

"One of the chapter's ELF committee members, a hospital volunteer, became aware that this vibrant, energetic young woman in the lab was making plans to obtain further training and suggested she apply for an ELF loan."

(Montana)

Former Project Recipient

"Rachel was recommended to our committee by a former ELF recipient who has remained friends with our chapter members."

(Massachusetts)

Chapter Member

"I am honored to recommend my chapter sister."

(New York)

Friends and Neighbors

"While I have personally known Meghan for years while in high school and college, two other members of my chapter participated in the teleconference when we interviewed her."

(Pennsylvania)

"Members of our chapter know Carly's parents. Her mother attended the chapter's annual Silent Auction (fundraiser for the projects) where she learned about P.E.O. and our purpose of helping women achieve their educational goals. Carly was interviewed by our ELF committee and found to be an outstanding example of the values of P.E.O. Our chapter is pleased to recommend Carly for a \$12,000 loan."

(Georgia)


Workplace Associates

"The Education Committee in our chapter met with Payal on May 21 at the recommendation of a long time chapter member who has worked with her mother in the medical field for over 20 years. Payal is a delightful and intelligent young woman and wishes to follow in her mother's footsteps to use her MLT degree to become a medical technologist."

(Oregon)

She Found Us

The P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines forwarded information from a student who had submitted a project information request through the public side of the P.E.O. International website. Heather wrote, "I would like to be put in contact with a local chapter, please." In her correspondence with the office, she shared that she was to enter a two-year masters program in Physician Assistant Studies and had two people to serve as cosigners. After meeting and conducting an interview, our chapter voted and was pleased to recommend Heather for the ELF loan.

(Arkansas) 



There is Something New at Cottey!

by Judy Rogers, Ph.D., President, Cottey College

I am excited to tell everyone about our plan for a new summer program for high school students who are rising sopho-

mores, juniors and seniors. First, there is a new time frame created to make it possible for all interested students to attend Cottey's summer program. The program will be offered June 22-June 27, 2014. Formerly, students on the east and west coasts were not out of school in time to participate. Now that will not be the case.

Second, there is a new format and a new theme for the summer program. Instead of three workshops focused on specific topics, we are offering one interdisciplinary workshop focused on a general theme that is a hallmark of the Cottey experience: women's leadership. Each day of the workshop will bring a new faculty or staff presenter and a new topic for activities and discussion. These topics have been selected because they are important to girls at this particular stage of their education. Therefore, there will



be a focus on preparation for college while the participant is actually on a college campus interacting with college faculty and staff. There will be a focus on career selection that is compatible with the student's interests, skills and personality. This will be accompanied by very practical information about résumé writing, interview skills, networking, business etiquette and social protocol.

Of course, there is much more to fill the days from morning to night, but a portion of the time is dedicated to having fun and making friends. We want our participants to leave loving Cottey and planning to return as Cottey students. To make this a reality, we are increasing the scholarship offered to participants who choose Cottey to \$3,000. We truly

want these young women to consider Cottey as their college choice.

The cost of attendance remains at \$450 with a \$25 non-refundable deposit. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2014. Please share this information with other P.E.O.s, friends, and anyone who influences young women. Consider asking your chapter to assist a student to attend by supporting her tuition or travel cost or both, as needed.

We all are strongly aware of the imperative to develop women leaders to make a difference in our world. This process should start in high school and continue through the college experience. Please help us educate the leaders of tomorrow. At Cottey, we believe that leadership is essential. 🌸



Cottey is offering an exciting new summer program for high school students



International Peace Scholarship Named Scholars

by Glynda Samford, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees

Named Scholarships provide a magnificent way for family and friends to honor or remember a loved one while giving a gift that promotes peace in the world. This year there are four IPS Named Scholars, all pursuing their Ph.D. studies with the help of IPS Named Scholarships.

Roselyn M. Baker International Peace Scholarship

Zulfiye Zeybek, Turkey

Ph.D. in Mathematics Education—
Indiana University

Chapter AF, Indianapolis, Indiana

Zulfiye has always loved mathematics. She was educated as a mathematics teacher and spent her early career primarily teaching Kurdish minority students in an urban area. Finding conventional mathematics techniques monotonous, she modified the curriculum to meet the needs of her students. Because the Turkish educational system is in desperate need of improvement, the Ministry of Education awarded selected students full scholarships to further their studies in the United States. With the help of this program Zulfiye completed a master's degree in math education. She is now enrolled in a Ph.D. program and upon completion will return to Turkey to help improve its education system.



For Oloruntomi's family, education is a priority. Her parents gave up everything to educate their six children. Oloruntomi said, "My dad brought me up to know that although a lot of women in Nigeria have had the stay-at-home route enforced on them, a woman could most definitely attain any height she put her mind to." She is cofounder of Combating Poverty, an organization that aims to alleviate poverty by stimulating the creation of small and medium enterprises. Oloruntomi believes that uneducated, unemployed Nigerians fall victim to political maneuvers that promote attacks on religious groups, leaving thousands dead or homeless. Upon her return to Nigeria she plans to teach Nigerian youth that needed change must come from within and to emphasize the importance of peace and religious tolerance.



her brothers by providing an example of hard work, responsibility and integrity. Angela is a biologist whose interest lies in genomic sciences. Upon graduation from Georgia Tech she plans to translate scientific research findings into community health strategies in Colombia. She hopes to collaborate across interdisciplinary lines to facilitate change and to solve community problems.

Marian K. Hume International Peace Scholarship

Ajar Chekirova, Kyrgyzstan

Ph.D. in Political Science—
University of Illinois

Chapter AF, Cleveland, Ohio

After completing her high school education in Kyrgyzstan, Ajar began studying Chinese, ultimately receiving her undergraduate degree in law from the University of Peking. Later, as a Fulbright Scholar, she studied at the University of Ohio. Upon completion of her Ph.D. she plans to return to Kyrgyzstan to teach. She wants to make an impact on the education system and to help create a new generation of "erudite, ambitious, passionate, liberal and tolerant individuals." She hopes the next generation of Kyrgyzstan youth will have opportunities that were not available to the first generation of post-Soviet youth. 🌸



Ventura Neale International Peace Scholarship

Angela Pena-Gonzalez, Colombia

Ph.D. in Biology—Georgia Tech

Chapter M, Miami, Florida

A Colombian, Angela credits her mother as being the main influence in her life. Her mother struggled to provide a better life for Angela and



Roselyn M. Baker International Peace Scholarship

Oloruntomi Joledo, Nigeria

Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering—
University of Central Florida

**Chapters HP and IH, Bonita
Springs, Florida**



Stepping Up the PCE Ladder

by Lucinda Jensen, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines ladder as “a series of steps or stages by which someone moves up to a higher or better position.” For many, moving up those steps or through the stages of reaching an educational goal takes both a leap of faith and a lot of hard work. Shared here are three unique stories of determined women, but also representative of so many who are climbing their ladders to success, ladders anchored by chapter support and strengthened with the assistance of PCE funds.

Vicki Accardi

“Find a purpose in life that you love.” These last words to Vicki Accardi from her father who passed away soon after, inspired Vicki to return to school after a 21-year interruption in her education that included a long term position as an accounts manager in the natural health industry. Knowing that her contract was due to expire, Vicki took a leap of faith toward a new career. While able to work during the first years of her studies, the additional requirement of an intense practicum coupled with master level classes made employment impossible during her final year. Sponsored by Chapter EZ, Lake Worth, Florida, Vicki was awarded a full PCE grant

in her final year of study towards a master’s in mental health. Vicki’s career goal is to open a counseling practice with a focus on the treatment of posttraumatic stress, addictions and obesity, fulfilling that purpose in life she’s grown to love and impacting her community by addressing mental and physical health concerns.

Pam Bates

Very different circumstances necessitated Pam Bates’ return to the classroom. As a divorced woman with three daughters to nurture and support, she struggled



Pam Bates (left) received a full PCE grant to make ends meet by cleaning houses. Though Pam enjoyed working with children and desired to teach, she needed to complete prerequisite courses before she could be admitted to a bachelor degree program. With determination and a dependence on loans and earnings from her house cleaning business she prevailed. During the final term of her BA program in education that included student teaching, Chapter B, Aiken, South Carolina, stepped in to successfully sponsor Pam for a full PCE grant. Pam enthusiastically states, “The PCE grant has taken a huge burden off me. I don’t have to worry so much about finances, and I can concentrate on my children and teaching.”

Brittany Lukens

Reaching a better position on the ladder of life does not always require a full grant. In fact, in many cases it is that partial grant that can make all the difference. Brittany Lukens received a PCE grant to assist in her efforts to earn a certification as a dog trainer. Brittany holds a BA in psychology with a concentration in biology and animal behavior, but since graduation she had been working part time in a family owned business while volunteering with animal shelters and wildlife refuge and education entities. A connection with a dog trainer led her to Chapter DY, Florence, Oregon, whose members were captivated by Brittany’s high energy and commitment to animal welfare. She says, “It is my thing, and I believe the more educated we become about animal intelligence, the better we can co-exist and interact with animals.”

Congratulations to all PCE recipients—both current students and those who are already putting their education to work. If your chapter has not sponsored a PCE grant recipient, consider pursuing this satisfying experience. You will appreciate the view from the top of your PCE ladder. 🌸



From the left: P.E.O.s Char Macon, Hope DeLong and Joyce Davis with PCE recipient Vicki Accardi



Brittany Lukens received a partial PCE grant



P.E.O. Scholar Awards Frequently Asked Questions— Laureate Chapter Program

by Linda Davidson, Chairman, P.E.O. Scholar Awards Board of Trustees

Q: What is a Laureate Chapter and how can my chapter participate?

- A:** The Laureate Chapter Program recognizes local chapters each year for their support of the P.E.O. Scholar Awards project. There are two simple ways in which a chapter can become a Laureate Chapter: Nominate a successful Scholar **OR** Make a \$500 or more lump sum contribution to P.E.O. Scholar Awards



Q: Can an individual make the contribution and have her chapter credited for this distinction?

- A:** Absolutely! An individual just needs to identify her chapter when making the lump sum contribution and may submit it directly to the Scholar Awards office. As always, individual donations may be made through the P.E.O. website with a credit card.

Q: Is it possible to reach this designation with several smaller donations throughout the year that will total \$500?

- A:** No, at this time the program is set up to track only those donations in a lump sum amount.



Q: If my chapter becomes a Laureate Chapter, will we receive any special recognition?

- A:** Yes! All Laureate Chapters are listed on the P.E.O. International website and are recognized with a beautiful certificate at their state, provincial or district conventions. In addition, all the Laureate Chapters for the biennium are recognized at the Convention of International Chapter. This year at the convention in Dallas, there were more than 500 chapters listed on banners in the Scholar Awards booth.

Q: Why was the Laureate Chapter program started and how are these donations used?

- A:** We realize that not all chapters have the opportunity to nominate a woman for a Scholar Award, so the Laureate Chapter program was created to help all chapters feel the pride of ownership in the Scholar Awards project. Every year 85 Scholars are selected to each receive an Award of \$15,000 which totals \$1,275,000 per year. Your donations make their dreams possible!





STAR

2013-2014 Named P.E.O. STAR Scholarships

by Ann Davidson, Chairman, P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees

Mary V. Linder

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Given by Mary V. Linder, AS, Pekin, Illinois, in memory of Ralph Linder

Rachel Ganson, recommended by Chapter DN, Geneseo, Illinois

Through the World Food Prize Foundation Borlaug-Ruan Program, Rachel spent eight weeks while in high school in Palancheru, India, interning with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics researching nutrition and gender development. October, 2013, Rachel received the John Chrystal Internship Award at the World Food Prize Laureate Ceremony in Des Moines, Iowa. Selected one of 25 in the 2017 class of Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars at Notre Dame, Rachel attended the National Outdoor Leadership School in Alaska. She is a Eucharistic Minister and a member of student government and the women's rowing team.



Victoria Leigh Soto

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Given by Chapter N, New Canaan, Connecticut, in memory of Victoria Leigh Soto, Newtown, Connecticut

Meredith Stuhlman, recommended by Chapter AB, Fairfield, Connecticut

For two summers Meredith worked with the University of Connecticut, Center of Public Health Clinic taking vital signs, blood sugar levels and

interviewing migrant farm workers using her Spanish language skills. In 2012, she interned at the Discovery to Cure Summer Program at Yale University School of Medicine Reproductive Immunology Lab. Meredith's major is nursing at the University of Virginia. She is currently involved with the Student Nurses Association of Virginia and Nursing Students without Borders.



Two Ruby A. Elson P.E.O. STAR Scholarships

Given by Chapter G, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in memory of Ruby A. Elson, G, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Kaitlyn Dedman, recommended by Chapter N, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

In high school, Kaitlyn participated in Student Council, Model UN Team, Girl's State and received the National Spanish Honor Society Parliamentary Award and National Spanish Exam Silver and Bronze Medals. Enrolled at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Kaitlyn is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She participated in the Breast Cancer Walk and War of the Wings Walk benefiting Great Starts Nursery and Prevent Child Abuse America.



Savannah Savage, recommended by Chapter AV, Athens, Tennessee

Savannah served as student body secretary and participated in Youth Leadership in high school. At the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, she is applying to the College Scholars Program allowing her to create a curriculum in Museum Studies. She sees education as a powerful tool engaging, enriching and linking children to the accomplishments of the past. Currently, Savannah is an intern at the Blount Mansion. She serves on Student Government Freshman Council and Baptist Collegiate Ministry leadership. 🌸



Help make STAR a continued success by establishing a Named or Endowed P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

Two possibilities: a **Named Scholarship** is a one-time \$2,500 gift given by December 1 and awarded in the spring; and an **Endowed Scholarship** awarded when the endowment earnings equal \$2,500. Gifts can be given by individuals, chapter(s) or area reciprocities in memory of a person or in honor of a person or chapter.

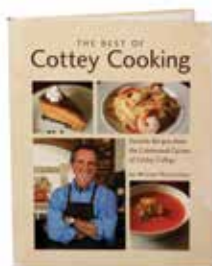
A Taste of Cottey

By Georgann Hall, EI,
Burnsville, Minnesota

Hoping to promote Cottey College to area girls, Chapter EI in Burnsville, Minnesota, made a plan. We invited surrounding chapters to bring at least one high school girl to an informational gathering at our local library on a Sunday afternoon. We called the event "A Taste of Cottey," and our plan was to share the flavor of all aspects of our exceptional college with the young women.

Judi Steege, Cottey Admissions Director for our region, opened the program with an energetic warm welcome and asked each of the girls to introduce themselves. Two of the girls had driven three hours to attend! Judi highlighted Cottey's origin, mission and the many advantages of attending Cottey College. Next, she directed attention to a screen where a recently produced Cottey DVD revealed a glimpse of college life on our beautiful campus. The DVD was impressive, but even better were the two recent alums Judi introduced who shared their Cottey experience with the audience.

Hannah DeFranco, Minnesota resident, said her P.E.O. mom hoped she would attend Cottey, but she was not at all interested until she visited the campus and quickly changed her mind! Hannah graduated from Cottey in 2009 with an associate's degree. She said her transfer school, where she completed a B.A. degree, was not at all intimidating after the rigorous course work she had at Cottey.



Chef Michael Richardson's book "The Best of Cottey Cooking"



Sisters of Chapter EI, Burnsville, Minnesota, hosted a "Taste of Cottey" event to spread awareness about Cottey College to local high school students

She was extremely positive about her two-year experience at Cottey and her only regret was that there had not been a four-year program in place when she attended. Hannah enjoys speaking requests so she can champion the exceptional opportunities at Cottey first hand. She loved the suite style living allowing for friendships to flourish and appreciated the opportunity to develop ties with girls from other countries. Hannah believes small class size is a plus because it promotes close student professor relationships, and everyone in the class can become an active participant. She knows her strong self confidence grew through leadership experiences on campus and involvement in the community which are important components of a Cottey education.

Nyasha Mutandwa is from Zimbabwe, Africa. She was among the first students to graduate from Cottey in 2013 with a four-year degree in international relations and business. A semester abroad was part of her program, and the fabulous opportunity she experienced in Shanghai is one she is happy to talk about. Nyasha said she arrived at Cottey a shy girl, and graduated with so much confidence that she believes she can accomplish anything she sets her mind to. L.E.O. (Leadership Education Organization) is a remarkable program in which every student is encouraged to participate. Nyasha emphasized over and over how powerful Cottey's quality of education,

real life leadership preparation and the global experience of meeting people from around the world in suite living has impacted her life.

Both girls raved about their five-star chef, Michael Richardson, who makes dining at Cottey seem like you are eating in a fine restaurant instead of a school cafeteria. Chapter EI sisters baked monster cookies, the favorite cookie baked at Cottey, and prepared take-home bags for the guests. Daisy-covered cellophane bags were filled with three cookies and tied with a yellow ribbon and tag showing the cover of Chef Michael's popular Cottey Cookbook, the Cottey email address, and the recipe for Monster Cookies on the back. We also served Chef Michael's recipe for non-alcoholic sangria.

The gathering concluded with Cameron Hubley, Minnesota Cottey Chair, explaining the wonderful opportunity to "C for Yourself," by visiting Cottey for the October 18-20 weekend open house and experience a "Taste of Cottey" in person!

Chapter EI was told the event was a big success. They heard that two students in attendance submitted applications to Cottey and at least one other is planning a visit in 2014. All the work involved with invitations, arrangements, baking and bagging was all worth it. The joy that evolves from working with kind, willing sisters was an extra bonus! 🌸

Vintage Fashion Show

Members of Chapter IM, Lodi, California, raised \$3,600 for P.E.O. projects with "The Way We Were," a vintage fashion show and luncheon. Approximately 200 guests enjoyed viewing displays of vintage hats, gloves and hat boxes. Attendees were able to purchase raffle tickets for gift baskets donated by local businesses and individuals. After the luncheon, Goodwill Fashion Bags, an auxiliary of Goodwill Industries of the Great East Bay, presented the fashion show which showcased original clothing from the 1860s to the 1960s. Models wore a wide range of ensembles, from woolen bathing suits to designer gowns, and strolled to period music as the commentator gave a detailed history of each outfit. Table decorations were created by a Chapter IM sister in keeping with the vintage theme.



A vintage outfit modeled at Chapter IM's fashion show

Fundraiser Celebrates World's Fair

On October 12, 2013, members of Chapter NM, Belleville, Illinois, held a fundraising luncheon and program on the 1904 Saint Louis World's Fair. The luncheon featured a "World's Fair" menu of hot dogs,



Chapter NM celebrated the 1904 World's Fair

chips, veggies, ice cream cones, iced tea, lemonade and Dr. Pepper. The program, given by Dianne Moran, portrayed "Mollie," who, in period dress, relayed stories of the planning, building and attending the World's Fair. Her humorous presentation kept 70 guests (including BILs and members of other local chapters) enthralled. The guests also enjoyed a display of historical items and books on the Fair and a silent auction. After expenses, this project raised more than \$1,700 for P.E.O. projects and was the largest fundraiser in Chapter NM's 24-year history.

Downton Abbey-Themed Luncheon

Downton Abbey came to Sterling, Colorado, as hostess Chapter FS used the popular PBS series as the theme for its 2013 fundraising reciprocity luncheon. More than 60 guests from all four Sterling P.E.O. chapters enjoyed 1930s England countryside hospitality.

Members brought their best china, crystal and silver to set elegant tables centered with hand-thrown vases, overflowing with multicolored flowers, candles in long-stemmed holders, doilies and ribbons. Some members dressed in 1930-era clothing with hats popular in that decade.



Chapter FS hosted a Downton Abbey-themed fundraiser

Guests dined on lavender lemon scones with lemon curd, shrimp mousse tartlets, cucumber sandwiches, Imperial Chicken with glazed carrots and colcannon potatoes with fresh home-made bread. Dainty fruit clouds and English tea served by the table hostesses completed the lovely meal. Members of Chapter FS prepared and served the food and made the decorations.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Windsong Chorus and member Mary Smith who played 1930s period piano melodies.

For an added note of authenticity, three BILs, Larry Prestwich, Jim Leh and Don Ament, dressed in tuxedos, greeted and escorted guests to their tables.

Paying it Forward with the Chili Pepper Quilt



Chapter TY raffled a Chili Pepper quilt

Chapter TY, Newport Beach, California, embarked on a rather unique fundraising activity.

One of its members won a handmade lap quilt, decorated with a chili pepper design, at a Woman's Club meeting. She re-gifted the quilt to her P.E.O. chapter to raffle off as a fundraiser.

Each ticket cost a \$2 donation. Raffle tickets for the quilt were sold at P.E.O. meetings, Rotary Club meetings and at a fundraising dinner held by Chapter TY in early October. Attendees at the dinner came from P.E.O., Woman's

Club, Rotary Club and Assistance League of Huntington Beach. Final ticket sales for the quilt occurred at district reciprocity in mid-October.

The winning ticket was purchased by a member of the same Woman's Club where the quilt originated!

Chapter TY raised \$214 from raffle ticket sales and \$110 from the fundraising dinner.

The chili pepper quilt may next appear at another Woman's Club event in the spring!

Magic Valley Retirement P.E.O. Group

Geographic diversity at the Magic Valley Retirement P.E.O. Group makes meetings unique. Last year there were 58 members from 15 different states in the United States and two Canadian provinces. The group announces their meetings in the local newspaper. They meet in Edinburg, Texas, for a buffet lunch, business meeting and program twice a month from November through March. They call themselves "Winter Texans."

Marti Allen from Chapter HG, Broomfield, Colorado says, "I really enjoy my P.E.O. meetings in the Rio Grande Valley. My winters are so much more special when I can see the sisters in Texas."

Every year the group welcomes more newly retired P.E.O.s who spend their winters in the Rio Grande Valley. One new member said, "It is such a friendly group of ladies, just like my Chapter Q in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. I am so happy to have met these wonderful ladies."



The Magic Valley Retirement P.E.O. Group includes P.E.O.s from all over the United States and Canada

Although the Magic Valley Retirement P.E.O. Group does not initiate new members like regular chapters, they do support the projects. The P.E.O.s in this retirement group enjoy the best of both worlds. Rosemary Hedlund, IE, Des Moines, Iowa, says, "We have a year-round variety of P.E.O. love."

Sisters, the Heart of P.E.O.

The membership committee of Chapter BJ, Williamsburg, Virginia, is living their state president's theme, "Sisters, the Heart of P.E.O.", in two ways. First, they created a fun way to ensure non-attending members knew they were in their sisters' hearts. The committee used heart-shaped doilies and wrote one non-attending sister's name on each, passed them out to the members at the first meeting of the year and asked that the member contact their chosen "heart" frequently over the year. While each member was asked to take one heart, most took more than one. They call this the "Chapter Heart Line." The second initiative implemented this year is the "Helpful Heart Award." At each meeting one member is recognized who has done something special or touching or helpful for the chapter. The award is a homemade valentine heart.

Dolls and Daisies

Last year Chapter JU, Sacramento, California, was tasked with providing the table decorations for the Sacramento area Founders' Day celebration. Sharon Cheatham designed dolls representing our seven Founders, wearing outfits similar to those designed for the "grand entrance" in 1869, when the P.E.O. emblem was first worn in public.

Chapter JU members came together to sew, stuff and decorate the dolls. Each doll had a dress, a lace-trimmed apron, a P.E.O. emblem, pearls and earrings. Hair color varied from doll

to doll and friendly faces and eyes were painted onto the faces. Sisters also made bouquets of paper daisies, which were placed in small vases next to the dolls. A printed card was placed at the feet of each doll presenting information about the Founders and the significance of the clothing.

Sales of the dolls and flowers were brisk and helped increase the chapter's donations to P.E.O. projects. 🌸



Sharon Cheatham designed Founder dolls for a Chapter JU fundraiser

Jennifer Kutch Rockwell, OM, La Canada, California, produced and stars in “Pilates-4-Pain Management,” an instructional DVD geared for the individual who experiences some mild discomfort with everyday living, especially while traveling.



Jennifer is a Pilates instructor whose objective is to give clients a full-body workout that enhances muscle tone, range of motion and flexibility. Her third video “Pilates-4-Pregnancy” will be released soon.

Ruth Elaine Soelter Lethem, AE, Bloomington, Indiana, wrote “The View from Poplar Street: A Kansas Sketchbook.” In her book Elaine describes her vivid memories of growing up in the small town of Wamego, Kansas, in the 30s. Elaine recounts memories of her family, including her grandmother, who lived with her family for 31 years.

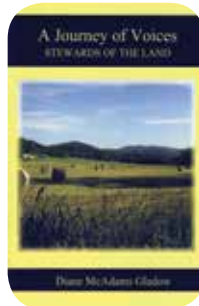


Throughout her life, Elaine has been recording her memories and encouraging others to enjoy the pleasures of writing. When she moved to the Meadowood Retirement Community in 2001, she promptly organized a writing group among the residents. Over the years, Elaine’s articles have appeared frequently in the Meadowood Anthology; a quarterly publication by and for the residents.

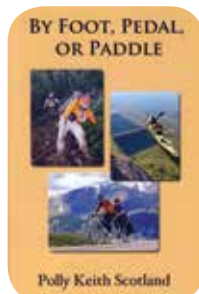
Diane McAdams Gladow, HY, Emporia, Kansas, completed the second book in her “Journey of Voices” series—“A Journey of Voices: Stewards

of the Land.” In this book, the reader is invited to experience history through the personal letters and accounts of the people who lived it. Seven generations of the Crume family, connected to the land, interact with 200 years of American history, illustrating how ordinary lives can take on a much larger significance. The author interweaves the story of the Crume family with old letters, diaries and memoirs to provide the “voices” in the book. The story and voices are supported by Bible records, public records, historical background, geographical setting descriptions, pictures and maps.

Whether building a home in 1746 in the Shenandoah Valley wilderness of Virginia, fighting in the American Revolution, traveling west by wagon over steep mountain ranges and flatboating on raging rivers to reach Kentucky, connecting with the Abraham Lincoln family, enduring the Civil War in a border state, surviving the Great Depression and experiencing two World Wars, the Crume family will continue to surprise and challenge readers to look at history in a completely new way.



Polly Keith Scotland, EX, Bemidji, Minnesota, wrote “By Foot, Pedal, or Paddle,” an array of “out-there” adventures from around the world. This blister-filled, strength-sapping book takes the reader to Alaska, Canada, South America and Lake Superior—with many stops in between. These stories will inspire



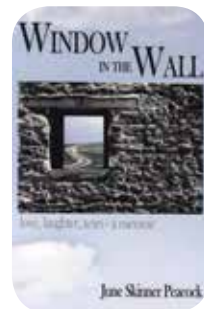
both the avid explorer and the armchair reader.

Polly works as a dental hygienist for two dentists—her husband and daughter.

June Skinner Peacock, BK, Raleigh, North Carolina, wrote

“Window in the Wall.” June began to write in earnest at the age of 89. This memoir was meant for her family; however, it reaches beyond simple life experiences to be shared with family into the depths of struggle, reinvention and joy that speak to the resilience of the human spirit. For all who read this, there is an honesty that will encourage each one to seek a full and meaningful life, to welcome and accept new challenges of creativity and reflection, to look forward to the future, no matter the age.

During the late fall and winter months, June lives next door to her daughter and son-in-law in Raleigh, North Carolina. She spends spring, summer and early fall in the mountains, at her beloved cove in western North Carolina.



Wendy Hanson, T, West Valley City, Utah, wrote “My Promise to Palestine,” a

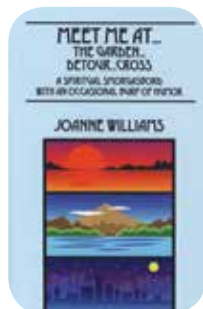
collection of short stories based on her time living and working in the occupied territories/West Bank among the Palestinian people. She lived in the territories for two years working as a volunteer/missionary nurse for the Presbyterian church. Living in the occupied territories gave Wendy insight into a land and people she cares for deeply.



Wendy promised her Palestinian friends and family that she would tell their stories when she returned to the USA. In each story there is an everyday hero. Wendy says, "Gaining insight into a much maligned society is an important process."

Joanne Williams, L, Saint Anthony, Idaho, wrote "Meet Me At...The Garden... Detour...Cross:

A Spiritual Smorgasbord with an Occasional Burp of Humor," a collection of short stories that inspire optimism, focus, confidence and peace.



Joanne studied human values at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She served as chaplain for hospice and hospital care. She says she can bring truth from Scripture into ordinary, every-day experiences.

Alba Elizabeth "Bitsy" Barr, IM, Lufkin, Texas, released her second book about Zock, a knitted doll who has all sorts of adventures. The first book, "Zock's Adventures," was illustrated with color photographs of multiple Zock dolls posed in fun activities such as



fishing, roasting marshmallows and climbing trees. The second book "Zock's Counting Book," has line drawings for coloring and a section at the end to educate parents and other teachers about the value of using coloring books to build skills needed for academic achievement. In addition to the books, Zock dolls are available for purchase, each one individually hand-knitted by the author, and personalized to

match the little boy the doll will be given to, with features such as eye color, hair style or glasses.

Bitsy is a prolific author who has written numerous books, each one a personalized and unique record of events for family and friends. She is currently at work collecting the history of a baby dress that has been in the family for more than 100 years, with nearly 100 children photographed in the dress. When she is not writing, she studies the Bible, attends P.E.O. meetings, knits, quilts, gardens and plays with dolls. She lives in Nacogdoches, Texas, with her husband Ron Boggess.

Elizabeth Sublette, GX, Saint Louis, Missouri, wrote "Hand in Hand," a read

and read-to collection of stories for children of many ages beginning with a story for the very young and advancing into stories of adventure and challenge and concluding with a story of a beloved family pet.



"Hand in Hand" is Elizabeth's fifth book. She is pleased that two of her previous books were accepted by the Library of Congress and two have been accepted by the Missouri History Museum Library.

Rachel Gifford, AC, Leachville, Arkansas,

wrote an e-book, "Keeper of the Seed," that is the first in a series of romantic suspense novels. When you grow up on a small farm in Cottonwood,



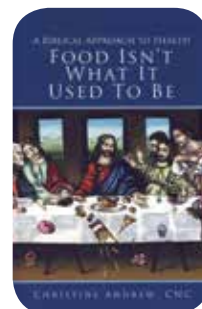
Arkansas, you expect your life to be uncomplicated. That's the way it was for Sarah, a down-to-earth girl, satisfied to live in the shadow of her brilliant brother Ben. But when Sarah visited Ben in Lubbock during spring break and met Tim Randall, life's simplicities were forever changed. As Ben conducted cottonseed research, Sarah sowed a life of her own and left Texas for good...so she thought. Now, 15 years later, Sarah is back on the cotton farm. The sudden death of her husband has turned her world upside down. And when she receives word that Ben, now a renowned cottonseed breeder and research professor at Texas Tech University, is missing and his graduate assistant has been murdered, she responds with a vengeance.

Rachel is a dean at Arkansas Northeastern College in Blytheville where she oversees the marketing and development offices. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's degree in mass communication with a major in journalism. She is an avid reader who also loves to write. When not working or writing, she enjoys watching basketball and baseball.

Christine Andrew, RR, Fairfield, California, penned her first book

"Food Isn't What It Used to Be" about how food has taken a dramatic transformation from what it was in ancient times to even as recent as 100 years ago to what it is currently. Getting back to

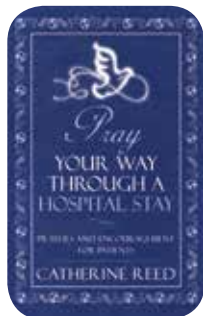
basics, being wary of deception and healthy eating and living choices are at the heart of this book. What sets this book apart from others is that it is written from a biblical perspective and is filled with references to substantiate



the information. The information in this book answers common questions about what to eat, drink and how to stay healthy or return to health in the midst of a society inundated with processed and genetically modified food.

Christine received her bachelor's degree in music therapy from the University of the Pacific and worked in the education field for 25 years. She earned a diploma in nutrition from Huntington College of Health Sciences in 2006 and obtained a certification as a nutrition consultant. She is passionate about educating people of all ages about the importance of improving their health and does so through ongoing wellness classes and individualized consultations. She owns and operates Individualized Nutrition Services in Vacaville, California.

Catherine Reed, AM, Tampa, Florida, wrote "Pray Your Way through a Hospital Stay: Encouragement and Prayers for Patients." The book chronicles the many blessings that came into her life surrounding a journey with brain surgery to remove a tumor. Along with the encouraging messages are specific verses and prayers that address topics close to patients' hearts: fear, healing, encouragement and comfort.



Catherine lives in Tampa, Florida, with her BIL Jack. They enjoy extended trips to Orange County, California, and the mountain areas of Tennessee and Georgia. They have two grown sons.

Marilynn Barton, HN, Kansas City, Missouri, wrote "The Principal," a story set in 1936 during the depression. It is about an Indian chief who hires a prestigious young doctoral graduate to be the principal of his elementary school in Oklahoma. It was the worst

of times for most of the country but because of Chief Hunt and the young man he hired to run his school, the people of this little Indian nation town had a fairly good time of it.

Marilynn has written plays, a TV family series and skits for church and school. When she was 13 she wrote and produced a play for a national Girl Scout convention. In the 70s, she wrote and produced a play for the national meeting of the Kansas Women's Clubs. It is her intention to donate part of the royalties from book sales to Cottey College.

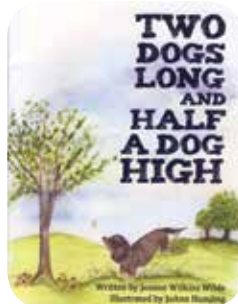


Jeanne Wilkins Wilde, DJ, Denver, Colorado, wrote "Two Dogs Long and Half a Dog High," a children's book for ages 3 and up that teaches young readers not to bully others.

"Two Dogs Long and Half a Dog High" follows a young boy named Andy and his dog Duff. Andy and Duff are best friends and they enjoy spending time together, going on walks and helping each other. But a bigger kid keeps bullying Andy. Can Andy find some way to get the bully to treat him more kindly?

As a teacher, mother and grandmother, Jeanne has plenty of experience with children and she has helped resolve many bullying issues in her life. She hopes to help children and adults learn what to do about this problem.

Jeanne resides in Denver with her geologist husband Don, who was instrumental in helping with the creation of this book.



Kim Spillers, MU, Atlantic, Iowa, wrote "The Be WUCA! Way: The ART of getting along" with her husband Frank. WUCA (pronounced woo-ka) is a positive, intentional choice every second of every day that creates an environment so the giver and receiver will welcome, understand, comfort and appreciate.

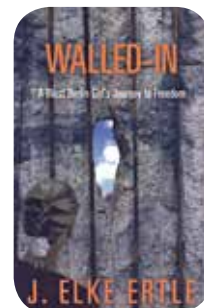


In a world where violence and bullying take place daily in schools, politics, communities, workplaces and online, civility has become a lost art.

Environments are created by people's choices of how they talk to, talk about, think about, and treat the people who cross their path every day. "The Be WUCA! Way" teaches the process where businesses, schools and communities learn the art of getting along for success and productivity.

Kim and Frank are coowners of Global Horizons. They provide, create and teach innovative processes that bring the best out of people to successfully move forward. Their work ranges from political campaigns, legislative issues and national nonprofits to Main Street mom and pop businesses that fuel local economies, families and communities.

J. Elke Ertle, LV, San Diego, California, wrote a memoir entitled, "Walled-In: A West Berlin Girl's Journey to Freedom." In this true story, she shares what it was like to grow up in West Berlin during the Cold War when two obstacles threatened her freedom: the Berlin Wall and the



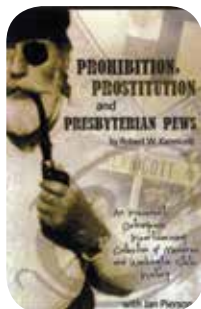
harsh rules her uncompromising parents imposed. On her 21st birthday, a startling revelation strengthened her determination to immigrate to the United States.

In “Walled-In,” Elke interweaves history with her personal experiences and takes the reader on a journey into her closely supervised, yet happy childhood, her youthful disillusionment and her deliberate, albeit difficult decision to choose freedom.

Elke holds a master’s degree in industrial-organizational psychology from San Diego State University and a certificate in fitness and exercise science from the University of California, San Diego. Retired from public service, she now teaches group exercise classes on a part-time basis.

Jan Pierson, AV, Chehalis, Washington, authored “Prohibition, Prostitution and Presbyterian Pews,”

an outrageous, irreverent collection of memories and Washington State history. When long-time friend Bob Kennicott handed Jan his memoir in the late afternoon of his life, she knew she held a treasure in her hands. This historical account includes excerpts from his father, Dr. Guy Kennicott’s journals, dating back before the turn of the 20th century when Washington was still a territory and his father was a young doctor setting up his medical practice. Robert grew up next to the Great Northern Railroad tracks amidst the brothels and saloons of Chehalis and although his father was one of Washington state’s earliest doctors, young Robert was never spared the harsh realities of a rugged town caught between brothels and moonshine and loneliness. The Wobblies, Buffalo Bill, the Hatfields and McCoys and more, set the

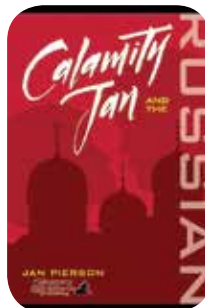


stage for a young boy’s uneven journey growing up in a rugged logging community in the early 1900s.

Jan also wrote her memoir “Calamity Jan and the Russian.” Jan was 61 years old when a 52-year-old Russian physicist walked into her life and catapulted her into a wild dance that rattled her sensible foundations and changed her life forever. Statistics show that May-December, intercultural relationships are on the rise and/or on the brink. The memoir chronicles her cross-cultural marriage and journey into primitive Russia—a journey of passion, romance, betrayal, pain and failure. Unfortunately, candlelight, wine and shchi (Russian cabbage soup) wasn’t enough to overcome the enormous spiritual, cultural and psychological obstacles that faced two people from opposite sides of the world.

“Calamity Jan and the Russian” is more than a story about an older woman and a younger man from another culture; it’s about being single, older and sometimes a little bit lonely. It’s about taking risks and finding love again—then learning how to cope when everything begins to fall apart.

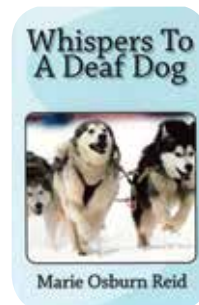
Jan, a freelance writer and author of 11 books, holds a B.A. in psychology and criminal justice from the Evergreen State College and is a former writing instructor with the Institute of Children’s Literature. Two of her books have been published and translated in Europe and her freelance magazine articles have appeared in Arizona Highways and American Style Magazine.



Marie Osburn Reid, F, Fairbanks, Alaska, wrote “Whispers to a Deaf Dog” about dangerous racing adventures with sled dogs and an exceptional lead dog.

After graduating from Chico State University in California, Marie moved to the “land of the midnight sun,” married, and raised three children in Fairbanks. Since 1969, P.E.O. has played a steady part in her life.

Marie became a novel writer after retiring from the University of Alaska Museum of the North in 2005, and a second marriage with her long ago high school sweetheart, Jeep (Reford) Reid. All her Alaska novels are in the young adult category.



Diane Stryker Laird, E, Charlotte, North Carolina, wrote “The Trouble with Bert,”

a 28-page whimsical verse story for children describing the plight of a boy who discovers a sassafras tree growing out of his head. How Bert solves his problem and the outcome holds a surprise on the last page.

Diane, a 1949 graduate of Kansas University, is a published writer as well as having been a teacher, realtor and humorous card writer for Hallmark. She has won several first place awards for her children’s stories with the Charlotte Writer’s Club.

A third generation P.E.O., Diane was initiated into Chapter N, Fredonia, Kansas, in 1947. Now widowed and living in Charlotte, North Carolina, since 1955, she enjoys Chapter E, her two children, her two grandsons and all life has to offer. 🌸





Chapter Z, Laurel, Mississippi
Organized: October 12, 2013

First row, from the left: Jane Hayes, Jayne Cooper, Lynette Fulton, Nancy Guice, Billie Graham **Second row:** Cynthia Sheppard, Carolyn Jones, Lisa Powell, Suellen Furlow, Anita Gambrell, Mary Jo Blackledge, Kathy Thompson, Cortney Hill, Sheri Rushing, Jan Blake, Judy McGlothlin, Marie Whatley



Chapter ER, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Organized: October 19, 2013

First row, from the left: Sandy Neverdahl, Kathy Bailey, Karen Martinson, Marilyn Mundy Rushton, Judy Kirk, Janet Harvey, Lucy Nicolai **Second row:** Sharon Sterry, Jane Smith, Judith Ristow, Dorothy Dale, Sheila Rahne, Rita Slinden **Third row:** Leslie Jeatran, Brette Garnatz, Jayne Lammer, Brenda Lorenz, Nancy Ohvall, Ginny Helgeson, Lanna Laird



Chapter BY, Abingdon, Virginia
Organized: February 16, 2013

First row: Sara Young **Second row, from the left:** Camille Sewell, Dottie Nowell, Betty-Jo Spurrier, Beth Leonard, Lori Hubert, Pam Kramer, Susan Terry, Jana Dreyzhner **Third row:** Ellen Winkler, Priscilla Koelling, Sharon Miller, Crystal Mc Glothlin, Jennifer Blankenship, Katie Yingling, Rachel Fowlkes, Sandy Smith, Dee Hopkins



Chapter FC-JE Wood River, Illinois
Merged: September 8, 2013

First row, from the left: Carolyn Dawson, Joyce Toombs, Mary Herndon, Joan Ford, Diana McGraw, Danielle Bogert, Kathleen Hall, Allison Frank, Shelia Darr **Second row:** Cindi Pulaski, Norine Bassett, Janet Blair, Diana Pendt, Nita Whitten, Donna Brigman, Marie Dealey, Jean Wiggins, Debbie Harden **Third row:** Sue Elwood, Mary Jo Kratschmer, Claudia Herndon, Pat Marks, Sally Hierman, Kathy Smith, Janice Farrell, Jeannine Burk, Carol Kohler, Jeanne Abert, Sandra Wilson, Missy Kichline



Chapter AL, Madison, Alabama
Organized: October 12, 2013

First row, from the left: Erin Sargent, Julia Naefe, Cindy Fry, Kim Xu, Stefanie Greenleaf, Bonnie Davis **Second row:** Leigh Seeman, Adair Seeman, Patty Piro, Kelly Hawkins, Lisa Sallo, Linda Peirce, Marti Donovan, Julie Maxon **Third row:** Carleen Cowles, Jessica Cowles, Katy Arterburn, Reagan McCarthy, Erin Piro, Karen Sargent, Shannon Donovan, Valerie Cox



Chapter AA, Ocean Springs, Mississippi
Organized: October 26, 2013

First row, from the left: Margaret Donaldson, Kim Guice, Dawn Jacobs, Diane Sison **Second row:** Wendy Ciotti, Lucy Chilcut, Janie Guice, Anne Guice, Lisa Flottman, Leigh Grimes Jaunsen **Third row:** Marcia Blevens, Vona L. Wawryszczuk, Diane Smith, Gayle Jones, Denise Bell, Cari Ballinger, Cathy Miceli, Pam Hoebeke



Chapter FK, Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Organized: April 28, 2013

First row, from the left: Jillian Stastny, Vicki Horning, Erika Keener, Kelly Spencer, Coleen Coyne, Sandy Balzer **Second row:** Lori Spencer, Angela Litherland, Pat Schaefer, Nancy Horning, Robin Stastny, Pat MacLean, Vicki Kimpel, Kathy Wargo, Darcie Drake, Sue Creakman



Chapter FL, Bay Village, Ohio
Organized: November 16, 2013

First row, from the left: Gretchen Gielty, Mary Kube, Linda Westervelt, Kathy Todd-Ward, Nancy Davis, Sandy Marusa, JoAnn Criss-Krejci **Second row:** Linda Schlageter, Eileen Moeller, Marge Gulley, Sara Schwab, Connie Scarpelli, Ann Talikka, Peggy Drumm, Arlene Way, Sandee Ralston, Hopie Barth **Third row:** Julie Kantra, Traci Herbruck, Maria Coletta, Jennifer Perrine, Diana Lee, Sarah Gourash, Diane Barnes, Beverly Marcis, Linda Sheehan

P.E.O.s in the SPOTLIGHT

Betty Lusk Hughes, NA, Champaign, Illinois, was one of 10 winners (out of more than 2,000 submissions) of Artist's Magazine's annual "Over 60 Competition" for 2013. The artists and their work were featured in the March 2013 issue.



Betty started drawing as a child while growing up on an Illinois farm. After receiving a degree in art education at the University of Illinois, she taught for several years. Her husband was a 30-year career Marine officer so, with three children and the rigors of moving often, she lacked serious time for her art until his retirement. Her BIL Bob is now one of her enthusiastic supporters.

She continues creating her art, primarily watercolor and oil, and learning via workshops. Betty's work has been included in many juried exhibitions, as well as one-, two- and three-woman shows. After years of having looked with interest at the "Over 60" articles, and with the encouragement of her family, Betty decided to submit a painting. The award-winning painting, "Amaryllis Queen,"



started out as a gift for Betty's dear friend and sister, Mary Ann Tucker

of Chapter KP, Paris, Illinois. This is Mary Ann's favorite amaryllis, and Betty fell in love with it, took a couple of photos and was determined to surprise Mary Ann with this painting. The resulting painting so dramatically captured the beauty of this bloom that her family reinforced her notion that this should be the one to submit.

Significantly, Mary Ann Tucker was the good friend who sent a letter of recommendation to the Champaign, Illinois, chapters as a wonderful way

to help introduce Betty to P.E.O., as well as to the new community to which she and her husband were moving following his retirement from the Marine Corps. Betty became a proud member of Chapter NA and in the years to follow Betty's daughters each became P.E.O.s—Lynn Hughes, Chapter LV, Woodridge, Illinois, and Laurel McClellan, Chapter AL, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Debbie Kash, MR, La Jolla, California, was named commander-in-chief of The Military Order of World Wars. Debbie is a retired Air Force captain and the first woman elected to this position.



Debbie most recently served on the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference Board of Directors, has been chapter commander, Department of Southern California commander and vice commander-in-chief. Her Air Force career included service at March Air Force Base as the Infection Control Officer and at the 609th Contingency Hospital in Zweibrücken, Germany, during operation Desert Storm.

The Military Order of World Wars is a veteran service organization that supports patriotic education, public service, ROTC and scouting and is known for its youth leadership conference programs where students learn about principles of democracy, free enterprise and civil responsibilities.

Jan Roper, J, Ottawa, Ontario-Quebec, was honored with the Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding achievement and volunteer service to her community. Jan has been a P.E.O. since 1979. Her service has



included working at Esther Bye day care in Calwell, citizen's advocacy working with her developmentally-delayed friend for 18 years, assisting at the Kiwanis music festival, volunteering as an aide to disabled children at school and volunteering at her church.

Created in 2012 to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was a tangible way for Canada to honor Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, this commemorative medal served to honor significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. During the year of celebrations, 60,000 deserving Canadians were recognized.

Ruth Fuyarchuk, B, Toronto, Ontario-Quebec, was honored with the Diamond

Jubilee Medal for outstanding achievement and volunteer service to her community. Ruth has been a P.E.O. since 1990. Among Ruth's many interests and volunteer hours



have been the Markham Inter-church Committee for Affordable Housing, Evergreen Hospice and the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shop in Stouffville.

Ruth was also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002.

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 **Marguerite pin guard**—for P.E.O. pin; sold by Chapter LJ since 1981; remove chain to wear as lapel pin. 18K gold plate, 3/8" diameter, with enameled white petals. \$20 ppd. Make check payable to Chapter LJ. Mail to Marge Steenson, 1235 11th St #307, West Des Moines, IA 50265-2100. 515-225-2731.

 **Gold marguerite bookmark**—22-karat gold plate w/gift card. \$10 ppd. Ch. MQ, Box 257, Lake Forest, IL 60045.


 **P.E.O. recognition pin**—the familiar block letters on the slant, our project since 1959, in 14K gold plate at \$12+\$1.50 shipping. Ch. ES, 10905 176th Circle NE Redmond, WA 98052. Kbarbcata@aol.com


Marguerite bridge tallies & note cards, beautifully boxed...lovely gifts...featuring original artwork (see peochapterdo.webs.com). Tallies can be used 25 times. 2 table tallies-\$13.50, 3 table tallies-\$16.50, box of 8 note cards-\$12.50 (S&H incl) Ch DO, 2137 St. Andrews Dr, McMinnville, OR 97128.

 **Long handled baby spoon** Stainless, engraved w/ P.E.O. including a certificate for further engraving. \$18 ppd. (MN residents add 7.275% tax). Ch. CX c/o Anne Westman, 10712 Garden Cir, Bloomington, MN 55438. Allow 3-4 wks.


 **Permanent yearbook binders** Yellow 2-ring vinyl binder, with informal P.E.O. logo. Visit www.peoyearbookcovers.org for more information. \$7.50 per binder + shipping (1-2 binders \$3; 3-10 \$9; 11-49 \$12; 50+ \$18). IL residents add \$.62 per binder for sales tax. Send checks payable to P.E.O. Yearbook Covers, Ch DE, c/o Lee Haas, 5713 W Roscoe St, Chicago, IL 60634.

Yearbook binders & paper—Since 1981, over 3,000 chapters have used our purse-size, six-ring white vinyl binder, personalized with their chapter letters, city/state, and date organized—now with a choice of traditional star emblem or marguerite logo! Set of four index tabs sold separately. Our prepunched paper fits any copier or printer and allows chapters to print only new pages each year. Approved in all states, this is a project of Ch. AN in Dayton, Ohio. Contact Jenni Allard for brochure/paper sample at P.E.O. YEARBOOKS, 4720 Burnham Lane, Dayton, OH 45429-1104; phone: 937-293-8912; email: info@peoyearbooks.com. Or visit us at our website: www.peoyearbooks.com.


 **P.E.O.s love it!** Gold recognition pin with tie tack closure. Original design by former International P.E.O. president. \$12 ppd., Ch. BC, Carolyn Jacobs, 3128 59th St South #201, Gulfport, FL 33707.

 **Original recognition pin** with BLING! We've updated our 1955 gold classic P.E.O. lapel pin with a crystal stone set inside the "O". \$12 ppd per pin. (IN residents add 7% sales tax.) Make check to Ch. I, Box 390, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Grave marker or garden ornament—Brass 6" star on 24" rod. \$45 ppd. Also avail w/o rod. Ch. HV c/o Pam Hedger, 1 Willow Green Dr, Butler, MO 64730. Pam.hedger@yahoo.com.


 **P.E.O. tiles** feature yellow and white marguerites tied with blue ribbons. Gift-boxed, heatproof, colorfast. 6" x 6" square. \$14 plus \$6 S&H. \$1 postage per each add'l tile to same address. Ch. JK c/o Carolyn Payne, 4829 N Antioch Rd, Kansas City, MO 64119.


CD of newest opening ode—Vocal and piano alone; includes initiation piano background music; also available in cassette. \$12 ppd. Check to Ch. EM c/o Beverly Koch, 2808 Burlwood Dr, Arlington, TX 76016.

 **Sterling star pendant**—\$15 ppd. also available 20" SS chain - \$15 ppd. Ch. CK c/o Sue Ann Graves, 44 Bretagne Cir, Little Rock, AR 72223. 501-821-5303, sagraves@comcast.net.

White gavel block or paperweight with the star and letters P.E.O. in center. \$12 ppd. Ch. CV c/o Ann Buck, 3048 Locust Camp Rd, Kettering, OH 45419.


P.E.O. sticky notes 50-sheet yellow pad w/marguerite & P.E.O. letters. Great gift idea. Ea. pad costs \$2. Min. 6 pads per order. Add \$4 postage to ea order. Checks to Ch GE c/o Carol Wright, 10132 N Highway 54, Weatherford, OK 73096, 580-772-2383.

 **Cross-stitch chart** Daisy-entwined star with P.E.O. in center. Send a SASE with \$5 check to Ch. BL c/o Sue Jobe, 1922 Rosepointe Way, Spring Grove, PA 17362.

 **Protect your robes**—54" white breathable and water-repellent garment bags decorated w/ marguerite. \$80 ppd. for 7 bags sent to street address only. Ch. FR c/o Diann Rockstrom, 211 S 78th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908. diann67@gmail.com.

New, colorful marguerite stickers—perfect for notes, nametags, etc. 1" size. Packaged 30 for \$5.50 ppd. Checks to Ch. GX c/o Jan Peterson, 904 North Lincoln, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

Attractive address folder for purse or pocket. Credit card size; magnetic cover holds it closed. Brushed chrome cover with gold marguerite. Lovely for gifts, \$4 ppd. Ch. BK c/o Fran Ray, 14078 Powder Dr, Carmel, IN 46033.

 **Delicious marguerite mints**—Long time favorites. White "chocolate" with yellow centers (1-5/8", 1/4 oz.). Elegant P.E.O. mints for gifts, B&B or meetings. Gift box of 20 or plain box of 30 mints \$24 ppd. (Add'l boxes to same address \$21.) Pat Alesse, Ch J, 4825 Alderson Rd, Birch Bay, WA 98230. 360-371-2070.

Hand-colored daisy notes—Original art folded note cards (5-1/2" x 4 1/4") by Fritz Klopfenstein. Great gift! Package of 8 with envelopes - \$8 incl. P&H. - 5 packages for \$35. Checks to P.E.O. Ch. P/CT. Send to Betsy Ready, 59 Woodside Ave, Westport, CT 06880

P.E.O. calendar reminder stickers! 20 yellow 1/2" printed circles/page. \$50/page plus \$1 s&h/100 pages. Checks to Ch. CV c/o Karen Hendrickson, 1824 Bayview, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Items for SALE

P.E.O. yellow binders 6-ring binder. Gold star on cover, 4-1/2" x 6-1/2". \$6 + shipping. Call 801-487-7602 or Ch. E, 1808 Mohawk Way, SLC, UT 84108.

Walnut pin box, handmade with star on top. Large with removable top will hold pin back, 3", \$21. Small w/ drawer, 2", \$19 ppd. Ch AL c/o Trine, 82825 559 Ave, Madison, NE 68748. phylmt@yahoo.com

Beautiful P.E.O. jewelry—rings, bracelets, pendants, pins, earrings – many P.E.O. items. Free brochure. MC/Visa. S/H \$4. Ch Y, P.E.O., POB 81410, Las Vegas, NV 89180. 702-341-8641.

Marguerite's mail—8 full-color note cards and envelopes from original watercolor; \$8 per pkg includes P&H. Checks to Ch. NQ c/o Glenda Drennen, 401 N Lynn, LeMars, IA 51031.

Fingertip towels embroidered w/ marguerites. Perfect for gift or guest. White velour. \$12/pair. Ch VG c/o Karen DeSoto, 18050 Mark, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

Pewter P.E.O. star ornament—3-1/4" handcast pewter star with raised letters P.E.O. in center. Perfect for weddings, Christmas, special occasions; suitable for engraving; \$18 ppd. Ch. AU c/o Kathy Baylor, 427 State Route E, Fayette, MO 65248.

Official reciprocity chairman's pin—14k gold plated gavel on marguerite w/ guard ring. \$95 to Ch. HB, c/o Margaret A. Lamb, 4331 E. Linden Cir, Greenwood Village, CO 80121. 303-771-1452.

Chapter letter pin guard gold-plated with chain \$25 ppd. Ch. QB c/o Marty R. Francis, 7832 Kentwood Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90045-1151. 310-670-4796, Marty.Francis@sbcbglobal.net.

P.E.O. gold foil star stickers 1" in dia. Similar to official emblem. Ideal for conventions, reciprocity, correspondence, nametags, & place cards. 50/\$8 ppd. Checks payable to Ch. DA, Eileen McHill, 555 Dodge St, Lebanon, OR 97355 emchill@yahoo.com.

Grave marker: P.E.O. Star Emblems (exact replicas) in 2 sizes: 3"—\$60 + S/H and 5/8" (cremation urns)—\$35 + S/H. Solid bronze. Officially approved. MC/Visa accepted. Free brochure. Ch. Y, P.E.O., P.O. Box 81410, Las Vegas, NV 89180. 702-341-8641.

White pen for initiation or gift. P.E.O. letters on a star background in the dome. \$25 ppd. Ch. Z c/o Sandy Houpt, 9620 Tai Tr, Dayton, OH 45458.

P.E.O. Founders photos—Complete set of lovely 8"x10" color photos of our P.E.O. Founders, with biographies, \$30. Ch GG. Marty Ferry, 2750 Hwy 5, New Franklin, MO 65274; ph 660-537-0670 or email mhbonanza@yahoo.com.

License plate frame—black with gold letters: "P.E.O. Educating Women" \$7 ea. (\$6 ea. for 10 or more to same address). Ch. DK c/o Kristine Dillon, 12525 SE 210th Ct, Kent, WA 98031, 253-630-3893.

Ornament with star & marguerites. Lightweight metal. \$10 ppd includes box. Ch. FX c/o Sue Pritchett, 1015 Perkins, Richland, WA 99354. For more: j_sue_pritchett@yahoo.com.

New garden/window flag—11" x 13", 7 marguerites, 7 gold stars on royal blue. \$20 ppd. to Ch. CC c/o L. Lampkin, RFD 3—Box 179, Montrose, MO 64770.

P.E.O. star magnets for your car—bright yellow, 8" magnetic stars, \$11 ppd. Ch. AL c/o Claudia DeMaggio, 1809 Morgans Mill Way, High Point, NC 27265. 336-884-0444. cdcolors@triad.rr.com.

Spread the news with our 3" static decal—A shaded-gold star with P.E.O. across the center. Adheres to your car window, letting the traffic know you are a proud P.E.O. member. \$1 ea. Incl. a SASE to Ch. GY c/o Beverly Hurst, 1413 Grand Ave, Fillmore, CA 93015. Ph. 805-524-3980 or beverlyhurst@mac.com.

P.E.O. pens in red, black or blue with letters in gold. \$6 ea. ppd. to Ch. OX c/o Wanda Miller, 805 E Burky Ln, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641. www.miller@lisco.com.

P.E.O. officer's pinafore pattern—Easy, wrap-around floor length pinafore, \$20 ppd. Ch. CB Jane Swanson, 2615 E Fox St, Mesa, AZ 85213-5334. husker5699@cox.net.

The original magnetic namebadge/pin holder! This is the one that over 5,000 sisters have and love! White nametag w/ custom engraved daisy & your name (& chap if desired) with nice white ribbon to hold your pin, gavel, etc. (Pin option avail) Includes storage bag that fits in your P.E.O. yearbook binder. 1-line \$15, 2-line \$17 ppd. Handsome BIL tags and regular nametags also available. Chap IQ, PO Box 621699, Littleton, CO 80162 Andi 303-947-8650. Samples/order forms at: www.peonamebadge.org.

Elegant suncatchers now available! Diamond-shaped, beveled glass, 7" x 4" etched marguerite, \$20; etched, hand-painted, \$25; Ch. DS c/o Marilyn Warrens, 2190 North Ave, Chico, CA 95926. 530-342-6731, email: mwarrens@mail.csuchico.edu.

Crocheted pin back—White w/ magnetic back or jewelry clasp. \$11 ppd. Ch AL, c/o Trine, 82825 559 Ave, Madison NE 68748. phylmt@yahoo.com.

Radko ornaments "My P.E.O. Star"—4-3/4". P.E.O. in center with gold/white daisies. \$42. "My Santa is a BIL"—5" roly-poly Santa. "BIL" on belt buckle. \$42. "Deep in the Heart"—5" state of Texas. Cowboy hat over Panhandle with P.E.O. on front, 2013 on back. \$46. View at www.peotexas.org. Include \$6 s/h. TX res. add 8-1/4% tax. ppd. P.E.O., Ch. IN, P.O. Box 92866, Southlake, TX 76092. Info: 817-251-8342 or peointx@gmail.com

Never struggle with your pin again! Embroidered nametag/pin holder and magnetic back. \$16 ppd. Quantity price from \$12. Inquire at PEOnames@aol.com or write Ch HF c/o Sue McCallister, 15125 Ave 312, Visalia, CA 93292.

Recipe cards—hard-to-find 3x5 cards featuring the new P.E.O. daisy logo in color. 25/pkg, lined front & back, tied in raffia. \$10/pkg ppd. Pay "P.E.O. Chapter FD". Send to 16629 Howard Cir, Omaha, NE 68118. waters.jean@gmail.com.

Sparkling P.E.O. bracelets — Stars, Swarovski crystals and sterling letters/spacers with easy-fasten toggle. \$27 + S/H to Ch. MW. Barbara Turcan, 630-584-3780 or bet1413@aol.com.

Never stick P.E.O. pins through your blouse again. Strong gold or silver plate magnetic clasp holds pins/necklaces/bracelets. \$10 ea or \$8 ea for 5 or more. Contact Ch. SR c/o Betty Breeze, 250 Corte del Cerro, Novato, CA 94949, 415-883-6182 or view photo at denniscrinnion@comcast.net.


Custom name badge with magnetic fastener. Attractive gold laminate, black engraved name & ch. Add your ribbon to hold pin. \$11 ppd. Contact Sheila Barnette, Ch HA for order form. sheilaroodbarnette@gmail.com. 904-343-9923


Original art. Full color, 6 different marguerite designs on 6 notecards with envelopes. \$7 per pkg of 6. You pay postage. Choose Dancing with Daisies series or Butterfly series. Send requests to Carol Holdhusen, Chapter AV, 3864 East Vallejo Dr, Gilbert, AZ, 85298. 480-986-2639 or cell 480-250-6546 or caholdhusen@hotmail.com.


Magnetic marguerite pin holder—1 1/2" daisy, white petals with yellow center. Holds emblem, no more pinholes in your clothes. \$8 plus \$2 postage for 1-5 holders. Ch. GD c/o Gudrun Gegner, 3040 Pawnee Dr, Bremerton, WA 98310. 360-373-3611


Tervis tumblers w/marguerite.


Insulated, shatterproof tumblers for hot or cold drinks. Micro & dishwasher safe; no condensation rings. Lifetime guarantee; made in USA. Several sizes available. For prices, shipping, & order form, email Chapter FE at flchapterfe@yahoo.com.


 **Crystal nail file** w/ hand painted daisy. 3 sizes, \$7-\$11. Ch AN c/o Connie 12420 NW Barnes Rd #259, Portland, OR 97229. www.peochapteran.com.


 **P.E.O. scarves.** Beautifully imprinted with metallic P.E.O. letters and stars, 14" x 60". Black/silver print, ivory, red, yellow, navy/gold print. \$20 + \$2 s/h. Check to Ch. IO, Lynn Hooker, 1815 Newport Rd, Weatherford, TX 76086. 405-642-0390. lshooker@aol.com.


 **Magnetic star pin** to hold your emblem. White embroidered star on bright yellow backing. Pins are \$8 ea + \$1.50 s/h. Contact Ch M/TN, Lisa Burns, email: lisaburns2003@gmail.com for order information.

 **Sister, forever, friends** bracelet by Ch L sisters. Order form w/ color chart: AZ Daisy Trading Post www.azpeo.org or email kwunchbox@cox.net. \$22; w/ earrings \$30 + \$1 shipping.

 **Magnetic daisy pin** back-2" yellow and white daisy to hold your P.E.O. emblem. \$9 payable to Ch JO c/o Mary Ellen Sims, 13750 Kenny Ln, Neosho, MO 64850, mesims76@gmail.com.

 **Marguerite zipper pull** in silver-tone. Use on luggage, purse, backpack, jacket. \$5.50 each ppd. Ch DQ, Anne Anderson, 900 University #1804, Seattle, WA 98101 206-922-2696.

 **P.E.O. sun catcher**—This sparkling beveled glass ornament presents a beautiful etching of our star. A great gift for the Christmas tree or a sunny window. \$15 incl. shipping. Ch. BH c/o Jane Lennox, 665 BF Goodrich Road, Marietta, OH 45750. janelennox@yahoo.com


 **Official USPS postage** stamp—Original copyrighted art featuring the P.E.O. star & white marguerites on blue background. One to nine sheets of 20—46¢ stamps for \$21.95 ppd per sheet. Ten sheets or more \$18.95 ppd per sheet. Please send orders to P.E.O. Ch. O, c/o Marie Kall, 506 Burnham Pl, Helena, MT 59601. Questions? kallmt@earthlink.net.

 **P.E.O. chef's apron**—in golden yellow cotton, embroidered with marguerites on bib. Extra long ties, adjustable neck strap, three pockets. \$20 ppd. Ch. N. Nancy Vest, 1230 Forest Dr, Sand Springs, OK 74063. nancyjoss@cox.net.

Handcrafted P.E.O. trivet—


Original American pewter trivet hangs or sits on a counter, 9.5 x 5.5". \$35 ppd. Checks payable to Ch EH, Terry Kercheval, 18219 E Weaver PL, Aurora, CO 80016. 303-766-2300. terry@thekerchevals.com.

 **Daisy tote, umbrella,** hatbox Chapter F/NH. Please visit PEO-FNH.org.


 **Exquisite sterling silver** bell necklace. Exclusively designed handcrafted sterling silver bell necklace embracing the P.E.O. Sisterhood. A very special gift for that very special P.E.O. \$99 ppd. Checks to Chapter BK c/o Jenny Gehl, 24 Jimmy Green Road, East Helena, MT 59635. mtchapterbk@aol.com

 **Portable podium:** www.peomississippi.org \$50 + \$20 S&H. 601-650-6599 for Joyce. Ch V.


 **P.E.O. mug**—Sisters of the heart w/ P.E.O. star on a field of marguerites, yellow interior. \$10 ea + shipping. Orders to Ch. M. c/o Betsy Fitzgerald, 1496 Log Cabin Rd, Milford, DE 19963 or BetsFitz43@aol.com

 **P.E.O. Founders bookmarks**—Two laminated colorful "one of a kind" styles to choose from. Both designs created by local artist. \$1.50 each ppd. Ch. AN c/o Angela Bridge, P.O. Box 541, Chandler, OK 74834 angiegb@brightok.net

 **P.E.O. "Wild Women"** pin, whimsical pin of acrylic resin, star on white dress, marguerite in hand, gold hair, yellow high heels. \$20 + \$5 s/h 1 or more. Ch U, 308 Mallet Hill Rd, Columbia, SC 29223 ddhredlips@gmail.com 803-699-6398.


 **Oval P.E.O. Car** Magnets—Euro car magnet for sale \$6 each. Leaves no sticky residue on your car. S&H free! Send check to Ch Z, 11324 Oakcroft Dr, Raleigh, NC 27614.


Daisy magnets for car, mailbox and fridge! 7" round white and yellow daisy w/ P.E.O. in center. \$11 ea + 5.15 shipping for 1-10 magnets. Ch AN, c/o L. Black, 220 Holly Dr. Easley, SC 29640. lblack220@gmail.com.


 **P.E.O. Byers' choice** caroler—custom designed Caroler holding a star, P.E.O. books and marguerites. Allow 4 weeks for shipping. Mail \$80 check payable to P.E.O., Ch. O to Linda Dowd, 801 Galer Dr, Newtown Sq, PA 19073. Questions to PEOcaroler@gmail.com


 **P.E.O. nametags**—Custom designed, with self-adhesive that "really sticks"! 24 ea \$3.50 ppd, 48 ea \$6 ppd. Ch BB, Barbara Papalia, 3203 Country Club Pkwy, Castle Rock, CO 80108-8300. 3203papalia@comcast.net.


 **P.E.O. lotion bars** are unique gifts for P.E.O.s and friends. Created by a P.E.O. and Cottey alumna, our lotion bars are a solid light-yellow bar of all natural lotion nestled in a decorative tin. The beautiful labels and fragrance were blended exclusively for P.E.O. Choose from Daisy Bouquet fragrance or naturally unscented. \$10 each or 5/\$40 plus \$5 shipping. Chapter MR, Springfield, MO 417-459-9334 or email lotionbars@gmail.com.

 **Original magnetic daisy** pin holder attaches pin with a strong magnet. Pin your star to our 2 1/2" daisy and never struggle with that tiny fastener again. \$7 plus \$5.50 shipping ea on orders less than 10. Checks to Chapter IT, send to Janet Burmeister, 1818 Ohio Parkway, Rockford, IL 61108.


 **Star ornament**—etched with "Wish" accented by a magic wand, surrounded by stars and daisies, tucked in a velveteen pouch. \$17 ppd. Ch. FZ-GR, c/o Kate Scruggs, 2419 S Joplin Ave, Tulsa, OK 74114-3825 wishornament@gmail.com.

 **Past president's gavel** guard—14K gold-plate with 7 clear Swarovski crystals. Perfect size for our star. \$30 ppd. to Ch. OO, P.E.O. c/o Pat Walton, 8008 Pinot Noir Court, San Jose, CA 95135.

 **Pewter ornament** elegant 2.5" heirloom quality, 2-sided ornament with marguerite and P.E.O. in an open-work star. US made. Great gift for out-going officers. \$18 ppd. Chapter FF, PO Box 59, Frankfort, MI 49635. Information or order form: PEOChapterFFMI@charter.net.

 **Cross stitch kit,** easy to stitch P.E.O. design. Kit includes all materials except frame. \$19.95 + \$3.95 S/H to Ch AW, c/o Mary Fisk, 2012 Hwy 9, Osage, IA 50461. jfisk@osage.net.

 **P.E.O. daisy key** rings—Handcrafted by local forge. \$15 ppd. Ch AY, Megan Smith, 506 Oak Hill Dr, Grove City, PA 16127.

 **Pandora like nametag** holder—P.E.O. colors w/star & daisy. 30" chain w/magnet clasp. \$14 ppd. Ch. DJ, c/o Trisha Tibbits, 465 Janes, Dr, LHC, AZ 86406. 928-486-3364 or email ttibbits@yahoo.com.


 **P.E.O. garden banners**—with gold star & 7 marguerites on blue background. 3 sizes incl. garden banner, 12"x18"—\$25; small flag, 2'x3'—\$50; all ppd. Mark a mtg. garden décor or gift. See photos & order forms with current prices at: www.PEOChapterHV.org or email chapterhv@gmail.com or call Sarah at 303-594-2455.

Items for SALE

 **Murano glass** daisy heart pendant—1.5x1.25" pendant includes silver tone neck wire. \$25 ppd. Ch AA, C. Chaires, 1381 Clydesdale Ave, Wellington, FL 33414.


 **Luggage tags**—prices & designs email jbillt@aol.com Ch DT.

7-Sisters' notecards as pictured in The Record, p 35, Jan/Feb, 2013. Perfect for Founders' Day invitations. Checks to P.E.O., Ch. CC, c/o Connie McConaughy, 5787 Cliftmere Dr, Newburgh, IN 47630. Or email cjmcconau@roadrunner.com. \$15 ppd.


 **Celebrate P.E.O.!** Darling oval car magnet for \$6 each, S&H free. Reads "P.E.O. Educating Women". Send check to Ch OA, c/o Colleen Miller-Owen, 422 Austin Ave, Geneva, IL 60134.


 **Delightful marguerite coffee** and tea sugar cubes. Dainty coffee and tea sugar cubes, hand-decorated with our yellow-centered marguerite and green leaves. A touch of elegance for P.E.O. meetings, special occasions and gifts. Box of 24 \$15 ppd. Ch. BH c/o Kam Matray, 0174 Iron Bridge Place, South Fork, CO 81154. 719-849-0349. kmatray@amigo.net


 **Handcrafted pewter marguerite** pin/necklace. Designed for Ch AR, Ruidoso, NM, size 1 1/8 x 1 1/2, \$17 ppd. S Komara, PO Box 2017, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

 **"Star" keychain**—engraved with P.E.O. for just \$10 each (includes S/H). May be worn as a necklace too! Be creative! Check payable to Ch DO, C/O Lenore Jones, 10820 Nutmeg Meadows Dr, Plymouth, IN 46563. Lenore@ancofficeproducts.com

 **License plate frame**—"Sisters A Gift of P.E.O." blk w/ gold; \$6 ea/\$10 for 2 plus ship; AK(NV); Brenda Miller 702-739-7172 Brenda441@cox.net


 **Sterling silver pin** guard for P.E.O. pin. 1" x 1 1/4" magnetic clasp. Handcrafted, unique piece of wearable art. \$30. Ch IH, Jes Raintree, 15648 Colorado Central Way, Monument, CO 81032. 719-488-8300.

 **P.E.O. ornament/gift** Porcelain ornament with 24k gold trim. \$12 ppd. Contact: Karen Ulfers vaappeo@gmail.com or 757-565-5197; 3309 Oxmor Court, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Checks payable to Ch AP.

 **Silver plated bookmark** hook of Swarovski crystals interlaced with pewter P.E.O. letters; finalized with a hand-painted pewter daisy \$9 ea or \$8 ea for 3 or more ppd. Checks to Ch. EK c/o Donna LaValle, 25 Fore Dr, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Get P.E.O. magnetism! 4" square car magnet spreads word about P.E.O. Black backgrd, large lovely daisy w/ letters P.E.O. \$6 ppd to Ch AJ c/o Bev Shaw, 83A Grouse Hill Rd. Glastonbury, CT 06033 bevshaw@cox.net. Order 5 or more – only \$5 each! (free ship).


Founders' Day musical—CD of script, sheet music, ideas. \$15 kentuckychapteraf@yahoo.com


 **Travel tumblers** 16 oz insulated travel tumbler created for us by Suzy Toronto. \$17 check to Ch BN, Millie Bergman, 2802 Cane Field Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479. mbergz@aol.com. Discounts for orders of 5 or 10.


 **Recognition pin**—1-1/4" , burgundy cloisonné w/daisy. Tie-tack fastener. \$10 ppd. Great gift. Checks to: P.E.O. Ch FQ, PO Box 75, Florence, OR 97439. PEOFQPIN@hotmail.com

Seven heavenly Founders—15 min DVD Cottey College Tour—10 min DVD. Great for programs & new members. \$15 ppd each or 2 for \$25 ppd, Ch BF, Phyllis Sandmann, 9301 Lansbrooke Ln, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.


 **Nametags**—beautiful custom marguerite artwork, 1 1/2x3" white acrylic, magnet fastener, name + ch ID, \$13 + S&H, Ch JB, c/o Heidi, 719-528-5313, heidi@cburnett.net


 **Silver star letter** opener—P.E.O. engraved. Lovely for gifts. Gift-boxed. Chapter FQ \$25 + \$6 S.H. ppd. c/o Heidi deLisser 3470 NW 7th St., Miami, FL 33125, hdelisser@aol.com

 **P.E.O. logo bridge** cards—Our high quality boxed sets are a lovely gift or recognition. 1 black & 1 yellow deck each include the P.E.O. letters & marguerite. \$20+ shipping, Chapter HB FL. peocards@gmail.com or 772 -567-0287


 **Best bag for** your bucks! Yellow embroidered P.E.O., daisy, ch, city, st, on durable 600 denier polyester, zippered, large front pocket, adjustable web handles, 2 pen loops, 2 side bottle pockets. 15x13x5. \$38 ppd, payable to Ch FS, Sue Mechem, 1009 2nd Ave NE, Clarion, IA 50525. 515-532-2228 or mikesuemechem@gmail.com


 **Counted cross-stitch** redesigned collage with all six projects. Mail check for \$10 to Ch. DU, c/o Mrs. John (Kitty) Schirm, 11180 Brentwood Ln., Chardon, OH 44024


 **Express your pride** in being a P.E.O. & Cottey College supporter. This window decal is the perfect way to do just that. \$2 ea or 3 for \$5. Order form & add'l info at www.peoagga.com Ch AG, GA or cparkman.peo@gmail.com


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Insider's Guide to London—this 70+ page guide has been lovingly created by the UK P.E.O. Group sharing our most useful tips for those travelling to London. To download your copy of the London Guide for Sisters by Sisters for only \$10, visit <http://cognitusuk.com/uk-peo-group>


 **Play Daisy Bingo**—Facts about our Founders instead of #s, \$22 ppd. Also, Bee Smart about the P.E.O. Constitution and CA state bylaws, \$22 ppd. Each set has 100 cards. Great for programs! Check to Ch. DO, 12214 Heacock St, Moreno Valley, CA 92557. 951-809-3673


 **Marguerite windsock**—Flowers embroidered on yellow body. 8" x 31" \$25 ppd Ch BZ c/o MaryLee Long, 543 Cedar Park Dr, Port Angeles, WA 98362

 **Necklace/purse fob:** puzzle piece I am P.E.O. with star, daisy & sisters charms. \$20+\$2.50 S/H. Chapter FP, c/o Marj Lubben, 18774 Stonebridge Rd, Monticello, IA 52310

 **Embroidered kitchen towel**—100% cotton flour sack w/ original P.E.O. design. Bright set (pink, turquoise, green), \$25 ppd. White, \$8 each ppd. Ch FL, c/o Joan P, 15604 Acacia Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73170 kitchentowels4sisters@yahoo.com

 **Candle**—Original design in soft yellow w/lemongrass scent features star, P.E.O. and daisy motif. Interior burns 50+ hrs. Use votive for continued enjoyment. Oval 4 1/4"x 3 3/4"x3". \$22 ppd. (\$20 ea. for 10 or more to same address). Make checks to Ch CH, P.O. Box 430, Bartlesville, OK 74005. Email: chapterchpeo@gmail.com.

 **The P.E.O. story** on DVD—A 30-minute dramatization of the origin of P.E.O. This delightful and entertaining movie is perfect for your Founders' Day program. \$25 plus \$3 S/H to Chapter ET, Joanne Gravelle, 11360 W. 76th Way, Arvada, CO 80005.

 **P.E.O. garden flag!** Beautiful 12x18" garden flag features the letters P.E.O. & watercolor marguerites. Artwork is by P.E.O. member & well-known artist, Ellen Diederich. Printed on both sides of heavy vinyl, flag is to be used with your own flag stand. Photo can be viewed at www.sgofargo.com. \$20, plus \$3.95 postage. Send check to Chapter AE, PO Box 8, Christine, ND 58015.

Portable president's lectern

Folds flat, featherweight, only 8.5 oz, made from durable foam core—sturdy! Lovingly crafted. \$45 ppd. Includes sturdy storage box. Make check payable to: Chapter CP, c/o Mary Lou Troyer, 249 E Woodland Rd, Lake Bluff, IL 60044

New-P.E.O. daisy

logo magnet for your car. 6" circle \$9 ppd to Ch JE c/o Bev Jaeger 692 Hwy 603, Chehalis, WA 98532 Abjaeger8205@comcast.net or 360-748-8205 for questions

P.E.O. inspirational stones

& tokens—Gifts for P.E.O. sisters, friends, and family. Six polished custom-engraved river stones: star logo with P.E.O. in center, Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth. \$20 per set or \$4 ea. Trinket dish (yellow) \$8. Eight pocket tokens or blessing coins including Friend, Sister, Love, and Loyalty. \$22 per set or \$3 ea. Small trinket dish \$6 - large one \$7. Order form/shipping info at www.peochapterhouse.org (Fundraising). Sponsored by Chapter C-CO. Janet 719-473-7670 or colopeo@msn.com

Royal blue t-shirts

screen printed with spray of 3 marguerites and 7 stars. 100% pre-shrunk cotton, ladies sizes M,L,XL. Long (\$25) or short (\$20) sleeve. Great for casual chapter events! Free shipping! Ch. AY; c/o Joanna Branvold, 922 Spyglass Dr, Eugene, OR, 97401. 541-688-9251 jjbranvold@comcast.net

Our seven sisters—as told in a beautiful paper doll book for Founders' Day program or gift. \$17 ppd to Ch DP c/o Maureen Davis, 3412 61st St, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Colorful, "up-cycled"

greeting cards. Blank on the inside to use for any occasion. \$13 for assortment of 10 cards and envelopes (includes shipping). Order from Lynn Riddlehoover, 4547 Buck Key Road, Sanibel, FL 33957. Checks payable to Chapter FV.

Luggage strap

with I.D., yellow nylon, adjustable. \$12, \$11, \$10 plus SH. Cks to Ch OH c/o Mary Jo Losey, 207 S. Prospect, Galena, IL 61036. Maryjo918@gmail.com

Clear beveled glass

frame—holds 4x6 photo P.E.O. printed between 2 marguerites \$24 ppd. Contact Sharon Krumrei 248-652-8059 or ewk111@sbcglobal.net, checks to Chapter ET (MI)

Star key ring

—or pendant! Back engraveable for special sister gifts. \$10 includes postage & gauze gift bag. Ch T - OR. mkengel@charter.net

Black washable plush vest

in a variety of sizes: S, M, L, XL at \$35; XXL & XXXL at \$37. Vests have generous inside pockets and convertible collar. Unique P.E.O. logo for special gifts and to wear about town. Request order form and info from Chapter BG AZ peovests@gmail.com 928-445-5614.

Star with journey daisies pendant/charm

—This 1" Cloister pendant is a wonderful addition to your P.E.O. jewelry and also makes a thoughtful gift for officers or committee members. Chain is not included. \$5.50 ppd. Make check payable to Chapter E, c/o Gini Hale, 14120 Country Hills Dr, Brighton, CO 80601. GiniHale@aol.com

Dottey Cottey notecards

—repro from orig 1950s Dottey Cottey Calendar by P.E.O. Doris Kingsbury Gazagian. Set of 6. \$10 ppd. PEODottey@yahoo.com. 978-250-8191.

Ornaments

—bronzed brass w/color; custom designs with limited editions. Great for anyone, especially a P.E.O. \$10 + sh. NEW 2013 silhouette girl with daisies; 2012 gift w/ marguerite; 2011 Christmas tree with daisies; 2010 sold out; Ch L, Marilyn Wittlinger, Box 306, Pennington, NJ 08534 marilyn@wittlinger.com

Luggage handle pads

Bright yellow nylon pad with black star and P.E.O. letters. \$6 ppd. Ch J c/o C. von Glahn, 11 Seminole Dr, NJ 07456.

Original art

, full color, 4 different designs on 8 note cards with envelopes. \$10/pkg. of 8. Send request to: Ch. CC, Kay Arrington 1348 Moore Road, Beaumont, TX 77713. Order anytime. Cards will be shipped in March and September.

Yearbook caddy

—our caddy will organize all of your P.E.O. materials. Available in blue, purple, red and burgundy w embroidered daisy on front. Pockets are 4" high and 4.5", 7" and 5.25" wide. Pen and notepad included. Send checks for \$20 per caddy ppd to Ch II, Kim Dickelman, 1193 Wyndemere Circle, Longmont, CO 80504. Email grandmadickelman@comcast.net

P.E.O. Mobius Cowl

Scarf—beautiful and versatile daisy print, Mobius scarf in black, gray, white, lime green and turquoise. Professionally sewn by a P.E.O. sister in a lovely, bold pattern with washable silky fabric. Checks to Ch. KQ. \$15 pre-paid, Jodell Larkin, 70 Copergate Ct. St. Peters, MO 63376. 636-688-5925. jlarkin70@charter.net

Homes

Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House

—in Colorado Springs offers suites with bedroom, living room, dining area, bathroom, and kitchenette. Smaller single room apartments with bath are also available. All have a private entrance, patio, and garden area and are single-level. No entry fee, small deposit, month-to-month leases include three daily meals. The common area consists of

living and dining rooms, library, and exercise room. Chapter House is located in a private park where nature and wildlife provide enjoyment. Eligible for residency are members of P.E.O. and P.E.O.-sponsored individuals. For more information, contact the Executive Director at 1819 W Cheyenne Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Ph: 719-473-7670 or email colopeo@msn.com. Its website at www.peochapterhouse.org provides further information, more detailed descriptions, and photographs.

At the Nebraska P.E.O. Home,

licensed as an assisted-living facility, TLC is the secret ingredient whether it's in the home-cooked meals, the private room with bath, the beauty salon, the Daisy van trips, or the very attentive staff. Active members of P.E.O. and P.E.O.-sponsored relatives are eligible for residency. Contact Tracy Magill, Administrator, Nebraska P.E.O. Home, 413 North 5th St, Beatrice, NE 68310 or call 402-228-4208 to check on your room.

Independent retirement living

in a P.E.O. community. Explore the Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House at www.peochapterhouseidaho.org or call 208-459-3552.

Books

Recipes for Success

—cookbook of over 200 recipes from sisters, BILs and treasured friends. \$12 ea (\$11 ea. if 10 or more to same address). Ch DK, Diane Lake, 916 Stadium Way, Tacoma, WA 98403, 253-370-3054 dianelake@harbornet.com

P.E.O. Stories of Love

written by 1300 sisters who share their achievements and dedication to our sisterhood. Many chapters have used the stories for Founders' Day. A wonderful gift to the new initiates in your chapter. All stories are woven together by a common bond of sisterhood. \$15 ppd, to Chapter EM. Mail to: Jeanne Herder, 5517 Old Hwy 18, Stevens Point, WI 54482

"Sisters in the Kitchen"

Cookbook—Over 300 of our favorite recipes. Perfect gift for officers, initiates, friends, family or your kitchen. \$19 ppd to Ch. FE, Diane Golden, 2525 E. Schrock Rd, Waterloo, IA 50701. Reduced prices for multiple books—email goldenjd@kca.net

Tech TiP...

Online Forms— Dates and Membership IDs

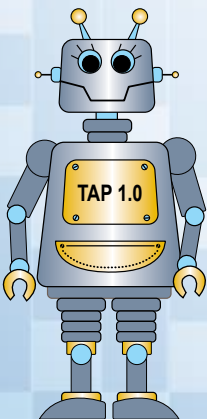
One of the forms many local chapters will be using in the next few months is the **Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapters**. Remember that this form is available online on the P.E.O. International Website.

- Go to peointernational.org
- Click on **Member Login** and log in using the username and password.
- On the left side menu, click on **Local Chapter Forms**.
- Then click **Corresponding Secretary** from the list of officers.
- The first form listed is the **Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapters**.

Like many of the online forms on the P.E.O. website, once you enter a little bit of information—in this example: your Chapter Letters and State/Province/District, it will pull additional information from our membership database.

- Type your Chapter Letters in the box next to Chapter.
- In the State/Province field, select your State or Province from the Dropdown Menu.
- Click Continue.

The next screen will show your Chapter Information including last year's Election and Installation Dates and last year's officers. Even if your chapter's officers have not changed, be sure to update the **Election Date** and **Installation Date**.



TAP's Tech Tips—

Different forms may require different formats for dates. If a date is on a form, we will provide a tip showing the correct format to use. MM/DD/YYYY or MM/DD/YY. Oftentimes, you can simply select the date from a dropdown menu or calendar.

Member IDs are used for most of the reporting forms. If you don't know the member ID, you can do a search for it using the **Member ID Search tool** located in the left side menu. When you enter the Member ID into the Member ID field, click **Retrieve Member Data** and it will automatically fill in all the information for that member. You can update the member's phone number and/or email address, but any physical/mailling addresses will need to be reported using the **Address Change Form** (also located in the left side menu).

If you have a technology question, let us know. Email ahargens@peodsm.org.

Until next time,
Ahn Hargens & TAP

To The POINT

Cotley College Summer Programs June 22-27, 2014



Cotley is excited to announce that in lieu of summer high school programs in science, leadership and fine arts, the College will offer one revised program that has been designed to meet the demands and interests of today's top academic students! This NEW summer program is a Workshop for Women Who are Going Places and will offer sophomore-, junior-, and senior-aged girls' insight into leadership, skill development, and college and career preparation while showcasing everything Cotley has to offer for their future education. To learn more about the programs, visit our website at www.cotley.edu/workshop. To request information, contact workshop@cotley.edu, call 417-667-6333, ext. 2005, or mail your request to Office of Enrollment Management, Cotley College, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772.

Cotley Vacation College

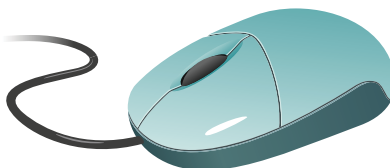
Forget the cold weather; it's time to plan for vacation—Vacation College that is! Travel to the heart of America



May 20-25 for Cotley's FUN version of summer school. Learn from Cotley faculty and staff, dine on delicious cuisine, and make lasting friendships with your suitemates. Information on classes can be found online at www.cotley.edu/peo, click on "Events and Reunions." Registration begins January 15. The comprehensive fee for the week is \$525 if you register by March 1, 2014.

P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund In Line to Go Online

On May 1, 2014, the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund will move to an online chapter recommendation and application process. This simplified process will include online submission of the Chapter Recommendation Form and the chapter letter. A printable worksheet, which will be



available for the candidate interview, will aid the chairman or tech sister when completing the online chapter recommendation. Soon chapters will find it even easier to Invest in ELF and help women reach their educational goals. Watch for more information and guidance in upcoming issues of The Record.

Dues Are Due

Don't forget to pay your dues to your chapter treasurer on or before February 28. Help your treasurer by getting your check to her before the deadline. She is responsible for annual reports which means her books need to be reconciled,

audited and a report filed with International Chapter early in March. Early payment of dues will help her prepare for these year-end responsibilities.

**Dues are Due
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February 28!**

Remember the Founders

By participating in Wear Your Pin Day—Founders' Day, January 21. Wear your pin and talk about P.E.O.! Think of ways small groups of chapter members can plan to be visible in your community.

And, take time in your chapter to remember the seven Founders. The P.E.O. Sisterhood was founded January 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, by Mary Allen (Stafford), 1848-1927; Ella Stewart, 1848-1894; Alice Bird (Babb), 1850-1926; Hattie Briggs (Bousquet), 1849-1877; Franc Roads (Elliott), 1852-1924; Alice Virginia Coffin, 1848-1888; Suela Pearson (Penfield) 1851-1920. 🌸



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"C" for Yourself! Weekend is March 28-30, 2014