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U.R.P.E.O.

It has been my honor to serve as your president during this biennium. I consider it the pinnacle of a lifetime commitment that has provided me with fond memories, joy and gratitude.

During that time I was often asked to share my convention keynote address; and for that I say thank you. And while I have incorporated elements of that address into several of my president's messages, for those of you who requested, I offer here, in this, my last President's Message, a condensed version of what you have heard me say.

Our Founders were forward-looking, thought-provoking young women who possessed unusual strength and ability. They were a positive force in the lives of women and society. These seven set an amazing precedence of greater commitment, service to others, leadership and the important need of education for women. They created a movement destined for unlimited potential and growth in ever broadening fields of service. They gave us a sisterhood of highest motive, of broadest extent and of phenomenal achievement.

The real test of any organization though, comes when the Founders are no more—when the organization must stand on its own. The responsibility of building on a foundation of excellence and meeting the challenges of future achievement then become the charge of those who follow.

If our seven Founders could see us now, what do you think they would say? What would they think? Would they be awed—pleased—concerned—confident?

They might wonder how P.E.O. has survived in a world where lifestyles are so drastically different from theirs. Yet, evidence of our purpose has only grown—not diminished. The principles upon which they based P.E.O. are still relevant and attract like-minded women. The qualities, on which they placed such high value, hold the same value for us. P.E.O. would not have lasted if the basic and enduring

principles had not been preserved, strengthened and carried forward.

Today our membership is composed of women with widely differing education, talents, interests, abilities and ages. It includes many different backgrounds, geographic areas and varied experiences.

Together we enrich the lives of each other, bring strength to the Sisterhood and are united in a common purpose. The benefits and objectives of our sisterhood have convinced each one of us that P.E.O. is worthy of our truest loyalty and our greatest effort. It is a mission that is not yet accomplished, but remains a work in progress.

Today, in the 21st century...U.R. setting the future course of P.E.O.

U.R. what P.E.O. will be.

U.R. what P.E.O. will do.

U.R. what P.E.O. will become.



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And it all starts with the local chapter. The heartbeat of our sisterhood is the local chapter; the foundation of P.E.O. is built at the local level. Every member has the responsibility for the quality of her chapter, and I offer you these considerations.

★ P.E.O. chapters are meant to be self-perpetuating, yet a chapter can be strong and active for many years and not realize it is losing ground until it is too late. If you don't know where you are going... any road will take you there.

★ When was the last time you assessed the direction of your chapter? If you are coasting...remember, you can only coast downhill. Good chapter health is maintained through periodic evaluation and commitment and it is the obligation of each

member to actively promote chapter fitness. What are the strengths, weaknesses of your chapter? What do you need to do differently? Set your chapter goals and work toward attaining them. We are all strengthened when chapters are dynamic and growing!

- ★ Are we integrating our new members or just initiating them? Potential initiates must understand the organization to which they have been asked to be a part and that they will have responsibilities as a member. It's positive to talk about P.E.O.—about our mission, the philanthropies we support and the friendships we share with women across North America.
- ★ U.R. our P.E.O. projects. Does your chapter support and contribute to each educational project? Become involved with learning more about our philanthropies and teaching our members about them. Understand how this can impact your chapter and the women in your communities and around the world.
- ★ P.E.O. is an acknowledged responsibility, a lived loyalty. As P.E.O.s we have all assumed certain duties and obligations. As a member you become part of our traditions, the current needs and you will set the course for the future to follow.
- ★ It is a privilege to be a P.E.O. and I can tell you it is a privilege to serve as an officer at any level of our organization. With anything that is worthwhile, you will receive much more from your commitment than you are ever able to give.
- ★ To remain static is not the nature of P.E.O. The status quo never takes you anywhere. If each member today will accept the responsibilities of membership and combine it with enthusiasm, laughter, support and care, the opportunities for our sisterhood are infinite. Be willing to do your part to ensure that P.E.O. will last longer than we will. Grow in attitudes and ideas as well as numbers and places.

You never know what you can do, or how far you can go until you try. Gandhi once said:

“If I believe I cannot do something,
It makes me incapable of doing it.
But when I believe I can,
Then I acquire the ability to do it...
Even if I didn't have that ability in the beginning!”

When I think of P.E.O.—its ideals, traditions, its lasting quality and the continuity of its strength, I never cease to be amazed at the seven young women who founded this sisterhood for us. Their sincerity, thoughtful purpose and foresight were astonishing.

P.E.O. values its yesterdays and anticipates its tomorrows. We have inherited a vital sisterhood. The welcome that awaited us is waiting for others who share our ideals and our value for the education of women. You may think of yourself as only one person, but remember the difference one person can make. U. R. instrumental in the success of reaching our goal. The challenge is there for every member—for each one of us—in whatever way we serve.

What a heritage—what a future.

You are that heritage—you are that future.

Remember... U.R.P.E.O.,



Susan Reese Sellers,
President, International Chapter

On behalf of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, I extend deep appreciation to Susan Santoli, past president Alabama and Nancy Gwinn, past president District of Columbia, for their seven years of dedicated service on the Cottey College Board of Trustees. Their years of leadership have enhanced our college.

Dr. Sandra J. Laney, Seattle, Washington and Christine A. Scheuneman, Chapter VA, Corona del Mar, California, were elected to the Cottey Board of Trustees for seven year terms effective June 1, 2013. We are confident they will serve our college with distinction.

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Excited by Online Resources

I love the P.E.O. International and California websites. We completed preacceptance and postacceptance counseling with our newest member using the PowerPoint programs. I used the templates and inserted chapter pictures and information and took my laptop to the counseling; it was wonderful. The committee was so excited we could do such a thing and the candidate did not seem to be overwhelmed by all the information. The PowerPoint allows everyone to be on the same item and kept us right on point. Being able to insert pictures of our local chapter was fun and personalized the counseling. This coming year I am going to use the PowerPoint presentation for the entire chapter to see—and, I can show it on my TV! This is so exciting; I love how P.E.O. is into the 21st century.

Chapter PB has a BIL computer teacher and he has offered his computer lab to the chapter. We have scheduled three one-hour Saturday sessions for website training. Session one will be an overview of International and California websites. Session two will be about accessing the Projects/Philanthropies online and session three will be about membership and program resources on the web.

*Jane Patterson, PB,
Newport Beach, California*

P.E.O. in Action

My husband and I went to Alabama to see our grandson get his pilot's wings. I was feeling wonderful when we got there but one evening I fell ill. My husband called 911, and I was taken to the ER at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama. I was so ill that I was



Vera Ewers

taken directly to ICU. I asked for my cell phone and called my P.E.O. sister in Chapter DW in Cincinnati and explained what had happened. She then located two chapters in Dothan and was put in contact with Chapter AH.

That afternoon, Janet Angelovich rushed to the hospital to see me. Then Tiffany Holloway, president of Chapter AH, came over and for the duration of my stay, I was blessed with visitors everyday. I received tote bags, magazines, books, lotion, snacks, flowers and candy, along with much care and concern for my well being. I've been a member since 1992 and I thought I knew and appreciated the concepts by which we live, but this experience proved without a doubt the full meaning of P.E.O. Chapter AH sisters were there to say goodbye and see me off as they put me on the plane to fly back to Cincinnati and my home chapter DW.

Because of Facebook, I'm able to chat with Tiffany and Janet on occasion. I experienced the true meaning of the qualities of faith, love, purity, justice and truth.

*Vera Ewers, DW,
Cincinnati, Ohio*

Personal Tie to Bess Truman

The article, "Bess Truman, P.E.O. Sister (and President's Wife)" (The P.E.O. Record, January-February 2013) hit a personal note. My grandmother was a lifelong friend of Bess Truman and she and my mother were members of Chapter S in Washington, D.C., My grandmother was one of the original founders of Chapter CW in Kirksville, Missouri, and as a widow



Bess Truman

moved to Washington, D.C., where she was invited to join Chapter S. Recently I was sorting through a box of my parents' old financial records left from the 1940s when my father worked for the State Department and my mother the FBI. Envelopes with the presidential seal caught my eye. In Bess Truman's handwriting on White House stationery was a 1945 note congratulating my mother on the birth of her second daughter and predicting that she would be too busy and having too much fun with me to attend P.E.O. meetings regularly. What a fun surprise to find after all these years.

*Stephanie Willett, CW,
Kirksville, Missouri*

It Pays to Talk about P.E.O.!

My husband Ken and I walk together every morning, but one Saturday last May he was walking alone and our neighbor, Joe, asked where I was.

"She's attending a P.E.O. convention," was Ken's answer.

"What's that?" asked Joe.

Ken proceeded to tell him about P.E.O. raising money for women to attend college and mentioned PCE as an example of the women we might help.

"That sounds interesting," said Joe. "Ask Martha to come over and tell me more about it. I sit on a charitable board and it sounds like something we might help with."

The next day I took Joe some information about P.E.O. I didn't hear from him again until one Sunday this March when there was a knock at our door. There stood Joe, check in hand, made out to P.E.O. for \$10,000!"

It's not only OK to talk about P.E.O., it really PAYS to talk about it.

*Martha Tobiassen, FY,
Clearwater, Florida*

Message from the Editor

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

It's my pleasure to present the July-August 2013 issue of The P.E.O. Record. I am especially excited to share with you this month's

cover story, on pages 8-9, about Chapter CO, Brooklyn, New York. Many thanks to Holly Ellis and Kat Vecchio for writing this profile of their young and vibrant big-city chapter.

I'm happy to report that BIL Albert Leffler has graciously agreed to stay



on as guest editor into the next biennium. We will continue to hear from him and get his unique perspective as a BIL; speaking of BILs...have you ever wondered about their history? Look no further than page 7 in this issue, where Albert explores the origin of the name BIL and the role BILs have played throughout the history of the Sisterhood.

Good news from Discover Dallas Tours—the tour company hosting tours of Dallas for International Convention—**deadlines to register for all tours have been extended to Saturday, August 31, 2013.**

See pages 12-13 for tour registration

forms. Tour descriptions are online and in the March-April Record.

Turn to page 16 to find out which co-anchor of a popular national morning show was a P.E.O. Scholar Award recipient.

Find several more entries in the 2013 Gallery of Presidents—biographies of state presidents—starting on page 17.

Remember, an electronic version of The Record is on our website at peointernational.org and the most up-to-date information about Convention can be found online at convention.peointernational.org/2013/cic.

Thanks for reading! 🌸

TIME TO “GIT” READY!



Are you ready to party? We are! The Defining Moment Campaign for Cottey College will celebrate throughout all of convention as we announce and cheer the winners of the Chapter Challenge competition. After dinner on Wednesday, “get your giddy-up on” and join us as we throw a dance party to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Chapter Challenge. So, dust off your cowboy hat and wiggle into your boots...we are headed for Dallas and a fun-filled evening you won't soon forget!

Wednesday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Hilton Anatole Grand Ballroom

\$10 registering in advance with International Convention, \$12 at the door





BILs—Where Did They Come From?

by Albert Leffler, Guest Editor

One of the interesting emails I recently received was from Susan Putt, Chapter O, Ada, Ohio, letting me know about an exciting chapter meeting they had with two new sisters who had recently been initiated. Coincidentally, this was their chapter's birthday party and all were having a great time perusing scrapbooks from years past. Some of the pictures were of BILs in a talent show for the Sisterhood, and those BILs looked like a wonderful fun-loving group of men. Of course, the newest sisters in Chapter O had lots of questions about BILs to which Susan and her sisters had no answers.

Susan set out to find the history of BILs and thought what better place to start than with the BIL Corner in *The P.E.O. Record*? Susan said, "We are reminded every year of our Founders of P.E.O. and know their stories, but we don't know the history of our BILs. In fact, there is even controversy among us as to what exactly BIL stands for—different women have different ideas." She ended her email with a request for help.

I had to admit that I also did not know the history of BILs but said I would take up the cause! Fortunately, P.E.O. is superbly organized and it did not take long to find out that P.E.O. Historian Rosemary A. Wood wrote a marvelous recap of BILs under the title "Those Wonderful B.I.L.s" published in the September-October 1995 issue of *The P.E.O. Record*. Following, and with apologies, is my condensation:

The heart of Rosemary's research is that the term BIL has a history of its own. It began with Lulu Corkhill who was initiated as one of the first

P.E.O.s in 1869 and went on to become an important and beloved member of the Sisterhood. She was involved in many facets of the organization and was president of Illinois State Chapter in 1907. The title of BIL is credited to her husband, Mr. H.B. Williams, who explained in later years that when he lived in Centerville, Iowa, he was one of a group of several young men who called themselves A.O.B.—Ancient Order of Bachelors, with the object of their group being "to keep their hearts with all diligence." Also in Centerville was a group of young women who called themselves A.O.M.—Ancient Order of Maids. The young men of the A.O.B. kept their distance from the young women of the A.O.M. (and their mantraps). Not so, however, when the first P.E.O. Chapter was formed in Centerville, and "...the A.O.B. fortress began to crumble...and the A.O.B. was annexed and captured by the P.E.O.s."

As many A.O.B.s became husbands of P.E.O.s, they became brothers-in-law to each other, so to speak. Mr. Williams referred to them as such and soon this became BILs—a name that has endured for well over a century.

A basis for gathering socially was needed in that era when Midwest pioneer towns provided little in the way of entertainment or recreation. P.E.O. Founder Mary Allen Stafford once said she wondered if P.E.O. would have survived its change from college to community orientation had it not been for the social aspects, so needed at that particular period. Due credit then must go to the BILs for the longevity of P.E.O.

While BILs are an integral part of the social life of P.E.O., BILs also contribute with moral and financial support. In addition to setting up chairs and tables, and disappearing before a meeting begins (hence one explanation for P.E.O.—Papa Eats Out)—BILs have had a tangible impact on the work of P.E.O. Cottey College continues to enjoy the benefits of BIL support. In 1943 BILs purchased the 33-acre recreational area known as BIL Hill and the Lodge that was first built there. In 1956 BILs provided the beautiful chapel, a prominent feature of Cottey's campus. Thousands of individual gifts to P.E.O. projects have been given by BILs.

To Susan Putt: thank you for your questions as we now know a little of the history of the BILs with that century-ago beginning with Mr. H. B. Williams. As a BIL, I am proud to say those of us in this current century continue to serve an important role in the P.E.O. Sisterhood. 🌸



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Chapter CO, at their organization, February 5, 2011. First row, from the left: Lori Evanson, Liz Howell, Carol Lang, Meg Maise, Holly Ellis, Tabitha Tagne **Second row:** Kendall Karg, Kat Comfort, Karen Conroy, Emily Thiesen, Sarah Cornish, Tara Sadowski, Alex Dedrick, Margee Khouri, Avis Pohl

Meet Chapter CO, Brooklyn, New York

by Holly Ellis and Kat Vecchio, CO, Brooklyn, New York

Hello, P.E.O.! We are Chapter CO of Brooklyn, New York: organized in February 2011, and growing in sisterhood ever since!

Like all P.E.O. chapters, we are a collective of women at all stages of life and career. What makes us unique to P.E.O. is most likely our age: of the 23 members of our chapter, 15 are under the age of 35. What makes us unique in Brooklyn is precisely what makes P.E.O. special: we are a group of varied women with unifying passions for education and friendship.

We often read in *The P.E.O. Record* that it's sometimes hard to find younger members who are active in their chapters. We'd love to offer you a peek into our chapter, introduce you to a few of our members, and let them explain what P.E.O. means to them.

At 32, Meg Maise has already served as the founding president of Chapter CO and is now in her second year on the New York State Board. She says, "I hope that younger members are empowered by seeing someone their age on the

stage at convention and think, 'Hey, I can do that too!' By increasing the age diversity in our leadership, we can hope that diversity in our membership will follow." Meg also has a thriving career as a communications professional, which she believes has helped her in P.E.O. tremendously. She created and maintains the New York City Reciprocity website. It's a great way for unaffiliates to find meetings and events!

Kim Janulewicz is the co-owner and editor of the immensely popular parenting resource, *A Child Grows in Brooklyn*. She is simultaneously holding down a second full-time job as a director of business development and raising two sweet little boys!

Elizabeth Swanson has a Ph.D. in Music from Northwestern University and is an assistant professor at Nyack College. This spring, a few of our chapter members were treated to an evening at New York's famous cultural institution, Lincoln Center, where Elizabeth conducted a concert!

Avis Pohl is a grandmother and model of strength for us. She published her

first book, *"Everywoman's Money: Less Debt, More Cash,"* while she was recovering from breast cancer. She assists each of us with our finances by donating her book, presenting programs and giving private consultations.

Sarah Cornish is a Ph.D. candidate at Fordham University. Sadly, Sarah will be leaving us at the end of the summer as she's just accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at the University of Northern Colorado. We look forward to recommending her to a Colorado chapter! Chapter CO sponsored Sarah for a successful ELF loan—one of two sisters for whom we've done so. Having the opportunity to sponsor our own members is an inspiring way for us to see the immediate impact of P.E.O.'s efforts.

Kat Vecchio is a Cottey alum and her first documentary, *"This Is How I Roll,"* has screened in theaters and festivals across the country. Kat's mother Debbie Vecchio served for eight years as the Oklahoma State Cottey chair and was serving as the Oklahoma State President when she passed away in 2011. Kat is

now serving as the New York State Cottey chair, in honor of her mother.

Holly Ellis' film "Prairie Love" was a selection of the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, and won awards at many others. She became a P.E.O. after receiving an ELF loan to help her complete her graduate degree. Holly has been a chapter officer for six of the seven years she's been a P.E.O.

Our membership also boasts a jazz singer, a fashion designer, a voiceover artist and a graduate student in forensic psychology!

When chatting with P.E.O.s outside of New York City—and at our own state convention—we're often greeted with surprised queries about what it's like to have a P.E.O. chapter in New York City (how do you squeeze a meeting into a one-bedroom apartment?! Answer: we sit on the floor!). More than that, we're asked how it's possible for young women living busy lives in the big city to make time for a traditional group like P.E.O.

We asked our sisters to tell us what they most valued in P.E.O. Sarah Cornish said, "As an educator, it's important for me to impart a feminist ethos to my students, especially my female students who come from limited resources and access. P.E.O. can provide a channel to both resource and access, so I feel compelled to stay involved."

Elizabeth Swanson conducted a concert at Lincoln Center
Photo by Nyack College



Kat Vecchio and Holly Ellis, authors of this article, are both accomplished filmmakers

Margee Khouri, one of our "guiding light" members told us, "I have always found P.E.O. to have a very warm, loving and accepting atmosphere. In 1999, I had colon cancer and everybody came to see me and called me a lot. We also rejoice in each other's victories."

Hearing the responses, it became clear that the opportunities for service and community speak to women of all walks of life. As Kate Hogan, one of our new transfers affirmed, "Now that I've turned 30, I'm realizing more and more how important good friends and service are."

We have found great benefits in inviting women of diverse backgrounds into our chapter. Our president Kerstin Johnson observed, "There will always be some differences among sisters and it can feel risky accepting someone who you know differs greatly from you in valued areas." So, when introducing a potential member to the group, we recall our Objects and Aims and ask, "Will she express a loving concern? Does she use her talents to radiate all light possible?" With these principles as our guides, we have found that including a variety of women enriches our relationships with each other and our connection to the community.

One fun way we've attracted potential sisters is with unofficial, casual gatherings. For example, Holly hosted a movie night at her apartment. We watched the

documentary "Miss Representation," which addresses the way women are portrayed in the media. The film's message goes hand-in-hand with P.E.O.'s mission to emphasize education and character over superficiality. It made for a lively discussion after the film and many non-members walked away asking "What is P.E.O.? Can I come to a meeting?"

Lastly, in the occasionally jaded and inward-looking world we live in, P.E.O. offers sincere connections among compassionate women. We were told by one of our newest members that what she found most comforting when she met us was the profound sense of sincerity she felt, especially when contrasted with the callousness we sometimes confront in our daily lives. Kerstin Johnson also shared that "during a period between jobs the P.E.O. community decreased my social isolation in a rural community where I otherwise did not feel I had a peer group." So, don't be afraid to invite young women to join your chapter. P.E.O. may be just what they're looking for!

We hope that this will encourage you to reach out to more diverse women in your community. We're sure it will lead to mutual benefit. We would also love to hear from you, as we'd love to attract more senior members for our chapter! You can reach us at katvecchio@gmail.com and hollylynnellis@gmail.com. 🌸

In 2010, Rebecca Hancock, a member of the Merchant Marine, was initiated into Chapter EH, Traverse City, Michigan. Rebecca is a valued and valuable member of her P.E.O. chapter in spite of the fact that she spends much of her time aboard the Stewart J. Cort, a 1,000-foot lake freighter where she is permanent Second Mate and relief First Mate.

Rebecca is a second-generation P.E.O.—her mother, Virginia Hancock, AX, Poughkeepsie, New York, traveled to Michigan to attend Rebecca's initiation ceremony.

Rebecca and her chapter recently had another reason to celebrate—on February 8, 2013, Rebecca was installed as the Grand President of the International Shipmasters' Association—the first woman ever to hold this office. Several members of Chapter EH attended her installation ceremony. "We are excited and so proud of Rebecca," said Chapter EH sister Karen Conaway.

A native of Poughkeepsie, New York, Rebecca enjoys the outdoors and staying active. She loves camping, kayaking, hiking, running, snowshoeing, photography and swimming. Her other interests include playing Irish music on clarinet and enjoying all that food has to offer.

Rebecca recently wrote the following article, outlining the evolution of her career for *Grand Traverse Woman* magazine. We are pleased to share Rebecca's story with the P.E.O. Sisterhood.



Life on the Great Lakes

by Rebecca Hancock, EH, Traverse City, Michigan

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From a very young age, I have had a connection with water. I'm told when I was about five, my family and I were at a vacation on a lake. A hill led down to the water, then a dock. As my parents were getting out of the car, unpacking it and setting things down on the grass, off I went—down the hill, to the end of the dock and right into the water.

Not a stranger to water, I had some skills at that point. Parent and tot, guppy,

various other sorts of fish-level swim lesson—I'm sure I had all the confidence in the world. Despite all this, I had to be plucked out by the lifeguard moments after my big entrance.

I grew up in Poughkeepsie, New York, which is on the Hudson River. Middle school and high school brought similar exploits. I was a member of the swim team for a couple of years, and a rower/coxswain all through high school.

My college years were spent in Bar Harbor, Maine. I earned my bachelor's degree from a tiny liberal arts school, College of the Atlantic. It was during this time I had the opportunity to spend my first night aboard the Clearwater Sloop.

For five weeks, I was part of the crew on this lovely sloop, a replica of the cargo-carrying ships of the 17th and 18th centuries. I found life aboard a

working sailboat to be extremely rewarding as much as it was exhausting.

The experience gripped my soul completely; I was powerless to resist my new obsession. I awoke to singing and the smells of breakfast cooking on a wood stove. I fell asleep to the gentle sounds of waves lapping at the hull.

Following college, I worked a winter season at the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii as a park guide. I learned about the history surrounding the attack on Pearl Harbor, but, more relevant to me, I saw a number of Navy ships since the memorial shares its grounds with the Naval Base at Pearl Harbor.

I wondered one day, while looking up at the extreme curve of the bow on the Carl Vinson (an aircraft carrier), what would it be like to be on one of those big ships?

Less than a year later, I was enrolled in the Deck Program at Great Lakes Maritime Academy (GLMA).

Now, I am completing my seventh year as Second Mate (relief First Mate if the permanent one goes on vacation) aboard the Stewart J. Cort, a 1,000-foot freighter. The Cort sails on a dedicated run, loading taconite pellets in Superior, Wisconsin, and taking them to the Mittal Arcelor Steel Mill in Burns Harbor, Indiana.

My duties include navigating the ship while underway although the GPS is interfaced with our steering system and the ship effectively steers itself when we're out in open water. As we enter river systems and other "confined waters," the wheelsman steers the ship while the mate (me) tells him where to start turns, how fast or slow to make them, and then what to steer on.

When we are tied up at our loading or unloading dock, the mate on watch is also in charge of overseeing this operation. This involves communicating by radio with the dock, working the controls that unload the ship, as well as managing ballasting (which is done by the engineers).

To give an idea of our overall operation: We are a crew of 23. The round trip is an average of six days, which includes four to six hours of loading and 16 or so hours to unload. The normal rotation is two months on the ship, with a month off at home, or on "vacation." During an average year, I am sailing about seven months.

Upon becoming a merchant mariner, I entered an environment that is almost entirely male dominated. Fortunately for me, my brand of humor is coarse and my skin thick. Aside from one other woman, who works in the galley, I am the only woman on board; it is an environment wildly different than most.

Going back and forth between being on the ship and being at home is an odd transition. It takes a bit to get back into the swing of things on both ends. Holidays and other special occasions are never celebrated at the time they occur. Bills are paid online. Loved ones are kept close through email, texting and phone calls.

I am excited to use [my] position to raise awareness of women working in non-traditional and male-dominated occupations as well as promoting the ISMA and its mission.

People often wonder what I do in my off time on the ship. I have a TV in my room that is hooked up to satellite TV. There is also internet access available when we are close enough to a tower to pick up a signal. Along with chatting on a cell phone, texting, working out and sleeping, the days move along pretty quickly. Two cooks prepare all our meals and laundry facilities are available on-board as well.

While I was a cadet at GLMA, I became a member of an organization called the International Shipmasters

Association (ISMA). The ISMA exists for a number of reasons—first and foremost to be an organization that speaks for and supports just mariners, not the interests of the companies or the union. It was an opportunity to network with the people I would eventually be working for and with; ISMA is made up primarily of captains and mates on the Great Lakes.

It was great for me to be able to meet these people in a more informal setting, where the boundaries of authority aren't as formal and we have the chance to converse more freely than a work environment often allows.

Several years ago I was elected president of Grand Traverse Lodge 23 (Traverse City's Lodge of ISMA). I still happily hold that position and in February will become the first female grand president in the history of the ISMA. I am excited to use that position to raise awareness of women working in non-traditional and male-dominated occupations as well as promoting the ISMA and its mission.

Becoming a merchant mariner represents the culmination of a dream, although I didn't realize it until I recalled the memory of crewing on a schooner in Bar Harbor. Little did I know that these idle conversations on hot summer days would eventually define my existence. 🌸

2013 P.E.O. International Convention–Dallas, Texas–Tour Order Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR TOURS #1-12: SATURDAY, August 31, 2013

*There will be on site registration—availability may be limited.

Tour Name/#		Date	Time	Cost	Qty	Total
Shopping: NorthPark & Sam Moon	1A	Tues. 9/24	10:00am-2:00pm	\$45.00		
	1B	Wed. 9/25	10:00am-2:00pm			
George W. Bush Presidential Library & SMU	2A	Tues. 9/24	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$50.00		
	2B	Wed. 9/25	2:00pm-5:00pm			
	2C	Sat. 9/28	2:00pm-5:00pm			
JFK & Sixth Floor Museum	3A	Tues. 9/24	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$50.00		
	3B	Thur. 9/26	2:00pm-5:00pm			
Dallas Arts District	4A	Tues. 9/24	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$40.00		
	4B	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-12:00pm			
Dallas Highlights	5A	Wed. 9/25	9:00am-12:00pm	\$40.00		
	5B	Thur. 9/26	9:00am-12:00pm			
	5C	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-12:00pm			
	5D	Sat. 9/28	9:00am-12:00pm			
	5E	Sun. 9/29	9:00am-12:00pm			
Southfork Ranch	6	Wed. 9/25	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$48.00		
Dallas Dine Around	7	Tues. 9/24	6:00pm-10:00pm	\$77.00		
Historic Grapevine	8A	Thur. 9/26	9:00am-1:00pm	\$45.00		
	8B	Sat. 9/28	2:00pm-6:00pm			
Cowboys Stadium VIP Tour	9	Thur. 9/26	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$60.00		
Victory Park Tour	10A	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-12:00pm	\$54.00		
	10B	Sat. 9/28	2:00pm-5:00pm			
Fort Worth & Historic Stockyards	11A	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-3:00pm	\$55.00		
	11B	Sat. 9/28	8:30am-1:30pm			
Dallas Arboretum & Patio Lunch	12	Sat. 9/28	8:30am-1:30pm	\$74.00		
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***PLEASE NOTE:** Separate payment is required for Southfork Ranch Chuck Wagon Dinner.

The required minimum of 300 Registrants for tour has been met.
We can accept up to the first 1,000 people who register for the Chuck Wagon Dinner.

Tour Name/#		Date	Time	Cost	Qty	Total
Southfork Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner	13	Fri. 9/27	5:30pm-10:30pm	\$69.00		
EVENING TOUR TOTAL						

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- Tour space is limited; please register in advance. Advance registrations may be submitted to Discover Dallas Tours office via postal mail, email or fax. See **Return Form & Payment Box** for further information. Tours may not be reserved by telephone.
- Pending availability, tour reservations may be available for purchase after registration deadlines, for purchase on-site, and an additional \$3 per ticket will be added to the price of each ticket. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, money orders and personal checks written from a United States bank will be accepted for advance payment.
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- **Registrants will be required to check in with Tour Desk prior to daily tour departures.** Tour tickets are not required for tours, **except Tour #13–Southfork Ranch Chuck Wagon Dinner. Tour Tickets for Southfork Ranch Chuck Wagon Dinner will be available for pickup at the Tour Desk beginning Tuesday, September, 24th through Friday, September 27th.**
- Tour purchases are not cancellable or refundable, however the payment amount may be applied to another tour, based upon availability.
- Discover Dallas Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour not meeting the minimum requirements for enrollment. Participants may apply the amount of the cancelled tour to another tour option or elect to receive a full refund. Reimbursement for any tours cancelled by Discover Dallas Tours will be made directly to the tour participant following the convention by the method of which the payment was received.
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Angela Wrigglesworth

Keynote Speaker, International Convention, 2013



Angela Wrigglesworth will present the keynote address on Friday afternoon, September 27 at the 71st Convention of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in Dallas, Texas.

A native Texan, Angela graduated from Texas A&M University in 1999. She is a fourth grade reading and language arts teacher at Klenk Elementary School in Klein Independent School District where she was the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2012. Angela also received the Houston Chronicle 2004 Crystal Award in which she and five other educators were chosen out of 1,600 nominees in the Gulf Coast region for their positive impact on the lives of their students. In addition to teaching fourth grade, she also gives her time to Camp-For-All, a barrier-free camp for children and adults suffering from chronic illnesses and disabilities such as asthma, head injuries, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries and AIDS by serving on their board of directors.

Angela is an active volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Her involvement with MDA began when she was 16 months old and newly diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. At age 8, she was well known in Texas as the state poster child for MDA. She toured the state, explaining the research advances MDA has been able to make as a result of telethon donations. Since then, she has continued her involvement with MDA through participation in various fundraisers and events and now serves as a member of the National Task Force on Public Awareness. In 2004, she was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Texas and was third runner-up for the title of Ms. Wheelchair America 2005. Angela was honored for her contributions to the community by then Houston Mayor Bill White who proclaimed October 12 as Angela Wrigglesworth Day. 🌸

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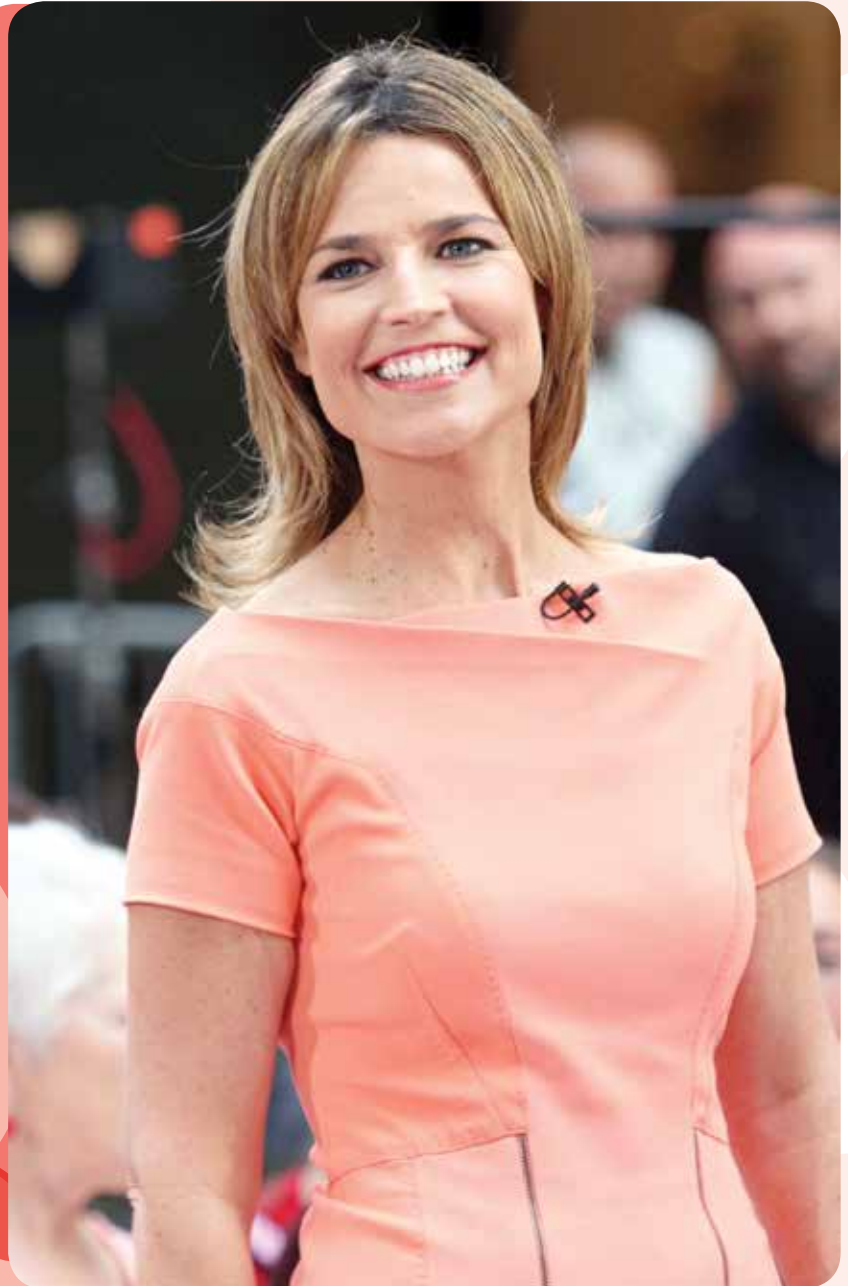
Savannah Guthrie, co-host of “The Today Show” on NBC, was a P.E.O. Scholar Award recipient!

Sponsored by Chapter BQ, Tucson, Arizona, Savannah was a 2001-2002 Scholar. She used her award to attend Georgetown University Law Center, where she earned her juris doctorate degree and graduated magna cum laude.

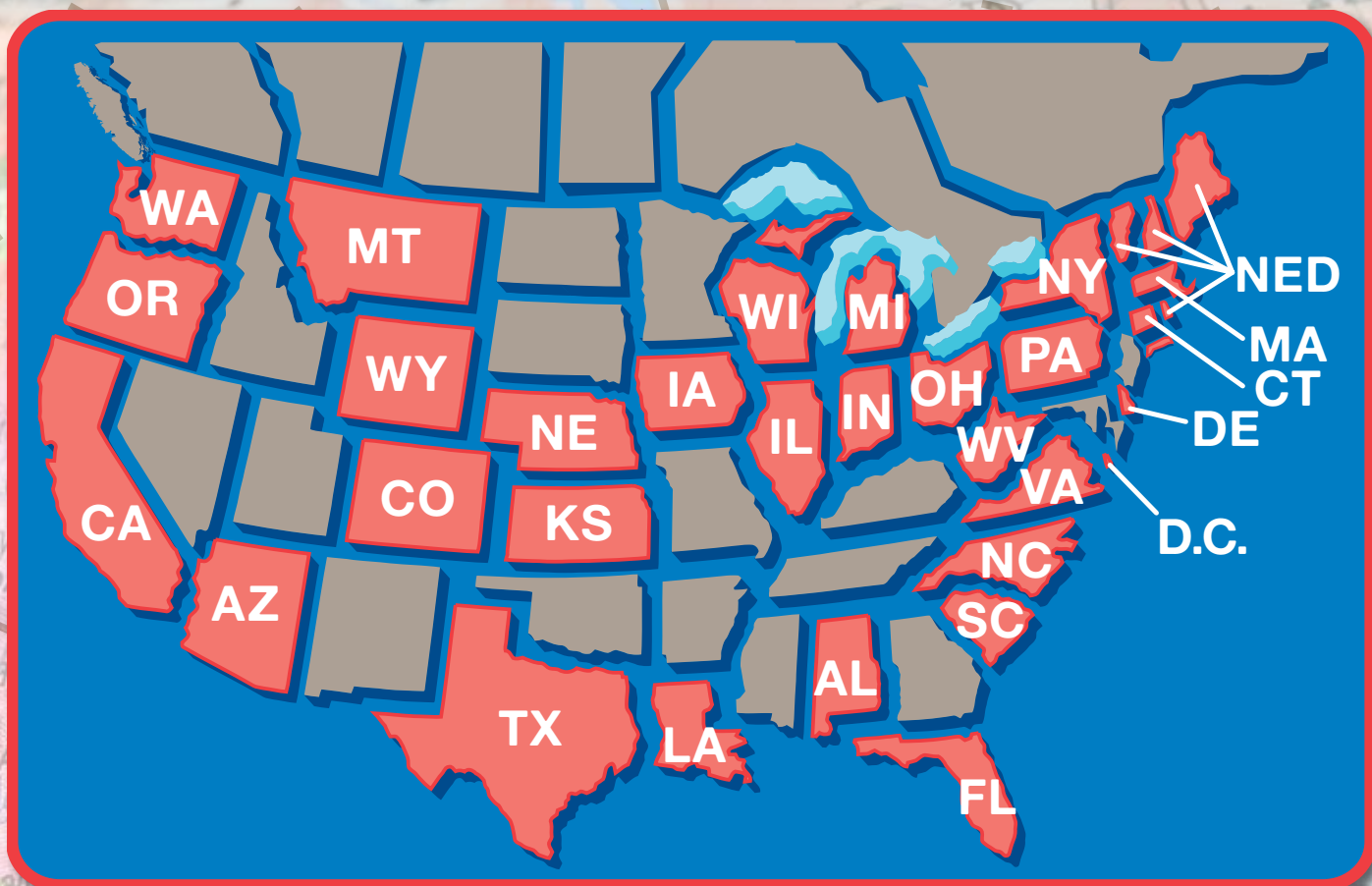
After working as an on-air reporter for Court TV, Savannah joined the NBC News team in 2007. In 2011 she won a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Morning Program as part of “The Today Show” team.

Savannah became co-anchor of “The Today Show” in July 2012. She also serves as NBC News’ chief legal correspondent and has appeared on “NBC Nightly News” and “Meet the Press.”

The P.E.O. Sisterhood congratulates Savannah on her success and is proud of her accomplishments as a PSA recipient. 🌸



Gallery of PRESIDENTS



Grace Anderson

Alabama

Sharing the Gifts of P.E.O.

Grace Anderson grew up in Sheffield, Alabama, but has since lived in Nashville, Tennessee; Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Alabama, and Fort Collins, Colorado.

The gift of P.E.O. was given to Grace in 1991 by Chapter DR, Loveland, Colorado.

After graduating from Sheffield High School, Grace attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Upon graduation Grace married her BIL James in 1964 and they moved to Nashville, Tennessee, while he attended Vanderbilt University.

Grace is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Sheffield, Alabama, where she serves as the financial administrator. She is a member of the United Methodist Women, a member of the In-Home Agape Ministry and a member of the Chancel Choir. She also attends several weekly Bible Study groups. She is a member and treasurer of the Shoals Chapter of the Order of Saint Luke, a member of the Shoals Emmaus Community, serves as a team member on the Kairos Prison Ministry, a member of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and a member of the Colbert County Medical Alliance.

When she is not working on P.E.O., Grace enjoys playing golf, bridge, traveling, reading and needlepoint. She especially enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Laurie Cosolito

Arizona

P.E.O. Garden of Stars

Born and raised in Boise, Idaho, Laurie Cosolito was initiated into Chapter AY, Boise, Idaho, in 1983.

Laurie's mom Audrey was also a member of Chapter AY. After graduating from the University of Idaho in 1985, Laurie began an 18-year retail management career with Kmart and Best Buy. In 2003 she became the site supervisor at the Harley Davidson Testing Facility on the GM Proving Grounds in Mesa, Arizona.

Laurie met her BIL Vince while on a church singles retreat in 2003. Vince is retired from the US Navy Reserves and is currently employed by Verizon Wireless. Laurie's stepdaughter and son-in-law, Alicia and Jon Griffiths, live in Bellingham, Washington, with their daughter Alexa.

As a result of 12 job relocations and marriage, Laurie is a former member of Chapter AY, Boise, Idaho; Chapter AH, Alliance, Nebraska; Chapter BA, Pocatello, Idaho; Chapter U, Logan, Utah and Chapter DK, Tempe, Arizona. Laurie's current chapter is AT, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Laurie is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and she enjoys collecting vintage textiles and china, paper crafting and gardening. Laurie and Vince are active in their church. Laurie also enjoys traveling and her biggest adventure was when she rode a camel around the pyramids in Egypt during sunset.



Juanita McKee

California

HOPE (Helping Others, Promoting Education)

Juanita McKee was given the gift of P.E.O. in 1994 by co-worker Linda Rea, NP, Fresno, California. Juanita lives in Clovis, California, with her BIL Jim and their two dogs George and Gracie. Family members include mother-in-law, Jeri McKee, 100 years young, JQ, Santa Monica, California; sister-in-law Jean Hayes, MP, Los Angeles, California, and sister-in-law Betty Jackson, who is looking for a new chapter after a recent move to Atlanta.

Juanita works as a senior account manager for Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Inc. She's thankful for a boss that supports P.E.O. and for the support and love of board members and sisters. She's a long-time member of La Comida Guild, serving Children's Hospital Central California.

Born in Montreal, Canada, Juanita has spent most of her life in the golden state and in the Central Valley, graduating from Antelope Valley College. She enjoys bridge, cross stitch and travel.

Her hope is that we all nurture our current sisters, and realize the need to make P.E.O. relevant to today's women.



Patricia (Pat) Huff

Colorado

P.E.O.—A Lifelong Gift of Sisterly Love

Patricia (Pat) Huff was born and raised on the Western Slope of Colorado, graduated Montrose High School and Western State College. In 1968



she was initiated into Chapter BL, Montrose, and married Kenn Huff. In 1969, they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, as first-year teachers and stayed until 1975 when they moved back to Colorado. Pat taught elementary band and orchestra in the local schools. Kenn is a retired teacher and coach. They have one son, Matthew.

Pat's P.E.O. life has been in three chapters. Besides BL, she transferred to AG, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and transferred to Chapter GR, Littleton, Colorado, in 1975. She served on the Colorado Membership Committee and chaired the Denver Area Cottey Club and co-chaired the 1989 Colorado State Convention. She has served on the Altar Guild at her church and chaired the quilt group who made quilts for charity. Kenn and Pat moved in the fall of 2012 back to Montrose, after living in the Denver area for 38 years.

Pat's mother, sister-in-law and niece are P.E.O.s. Pat had the honor of acting as president at the initiation of her niece. Pat enjoys reading, quilting, sitting in front of the fireplace in the cabin and spending time with family and friends.

Diann McChesney Connecticut Providing Opportunities, Options and Hope

Diann McChesney was born and raised in Texas, and lived in the Dallas area for 22 years before marrying her husband Jeff, who whisked her away to a life as an Air Force fighter pilot's wife. They lived all over the world, and shared their adventures with their two children (now adults), Lauren and Marc.

Diann was initiated into Chapter G, Washington, D.C., in July 1998. She immediately embraced—and was



embraced by—her strong, educated, witty and unique P.E.O. sisters. In 2000, Jeff retired from the military and his first corporate job took the family to Ridgefield, Connecticut. There, Diann was welcomed by the wonderful women of Chapter G, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Diann attributes her growth from a timid, fearful woman to her current position as president of Connecticut State Chapter to the opportunities, options and hope provided by P.E.O.

Besides working full-time as a certified financial planner and investment adviser, Diann enjoys lawn work, reading, gardening and spending time with Jeff, Yoda (a pug) and Ramone (a Chihuahua). Diann's sister, Karin Ozowski, is a P.E.O. in Chapter IA, Coppell, Texas.

Barbara N. Allen Delaware P.E.O. Stars Light the Way

Barbara Allen was born in Lyndonville, Vermont, and moved to Bridgeville, Delaware, in 1963. Her summers were spent in Vermont at Willoughby Lake. She graduated from Salisbury State College with a B.S. in elementary education.

She taught for several years and retired after marrying her husband "Chick," in 1987. She then became a mom to his two boys. In 1999 Barbara was initiated into Chapter J, Seaford, Delaware.

Upon the death of her father in 2002, Barbara took over the family business located in Lyndonville, Vermont. The company that makes Bag Balm was started by her grandfather more than 100 years ago and she and Chick continue to operate the business. Whenever possible they go to their home in Vermont at Willoughby Lake, not only for pleasure, but to tend to the business.



In 2004 Barbara became co-chair of the capital campaign to build a new district library in Seaford, Delaware. She has also been actively involved with the American Heart Association and Relay for Life fundraisers.

Today she and Chick are thoroughly enjoying their family and two granddaughters, Emily and Kelsey. Along with her husband, she enjoys golfing, horseback riding, snowmobiling and traveling. Barbara also enjoys reading and gardening.

Kathleen Feldman Florida Sisteritaville

Kathleen Feldman was born and raised in San Francisco, California. When she was 12 years old the family moved to Seattle, Washington, where she finished school and then went on to Central Washington State College and later the University of Washington. After finishing school she worked for the school district in the reading and math curriculum departments. As the years went on she developed an extensive resume with a background in sales and marketing. She has done everything from being an admissions director for a proprietary art school, financial aid director for another, marketing for an oil company and sales director of a corporation. She even sold cosmetics for a company that had those pink Cadillacs. Are you wondering if she had one for sales excellence? Yes, she did! Her favorite job, however, was her time as the development director for an artist series of a community college.

Kathleen grew up with two younger brothers who made sure she wasn't such a girlie girl all the time. She swam competitively throughout school and taught skiing when she was in her 20s. She now enjoys golf and bowling as well as swimming.



Kathleen was introduced to P.E.O. by her friend Carol Andrews, Chapter BR, Everett, Washington. She was initiated into Chapter EV, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, in 1982. Three weeks after being initiated, the military moved the family once again. Reciprocity has always been a very important part of the P.E.O. picture to Kathleen because she has been a member of four chapters in different states and helped form a new chapter in Rhode Island. Besides EV in Florida, she has been in Chapter AU, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; Chapter AR, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and now Chapter GG, Lake Mary, Florida. Kathleen has been very active with each chapter, holding all chapter offices many times. She has lived in California, Washington, Texas, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and three different times in Florida. There are only three states in the union she has not seen. She has also traveled some of Europe, Mexico and Canada. She likes to explain all this by saying, "I am a gypsy at heart and would rather move than clean closets!"

Kathleen and her husband Al have been married eight years. Their combined families include Kathleen's two grown daughters who are P.E.O.s and three grandchildren and Al's two grown children and two grandsons.

Kathleen has a distinct passion for the empowerment of women through education.

Patricia (Pat) Franzen Illinois

The Nature of P.E.O.

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Pat Franzen moved to Monticello, Iowa, as a junior in high school. There she was initiated into her mother's P.E.O. chapter, FP. As a 20-year-old she wondered, "What have I gotten into?" Now after six corporate moves with her husband



and family, and a loving P.E.O. home in every town, she acknowledges the amazing gift she received back in 1967. Since her initiation, Pat has belonged to eight chapters in four Midwest states.

Pat graduated from the University of Dubuque majoring in biology and English. Later she received a master in education degree from National Louis University. While teaching middle school science for nearly 20 years, Pat founded Wild Enterprises, Inc., specializing in standards-based/inquiry-based science curriculum and professional development. She has written curriculum for Fermilab, Brookfield Zoo, Wilderness Classroom and Bill Kurtis' New Explorer video series. She also teaches graduate level classes for Aurora University through Fermilab and lab science courses for pre-service teachers at Bradley University.

She and her BIL Dick enjoy time with their three sons, daughters-in-law and, particularly, four granddaughters and one grandson. Pat is active in the Presbyterian church. She serves on the boards of Fermilab Friends of Science Education and Heartland Festival Orchestra. She is an avid hiker, cyclist, classical music lover and prairie advocate.

Pat's two greatest joys in P.E.O. include the organization of her current Chapter OC, in Metamora, and serving as convention chairman for the 2007 Illinois State Chapter Convention.

Marguerite "Mimi" Mech Indiana

Keys to the Future: Striking the right note for a new song

Mimi Mech was initiated into her mother's chapter, Chapter HI, Urbana, Illinois, in 1980. She is currently a member of Chapter AW, Terre Haute, Indiana, which she joined in 1987.



Mimi started life in Allen Park, Michigan, but grew up in Urbana, Illinois, where, after high school, she attended the University of Illinois. She earned bachelor and master's degrees in music education as a piano major and choral specialist. She taught public school music in Danville, Illinois, for six years before moving to Terre Haute. Mimi has continued to serve in music ministry since high school days. Currently she serves as choir director, pianist and the traditional worship coordinator for World Gospel Church.

She met her husband Andy in an Urbana church choir and they have been married 34 years. Andy is a professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. They have two grown children—daughter Rebekah, AW, Terre Haute, Indiana, living in Manila, Philippines, and son Stephen, working and living in Indianapolis.

Mimi has been privileged to serve for many years as a leader in Bible Study Fellowship. She also enjoys her piano students, reading and time with family.

For relaxation, she's always ready for a ride in her husband's convertible and when possible, a beach vacation!

Glenda Dixon Iowa

P.E.O. Shining Stars

Glenda Roberts Dixon is an Iowa native, born in Iowa City, raised in Grinnell and Fort Dodge. She earned business, economics and computer science degrees from Wartburg College in Waverly, and has lived in Cedar Rapids for 30 years. A third-generation P.E.O., Glenda was initiated into Chapter OP, Cedar Rapids in 1999, the same year her twin sister Gaye joined Chapter OP. Mother Ruth Roberts is a member of JT, Cedar Rapids; grandmother Alice Reel



Charter was a member of three Iowa chapters before joining Chapter Eternal in 2000. Glenda has been married to Jeff for 25 years and greatly appreciates his support of her P.E.O. activities.

Glenda has held every chapter office and served on several committees. Chairing the state committee that produced "History of P.E.O. in Iowa-Volume III" ignited her interest in state committee service. Terms on the Cottey Committee and Finance Committee preceded her election to the executive board in 2008.

A senior project manager for Dell Computers, Glenda manages global IT projects for such companies as Apria Healthcare, Boeing Aircraft, the Pasadena (California) School District, La Quinta Hotels and Owens and Minor. After earning certification from the Project Management Institute (PMI®), she developed and taught project management classes for Perot Systems throughout the United States and Europe. Locally, she served as membership chairman and then president of the local PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter. Wherever business trips took her, Glenda always found a P.E.O. chapter meeting or social to attend.

Glenda is a member of the First Congregational Church, and was once active in church choir, community theater and the Cedar Rapids Concert Chorale. She is a volunteer at Miracles in Motion-Handicapped Horsemen, a certified scuba diver and frequent organizer of charity golf tournaments. She enjoys quilting and quilt shows, vacations that include P.E.O. Bed and Breakfasts, Couples Golf League and spending time with family, friends and P.E.O. sisters.

Julie Cahoj

Kansas

P.E.O. Be the Spark

Julie Cahoj is a native Nebraskan, but has adopted Kansas as her home. She graduated from Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, in 1980, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary and special education. Upon graduation, she moved to Kansas to begin her 33-year career as a special education teacher. Julie earned her master's degree in special education from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, in 1985.

While teaching in Atwood, Kansas, Julie was introduced to a wonderful woman who, in 1986, proposed her name for membership in Chapter AX. This woman was just the first of many wonderful, memorable and remarkable women Julie has met during her years in P.E.O.

Julie's husband Greg operates his own construction company. In the summer, when not teaching school, Julie can be seen on the construction site, hard hat on and shovel in hand. Greg and Julie have four grown children. Stephanie and Mark Dozler live and work in Kearney, Nebraska. Kristy and Norman Miller reside and work in Atwood, Kansas. Ethan lives and works in Lawrence, Kansas, and their youngest son, Gregory, is a senior, attending Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

Julie shares the P.E.O. bond with Stephanie and Kristy, both members of Chapter AX, Atwood, with her sisters Kris of Chapter L, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Terri, Chapter EA, Randolph, Nebraska, and with her mother Lucille, Chapter GP, Grand Island, Nebraska.

In her spare time, Julie enjoys gardening, road trips with Greg, sewing and reading.



Carol Evans

Louisiana

On the Go with P.E.O.

Reared in Oklahoma, Carol Evans received a B.S. and found her true love, Richard, at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. After graduation in 1967 the couple moved to Freeport, Texas, then to Houston before settling in Baton Rouge with their sons in 1973. Soon Carol began the first of 36 years working in political campaigns. When Richard started his own company, she became the office manager. Retired now, she is involved in General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Methodist Church and genealogy.

In 1998 the Evans purchased a home in Montana where they spend their summers and are involved in the local community and the Lutheran Church.

Carol joined Chapter E, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1979 but went inactive in 1990. After she retired from the business world in 1998, she reinstated. Aside from being active at the local and state levels, she also held the charter during the organization of Chapter CC in Montana. Her belief in the importance of sharing P.E.O. is evident in that she has introduced nearly 30 ladies to P.E.O. including her mother who joined Chapter DS, Tulsa, at age 87 and served as an officer two of the last four years of her life.



Marilyn (Lyn) Gould

Massachusetts

Wise, Wild, & Wonderful P.E.O.s

Marilyn (Lyn) Gould was given the gift of P.E.O. by her mother and initiated into Chapter AH, Falmouth, Massachusetts, in 1987.



Lyn was born and raised in Coronado, California. She graduated from San Diego State University in 1968, earned her Ph.D. in bacteriology from the University of California at Davis in 1975, was a postdoctoral researcher at Temple University in Philadelphia, and became an assistant professor at Douglass College (Rutgers University) in 1977. She moved to Falmouth in 1980 as a director of a company that manufactures a laboratory reagent from the blood of horseshoe crabs. Lyn retired in 2002 to consult for the pharmaceutical industry.

John, Lyn's BIL, is a retired physician who is an avid tornado chaser. Lyn has been his driver on these springtime adventures through Tornado Alley for the last eight years. She is also a licensed ham radio operator active in emergency communications, in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a past president of the Cape & Islands Council, Boy Scouts of America. She loves to sew especially for her grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law; and enjoys gardening and reading. In the last few years, her focus has been on designing and building a home in New Mexico and on P.E.O.

Denise Lenk

Michigan

P.E.O. Prescription for Success

Denise Lenk was born and raised in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, the youngest of three girls. She was initiated into Chapter DN, Mount Pleasant in 1989. She later transferred to Chapter CE, Midland in 1992. It seemed only natural that Denise would serve on the state board as her two sisters are past state presidents of Michigan and Ohio. Denise's mother is also a P.E.O. This past December, Denise was able to initiate her daughter into her chapter. Denise served as local chapter recording secretary and president and served on the Michigan Cottey College and Scholarship Committee.



Denise received her registered nurse degree from Oakland Community College and her bachelor of science in nursing degree from Excelsior College. She has worked as a nurse for 38 years and is still working full-time in the recovery room at MidMichigan Medical Center. During her 16 years working in the emergency department, she received special training as a sexual assault nurse examiner.

Denise and her husband Chuck make their home in Sanford, Michigan. They have a son, Adam, an engineering student at Central Michigan University and a daughter, Abbey, a student at MidMichigan Community College.

Denise attends the First United Methodist Church where she plays in the handbell choir and where she and her BIL volunteer as cook and servers for the Friendship Lunch, a lunch offered every Sunday for those in need.

In her spare time Denise loves to play golf, read and collect sock monkeys. She also has a passion for pets—she has three dogs and one cat.

Cathy Manhart

Montana

Climbing to New Heights... Shoot for the Stars

Cathy Manhart is a third generation P.E.O. She was initiated into her mother's chapter, KX, Peoria, Illinois, in 1980.



Her maternal grandmother, Marjorie Benfer is in Chapter Eternal; her mother Judy Phillips, is an active member of Chapter S, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and her sister, Sharon Klotz, is a member of Chapter IO, Broomfield, Colorado. Cathy is happy to call many of her aunts and cousins sisters as well.

Cathy has been an active P.E.O. in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Gallup, New Mexico; and Lincoln, Nebraska. She was also a regular visitor while living in Dayton, Wyoming, and Rapid City, South Dakota, before moving to Montana and transferring her membership to Chapter BG, Billings, in 1995.

Prior to serving on the state board, Cathy held all local chapter offices except vice president, was an International delegate in 2001; and was active in the city Reciprocity Bureau and Cottey Committee. She also served on the state ELF, Cottey, finance and budget committees; and was on the state convention executive steering committee in 2008.

Cathy holds a B.S. in business education from the University of Wyoming and a M.Ed. from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. She has taught in high school, junior college, VoTech and university environments. Currently she is teaching business and computer courses for the Billings Public Schools' Adult Career Advancement Education program and provides office management assistance for her husband's practice.

Her BIL of 30 years, Scott, is a periodontist in Billings. Cathy and Scott have two grown children. Katie, a Cottey and University of Montana grad, is currently working for an energy company while advancing her studies. Kenton will graduate this spring from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, in exercise science. Prior to serving on the state board, Cathy was active with her children's activities through PTA, church youth program, Girl Scout leader, Cheer squad mom and traveling hockey team mom.

In her spare time, she keeps in shape through daily trail walking and exercise with her two dogs. She enjoys managing her active life with her P.E.O. life on a daily basis.

Merikay Theresa Berg **Nebraska**

Share the Joy

Merikay Theresa Berg was thrilled to become a P.E.O. in 1975. Chapter CE, Arapahoe, Nebraska, shared their joy of P.E.O. with her. She later moved to Lexington, Nebraska, and was joyfully welcomed into Chapter FS. Her daughter, Laura Barber, and granddaughter, Annastasia Barber, are also members of Chapter FS.

Merikay grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota, where she was taught to love and respect her fellow man, animals, history and the land. She is a graduate of three Nebraska schools; Central Community College, LPN, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Nursing, BSN, and University of Nebraska at Kearney, BSBA Business Comprehensive. She had a dual career in farming/agribusiness and nursing for more than 30 years. She is an Oncology Certified Nurse and a Wound Care Specialist. Merikay has retired from the farming enterprise and



her position as a Clinical Nurse Manager. She continues to work part time at Lexington Regional Health Center. Her greatest professional joy is helping people. Eppler Cancer Center, Cattle Man's Ball has recognized her twice with grants for her work in oncology and wound healing.

Merikay is an award-winning quilter and enjoys all types of needlework. She has served on several educational boards at the state level. She has been a religion teacher and community volunteer and helps many immigrant families navigate the educational and health care systems in her ethnically diverse community.

Merikay has two children—Chad Neuens (wife, Julie) an attorney in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Laura Barber, a banker in Lexington, Nebraska. The best part of her life is her grandchildren.

Merikay always enjoys hearing and telling a good joke. She is an avid reader and enjoys walking her dogs. Summers find Merikay at the lake enjoying outdoor activities.

Susan Demler Catalano **New York**

The Quiet Light of P.E.O.

Susan Demler Catalano was initiated into mother Jacqueline Barker's P.E.O. Chapter AU, Tucson, Arizona, in 1987. In 1992 she was lucky to join P.E.O.'s Chapter R, New York, New York, and, in 2012, transferred to New York's Chapter C.

A proud native of Tucson, Arizona, Susan moved to Manhattan's upper west side in 1990. She is currently a director of Kirshbaum Demler & Associates, Inc., an artist representation and public relations agency for classical music, where she has worked since 1991. The firm represents a small roster of artists and specializes in campaigns and programs for the arts, particularly



those supporting classical musicians, ensembles and institutions. She attended the University of Arizona in Tucson and Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Susan and husband Anthony, a senior vice president at UBS, live in Manhattan with 17-year-old son Jack Demler, two dogs and a cat. Her family also includes Anthony's children, Michael, Jessica and Daniel Catalano. Susan's interests outside of music and P.E.O. include politics, reading and cooking as well as following the New York Giants, Phoenix Cardinals, New York Yankees and University of Arizona Wildcat sports teams.

Nancy Curl **North Carolina**

Share the Stories of P.E.O.

Nancy Curl was given the gift of P.E.O. by friends in Chapter LV, Washington, Missouri, in 1994, and has been a member of Chapter E, Charlotte, North Carolina, since 1998. She was born in



Detroit, Michigan, and lived in various cities in Michigan and Illinois, before graduating from high school in Elkhart, Indiana. Nancy graduated from the School of the Ozarks in Missouri in 1974 with a bachelor of science in business. Nancy met her husband Greg while working for a bank in Saint Louis, and they moved to Washington, Missouri, where they raised their two children. During those years, Nancy volunteered in the school system and as president of the school parent-teacher organization, as well as serving on various committees in their church. She accepted the challenge of serving as the corresponding secretary of her chapter as a relatively new P.E.O. and continued to serve in several chapter offices and as the North Carolina State IPS Chairman after moving to Chapter E in Charlotte.

In recent years Nancy's husband retired from banking and then promptly failed retirement as he went back to work for a firm in Singapore. Around the same time, their son Tim also transferred to Singapore. International travel has become an important part of her life as she visits at least twice a year. Daughter Sarah and her family have recently moved from the midwest to Raleigh, North Carolina, so Nancy is delighted to find excuses to travel up the road for frequent weekend visits and the pleasure of babysitting her two grandchildren.

When not on the road or in the air, Nancy enjoys strength training, walking, reading and visiting with friends.

Joan Galloway Northeast District **P.E.O.s—Stars of a Championship Team**

Joan Galloway was initiated in 1980 into Chapter A, Providence, Rhode Island, transferred and was a charter member of F, Providence, in 1994, and then G, Lincoln, in 2005. She has served in most local chapter offices and as historian of the Northeast District for four years before joining the executive board. Her sister, Linda Larson, is a member of Chapter D, Newport, Rhode Island.

Joan graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.S. in nutrition and completed a dietetic internship in Detroit, Michigan. As a registered dietitian, she spent most of her career as a clinical dietitian at hospitals in Rhode Island until she retired in 2006.

She's been married to her husband David for 44 years, and they have three children: Jana Osborne (John), a teacher in Georgia; Taryn Galloway (Matthias Kolberg), an economist in Norway; and Ian Galloway, a small



business owner in Texas. She has two granddaughters—SuSu in Georgia and Anna Linnea in Norway. She hopes all her family will be present at her convention in 2014.

Joan has been a member of the Scituate Scholarship Foundation for 20 years and is currently vice president and a member for four years and currently vice president of the Friends of Saint Elizabeth Home, the latter at which she and her husband volunteer weekly. She is active in her multi-cultural church, Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran in Providence.

She enjoys traveling in the U.S. and Europe, needle work, cooking, exercising and staying healthy. She tries to set an example to all those around her. She especially enjoys spending time with her family, and with P.E.O. sisters on the local, district or International level.

Jean Evans Ohio **The Gifts of P.E.O.**

Jean Evans was born in Dayton, Ohio. Her family moved to Columbus in 1963 where Jean completed her middle school and high school education. After graduation from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, in 1972, Jean moved back to Columbus and was initiated into her mother's chapter, Chapter BA. In 1980 she transferred to Chapter EF.

Jean's working career included employment with Ashland Chemical Company, a small insurance agency and 10 years in commercial banking. In all positions, her work revolved around staff management and employee development. Jean is active in her church having served as deacon, elder and trustee. She enjoys playing in the handbell choir and singing with the



chancel choir. She is a member of Kiwanis Club of Columbus where she has chaired many committees and helped with fundraising events. She has also volunteered as a literacy tutor. Spare time interests include reading, travel, cooking and swimming.

Ruth Sandoz Oregon

Let's Take a Ride with P.E.O. Virtues

Born in Liberal, Kansas, at the beginning of WWII, Ruth Sandoz's family moved to Portland, Oregon, and never went back. Ruth attended Oregon State University in Corvallis and then continued at the Oregon Health Sciences University and received a degree in radiologic technology. Ruth went back to Portland State University in 1982 and pursued her love of the piano and received a bachelor's degree in piano. Ruth started judging women's gymnastics and became a Brevet judge in 1996 and judged gymnastics throughout the United States and several other countries. Ruth was delegation leader for the United States Gymnastics Federation to foreign competitions.

Ruth married her BIL Ivan and had two children—Michael and Michelle. She enjoys spending her time with her four grandchildren—Leah, Mitchell, Sarah and Claire.

Ruth is a third-generation P.E.O., preceded by her maternal grandmother Ada Tucker, Chapter Eternal, and her mother Ruby Harris, AK, Portland, Oregon. Ruth was initiated into Chapter AK, Portland, Oregon, in 1998. Ruth's Aunt Ruth is a 64-year-member of Chapter DH, Cherryvale, Kansas.

Active in the West Hills Christian Church in Portland, Ruth has been playing the organ or piano since 1970. Currently Ruth is serving as a



deaconess and also church treasurer. During the week Ruth and Ivan spend many hours riding their tandem bike or walking their Havanese dogs, Rudy and Kobie. Traveling in their RV is also a joy of their life.

Time spent bicycling on the back of a tandem with her husband throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana has been one of the greatest joys for Ruth.

Midge McClosky

Pennsylvania

P.E.O. Mission Possible

Midge McClosky is a first generation P.E.O. despite the fact that she was born and raised in Iowa! She first learned of the Sisterhood as a high school freshman while volunteering at Hillcrest Care Center when she was given a Cottey brochure by a fellow volunteer. Midge graduated with honors from Cottey College in 1991 and then moved to New York City to finish her studies at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (with the help of an ELF loan). Upon graduation, Midge began a professional career as a stage actress who occasionally crossed over into film, television and commercials.

In 1996, only a few weeks after marrying her long-time sweetheart, Midge was initiated into her Cottey suitemate's chapter, AH, New York, New York. While in New York City, Midge served as chapter treasurer and as the New York City/Long Island Reciprocity Chairman for Cottey College.

Midge and her husband Chris relocated to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, in 2000 to start a family. Chris is a paramedic supervisor for the New York Presbyterian Hospital and commutes into New York City for work. Since there was no chapter



in the Stroudsburg area, Midge started laying the groundwork for a new one and in 2003, organized Chapter CK. Since that time, Midge has served as both CK's president and vice president.

Theater remains the driving passion in Midge's life. She works full-time as the executive director of the historic Shawnee Playhouse, a professional year-round theater where she also created the STARS acting program for children. She contributes to the community by serving on several non-profit boards including the Worthington Players, the Shawnee Preservation Society and the Smithfield Elementary PTA. She is also active in the Shawnee Presbyterian Church where she serves as an elder, coordinates the children's curriculum and sings in the choir. She teaches aerobics at the local YMCA and performs on stage as often as she can when not chasing after her boys Bobby and Billy, ages 9 and 8.

Gail O. Olive

South Carolina

Building Bridges from Yesterday to Tomorrow

Born and raised on a farm in Delaware, Gail Olive received her B.A. from the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, and completed a master's program in management and supervision from the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gail's nonprofit career began in directing a domestic violence shelter and continued as director of planning and allocations for the United Way of Wyoming Valley in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She was also a conference associate council director for the United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania and New York and went



on to direct a developmental disabilities agency in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

All these experiences led Gail to accept a position as executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Horry County in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The nonprofit and church world met at Habitat in a profound way and has been Gail's passion for more than 12 years.

Gail has two adopted children and a new grandbaby. Gail's husband George is retired from AT&T and as a United Methodist licensed local pastor. George has two daughters and four grandsons.

Gail was initiated into Chapter AO, Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1978, organized Chapter BR, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and is currently a member of Chapter S, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Gail met her Chapter S sisters when Habitat engaged Chapter S to run a concession stand at a local golf course.

Gail enjoys golf in the golf capital of Myrtle Beach and is an avid reader. Retirement is in the near future!

Barbara Schlueter

Texas

Strike Up the Band

Barbara Schlueter was initiated into P.E.O. in 1990, and has held various offices in Chapter DZ, Odessa. She also was the state chairman for the International Peace Scholarship prior to being appointed to the board in 2008.

Barbara was born and raised in Mount Airy, Maryland, where she was the fourth generation to live in the family home. She attended Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Virginia, and graduated with a bachelor of music education degree. Barbara moved to Odessa, Texas, and taught elementary music



for 22 years. After a year's hiatus, Barbara worked at Odessa College as the secretary to the dean of nursing and Allied Health for four years.

Barbara and her BIL Michael were married in 1986. They enjoy having his two daughters Melissa and Meagan, sons-in-law Chet and Michael and six grandchildren Shelby, Bronte, Gabriella, Oliver, Agatha and Theodore, close by. Barbara was thrilled to preside at the initiation of stepdaughter Melissa into Chapter DZ in 2009.

Barbara enjoys playing the piano at Bethany Christian Church each Sunday she is in town. Barbara has accompanied many high school students at the district and state solo and ensemble contests. She is happy to volunteer to play for events and was honored to play at the Time of Remembrance service at the convention in 2010. Barbara has enjoyed playing in the community band at Odessa College as well as serving on the board of the Midland-Odessa Symphony.

When not spending time with family or traveling to Maryland to be with her mother, Barbara enjoys playing the piano, reading, scrap-booking and cross-stitching.

Marjorie S. (Suzy) Jones Virginia

Sisters, the Heart of P.E.O.

Army brat and wife, Suzy Jones lived in various posts but grew up in Sarasota, Florida. Suzy met BIL Richard at Sarasota High School. She graduated from Florida State



University in 1962. She and Richard were married at Fort Benning, Georgia, the first of three assignments there. Postings included: Colorado, Tennessee, Alaska, Germany and Nebraska. During this time, Richard Jr., Caroline

and Daniel joined the family. Retirement brought four years in Kentucky where Suzy was initiated into Chapter Z. They moved to Gig Harbor, Washington, where she spent six years with Chapter GS. Family ties dictated Virginia become home in 1997. There, Suzy joined Chapter BH, Whitestone. Now retired, Suzy stays busy with her involvement with the Episcopal Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion, Nursing Home Auxiliary, Master Gardeners and wonderful friendships in a small community.

In 2006, Suzy helped organize Chapter BT, Mathews, was president of the new chapter and then joined the Virginia state board. Suzy has eight grandchildren—the oldest granddaughter is a third-year student at West Point; Army life and family P.E.O. are continuing.

Milla Oestreich Washington

Let's Get Growing for a Fruitful Tomorrow

Milla Oestreich received the gift of P.E.O. in 1994 from her sisters of Chapter B, Shelton, Washington. Soon appreciating the richness of this gift, Milla sent long-distance introductions for her sisters Julie and Barbie in Tennessee and Texas, where they accepted the invitations of Chapters G, Oak Ridge, and HT, New Braunfels, respectively. All have served as presidents of their chapters, and Barbie is currently Organizer of Texas State Chapter.

Milla was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and grew up in Belleville, Illinois, and San Antonio, Texas, where she earned a degree in math and English from Incarnate Word University. The math interest predominated in



her early career as a mathematician at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and Bell Labs, Madison, New Jersey, where Milla met her husband Mark, who had recently moved there from the Pacific Northwest.

Following their marriage in 1973, they moved to Washington state where they settled in Shelton and raised two sons. When "the boys" were both in grade school, Milla earned her teacher certification and began a second career as an English teacher at Shelton High School, eventually also earning the M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Western Washington University. Leadership in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and active enjoyment of the great outdoors characterized those busy years.

Now retired, Milla and Mark's greatest joy still is spending time with their family, all of whom live in the Puget Sound area: Nathan, his wife Diana (EF, Enumclaw) and their six-year-old son; and Adam, his wife Justine, their four-year-old son and one-year-old daughter. Milla also finds delight in reading, solving cryptic-style crossword puzzles, knitting and gardening.

Patricia Nordine Washington, D.C.

Making Dreams a Reality

Patricia Nordine was born and raised in the Washington, D.C., area. She attended many P.E.O. social functions at a very young age, but the major P.E.O. highlight was attending her mother's convention banquet in 1964. Her mother, a past state president, was always an inspiration to her, but that night helped motivate her to enjoy P.E.O. for all of its gifts. She became a third generation P.E.O. following her grandmother, aunt and mother



when initiated into Chapter D in December 1970.

Patricia and her mother made a lateral transfer to a night chapter, Y in D.C., in 1992 so they could become more active. Before joining the D.C. State Board, she held all officer positions in Chapter Y.

Patricia graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, with a double major in political science and sociology. Coming back to her hometown, Patricia started working at a stock brokerage house and later moved on to an advertising agency, a global trade management firm and now is at the American Society of Clinical Oncology, an organization that supports oncologists and oncology researchers internationally. She has held positions in facility management and human resources. She especially enjoys working with architects and building out space to accommodate a new sustainable working environment.

Patricia attends church at Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and ushers when she can. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, traveling, opera and attending the theater.

Linda K. Rodgers

West Virginia

P.E.O. Hands of Love

Linda Rodgers has been a member of Chapter V, Lewisburg, West Virginia, since 1982. She has lived in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, all her life.

Linda attended Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia; West Virginia University, Morgantown and Dabney Lancaster College, Lowmoor, Virginia. She now works as a real estate agent and volunteers with the Greenbrier County Arts



and Recreation Committee, the Chapel Church, Weight Watchers and the Greenbrier County Historic Landmarks Commission.

Linda is married to Robert. They have three sons—Thornton, Bob and Brian, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys bicycling, knitting, sewing and reading.

Alice Kapla

Wisconsin

We Be Jammin' for P.E.O.

Alice Kapla was initiated into her aunt's chapter, CX, Iron Mountain, Michigan, in 1979; she is currently a member of CY, Marshfield, Wisconsin. Her mother was and her two daughters are P.E.O.s.



Alice was born and raised in Stambaugh, Michigan; her family moved to Hibbing, Minnesota, before her eighth grade year. She married her high school sweetheart Paul in 1974. After receiving her physical therapist assistant degree from Saint Catherine's College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she and her husband moved numerous times. Alice worked in various physical therapy settings. She has belonged to Chapters B, Aberdeen, South Dakota; CL, Owatonna, Minnesota and ED, Marshfield, Wisconsin. She has served in all chapter offices several times, on a state committee, as a delegate to state convention in three different states and a delegate to the 2005 International Convention.

Alice provides physical therapy services in the Marshfield School District. She coached the Marshfield High School speech and dance teams. Her other passions besides P.E.O. are attending hockey games, reading, knitting and travel.

Alice and Paul have three children—Jane, a speech pathologist in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; John, an engineer in Houston, Texas and Anne, an elementary teacher in Madison, Wisconsin. Alice and Paul have three grandchildren.

Danese Reed

Wyoming

Surf's Up...Catch the P.E.O. Wave

Danese Reed's P.E.O. life began in 1989 when she was initiated into Chapter I, Lusk, Wyoming. She has served in every office. Danese also served on various state committees.

She initiated her daughter Kristen into Chapter I.

Being raised a country girl, Danese loves the faster pace of town, but appreciates the nature and the balance of life on the ranch. She was born and continues to live in the least populated county, in the least populated state. She and her husband Jeff were married in 1985 and raised their three children, Kaylee, Kristen and Jordan on the Reed Ranch which is 67 miles north of Lusk.

Danese was involved and participated in the various activities of her children. She served as Bethel Guardian for Job's Daughters and on the council. Danese was also a 4-H leader and instrumental in starting a new 4-H club, Cheyenne River 4-H. She became an administrative assistant for the Niobrara County School District.

Danese is currently enjoying working alongside her husband. When she finds the rare moment to relax, she enjoys cross-stitch, travel, Facebook and spending time with her family. 🌸





ELF

ELF and P.E.O.s—Essential Ingredients!

by Joan Kirk, Chairman, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees



Sarah Balke

The P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF) and the support of members in Chapter N, Atlanta, Georgia, were essential ingredients in helping Sarah Balke realize her dream of working in the food television industry. Sarah wanted to merge her bachelor's degree in telecommunication arts from the University of Georgia with an associate's degree in baking and pastry arts from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA)—described as the “Harvard of culinary schools.” We spoke to Sarah about her career and how her ELF loan helped her achieve her goals.

What inspired your nontraditional career path?

I've always loved working with food, especially baking but it wasn't until my freshman year at the University of Georgia when I watched the Food Network

between classes that I decided to pursue working in food media. It was the perfect way for me to combine my degree in telecommunication arts with my love of cooking. It didn't take long for me to identify the Culinary Institute of America as the premier school for me to learn the art of baking and pastry.

Describe your experience at the Culinary Institute of America.

Earning my degree at CIA was mentally and physically demanding. We had to wear perfect, pristine uniforms, answer our chefs quickly and without question and never, ever be late. I would sometimes be on my feet for eight hours at a time—starting at 5 o'clock in the morning! I was graded on how quickly I moved, my attention to detail and of course extreme cleanliness. It's hard to express just how much I learned in 22 months—not just the details of how to make a pastry cream or the science behind tempering chocolate, but how to work hard and think creatively about food based on the classic fundamentals.

How did the ELF loan and your association with P.E.O.s in Chapter N, Atlanta, help you achieve your goal?

CIA's prestigious education comes with a fairly hefty price tag and although I was fortunate to have parents willing to pay part of it, the balance was my responsibility. The ELF loan provided the funds I needed at the time, with a reasonable interest rate and reasonable length of time to repay the loan. It was such a relief to be awarded this loan, and it helped motivate me to work even harder

in school knowing that I had the support of such an incredible group of women.

Chapter N has been a part of my life ever since I attended meetings as an infant sitting on my mom's lap. When I was interviewed by members of Chapter N for the ELF loan, I remember feeling humbled and grateful at how interested and encouraging they were. As I left the interview, I realized that I wasn't doing this alone—I had the entire P.E.O. Sisterhood behind me. The sisters of Chapter N have been so loving toward me, repeatedly checking in and letting me know that they all wish me the best.

When I needed to find an apartment for my final two semesters at CIA in New York, a P.E.O. happened to be friends with a landlord in Poughkeepsie, and through her I found the perfect apartment. It seems to me that at every turn, P.E.O.s have been there to guide and support me. I am beyond thankful for these wonderful women.

Following your graduation from CIA in November 2012, you interned at Food Network. What were your responsibilities?

I first started as an intern in the test kitchen for Food Network Magazine. Every recipe that gets published in the magazine comes out of this kitchen: either developed there or cross tested and edited. It's amazing how many recipes are developed within just one day, and I certainly learned a lot working alongside the recipe testers.

After almost three months in the test kitchen, I moved to the editorial department. I work for the culinary producers who produce the shows for the Food Network and the

Cooking Channel. I've gotten to research show topics, edit recipes, write breakdowns (a recipe and script hybrid), develop recipes and be on-set assisting the producers and food stylists. It's been pretty surreal walking into a kitchen and chatting with Bobby Flay, or developing a recipe that I know I'll see on TV in a few months. I've learned so much in a very short period of time, and truly feel like I found the career that I want to pursue.

What are your future plans?

My time interning at Food Network has only solidified my desire to one day become a culinary producer. However I understand that producing a show requires experience, so I'm hoping to do some freelancing in the future to build my resume. This may include food styling, recipe editing and recipe testing. I may try to work in a bakeshop again while pursuing freelance opportunities so that I can continue to expand my baking abilities. 🌸



ELF loans can be used for a variety of educational programs at accredited institutions.

Salted Caramel Bites with Rum Ganache

Recipe courtesy Sarah Balke

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker pieces
- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup toasted macadamia nuts, coarsely chopped, plus extra for garnish
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons heavy cream, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon fleur de sel
- 3 ounces dark chocolate, melted (not chocolate chips)
- 1/2 teaspoon dark rum



Cook's note: Kosher salt can be substituted for the fleur de sel, and vanilla extract can be substituted for the dark rum.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a 9x13 glass or metal casserole dish with aluminum foil and spray with nonstick spray.

Put graham crackers, brown sugar and salt in a food processor and blend to get fine crumbs. Transfer crumbs to a large bowl and stir in macadamia nuts. Pour the melted butter over top and mix in until all of the crumbs are moist, then press the dough into the bottom of the lined pan. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until browned around the edges. Cool slightly on a metal rack.

In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring 1/2 cup of heavy cream to a simmer. Keep warm. Heat a large pot over high heat. Put 1/4 cup of granulated sugar and the corn syrup over the bottom of the hot pot in an even layer. Once the sugar begins to melt, stir in another 1/4 cup of sugar with a wooden spoon. Continue to slowly add the remaining sugar this way. Once all sugar has melted, bring it to a dark, reddish-brown color, swirling the pan and stirring to distribute the color. Remove from heat and pour in the hot cream while stirring; be careful as the mixture will bubble and froth. Pour the caramel over the crust, spreading to the edge. Once slightly set, sprinkle with the fleur de sel and cool in the refrigerator.

In a small saucepan, bring 2 tablespoons heavy cream and the dark rum to a boil. Carefully pour the hot cream over the melted chocolate, stirring with a rubber spatula until it emulsifies and becomes smooth. It will appear to be broken at first, but continue stirring and the ganache will come together. Drizzle or pipe the ganache over the top of the caramel and sprinkle with additional crushed nuts, if desired. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Remove the bars from the dish and foil, cut into 1 1/2-inch squares and enjoy!

Yield: 52 squares



A Message from the Cottey President

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

Sunday, May 19, 2013, was an historic day for Cottey College! The first class of Cottey students graduated with baccalaureate degrees.



Candidates for the baccalaureate degree walked proudly and confidently across the platform, wearing brilliant blue regalia. This first class completed degrees in English, environmental studies and international relations and business. This day was the culmination of five years of careful planning, consulting and creating among faculty, students and administrators.

It was a day of significant change for the College, yet it was also a day that maintained the traditions of our distinctive 129-year-old College. There

were some students who graduated with an associate of arts degree, an associate of arts music degree, an associate of science degree, or an associate of fine arts degree who plan to transfer to another college or university to complete their education. Cottey has a strong transfer program to assist these students. Others will declare their

The news of Cottey's accreditation to offer selected baccalaureate programs has not spread to all prospective students. Please talk about Cottey to high school students, counselors, parents, grandparents—anyone who influences students' decisions about their education. It is also important to tell students that they can transfer from other colleges

Students who are referred by P.E.O.s are the most likely students to matriculate and become Cottey graduates.

majors at Cottey and enter one of Cottey's new baccalaureate programs. The faculties are continuing to develop baccalaureate programs in the humanities and social sciences to meet the interests and needs of students. There is a growing array of majors available.

or community colleges to Cottey and complete their education here.

A Cottey education offers many distinctions. Cottey's strong focus on women's leadership is clearly a distinction. The fact that all of Cottey's baccalaureate programs are interdisciplinary and inter-related is also a distinction. All Cottey programs emphasize critical thinking, communication, and the use of technology to gather and analyze information. These are the essential skills sought by employers. They are the skills best acquired through a distinctive liberal arts education. And, of course, there is the distinction that Cottey guarantees all second-year students an international trip and pays airfare and lodging.

Students who are referred by P.E.O.s are the most likely students to matriculate and become Cottey graduates. Please spread the news about Cottey and suggest that prospective students view our website, www.cottey.edu, or contact the enrollment management office. You can change a young woman's life by referring her to Cottey. 🌸



The first class of Cottey students to graduate with baccalaureate degrees



Putting Dreams into Action

by Sandi Webster, Chairman, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees with Lynne Briney and Lynn Swenson, CK, Janesville, Wisconsin

Yuhong He was born into a working class family in China's Guangdong Province during the One Child Policy. Since she was a girl her parents might have decided not to keep her, but they loved her and encouraged her education. Her mother wanted Yuhong to have a career, unlike most women in China. Her father, a school teacher and guidance counselor for 25 years, first exposed her to a helping profession. Now doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Counseling and Psychological Services of the University of Pennsylvania, Yuhong's goal is to help improve lives through work on the faculty of a Chinese university. She hopes to teach and conduct research on career development of women.

In 2008 Yuhong was awarded an IPS scholarship to support her Ph.D. studies at the University of Missouri. She was matched with Wisconsin's Rock-Walworth Reciprocity through the former Designated Award Program. This reciprocity group often donates to the IPS program now known as Partners in Peace. The six chapters of the reciprocity took turns sending small gifts and notes of encouragement that year, but Lynn Swenson, CK, Janesville, Wisconsin, formed a special bond. Lynn had traveled to China with her daughter to bring an adopted child home, and she wrote a congratulatory letter when Yuhong received the scholarship. Lynn was interested in learning more about life in China. A friendship blossomed through correspondence, each woman

recognizing the importance of their special relationship. Lynn states, "A Chinese legend says that Chinese gods tie an invisible red cord around the ankles of those that are to meet one another in a certain situation or help each other in a certain way.

I am continually reminded of this legend...it has proven to be a truism for me."

In 2012 a dream came true—a generous gift to Lynn became seed money to Chapter CK and they raised enough to invite Yuhong to Wisconsin. During a potluck dinner Yuhong shared stories of Chinese life and told of her dreams. The opportunity to meet other P.E.O.s came the next evening after Chapter CK's regular meeting and annual Christmas luncheon. A local newspaper representative covered the happy occasion and published the story.

As Yuhong has written, "I feel truly blessed that so many people enter my life to support and influence me to become who I am today... I am reminded of all the in-person meetings and mail correspondence with P.E.O. sisters and how much that has meant for me. Many times I was in tears as I was reading the sweetest notes from everywhere in the country...I didn't expect all these precious and meaningful connections



Yuhong He visited Chapter CK, Wisconsin, in the winter of 2012

that have such great impact on my life when I first applied to the P.E.O. scholarship."

Speaking of Lynn, Yuhong said, "This wonderful woman makes the United States feel like home...it is meaningful to know that someone out there cares about me."

This brief visit and encouragement of Yuhong He exemplifies the joys of support for international women through IPS, discovering friendships with women the world over. 🌸



Yuhong He and Lynn Swenson



Change, Challenge, Commitment

by Mary Ann Langston, Chairman, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

At its heart, the P.E.O. Sisterhood is about change—specifically changing women's lives through education—and all P.E.O.s are involved in these transforming activities by adjusting to changes made throughout the Sisterhood. The recent changes to the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education can serve as a microcosmic example of what is happening and how P.E.O.s adapt and flourish with all that's new.

PCE made a significant **change** two years ago when the online application procedure was introduced. Wow! No more paper, no more mailing, no more essays, but also requiring all chapters to learn new procedures. In January 2013 additional changes were made to simplify the PCE application process at the local chapter level. While the change could result in the chapter having a bit less one-on-one time with the applicant, it in no way removes the need or opportunity for personal involvement nor does it absolve the chapter of the same responsibility that has been expected since 1973 when PCE came into being.

Now the **challenge**: the chapter PCE committee must diligently make sure they are well prepared for interviews with the applicant, because they might not see her final application before it goes to the Executive Office in Des Moines. They must be sure to have all interview documents handy and use them to ask sufficient questions so that a successful

application is completed and submitted. Does the applicant fully understand all the questions on the application form? If she doesn't have the information needed to complete the application with her, can she obtain it? Does she have a plan for covering what a PCE grant won't, especially if she doesn't get a full grant? Has she applied for other scholarships, grants or loans? Are her employment plans well thought out? Is there a market or a career path that will be open for her when she completes the current course of study? Can she get a good job with this new degree/certification

without additional study? Many questions challenge the sponsoring chapter because it is their duty to help this applicant make the best impression she can, showing that she can successfully complete her studies and find employment.

The **commitment** to the applicant really begins once the chapter votes to propose her for a PCE grant. The chapter must be committed to follow through with her during the entire procedure, aiding and advising when needed. There's still the responsibility of writing a detailed and well-thought-out Chapter Recommendation Form and Letter. The letter is of utmost importance in helping the trustees understand the needs of the applicant—why she needs to go back to school NOW, what has changed in her life, the details of her financial situation and her immediate career plans described in such a way that the trustees know she can get a job.

In accepting **change**, **challenge** and **commitment**, the chapter takes the next step in assuming their role in **A Partnership for Change: You and PCE** as this partnership has now become a three-way relationship between the applicant, the chapter and the trustees. 🌸





Identifying Scholars: How Do Chapters Do It?

by Kathryn Bayne, P.E.O. Scholar Awards Board of Trustees

It is a highly rewarding experience for a chapter to nominate a successful applicant for a P.E.O. Scholar Award! Some chapters have developed such a strong pipeline of candidates that they have successful nominees year after year! So you may have wondered: how do local chapters find potential applicants?

Students taking the initiative

As PSA has become more established, word has spread within colleges and universities about this prestigious award. Sometimes a former Scholar recommends that a fellow student look into PSA or makes a recommendation to a local chapter to follow-up with a specific colleague. Occasionally, a professor or adviser who trained a former Scholar (or was a Scholar herself!) encourages other students to apply. Students also learn about Scholar Awards through internet searches or their financial aid office on campus. Some academic departments have bulletin boards where PSA information, such as the P.E.O. Projects poster, is displayed.

Chapters taking the initiative

Chapters have discovered a variety of ways to identify potential Scholars. They often

receive leads from family, friends and acquaintances. Sometimes, chapters have known a bright, motivated young woman for many years and nominate her for a Scholar Award when she is far enough along in her educational endeavors that she meets the eligibility criteria. They may hear about a potential Scholar through community service organizations, church or their workplace.

Keeping an eye out for possible candidates during routine errands and activities can result in the discovery of talented candidates. For example, a chapter member may encounter a potential Scholar when taking the dog or cat to the veterinary hospital and meeting a vet student who is doing an internship; at the doctor's office, as the medical student is shadowing a physician; or at a music recital. As chapter members meet with a variety of professionals in their lives, they take these opportunities to inquire about interns, law clerks, research assistants, etc. Many chapters have the opportunity to develop a relationship with professors or deans at universities who, in turn, recommend the top students in their department, school or college. Chapters may place materials (including the P.E.O. Projects Poster received from International,

listing a chapter contact) about Scholar Awards in graduate school offices to generate inquiries from interested students.

Role of State/Provincial/District PSA Project Chairman

Some states/provinces/districts (s/p/d) have effectively used their PSA Project Chairman as the focal point for the sharing of candidates, especially when one chapter has more than they can handle. Occasionally the PSA Project Chairman has a contact within a university and she shares the names of the women that have been recommended to her by that contact with the chapters in her s/p/d. Your s/p/d PSA Project Chairman is a valuable resource, and you should feel free to seek her advice and guidance.

The legacy your chapter creates when you nominate a successful Scholar Award recipient is one that is life-long for the young woman and one that will be impactful for society. These young women are our future and they uniformly express a sense of gratitude for the support they receive from P.E.O. So, as you go about your daily lives, always keep an eye out for eligible women who are reaching for the stars! 🌟



STARs Shine With Community Service

by Eleanor Huey, P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipients are as diverse as the stars in the firmament. They hail from every part of North America. Their food preferences, interests and tastes are all individual. One thing that these outstanding young women do have in common is their desire to improve the quality of life for others. The typical applicant, although busy with school responsibilities and extra-curricular activities, devotes many hours to community service. Take a few minutes to learn about three superior volunteers.

At age 12, **Mary Brent Brown** of Covington, Louisiana, recommended by Chapter AS, cofounded KidsWannaHelp®, a non-profit organization designed to give youth an opportunity for meaningful input in fundraising for non-profits. Through these programs, young people have raised and donated more than \$115,000 to local, national and international non-profits. Her organization was awarded “2012 Foundation of the Year” by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Louisiana, Greater Northshore Chapter and was selected in 2011 as a Certifying Organization for the United States President’s Volunteer Service Awards.

KidsWannaHelp® developed two programs—Lemonade Brigade® and a self-confidence fashion show fundraiser for leukemia patients. Both programs aim to give youth an opportunity to raise money for charity through fun activities that build confidence, character and a commitment to life-long giving.

Another STAR making a huge

impact is **Maren Johnson** of Watertown, South Dakota, recommended by Chapter BI. What sets her apart is her commitment to global health and her amazing efforts to recycle used hotel soap. As a result of her drive and ambition, the Global Soap Project, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, named her its only student ambassador in 2011. About two years ago, Maren convinced six hotels in her hometown to recycle used hotel soap. Since then she has built a network of more than 130 hotels across four states and Canada and this group has recycled more than 15,000 pounds of used hotel soap.

She has engaged more than 500 volunteers of all ages to arrange for the collection and shipment of soap to the Global Soap Project headquarters, where it is reprocessed into new bars of soap. These bars then are distributed by international aid agencies to the vulnerable and needy population around the world.

This effort has led to the creation of more than 60,000 new bars of soap—enough to serve about 5,000 people for an entire year. People around the world are being given the opportunity for a healthier, longer life because of Maren’s efforts to recycle what is commonly considered trash in our hotels.

The members of P.E.O. Chapter HG in Vinton, Iowa, found **Megan Ternus** to be an exceptional young woman who doesn’t just participate, but excels at all her activities. This past year Megan organized a community service project through her church. Her initial goal was to make 300 pillow case dresses for

Haitian girls who belonged to her church’s sister parish.

Since beginning the project, Megan has involved her community in providing materials and sewing skills to make more than 1,625 dresses. Students in Haiti who don’t have a uniform are not allowed to attend school. Megan increased the scope of her project to include the production of 300 school uniforms. She recently received the Archbishop’s Youth Ministry Award for her service to others less fortunate.

These 2013-14 STARs are representative of the outstanding young women who are developing their sense of self-worth and building their leadership skills while improving the lives of others. Their stories are both touching and inspiring. ✨

STAR News

The names of the 2013-14 P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipients were posted May 1 on the STAR page of International’s website. Named Scholarships, revisions for the scholarship application and recommendation and application timelines/deadlines are also posted.

Beginning this year all chapter recommendations must be submitted **online only between September 1 and November 1. Each recommended applicant will have only 30 days** from the date she receives the link to set up her online account to complete and submit her online application.



Books & Brunch Events Raise Funds for Projects

by Barbara Green Martin, FP, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

For years, sisters in Chapter FP, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, discussed how to earn more money for our P.E.O. projects by enticing people outside the chapter to support us. We felt we had found a winning formula with our Books and Brunch idea. Excitement built in October 2008 as we prepared for our first Books & Brunch fundraiser. We reserved a small church's fellowship hall for the brunch and its 200-seat sanctuary where three female authors read from and signed their books for our guests. The first year we raised \$2,900; we were ecstatic!

We have held a Books & Brunch event every year since and each year built upon our successes. Professional leadership, good ideas and commitment to a quality event is behind our success. Many participating authors have national standing including Temple Grandin, Margaret Coel and Helen Thorpe.

Another major plus is that our entire chapter participates. Each year members handcraft bookmarks for our guests, bake cinnamon rolls and cookies for the brunch, decorate tables and design a P.E.O. Projects table exhibit. We give local high school culinary students experience by hiring them to prepare the box lunches.

In 2012, the fifth year of our Books & Brunch event, we used a larger church space with a seating capacity of 300. Chapter FP once again surpassed our expectations and raised \$7,000.

We charge \$35 for tickets and advertise by sending press releases to local papers and distributing flyers to our county's public libraries and local book clubs. We've also used email to send save-the-date notices to our friends and repeat guests.



Authors Margaret Coel, Paula Reed, Temple Grandin and Dyana Furmansky participated in Chapter FP's Books & Brunch event in 2012

News of our successful Books & Brunch fundraiser traveled and Chapters DM, Litchfield Park, and Chapter Y, Prescott, Arizona, have produced similar events.

As P.E.O.s we are proud to say that we put into action the third paragraph of our Objects and Aims: "To seek growth in knowledge and in culture and to obtain all possible wisdom from nature, art, books, study and society, and to radiate all light possible by conversation, by writing, and by the right exercise of any talent we possess."

As we take a reflective breath before preparation for our sixth Books & Brunch event, resonating for us is the increased income for our projects—we doubled our donations to the P.E.O. philanthropies within four years—but close behind are the accolades



Chapter FP, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

from our guests, one of which was, "It is clear that the women who put it together devote a lot of time and energy for the very worthy cause of educating women." 🌸

Bunco Bash

Chapter MS, Warrenton, Missouri, recently held a Bunco Bash fundraiser for Cottey College's A Defining Moment campaign. More than 60 women participated in this event which included a spaghetti dinner and prizes for most Buncos, highest scores and lowest score. \$1,000 was raised at the event.



Bunco Bash winners, from the left: Karen Bade, Betty Halbeisen, Barb Woodruff, Janet Meier, Mary Dee Kluge, Carolyn Frick, Nancy Shilharvey, Sue Brewer, Jan Coons

Chili Cook-Off

Each fall, Chapter BY, Wabash, Indiana, participates in what is touted as the largest chili cook-off east of the Mississippi River.

Chapter BY members decided to take part in the cook-off to help reach their goal of making P.E.O. better known. The cook-off is hard work, but members also have fun.



Members of Chapter BY work the P.E.O. tent at a chili cook-off

People come to the P.E.O. tent and ask "What's P.E.O.?" Members of Chapter BY working in the tent happily and eagerly answer their questions.

Senior Residence Gatherings

The Tulsa P.E.O. Reciprocity Group has hosted gatherings for P.E.O. sisters at three senior residences. The coffees were an opportunity for active and inactive members to meet each other and in several cases, find out that someone they already knew is a P.E.O. One sister was overheard saying, "I should have known that you are a P.E.O. because you are so nice!"

Margaret Rice, president of Tulsa P.E.O. Reciprocity Group, and Rebecca Hutchens, immediate past president of the group, planned the events. This was the culmination of an idea they discussed when they served together on the executive board of Oklahoma State Chapter. The sisters at the senior residences also had the opportunity to meet Tricia Bitsko, executive assistant of Oklahoma State Chapter and treasurer of Tulsa P.E.O. Reciprocity Group.



P.E.O. Gathering at Methodist Manor in Tulsa. First row, from left: Doris Combs, Roberta Hairston, Barbara Westervelt, Jerri Brownlee **Second row:** Margaret Rice, Betty Sue McNabb, Lou Ann Dale, Donna Cartwright, Norma Kramer

Coffees were held at the Methodist Manor, Inverness Village and Montereau in Warren Woods. The residents of Inverness Village were so enthusiastic, a second coffee was held. Additional coffees will be scheduled at all three residences and, hopefully, other senior residences in Tulsa.

The Blessing of the Scarves

On the suggestion of a visiting member of chapter BX, Yakima, Washington, who told them about their successful fundraiser, Chapter IH, Hays, Kansas, started making and selling scarves. This sparked interest in many members, especially avid knitter Jean Berger who saw this as a way she could serve P.E.O. Jean and Chapter IH took on the challenge and in four months raised almost \$6,000.



Members of Chapter IH model some of the scarves they knit to raise funds for P.E.O.

This project has amazed and excited Chapter IH. The hidden unexpected blessings are deepened friendships, a chance to serve the chapter in new ways, community exposure for P.E.O. and making new friends.

The chapter is excited that they've been able to use the money to increase donations to P.E.O. projects, become an IPS Designated Chapter and complete their commitment to the Defining Moments Campaign.

Nut Sales

Since 2001, Chapter HO, Ames, Iowa, has been successful in raising funds for P.E.O. projects with their annual nuts sales. A committee of four sisters is responsible for getting this project off the ground every year. They create an order form with the current nut prices and distribute them to the chapter members. Most members take orders from neighbors and friends. The nuts

are delivered in 25- or 30-pound boxes, and a group of sisters gathers in the committee chairman's home to bag the nuts into 1-pound bags. The bagging process is followed by filling each order and getting them ready for delivery.

After a morning of working industriously, the sisters celebrate by enjoying a salad lunch together.

The proceeds for the 2012 nuts fundraiser was about \$2,200, and was divided among all the P.E.O. projects. This project is labor intensive for a couple of months, especially for the committee members, but then it is over until the next year. A benefit of this fundraiser is the camaraderie that the sisters enjoy while working on this project, and the best benefit of all is the amount of funds that are raised for the P.E.O. projects!



Chapter HO's Nut Sales Committee Members: Jean Watson, Lynn Zwagerman, Sylva Williams, Eileen Tramp

Snowbird Gatherings

Dorothy Buhrle, FG, Bonner Springs, Kansas, is a snowbird for five months during the winter in a senior park, Caliente Casa De Sol, in Florence, Arizona. The park has about 1,000 winter residents who come from many different states and Canada. Although Dorothy had been a snowbird for 10 winters, she didn't think about finding P.E.O. sisters there until she saw a P.E.O. sticker in



P.E.O. snowbirds from around the United States and Canada met at Caliente Casa De Sol, in Florence, Arizona

the car window of the woman who sits next to her in church choir. She put a small notice in her monthly park newsletter inviting P.E.O. sisters from the park to come to her patio for a salad luncheon. She wasn't sure if she would get much response, but 10 women attended and she heard from four more who were unable to come.

Dorothy discovered that she was in the church choir with three P.E.O. sisters, had quilted with one, exercised three mornings a week with one, played golf with one, had been on a cruise with one and knew all of them!

All of the women were surprised to see each other at the luncheon. Although most knew each other, they didn't know any of the others belonged to P.E.O. These women were from Washington, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Arizona. They enjoyed the salads provided by the attendees and had a wonderful time sharing ideas about programs, moneymaking projects and procedures. All agreed that even though they miss their home chapters, it's nice

to have socials with sisters while in Arizona. Dorothy hopes the group will grow now that the word is out and encourages other snowbirds to look for P.E.O. sisters in their winter homes.

Peace, Love and P.E.O.

Chapter CJ, Pittsburg, Kansas, hosted a reciprocity dinner with the theme Peace, Love and P.E.O. Five local chapters gathered at the Pittsburg Country Club where a Volkswagen bus, painted by committee members, was parked outside with music from the 1960s and 70s playing.

Pat Waltrip, CJ, Pittsburg, Kansas, and Karen Wegener, EP, Lamar, Missouri, created a quilt that incorporated material used at the reciprocity dinner and at the 2012 Kansas State Convention using the Peace, Love and P.E.O. theme. The quilt was raffled off at Chapter CJ's Christmas party and raised \$492 for P.E.O. 🌸

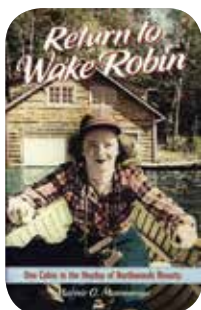


First row, from the left: Jo Farabi, Audrey Tewell, Sharon Harper, Lauren Werner, Dorothy Baker, Lynn Martin, Betty Parr, Pat Waltrip, Christa Weber, Pat Jones, Kathy Stuckey, Amanda Minton, Marti York, Corene Stroup, Susy Hammons, Cris Elliott **Second row:** Karen Bowen, Nanette Krumsick, Natalie O'Neal, Beverly Tustin, Betsy Oehme Wilson, Barbara Sims, Virginia Lawrence, Babs Tims, Grace Powell, Susie Tims, Marty Sours

Marnie O. Mammaing, EA, Batavia, Illinois,

wrote "Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts" in which she recounts her family's more than 60-year history vacationing on Big Spider Lake in Wisconsin's Northwoods region. Her story centers on Wake Robin, their 1929 cabin, and the camaraderie and friendships among resort workers and vacationers. By tracing the history of one cabin and resort, Marnie recalls a time and experience that will resonate with anyone who spent their summers Up North—or wishes they had.

Marnie is a freelance writer and columnist. She earned undergraduate and master's degrees in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Auntie LuLu (aka Mary Lou Moeller), AZ, Racine, Wisconsin,

wrote "Pearl's Wisdom," her first book, about a pumpkin named Pearl. In the autobiography Pearl tells her life story, living with three other pumpkins outside a small house in Wisconsin from October to January. She survives adversities, but never loses her smile.

Auntie LuLu graduated from Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota.



Malissa Wood, E, Concord, Massachusetts,

wrote "Smart at Heart," a study indicating the need to address both the body and mind to provide complete cardiovascular health. Earlier in her career as a cardiologist, she found herself taking care of many young women with low income who had two cardiovascular strikes against them—a generic history of heart disease and unhealthy lifestyles. Realizing that simple education could truly change their lives, she worked tirelessly to show them how to lead healthier lives. These experiences convinced her that she should focus her career on non-invasive cardiology—focus on preventing disease before it occurs. Malissa has developed a useful methodology to help people have a healthier heart by connecting the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of life.

Malissa is a second-generation P.E.O. A single mom with four children—three now in their teens—she follows her own advice on exercise. Swimming and running are her favorites and she has participated in the Boston Marathon.

Torena O'Rourke, HQ, Kennewick, Washington,

wrote "The Duet Letters." Based on more than 300 real and intimate letters of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Jane Brett, the story of an unlikely friendship between two very different women unfolds in a dramatic and magical way. Duty, love and courage are put to the test against the backdrop of American politics.



Torena is a mental health therapist who works with high-risk teens. She assists her clients with the discovery of their life's passion through positive motivation and reinforcement. When Torena is not teaching and writing, she enjoys hiking with her husband and her dogs, reading a good book, sailing and spending quality time with family and friends.

All net proceeds from the sales of this book will be donated to Cottey College.

Frances Traxler Greiff, R, Atlanta, Georgia,

wrote and illustrated "Printer Lady," a book for young people. It is the true story of Sarah Hillhouse, 1763-1831, a real heroine, as brave as any male heroes of her time. She moved from

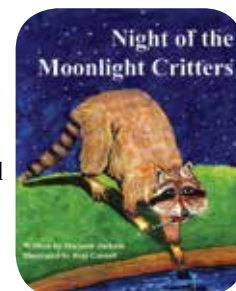
Massachusetts to Washington, Georgia, the first town in the nation to be named for President George Washington. When her husband died in 1803, Sarah stepped in and took over the operation of his newspaper and the printing press. She was the first female newspaper editor in Georgia.

Frances was an English and journalism teacher for 26 years in an Atlanta high school. She earned her master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Marjorie Jackson, EN, Clinton, Missouri,

wrote "Night of the Moonlight Critters."

Children ages 3 to 8 are invited to take a peek inside the busy nighttime world and meet some of the creatures who live there. Who can move as fast as a speeding car? Who stockpiles food underground?



Who can jump 10 feet off the ground? Children can discover these and many other interesting facts about nocturnal animals in easy-to-understand text with rhyming verse and bright, joyful illustrations. This book is the first in a series entitled "Moonlight Critters."

Marjorie is a retired educator, having served as middle school language arts teacher, adjunct professor of English, and elementary school librarian. She and her husband live in the country where they regularly observe most of the critters in the book.

Evelyn Rodewald, D, Whitefish, Montana, is

the co-author of "The Indian Way: Indians and the North American Fur Trade" with Neil Van Sickle, BIL of the late Faye Van Sickle of Chapter AB, Kalispell, Montana.



The authors emphasize the role of Native Americans in the fur trade for three centuries. The sophisticated trading networks of the indigenous tribes unlocked the secrets of the New World, creating a vibrant economy and complex working relationship between their societies and those of the new white settlers. Native women traded their goods, sewed moccasins and gardened produce in the Missouri River Valley and elsewhere. Often as wives, they provided diplomatic success as well as the labor and skills critical in life from the sub-arctic to the desert.

Evelyn Rodewald grew up in Montana and earned her master's degree in American history from Washington State University and lives in Whitefish, Montana. Neil Van Sickle was raised in North Dakota and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Mary Brooke Casad, HL, McKinney, Texas,

wrote "Bluebonnet at the Ocean Star Museum." Mary Brooke created Bluebonnet the armadillo to teach kids about Texas state history. In this story, Bluebonnet travels to the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum in Galveston, Texas. She learns about offshore history, life on a drilling rig and rig safety through the tour guide and the knowledgeable pelican, Red.

Mary Brooke is the director of missions for the United Methodist Church in the Dallas area and is secretary of the board of directors of the Texas Methodist Foundation.

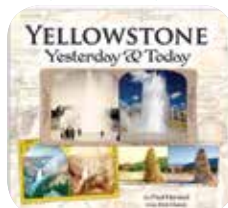


Camille Riner, AW, Custer, South Dakota,

designed "Yellowstone Yesterday & Today," a unique look at the grandeur of

Yellowstone that combines historic photos with modern images of the same locations today. "Yellowstone Yesterday & Today" (co-authored by Paul Horsted and Bob Berry of Cody, Wyoming) contains more than 100 photo pairs, the result of two years spent tracing the locations where early photographers placed their cameras at well-known locations like Old Faithful.

Camille used artifacts from the late 1800s to the early 1900s like postcards, souvenir spoons, and tickets on the chapter openers and scanned the backs of old documents, stereo cards and newspapers to use as backgrounds on all the pages. "Yellowstone Yesterday & Today" will delight anyone who enjoys the beauty and history of Yellowstone National Park, whether they plan to visit in the future or simply want to continue the experience from afar.



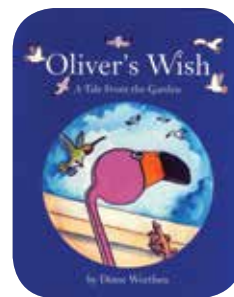
Camille has been designing books with her husband since they started Golden Valley Press 10 years ago. They have published four other photographic books.

Diane Worthen, HH, Englewood, Florida,

wrote and illustrated "Oliver's Wish: A Tale from the Garden."

Oliver, a tall, pink painted wooden flamingo, lives in a garden. All day he stares into the sky day dreaming and wishing he could fly. When, at last, his wish comes true, he is propelled into an adventurous and sometimes frightful flight filled with misadventures, but in the end, he learns where it is he really wishes to be and learns to accept just what he is.

Born and raised in Rhode Island, Diane studied fine art at the Rhode Island School of Design. She and her husband Don are full-time residents of Florida and have a large blended family.



Norma Christian, AQ, Raymondville, Texas,

wrote "A Christmas Mouse," a Christmas-themed poem about a gluttonous little mouse who goes on an eating

binge after finding a plate full of cookies and cheeses. The mouse then meets Santa, who teaches him the meaning of Christmas. The book was illustrated by Katherine Croll, a STAR Scholarship recipient.

Norma is a retired junior high school English teacher. She lives in Raymondville with her husband and dedicated her book to her grandchildren Camden and Kyle. 🌸





Chapter XW, Los Angeles, California Organized: January 27, 2013

First row, from the left: Dayna Roberts, Jan Gordon, Barbara Payne Aerni **Second row:** Alexandra Katen-Narvell, Cheryl Miller, Laura Coggin, Edith Gibson **Third row:** Karina Lindsey, Karen Treaccar, Roberta Craig **Fourth row:** Elizabeth Gonias, Gina Young, Kimberly Jindra, Rowena Zirbel, Lisa Warrick, Lauren Azeltine



Chapter AO, Lexington, Kentucky Organized: February 16, 2013

First row, from the left: Andrea S. Bales, Betty Gabehart, Carol Raitz, Candace Boldrey, Elizabeth S. Sands, Susan Byars **Second row:** Sally Turney, Linda Yates, Felicity Biladeau, Janet Marshall, Anna Jarvis, Carol Morgan, Lee Carroll, Patricia P. Huffman, Hazel M. Combs, Sandra Faye Snyder, Donna A. Hall, Carolyn S. Looff



Chapter FJ, Mesa, Arizona Organized: February 16, 2013

First row, from the left: Molly Collins, DeMaris Hochhalter, Giovanna Richardson, Meg Lemmon, Marilyn McDaniel, Dareen Stucke **Second row:** Carol Korver, Donna Smaha, Jayne Rolf, Margie Little, Marge Stofferan, Cindy Oakes, Thelma Menning, Janine Mullinnix, Helen Biteman, Darla Martin, Carla Jensen, Denise Schmallen, Marilyn Baldner, Jan Zabel, Linda Carey, Linda Borders and Edith Bryant



Chapter JD, Broomfield, Colorado Organized: February 23, 2013

First row, from the left: Lynn Wolfe, Kim Jones, Shelley Davis, Nancy Brown, Mary Haas **Second row:** Jan Sindelar, Mary McCauley, Karen Mosakowski, Carol Scolari, Karen Vasey, Sally Strom, Sheri Sarno, Heather Redabaugh, Jeanne Parsons **Third row:** Jennifer van de Kamp, Angela Carlson, Pamela von Reckers, Joyce Robb, Meredith Flynn, Lorraine Green, Katherine Yaddof



Chapter JB, The Villages, Florida Organized: February 23, 2013

First row, from the left: Diane Kupchak, Joyce Christie, Marilyn Hanson, Fran Fuller, Linda Roth, Jean Klinkenberg **Second row:** Kathryn Reed, Jean Fyffe, Marion McClarin, Jann Sharp, Sarah Hamdorf, Jan Douglas, Karen Mooty, Noreen Pyle, Barbara Gearhart, Sharon Palansky



Chapter JC, The Villages, Florida Organized: February 23, 2013

First row, from the left: Donna Easlick, Nancy Brown, Linda Lambie, Linda Briggs, Nita Phillips, Peggy Gottshall **Second row:** Joyce Gilette, Rise Segur, Patricia Farleigh, Connie Brown, Deanna Stranghoner, Barbara Abbott, Marlene Madison, Karen Sheasley, Gerri Piscitelli, Hedy Durante, Patricia Hill



Chapter AO, Salisbury, Maryland Organized: March 16, 2013

First row, from the left: Jenny Hastings, Nicole Hastings, Nancy Stephens, Amanda Bryan **Second Row:** Sara Sprouse, Jennifer Doyle, Debbie Day, Vicki Purkey, Morgan Helfrich, JoEllyn Norman **Third Row:** Marcy Ryan, Lea Wimbrow, Kay Flem, Anne Lawton, Betsy Becker, Linda Lugo, Erin Carrington, Kim Ward



Chapter AD-BG, Superior, Wisconsin Merged: March 16, 2013

First row, from the left: Mary Manion-Bick, Susan Hutter-Howard, Bonnie (Manion) Leland, Kathy Empie, Gretta O'Brien, Debi Gilbertson, Gail Johnson **Second row:** Louise Manion, Barbara W. Mattson, Millie Score, Jean Laskee, Bev Gee, Dolores Hutchinson, Kay Anderson, Ellie Skelton, Phyllis Ellis **Third row:** Kathy Nelson, Mavis Moran, Mary Paquette, Lynne Hoff, Joanne Johnson, Deb Krieg, Jean Till, Kathy Matushak, Ann Borich, Marie Peterson, Beth Arnson, Barbara Porter, Carolyn Sweeney, Sandy Thompson

Centennial CHAPTERS



Chapter AH, Glendale, California
Organized: January 19, 1912
Celebrated: March 21, 2012

Front row: Mary Wickser, JoAnne Klosterman, Carol Meyers, Reah Carmichael, Susie Cross, Marian Corbett **Downstairs standing:** Mary Barber, Betty Swift **Downstairs standing back:** Betty Stanfill, Nancy Dohran, Pat Bauer, Rita Dundee, Diane Russell **Front Stairs:** Jan Ashford, Marilyn Butler **Next Stairs:** Joan Cole, Anna Brewer, Barbara McCullough, Mary Boger, Sally Perkins **Next Stairs:** Leni Richardson, Chloe Ross, Diane Johnson, Holly Donaldson **Top of Stairs:** Ginny Campbell, Merle Hollywood **Top railing:** Jackie Carlos, Anny Ways, Terri Hassenmiller, Shirley Knauf



Chapter Z Okmulgee, Oklahoma
Organized: April 23, 1913
Celebrated: April 20, 2013

First row, from the left: Dana Sigmon, Donna Perry, Mary Lou Bailey, Bernice Moore, Margaret Robinson, Patricia Miller, Sherry Conrady, Jodie Marriott **Second row:** Margaret Hess, Deb Path, Debbie Hess, Lawana Giddings, Marilyn Sulivant, Renee Dove, Linda Moore, Diane Cockburn, Jan Slamans, Carol Cable, Mary Lewellen, Kellie Harlan, Connie Goedecke, Karen Mabrey, Marge Bemis, Martha Robinson, Lynda Barksdale



Chapter H, Eugene, Oregon
Date of organization: April 11, 1913
Date of celebration: April 8, 2013

First row, from the left: Pat Getz, Kim Olson, Barbara Olson, Jill Niles, Kristin Forrest, Vicki Olson, Wanda Hamilton **Second row:** Betty Knox, Mary Sheffer, Pat Dark, Janet Martin, Carol Hammons, Sandy Kribs, Jan Whitty, Patty Jacobs, Kathleen Johnston **Third row:** Jane Pubols, Cleve Boehi, Barbara Gates, Sheri Hammerstad, Joane Butler, Sharon O'Brien, Kay Hanson, Kathy Houck, Shirley Lowe, Judi Jackson **Fourth row:** Jan Oberlink, Sally Green, Sharon Hirons, Terry Wilson, Nichol Rauch, Jean Names, Gail Nelson, Suzette Malkasian, Joanne Miksis, Phyllis Lund, Linda Pompel, Marni Reinmuth, Becky Lamont



Chapter EH, Des Moines, Iowa
Organized: May 2, 1913
Celebrated: May 2, 2013

First row, from the left: Denise Geoffredi, Kathryn Callahan, Lynn Oxenford, Diane Gillotti, Ann Robinson, Garnet Maxwell **Second row:** Diane Johnson, Sally Patton, Jean Ely, Jean Caster, Pat Sorensen, Judy Smith **Third row:** Mary Marshall, Marge Langbehn, Anna Belle Wonders, Marilyn Browne, Jan Mitchell, Karen Kowalsky **Fourth row:** Sally Sampson, Kay Pritchard, Susan Webb, Sally Long, Sarah Stewart, Barbara Lancaster, Sandy Stuck

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 **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" and "My Santa is a BIL". Star - 4 3/4" in glistening gold/white daisies. "P.E.O." scripted in center. Santa - roly-poly 5" holds a present wrapped in gold icing/glittered stars. "BIL" embossed on belt buckle. Small "P.E.O." scripted on back. View at www.peotexas.org. Each \$42 + \$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.


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 **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


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 **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


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 **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.

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 **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.

 **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


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 **Whimsical notecards** sister-designed, "Thanks A Bunch/Note to My Sister". 8 for \$10 ppd. Ch. JA, Kristin Hersh, 19675 Salt Lick Way, Monument, CO 80132. educate83@yahoo.com.


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 **Past president's gavel guard**—14K gold-plate with 7 clear Swarovski crystals. Perfect size for our star. \$25 ppd. to Ch. OO, P.E.O. c/o Pat Walton, 8008 Pinot Noir Court, San Jose, CA 95135.


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 **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.


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 **Murano glass** daisy heart pendant—Each handmade pendant is a unique piece of art that you will treasure for years to come. Perfect gift for a special sister. Each 1x1" pendant includes a silver tone neck wire. \$20 ppd. P.E.O. Ch. AA, Carol Chaires, 1381 Clydesdale Avenue, Wellington, FL 33414.

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


7-Sister's Notecards as pictured in the Record, p 35, Jan/Feb, 2013. Perfect for Founder's Day invitations. Checks to P.E.O., Ch. CC, c/o Connie McConaughy, 5787 Clifftmere Dr, Newburgh, IN 47630. Or email cjmconau@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.

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 **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.

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Oregon P.E.O. Pin—1" white enamel Oregon

shape, gold plate edge, gold P.E.O. letters, gold daisy with yellow center. Post w/ yellow easy grip back. \$7 ppd. Check to: Ch. CT, c/o Becky Ferguson, 32720 NW Hornecker Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97124

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.

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CD of WWII era music (see May/June issue of Record) sung by P.E.O. sister Nora Martin Janik with the great Les Paul and the Claude Sweeten Orchestra. \$20. ppd Checks payable to Chapter A and mailed to 16223 SW Dekalb St. Portland, OR 97224

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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

P.E.O. in Texas, 1902-2013. New history book celebrates the 85th Anniversary of Texas State Chapter - early years to the 2013 Convention of International Chapter. Pre-order by November 15. Info at peotexas.org.

Founders' Recipes plus 295 tried and true favorites from Mark Twain's Hannibal, MO. \$15 ppd. Ch LZ, Chris Hackamack, 420 Timberline, Hannibal, MO 63401 or czhack@charter.net

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Martha Smither Chapter DE, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas Initiated: April 21, 2010



Martha Smither is passionate about music. She leads a team of volunteers who prepare written materials to inform teachers and students about the connections between classical music and what they are learning in math, science, literacy and social studies classes. Her team develops lesson plans, teacher manuals and student journals and lead in-service training for teachers to make them more comfortable with the interdisciplinary approach. Martha said, "We have known for years that integrating the arts into the core curriculum can inspire children to learn successfully in all fields; the arts help to flip on the learning switch."

For the past five years, Martha has brought the Children's Concert of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra to more than 3,000 elementary students in the greater Hot Springs area. She was named Hot Springs Village Citizen of the Year in 2012.

What inspired you to bring the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra to children in Hot Springs?

When I lived in Dallas, I volunteered for 20 years with an organization called Big Thought; we brought the

arts to public schools. After I moved to Arkansas, I kept thinking I wanted to do something similar here so I started a new not-for-profit called Arkansas Learning Through the Arts. We partner with the Symphony Guild to fundraise so the symphony can perform for students every November. So many schools signed up last year we had to add extra concerts.

Themes of the concerts appeal to children and are relatable to their classroom curriculum. Two years ago the theme was "Symphony Safari," which was science-oriented. Last year we did "American Odyssey" about cultures moving to America—bringing their arts, cultures and customs together and how those cultures bumping up against each other created a unique America.

We also develop workshops and programs, including a summer camp program going on right now in conjunction with Hot Springs public schools. Fifteen artists in different fields will present workshops. It's fun and exciting and being very well-received.

Volunteering has always been a big part of my life—even while I was working. Now, in addition to working with Arkansas Learning Through the Arts, I'm also involved with the Symphony Guild of Hot Springs Village.

Where did you go to school?

I graduated from Duke University with a degree in economics and earned my MBA in accounting at Southern Methodist University.

How did you become a P.E.O.?

My mother Betty Mossman was a P.E.O. for 70 years. She received her

70-year certificate right before I was initiated. She was so happy when I joined. She passed away shortly after. Part of the draw for me was so many members of P.E.O. were also on the Symphony Guild board.

What do you like about being in P.E.O.?

The people—the association with such a lovely bunch of ladies. I, of course, agree with the intent of helping provide education for women. I think that's a very important thing.

Everyone in our chapter is a go-getter. We're an energetic bunch. I enjoy it a great deal. I've given programs about the children's concert and the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation.

One of the artists who's coming to teach at the summer camp was talking about finding lodging and mentioned, "I'm part of an international organization that has a bed and breakfast program." I smiled and said, "And what organization would that be?" It turns out she's a P.E.O. too and is staying with one of my sisters just up the road. This is the first year our chapter has hosted a B&B.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I play the piano—I have all my life. I also like to golf, needlepoint and read.

My husband Wilbur and I love to travel. We have 23 great nieces and nephews so we like to visit family. Other than that, we hardly ever take a repeat journey. I especially like Europe. We recently took a cruise around South America; we spent five days in Antarctica where there were great lectures. It was a smaller ship and we got to know people from all over the world. 🌸

To The POINT

International Convention Updates

If you are at Convention Wednesday morning, September 25, be sure to stop in at one of the Tech Talks featuring the new P.E.O. Convention Mobile Site and Frequently Asked Questions about the Online Applications. No tickets needed. All members and BILs are welcome to attend.

Already Registered for International Convention?

Make sure you sign up for some Thursday workshops. Topics include Leadership, Planning for the Future, Texas Wildflowers and Presidential Libraries. Come hear engaging speakers such as Jean Chatzky or Colleen Walker.

Jean Chatzky is the financial editor for NBC's TODAY show and an award-winning personal finance journalist, best-selling author, AARP's personal finance ambassador and host of "Money Matters with Jean Chatzky" on RLTV.

Colleen Walker is CEO of Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas who reflects on the remarkable life of Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low and her impact on female leadership in this country. Helping to develop female leaders is a cause Colleen has worked on and advocated for since college.

Email Ahn Hargens at registration@peodsm.org with your name, chapter letters and which workshops you want to add.

Don't forget your BILs! If your BIL would like to add any of the listed workshops to his registration, email Ahn Hargens at registration@peodsm.org.

If you have not registered yet, there's still time. Registration fees are going up, but you can also register on-site if you don't need meals or housing.

Advanced Registration Rates

- **Through July 12**—\$40 (\$10 for spouse or volunteer)
- **July 13 through August 2**—\$65 (\$10 for spouse or volunteer)
- **August 3 through August 16**—\$100 (\$25 for spouse or volunteer)
- **August 17**—Advanced Registration Closed

On-site Registration Rates (No Meals or Housing)

- **One-time registration fee valid for the duration of Convention**
- **Wednesday & Thursday, September 25 & 26**—\$30 (\$10 for spouse or volunteer)
- **Friday, September 27**—\$20 (\$10 for spouse or volunteer)
- **Saturday, September 28**—\$10 for all attendees

Facebook and Social Media Sites

Websites such as Facebook or Twitter provide networking opportunities for P.E.O.s joining these groups. International Chapter recognizes that many groups have been started by individual members and/or chapters. While these groups provide networking with other P.E.O.s, they were not started, nor are they monitored or supported by International Chapter.

Social media guidelines can be found on the website by clicking on Resources and then going to Communication Tools. Questions regarding Facebook and social media can be forwarded through the Contact Us link on the P.E.O. website.

IRA Charitable Rollover

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 allows tax-free treatment of certain distributions from IRAs to qualified charities, such as P.E.O. projects and the P.E.O. Foundation. This provision applies to charitable IRA distributions received in 2013.

In order to qualify for this tax-free distribution to P.E.O., the following provisions must be met:

1. You must be at least 70 1/2 at the time you make the gift.
2. The contribution must be made directly from your traditional or Roth IRA.
3. The distribution may not exceed \$100,000.

As always, discuss any planned giving strategies with your attorney or financial planner to take advantage of the opportunities that are right for you.

Gifts and Contributions

Our P.E.O. projects can only succeed with the continued support of our membership. Local chapters and individual donations to these projects determine the number of women who are helped each year and the amount that is available to award. Every dollar counts—our projects depend almost entirely on P.E.O. support.

Continue to make your donations as listed below and remember individual gifts to P.E.O. projects and P.E.O. Foundation qualify as a charitable deduction for United States income tax purposes:

- Chapter gifts to projects and P.E.O. Foundation are payable to your state/provincial/district chapter and should be sent directly to your s/p/d treasurer or paid assistant.
- Individual gifts should be made payable to the intended project or P.E.O. Foundation and sent directly to the treasurer of International Chapter in Des Moines.
- Individual gifts for Cottey College are to be sent directly to Cottey.
- Online donations may also be submitted to the project of your choice through the P.E.O. website. 🌸

Send completed form including your former address printed in the upper right corner (or give address at which magazine was last received) six weeks in advance of your move.

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