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## All In the Family

**"I think togetherness is a very important ingredient to family life."**

—Barbara Bush

As a single woman, I don't have a BIL with whom to share my P.E.O. joys and experiences. However, I share my excitement about P.E.O. with the rest of my family and I thoroughly enjoy the times when BILs join in our P.E.O. activities.

During my many visits to state/provincial/district conventions and Conventions of International Chapter, I've always been impressed by the number of BILs and family members who attend conventions and who share in the enthusiasm for our financial assistance projects and our college. They are always anxious, and amazed, to learn the amount of financial assistance we provide to the thousands of women we've supported over the years. BILs and our family members are touched by the stories shared by our recipients and students at these conventions.

BILs and family members are an integral part of our P.E.O. experience. It's important for us to let them know how much we appreciate their support and to include them in our activities when possible. It's so easy, and so much fun, to include them in our P.E.O. functions. Here are just a few ideas I've observed over the years while at conventions, from letters you've sent to me and most recently, by reading your Facebook posts!

**Social Activities:** How often do you include others in your chapter's social activities? My chapter recently scheduled a social that included our BILs because **they** were asking **us** when they could get together. They reminded us that it had been a while since they had seen their "buddies." It's nice to watch friendships develop among the BILs and our family members as they attend our socials and other P.E.O. activities. Expanding our social activities to include our BILs and families is good for everyone.

**Conventions:** Encourage your BILs and family members to attend conventions. What a great way for them to understand the significant impact P.E.O. makes regarding women's education around the world. Although business meetings are only open to P.E.O.s, other activities are available to BILs and our family members. As an example, at Convention of International Chapter in Indianapolis they may want to attend the multiple breakout sessions and tours scheduled, they can visit the BIL Corner and participate in the social gathering scheduled for them while we're finishing our Saturday afternoon business meeting.

**P.E.O. Record Issues:** I'm happy to say that many BILs and family members read our magazine from cover to cover.

They've told me how they enjoy reading the interesting articles about our five financial assistance philanthropies, Cottey and the wonderful achievements of our members included in each issue. The Record also includes a feature article, written by BIL Albert Leffler, which is focused specifically on topics of interest for BILs.

In addition to strengthening the fellowship among our members and their families, this inclusiveness helps our BILs and family members understand why we are so committed to P.E.O. By including them often in our events, they're able to learn more quickly about the good work we accomplish.

Recently I was touched by the caring concern expressed in several Facebook posts from members who shared ways they continue to include BILs whose wives passed away. It was heartwarming to know that P.E.O.s continue to stay involved with them, and I feel certain those BILs appreciate the ongoing outreach.

This biennium I've asked you to identify one additional contribution you'll offer to strengthen our sisterhood. Perhaps including BILs and family members can be your "Power of 1"!

**Do you know what your "1" is?**



Maria T. Baseggio,  
President, International Chapter



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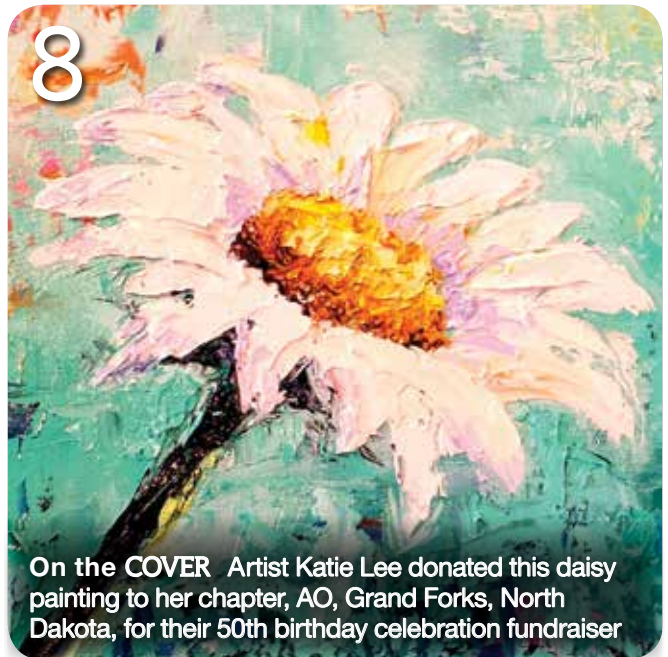
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Educational Loan Fund (ELF) is a revolving loan fund established in 1907 to lend money to qualified women students to assist them in securing a higher education.



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



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



### P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

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

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

For more information visit the website [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org). A reprint of this page is available on the website under PROJECTS/PHILANTHROPIES.



## "Any Talent We Possess"

A talent that I choose to share with my sisters is the love of nature photography. I send them emails containing my photos almost daily. I also sell note cards of my photographs that benefit our projects and present digital programs of flowers and birds to my chapter. I took this photograph of a northern bluebird perched on my P.E.O. garden ornament in my backyard; when I saw the photo on my computer, I knew I wanted to share it with all my P.E.O. sisters.

*Jennifer S. Hardison, AV,  
Athens, Tennessee*



Northern bluebird perched on Jennifer Hardison's P.E.O. garden ornament

## Lifelong Friends & P.E.O. Sisters

Maryem Henshall Floyd and I were raised in Osborne, Kansas, and lived just four houses from each other. We walked to school together, sang in the church choir, graduated, went to Kansas State College (Manhattan, Kansas) and were roommates. We were both initiated into Chapter CR, Osborne, Kansas, in 1954. Both of our mothers, who were best friends, were P.E.O.s. My mother's five aunts were also P.E.O.s. One of them, Lydia, worked at Cottey College for many years.

Maryem and I were in each other's weddings and our three children are near the same age. Maryem turned

80 years old in April and I will be 80 in September. We keep in touch by phone and mail and visit each other whenever possible—Maryem and her husband live in Kansas City, Kansas, and I live in Lehigh Acres, Florida.

P.E.O. has been a huge part of our lives for 60 years.

*Nancy Johnston Granger, G,  
Glen Burnie, Maryland*



Nancy Johnston and Maryem Henshall in 1949 and today

## 1,000 Bears

Ann Mitchell Quinn was initiated into her mother's P.E.O. chapter, CH, Santa Rosa, California, in 1960. At the time her mother remarked, "No matter where you live you'll find sisters nearby." She was right. Ann transferred to Chapter KW, Stockton, California, where she was active in many community projects involving children. When grandchildren came into the picture in Southern California, she affiliated with Chapter GD, Glendale, California.

Four years ago on New Year's Eve, her family talked about a request for toys and stuffed animals from nearby Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Ann recalls saying, "I should make bears

with all my extra fabric." "You should make 1,000 bears," enthused her daughter. Ann laughed and promised to make 1,000 bears the following year. A few months later, her granddaughter's teacher pulled Ann aside and said, "I'm concerned about little Ann because she has started lying." Shocked, Ann asked, "What's she saying?" "Well she says you're making 1,000 bears." Ann quickly answered, "I am!"

Each month during the past four years, several dozen folk-art styled, soft, colorful bears have comforted many a child during neurological tests, after which the bear becomes theirs to keep. Monthly delivery to Children's Hospital has been easy, thanks to her P.E.O. sister Ramona Teichert, who passes on bundles of bears to her daughter, Debbie Noble, RN nurse manager in the division of neurology at the hospital. Ann has no plans to stop, hoping to make another 1,000 bears by 2017 thanks to friends who help with donated fabric and her P.E.O. sisters who cheer her on.

When anyone asks why she keeps on sewing, Ann laughs and says, "It's a creative and satisfying way to help others without having to battle L.A. traffic."

*Ramona Teichert, GD,  
Glendale, California*



Ann Mitchell Quinn with just a few of the 1,000 bears she's made



## COMING TO CONVENTION IN OCTOBER?



## YOU'RE INVITED TO

### MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Wednesday, October 14**  
**Indiana Convention Center**  
**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Your International Executive Board will form a receiving line that afternoon and would love to have you stop to say hello!

Watch for directional signs at the center.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO

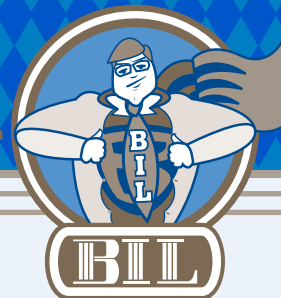
For the first time ever, a live video stream of **Projects Night** will be available in real-time from the Indiana Convention Center! **Unite** with P.E.O.s in the United States and Canada to witness firsthand the impact of the P.E.O. Projects as part of the Convention of International Chapter **Opening Night on Thursday, October 15.**

Visit [convention.peointernational.org](http://convention.peointernational.org) to learn how to stream and for tips on planning a viewing party with your chapter, a group of sisters, BILs, your family or even just how to log on by yourself in the comfort of your own home! This will be a great opportunity to **celebrate** and **share** the story of P.E.O. and the **impact** the Sisterhood has on the **advancement** of women.

**PROJECTS NIGHT LIVE | P.E.O. IMPACT**

**CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2015**





## High Octane BILs

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



**The 99<sup>th</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 will be in the history books as we gather in Indianapolis October 15-17 for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Convention of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Indy racing at the Brickyard, as it is known, is a Memorial Day weekend tradition, a sort of rite of spring, and this year it took place on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the month of the ending of WWII with tributes and remembrances to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.**

The Indianapolis 500 is without doubt "the greatest spectacle in racing" witnessed by those in the stands and by millions of followers around the world. To P.E.O.s and especially their BILs who take in this Memorial Day weekend ritual—this spectacle, I am unabashedly urging you to come to Indianapolis in October to attend International Convention!

The Convention Planning Committee is going the distance in providing special events for BILs including the BIL Pit Stop at the Convention Center. On Saturday we have our own reserved area in the Skybox section

of the High Velocity Sports Bar at the JW Marriott. Please join fellow BILs for burgers, beverages and new and renewed friendships. There will be plenty of sports to watch on the many monitors including a fantastic media wall.

We are welcome to attend any of the breakout sessions along with P.E.O.s.

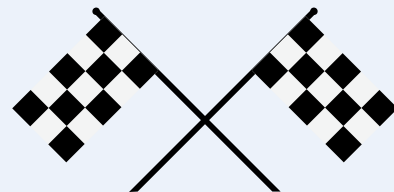
Of particular interest will be sessions such as "behind-the-scenes stories of the Indy 500," "a young Marine's story," and a fascinating presentation on Abraham Lincoln. There is a Saturday morning coffee at the Convention Center for BILs hosted by Cottey College along with many outside activities just for us.

But it is about the affirming stories of the success of P.E.O. and the amazing impact P.E.O. has had and continues to have on the lives of women through education that you will find to be the most wonderful aspect of attending International Convention.

I remember when gas station attendants would fill up your car, check the oil and wash the windows. With that tradition long lost we have become our own gas station attendants and we dutifully pull up to the pump, check the price and choose the type of fuel along the lines of "regular," "plus" or "premium." Each type of fuel has a number such as "87," "89" or "91." That number is the octane rating, which is a standard measure of the performance of an engine fuel. Higher performance engines are specifically designed to burn fuels that have been refined with a higher octane rating.

"High octane" is now used as a common descriptor for high achievement or performance. It is my belief that we BILs all fit the category of high performance in our support of our P.E.O.s in their missions of educating women. Attending International Convention in Indy in October will not raise anyone's rating—we all remain high octane BILs!

See you in Indy!  
Albert Leffler 🌸



Albert Leffler is married to P.E.O.  
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# Thank You!

We're thankful to all the volunteers for their service to the sisterhood.

A message from Maria T. Baseggio, President, International Chapter



## Cottey College Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Executive Board of International Chapter, I'd like to express our sincere appreciation to **Janet Brown**, Chapter BQ, Orlando, Florida, and **Chauncey Brummer** of Fayetteville, Arkansas for their dedicated service on the Cottey College Board of Trustees from June 1, 2008 through June 1, 2015.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to **Diann McChesney**, Past President Connecticut State Chapter, and **Jackie McMorris** of Atlanta, Georgia, who have accepted the appointment to the Cottey College Board of Trustees for a seven year term commencing June 1, 2015 and ending June 1, 2022.



## Regional Membership Representatives

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the following Regional Membership Representatives for their commitment to strengthening P.E.O. membership while serving in this capacity from October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

- ★ **Jane Attaway**, Past President Illinois State Chapter
- ★ **Ellen Knox**, Past President Texas State Chapter
- ★ **Sandy Booth**, Past President Oregon State Chapter
- ★ **Cathy Moss**, Past President Texas State Chapter

We look forward to working with the following past presidents who have accepted an appointment as Regional Membership Representative as follows:

- ★ **Alice Kapla**, Past President Wisconsin State Chapter, for a term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017
- ★ **Cindy Fulp**, Past President Missouri State Chapter, for a term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019
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## P.E.O. FOUNDATION

Your contribution to the P.E.O. educational projects or to the P.E.O. Foundation can make a significant difference for women pursuing their educational goals.

# P.E.O. Artist Katie Lee: Do the Colors Black and White Really Exist?

by Katie Lee, AO, Grand Forks, North Dakota



**"If you look hard enough you will see color in everything," says North Dakota artist and third generation P.E.O. sister Katie Lee, AO, Grand Forks North Dakota. "Have you ever seen a white snow drift with a five o'clock shadow or the color of a farmer's black field at sunset? It isn't white and it isn't black." Artist and palette knife oil painter Katie Lee has been painting for 17 years. It wasn't until recently that her eyes started to truly see all the colors that God has given us on this earth.**

"I don't think colors are something that we all just know," says Katie. "I believe we are born with the ability to see ALL the colors but then something happens; we grow up. We learn primary colors in school and we start categorizing objects to go with these colors. It is the categorizing and the lack of attention we give to color that gets us into this rut. It isn't until we start challenging what we



"Daisies" by Katie Lee

grew up believing about color and start paying attention to color, that the earth's true colors start opening themselves up to us. One will find that the white snow drift and the farmer's black field are far from black and white."

Born in Montana and raised in North Dakota, Katie has truly come to appreciate the beauty that is found in these areas, from simple skylines of the plains, to majestic wildlife of the Rockies and everything in between. Katie's main inspiration comes from the beauty that surrounds her on a daily basis. She says, "I find color in some of the seemingly colorless subjects on this earth and I try to bring that to life in my paintings."

Katie, a self-taught artist, remembers the very first time she picked up a paint brush at the age of 14 and really

painted. She had found some paints that her grandma Donna McEnroe, AO, Grand Forks, North Dakota, had given her as a young child. With a picture of a lake at sunset in hand, she sat down in her kitchen and began to paint. Soon after, she was interrupted by a knock at her door. It was a locksmith, whom her mother had called to do some work on the house. She let him in and quickly got back to painting. As the locksmith was moving about the house he kept looking over her shoulder to see her progress and kept commenting on how nicely it was coming along. Hours later when she was nearing the end of her small painting and he was nearing the end of his job on the house he asked her how long she had been painting. Katie answered, "This is my first time." The man, confused, said, "First time painting a sunset?" Katie replied,



"No, the first time painting anything." The locksmith was astonished; he could hardly believe that this painting, which she had just produced in the hours he had been there, was her very first one ever. Weeks later, there was a knock on Lee's door. It was the very same locksmith, standing at the door with a giant canvas. He gave it to her as a gift and encouraged her to keep painting, telling her that he believed one day she would be a really great artist. Coming from someone she didn't know very well, Katie found this to be extremely encouraging.

Katie spends half of her week in her studio mixing colors and creating art, and the other half as a stay-at-home mom with her two young children. Among other things, she is a wife to her husband Brian, a mother and a P.E.O. sister. Growing up with one brother, whom she loves, Katie says, "I love to say I finally have sisters, and extremely great ones at that!" Katie is only in her fourth year of being a P.E.O. and already she is understanding the true meaning of being a sister. "The greatest thing about being in P.E.O. is knowing these ladies will always be there for me. They will be there to celebrate with me during the good times and lend a shoulder during the tough times. Together we get to help so many women through education, and with feeling that same sense of love and belonging." Katie has always said, "There is just something different about those P.E.O. ladies, they are all just so nice." She was happy to find out that the man she would marry was raised by one of these great P.E.O. ladies, Barb Bergner, ES, Eagan, Minnesota. She was even more shocked to find out that 10 percent of the guests at her wedding were P.E.O. members. She knew she had a keeper.



"Evening Glow" by Katie Lee

Katie is also the co-founder and owner of the company TAG—The Art of Giving, which puts on an annual philanthropic art exhibition and sale event. In just the past five years, TAG has donated over \$100,000 to local charities in Katie's community. She is a big advocate for giving back to the community that has given her so much.

Katie's hope for the people viewing her work is that they will start to see color the way she does and begin to see this world is far more beautiful than most give it credit for. Katie has been told by some collectors of her art that her paintings truly draw energy into a space. It's as if they are seeing something they have looked at their whole life in a new way, creating a dynamic

and positive energy. Others have said her colors are healing.

Katie inherited her creative talent from her grandma Donna McEnroe, an artist and P.E.O. sister who passed on nearly a year ago. Katie says, "If it weren't for my grandma, my mother Merrilee Brown (Chapter AO) and my aunt Laurie Bakke (Chapter AO), I may not have found my way to this amazing organization and I am truly grateful for them and all my sisters." 🌸



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Round-robin correspondents reunited in Colorado in 2008. **From the left:** Karen Shotwell Ward, Mary Katherine Yoder Trevithick, Linda Fitzgibbon Weaver, Martha Ambelang Brown, Terri Darnell Mace, Anne Doyle Rosner

## Friends We Are and Friends We'll Always Be

by Anne Rosner, VK, Solana Beach, California

Thirty-eight years ago, I traveled from South Dakota to Nevada, Missouri, for the first time. I was assigned to live in Louisiana Suite, along with other freshman from Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. The six of us quickly became the best of friends and knew our connection would last a lifetime.

Before we graduated from Cottey College in 1978, Linda, Karen, Mary Katherine, Terri, Martha and I devised a plan to stay in touch. We decided to launch a "round-robin" letter to circulate among ourselves for the rest of our lives.

It's always a great thrill when the postman delivers the thick round-robin envelope to my door. I make a pot of tea and settle in to savor all the latest news

and photos from my dear suitemates. Each letter begins, "Dear Suities..."

After reading the six letters in consecutive order, I write a new letter, add it to the bottom of the stack, remove my old letter and mail the packet on to Linda. She does the same before forwarding the round-robin to the next person on the designated route. About two or three times year, the wonderful collection of letters makes its way back to me.

Our round-robin has changed with the times. Early letters were hand-written on lined notebook paper and accompanied by snapshots. Once computers arrived on the scene, we began personalizing our printed pages with a variety of fonts, ink colors and designer papers. The next innovation

was embedding digital photos into our letters. In recent years, we also supplement the round-robin with texts and individual or group emails.

The focus of our letters has also evolved. Originally we discussed our



Anne Rosner with all her past round-robin letters





Cotter Graduation Day, May 1978

From the left: Karen, Linda, Martha, Mary Katherine, Anne, Terri

university classes, new friendships and courtships. Then news centered around our graduations, post-grad degrees, careers and travel. We also stayed

current about the details of each other's families.

We've shared the joys of our weddings, births and adoptions...and the sorrows of illnesses, divorces and deaths in our families.

All of us are married and have children. Half of us home-schooled our children. While some of us are still raising teenagers, others are now empty nesters.

Half of us now have married children. We will now see who becomes the first grandma in our group. One thing we all share in common: we're all active in our P.E.O. chapters.

By saving every letter we retrieved from the round-robin, we have created a written record of our last 36 years.

These "diaries" are filled with rich details rarely found in today's emails, texts and tweets. We've talked about someday compiling our correspondence into a novel highlighting our love and commitment to each other.

Throughout the years, we've reunited at Cotter for two Founder's Days, attended each other's weddings and visited each other's homes occasionally. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays together in Colorado.

The suitemates who met in 1978 are now mature women in our mid 50s. We're planning our next reunion, where we know we'll pick up right where we left off when we were last together.

Although we live in six different states, our lives have remained entwined, united by our beloved round-robin. We plan to continue this nearly 40-year tradition for decades to come. 🌸

## Six P.E.O. "Suities"

All six of the round-robin correspondents are P.E.O. sisters.

Anne Rosner, VK, Solana Beach, California, was initiated into P.E.O. in 1990. Her mother and aunt are longtime P.E.O.s, which is how she learned about Cotter College. She recalls, "It seems every Cotter girl wanted to become a P.E.O. mainly to satisfy that curiosity of what those three letters stood for! There were many speculations going around at school! I can still remember smiling when the president whispered those secret words in my ear at initiation."

Anne continues, "I have found being a P.E.O. to be a fulfilling part of my life as each year I grow more and more connected to my wonderful sisters."

Terri Darnell Mace, X, Collinsville, Oklahoma, is a third generation P.E.O. She was initiated into the chapter of her mother and grandmother, FA, Liberal, Kansas, in 1978. She transferred to Chapter X,

Collinsville, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1981.

In the spring of 1994, Terri chartered a chapter, GI, in Owasso, Oklahoma. Then in the spring of 2011, she transferred her membership back to Chapter X, Collinsville, Oklahoma. Terri's daughter Jennifer was initiated into Chapter X in 2011 and continues the legacy as a fourth generation P.E.O.!

Terri says, "My Cotter friends are so very precious to me and even after all these years, I feel like we are as close as the day we left Cotter. There is nothing I wouldn't do for any of them. Of course, the round robin letter that Anne suggested we write has helped us stay connected long before personal computers or cell phones existed. Reading those letters when they come in the mail is like sitting down and speaking with each of my suitemates. I relish every word and pour over every picture—I wouldn't trade it for anything!"

Linda Fitzgibbon Weaver, AX, Tucson, Arizona, was initiated into her mom's chapter, BE, Tempe, Arizona, in 1978.

Karen Shotwell Ward, AB, Moscow, Idaho, was initiated into her mother's chapter, BE, Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1979. She said, "I became a P.E.O. partly to share something with Mom, and partly to continue my Cotter heritage. I'm also a big fan of education for women."

Mary Katherine Yoder Trevithick, was initiated into her mother's chapter, GG, Alton, Illinois, in 1978.

Martha Ambelang Brown was initiated into her mother's P.E.O. chapter, P, Sparta, Wisconsin, in 1978.



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P.E.O. Becky Minton at her office in Djibouti, Africa

## Captain Becky Minton, P.E.O. Hero

by Marion Post, EU, Zephyrhills, Florida

**Members of Chapter EU of Zephyrhills, Florida, are bursting with pride and support for their sister, Captain Rebecca (Becky) Minton, United States Navy Reserve. Becky was in Djibouti, Africa, as Director of Personnel for the Combined Joint Task Force — Horn of Africa, for a year, returning home in January 2015.**

Becky joined the Navy as a young woman to get her college education funded. She went on to serve more than eight years on active duty. After that, Becky joined the Navy Reserve, resulting in a combined active and reserve time of over 35 years of time served. Some of her favorite tours have involved support of NATO missions.

Becky has been married to Dr. Kenneth Minton for 35 years. Kenneth is a United Methodist minister who is currently the pastor at the United Methodist Church in Zephyrhills, Florida. They have two children, Sara, 28, and Brandon, 24. Sara is a P.E.O. in Chapter IU, Port Charlotte, Florida, and since her return, Becky has been busy helping Sara plan her upcoming wedding.

Chapter EU sisters committed to communicate with and support Becky in every way possible while she was deployed. Cards, letters, emails, care packages and prayers were constantly flowing from Florida to Djibouti. Captain Becky asked for special donations which generated countless boxes of needed supplies. One sister was able

to purchase 60 pairs of flip flops at a great sale price and send them on to protect many feet in the sand. A high point was at an August meeting when the members of EU were able to greet and converse with Becky via Skype. It was a humbling experience resulting in moist eyes and sniffles on both sides of the world.

The bravery and strength of our P.E.O. sister serving her country and humanity in a strategic and unstable location has made us all stand a little taller. As we walk through our daily lives, Becky's mission reminds us of the great value and contributions of our P.E.O. Sisterhood, both across the street and across the world. We salute you, Captain Becky Minton, our hero! 🌸



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Edith Carlson, Chapter AV, Billings, Montana celebrated her 101st birthday on May 11, 2015; and was honored just days before during the Spring 2015 Commencement at Montana State University for graduating from the school 80 years ago. Edith earned degrees in Microbiology and Bacteriology in 1935 and subsequently was employed as a medical technician. She is pictured with various family members and with Montana State University President, Waded Cruzado. Edith has been a P.E.O. since 1987, initiated at the young age of 73. Edith rarely misses any type of P.E.O. event. Edith, you are a testament to the power of education and the power of P.E.O.!



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# P.E.O. JONI ERNST SERVES IN U.S. SENATE



*by Brook Hougesen, Rosalie Hansen and Carleen Bruning, HB, Red Oak, Iowa*







Lt. Colonel Joni Ernst

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst and her family with Vice President Joe Biden following her swearing in ceremony January 6, 2015.

**“It’s a long way from Red Oak, Iowa, to Washington, D.C.” This is how newly elected U.S. Senator Joni Ernst describes her journey.**

Growing up on a farm in southwest Iowa, the sky is the limit—literally! These open spaces inspire the idea of being able to reach out and touch the stars and U.S. Senator Joni Ernst is doing that.

Joni became a member of Chapter HB, Red Oak, Iowa, on June 20, 2006. Since that time, she has hosted meetings, served on numerous local club committees and is currently a member of the STAR scholarship committee. Joni’s service in P.E.O., her community, state and nation is a shining example of women helping women reach for the stars!

Before joining the United States Senate, Joni served as the Montgomery

County Auditor where she worked hard to protect taxpayer dollars. Then as an Iowa state senator, she continued to fight for fiscal responsibility and helped turn a \$900 million budget deficit into a \$1 billion surplus for the state of Iowa.

In November 2014, Joni became the first female elected to federal office from the state of Iowa, the first female combat veteran in the United States Senate and the first first-year Senator to deliver the Republican address following the State of the Union.

In the Senate, Senator Ernst serves on four committees: Armed Services; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Within the Agriculture Committee, Joni chairs the Rural Development and Energy Subcommittee.

In addition, Senator Ernst has proudly served in the military for over 20 years. She joined Iowa State University’s ROTC program and then the U.S. Army Reserves after graduation. She was deployed in 2003 to Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, while leading 150 Iowa National Guardsmen



overseas. Senator Ernst proudly continues her service as a Lt. Colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard.

Senator Joni Ernst is a shining example to girls and women everywhere that the glass ceiling is broken and the sky’s the limit! She is a strong voice for Iowa in Washington and we are proud to have her representing us. 🌟

# P.E.O. Awakens Potential and Opens Doors

by Judith Spencer, HV, Redmond, Washington

**My sisters in P.E.O., I wish to express my deep appreciation to our sisterhood for supporting women in education for over 146 years.**

I was initiated into my mother's chapter, I, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in the spring of 1973—my freshmen year in college. Throughout all my college years, I received care packages



Judith Spencer

and letters from Chapter I. I graduated from Baylor University in Texas with a Bachelor of Music Performance degree and then completed a Masters of Music Performance and Masters of Music Education degree from Indiana State University.

For the next 10 years, I toured throughout Canada and the U.S. as a percussion clinician and performed with a Canadian Contemporary Ensemble based at the Banff School of Fine Arts, located in the beautiful Canadian Rockies. Then, while on tour in Saskatchewan, I received a phone call

from my mother, saying my 2-year-old son had pneumonia—I stopped performing that day, for my focus needed to be with my family. My love of music took a “long extended” pause, as my love for family was fulfilled. In 2006 I was invited to perform during the opening ceremonies of the International P.E.O. Convention held in Vancouver, British Columbia. I had not performed for almost 20 years—P.E.O. brought me back to music! Coincidentally, it was a P.E.O. sister, my mother's dear friend, who first introduced me to the marimba when I was just 11!

Judith Spencer has played the marimba since age 11





After the 2006 P.E.O. convention, I continued practicing and playing the marimba. In 2010 I had the opportunity to audition for a brand new post-graduate program at The Royal College of Music in London, England. My husband and I were going to Scotland for a convention, so I contacted the Royal College of Music and asked if it would be possible for me to audition on our way to Glasgow. In October of 2010, I auditioned at the college, which is directly across the street from the famous Royal Albert Hall. We waited nearly five months to hear the outcome—the college had accepted two marimba students and I was one of them!

My husband Warren and I have three sons between us. Two are married and the youngest was finishing his last year of university. They were thrilled for us—our family has always treasured education and the boys were so happy to hear that I had an opportunity to study music again. Warren and I quit our jobs, sold our home and cars and put our furniture and household goods into storage. We decided that when we returned to Seattle from London, we would be different people and should start “fresh.”

We rented a 500 square foot flat in London just one mile from the college, purchased two one-way tickets to London and set off on a two-year adventure!

When I arrived at the college I was the only student over the age of 30... I was titled the “mature” student and loved it! The students were from every corner of the globe and oh so talented! My days were filled with classes, lessons, hours of practicing and performances. My practice room was next to the organ rehearsal rooms, so I was invited to join the Organist Tea Club—we met for tea a few afternoons a week in the student café. I received the highest grade for my post-grad lecture recital and also arranged for the very first marimba ensemble to perform in Royal Albert Hall. While we were



Judith credits P.E.O. with awakening her potential and opening doors for her future

not in the main hall, it was standing room only!

I wanted P.E.O. to be connected with my studies, so I applied for an ELF loan to help support my final year. I was honored when my chapter, HV of Redmond, Washington, supported my loan application. Knowing my sisters were with me as I practiced hours and hours gave me that extra boost to keep going! Plus, the London P.E.O. Group contacted me and I was able to attend a few meetings.

language that speaks to all people, going places where words alone will not penetrate.”

Back in 1973, I made the commitment when I was initiated into P.E.O. to celebrate education, give of my talents and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. There is nothing better than the cause of education—assisting with changing the life of a woman, her family and her community. Never did I think that I would, at this time in my life, be that woman who

**P.E.O. helps women become  
who they deserve to be.  
Thank you, sisters, for assisting me  
to “reach for the stars.”**

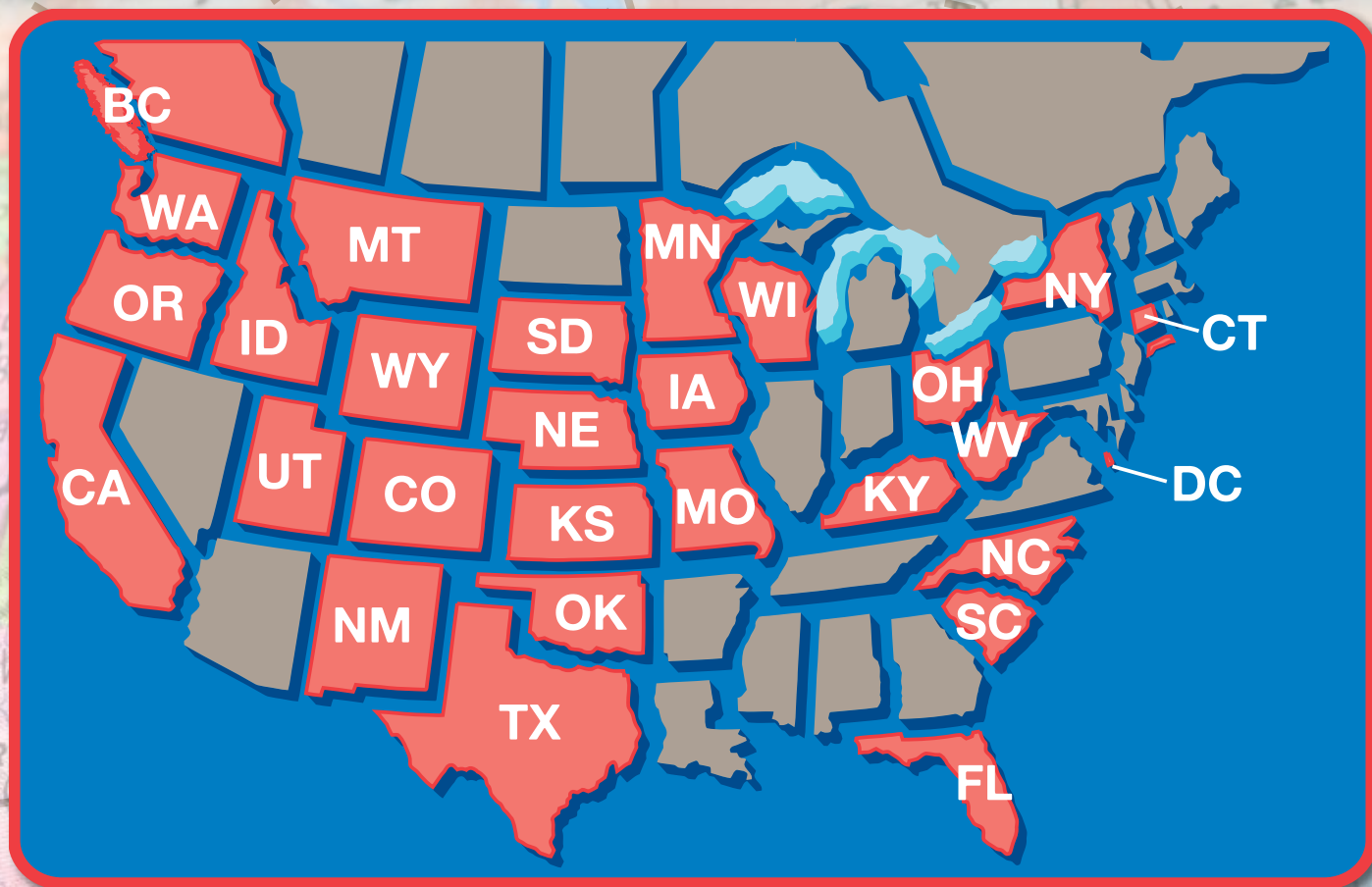
My London sisters became groupies, attending all my concerts!

Though it hasn't been long since I graduated from the Royal College of Music, I am already busy teaching, leading music therapy classes, performing and speaking to various organizations sharing my story and the beautiful sonorities of the marimba. As I say to my audiences, “Music is the language of the heart, a universal

P.E.O. has helped awaken potential and open doors to a brilliant future. The work of P.E.O. is truly impactful and I will continue to mentor young and mature women in pursuit of degrees. By investing in education we are investing in the future of humanity.

P.E.O. helps women become who they deserve to be. Thank you, sisters, for assisting me to “reach for the stars.” 🌸

# Gallery of PRESIDENTS





## Helen T. Dubas

British Columbia

### P.E.O.—A Recipe For Success

Helen Dubas was born in Russia/Ukraine and immigrated to Canada at the age of eight. She has lived in most of the major cities in Canada—Winnipeg, Montreal, Ottawa, North Vancouver and since 1979 in Victoria. Helen received her bachelor of sciences degree in dietetics from McGill University and the University of Ottawa. She did her internship at Ottawa Civic Hospital, while working at the hospital and raising her three daughters. Further schooling led to a diploma in business administration and a certificate in health care management. Prior to attending university Helen was an airline stewardess with Air Canada during which time she made lifelong friends and found the love of her life Stanley Paul Dubas in Montreal.

After 22 year of service Helen retired as the Manager, Nutrition Services, at the Victoria General Hospital, but it hardly slowed her down. She has been an active volunteer with many organizations including Victoria Gerontology Association, Community Advisory Council on Aging at University of Victoria, Community Care Committee to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, University of Victoria, Juan de Fuca Hospital, Victoria Women's Transition House, Saanich Probus Club, Canadian Dietetics Conference in Victoria and the British Columbia Eating Disorders Association.



## Gayle Welty

California

### Sailing Into the Future with P.E.O.

Gayle Welty has lived in North Dakota, Arizona and now resides in California. She attended California Western University in San Diego and took master gardener classes at Arizona State University in Tempe. Gayle worked as a high school special education teacher and counselor, for the Junior League of Phoenix and for the Children's Hospital Auxiliary organization. For 25 years, she worked in residential home design, construction and landscape design. While she's now retired, Gayle still does landscape design for friends and family.

Gayle was initiated into Chapter XI, Coronado, California, in 2000. Her family is composed of her husband Jim, her children Kristi Medrano, Jennifer Irby and Patrick Welty, and her stepchildren Carey Ray and Eric Welty. Gayle and Jim have eight grandchildren.

In her free time, Gayle enjoys gardening, playing duplicate bridge, cooking, boating, traveling in their motorhome, visiting her grandchildren in Switzerland and celebrating birthday and holidays with her family, including her four brothers and sisters.



## Susan Landers

Colorado

### Let Your P.E.O. Light Shine

Susan Landers, a third generation P.E.O., was initiated into her current chapter, CJ, Longmont, Colorado, in 1996. Her grandmother, a 50-year member,



and her mother, a 55-year member, have both entered Chapter Eternal. She has two aunts who are P.E.O. sisters. She served as a local chapter officer for seven years, as a delegate to International Convention in 2003 and as a state committee member for two years before being installed on the state board in 2009.

Susan was born in Henryetta, Oklahoma. Her father was a chaplain in the army, so she lived in Oklahoma, Montana, Germany, California and Nevada, before a second tour in Germany where she graduated from Osterholz American High School. She graduated from Cottey College in 1982 and earned a degree in business from the University of Colorado (CU) in 1984.

She met her husband of 30 years, Dave, at CU. Since their marriage, they have lived in Plano, Texas, for 10 years and Longmont, Colorado, for 20 years. They have two sons, Paul and Kevin, both of whom earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Susan worked part-time in accounting and obtained her CPA license in Texas, which she has maintained. She has volunteered over the years as a classroom assistant in her sons' classes, as a committee member and treasurer for their Boy Scout troop, as the treasurer's assistant at her Presbyterian church, and as the leader of a women's Bible Study group at church. She acted as caregiver for each of her parents in their later years.

In her spare time, Susan enjoys swimming, cross-stitching, going to movies, reading, baking, hiking on mountain trails and walking her dogs.

## Dorothy Mucha

Connecticut

### Coloring the World P.E.O.

A Connecticut native, Dorothy (Dottie) Mucha was born and grew up in Hartford. At a young age, she loved math and was fortunate to live near her



maternal grandfather who never tired of helping her with math homework. She continued her focus on math, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Long Island University, C.W. Post College with a B.S. in accounting.

Following college, Dottie joined the Hartford office of public accounting firm, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell as their first female staff accountant. She worked on many varied engagements in different industries. She became certified and moved to an internal audit position at the conglomerate, Heublein. Dottie traveled extensively in the U.S. and continental Europe in this role. She continued her education at night, achieving an MBA at the University of Connecticut. She also assisted colleagues by substitute teaching. She held several positions at Heublein and retired as corporate vice president of financial planning and analysis after 23 years.

After moving to Avon, Dottie befriended four women who shared her "new" passion for rubber stamping and card making. All four were P.E.O.s. Dottie was initiated on November 1, 2001, into Chapter D, West Hartford, with her four friends participating in the ceremony. In March 2002, she became the chapter's treasurer and has continued to hold an officer position either in her chapter or at the state level every year since.

Before leaving public accounting, she met her husband, Phil, who is also a CPA. They were married on his birthday and recently celebrated 39 years together. Both are lovers of nature and enjoy boating at the Connecticut shore. Dottie also enjoys counted cross-stitch and hardinger embroidery; designs various artwork; loves water color; and has shared her creations in artwork swaps with other women around the world.

## Susan Moses District of Columbia P.E.O. is Cool

It only took Susan Moses 10 years and a cross-country move to realize P.E.O. is cool. Susan was initiated into her mother's chapter, TG, Palos Verdes Estates, California, in 1989. Because she was a student and young lawyer, she attended only two meetings and a handful of social events during the 10 years she belonged to that daytime chapter. It was not until her BIL Bill White's job took her to Washington, D.C., that she became an active participant in P.E.O. She transferred into Chapter AA in 2000 and credits its wonderful members with showing her how cool P.E.O. is.

A native southern Californian, Susan received her B.A. in history from U.C.L.A. and is still a rabid Bruins fan. She received her J.D. degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California. Susan has been a member of the State Bar of California for almost 25 years. While living in California, she practiced business litigation for many years.

Now retired from the law, Susan is a full-time mom to her kids Billy and Ali. When not serving P.E.O., she is a soccer-basketball-lacrosse-gymnastics mom and avid golfer. She also enjoys reading and traveling with her family. Susan lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

## Kekee Szorcsik Florida Take Time to Smell the Daisies

Mary Margaret Edwards was affectionately nicknamed "Kekee" and years



later married a Hungarian named Szorcsik. As the second of three, she can attest to all the classic stories of being a middle child and insists it's the best place to be.

Kekee received her degree in mathematical economics and was a National Bank Examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department. She later married her college sweetheart, resigned from the Treasury and accepted her dream job, super mom. For 30 years, she was room mother, den leader, tutor, chaperone, chef, cheerleader, coach, chauffeur and disciplinarian. She volunteered in every organization she encountered. Today, P.E.O., church activities and the University of Kentucky (UK) consume most of her time.

As a second generation P.E.O., Kekee has been active for 31 years in seven chapters in five states and one province. She was a charter initiate of Chapter DI, Brookfield, Wisconsin, was treasurer of New Jersey State Chapter Convention, and served on the New Jersey State Finance Committee, the Minnesota Credentials and A&R Committees, the Florida P.E.O. Scholar Awards and as selector of IR, Estero, Florida, before being elected to the executive board. She has attended 20 state conventions and nine International Conventions.

Kekee is an elected member of the National Board of Directors of the UK Alumni Association (UKAA), a 2014 recipient of the UKAA Distinguished Service Award and a Kentucky Colonel. She plays hand-bells and participates in two Bible study groups. Besides spending time with their children and six grandchildren, she and her BIL Mitch enjoy traveling whenever possible, playing golf poorly, reading on airplanes, surfing the Internet together on multiple computers simultaneously, eating out and watching sports, especially college basketball.



## Judith Weatherbie

Idaho

### Sowing Seeds-Nurturing Blooms

Judith Weatherbie was raised in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; graduated from Salem Hospital School of Nursing in 1964 and was licensed as an RN; was commissioned a United States Air Force (USAF) Nurse Corps Lieutenant in 1966; married USAF officer Niel in 1968; and started military family adventures of frequent moves; camping at Denali; climbing Mount Fuji; earthquakes, tornados, 50 degrees below zero and the Alaskan births of Tina and Brett. She now celebrates five grandchildren.

She received her BSN magna cum laude from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio; and continued her education in nursing and leadership with a professional life as varied as places lived. Her professional associations included Sigma Theta Tau International, American Society for Training and Development, and American Nurses Association. Judith's volunteer life included Officer Wives' Clubs and church leadership, Spouse Abuse Shelter; American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts and a member of Skylarks, a global Air Force officer wives' choral group.

Judith and Niel retired to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1999 and enjoy camping, boating/fishing, ATV exploring, exercise, moments with friends, reading and gardening.

Judith never heard of P.E.O. until moving to Idaho. She received the gift of membership from Chapter CI in 2003 and delighted in an instant family of sisters. Advised that a P.E.O. never says "no," she immersed herself in chapter, reciprocity, convention



responsibilities; was elected to the state board in 2009; is the last officer to serve seven years; and the 100<sup>th</sup> president of Idaho State Chapter.

## Kathy Wilke

Iowa

### Wild About P.E.O.

Kathy Wilke was born and raised in southern Iowa where she enjoyed synchronized swimming, water skiing and roller skating in her youth. She graduated from Chariton Community Schools in 1966.

Kathy attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City and has been secretary of Saint Martin Parish for the past 35 years. She serves on the foundation board for Horn Memorial Hospital in Ida Grove, Iowa, where she also does volunteer work.

Kathy was initiated into P.E.O. in 1980 and remains an active member of Chapter DS in Odebolt, Iowa, where she and her husband, Al, have lived since 1970. She has served her chapter in several offices as well as supporting many projects at the local and state level.

Kathy and Al have been married 48 years and have three children and nine grandchildren. Son Ryan and his wife Cari live in Elhorn, Nebraska, with their three children Olivia, Koy and Neely. Son Rusty and his wife Stacey live in Temperance, Michigan, with their three children Brandon, Hannah and Makenna while daughter Katie and her husband Jason live in Odebolt and have Cooper, Beckett and Jaxx. Katie is presently president of Chapter DS.

Outside her Iowa State Chapter duties, Kathy enjoys the opportunities she has with her grandchildren and their activities (particularly shopping with them). She likes attending any type of sport activity, traveling with friends or family and interior decorating.



Kathy demonstrates her "wildness" for her sisterhood by sporting a gold P.E.O. star on her vehicle and enjoys the attraction of many sisters along her travels. She is particularly fond of the story of the seven founders of P.E.O. and the wonderful philanthropic organization it has grown to be.

## Jan Keeley

Kansas

### T.E.A.M. (Truly Embracing All Members) P.E.O.

Jan Keeley is a native of Kansas, born and raised in Larned. She and her husband Mike are graduates of Washburn University, Topeka.

They have been residents of Great Bend for 33 years where Mike is currently a district judge for the state of Kansas.

Jan is employed at the Great Bend School District as assistant financial manager. She is a member of the bell choir at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, has served as a 4-H leader, ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce and belonged to several parent/school organizations and booster clubs.

Jan and Mike have four children. Son Matt is married to Jana, IR, Leawood, Kansas. Matt and Jana have two children—Cade and Reese. Daughter Christy Birt is married to Mitch and they have one daughter, Keeley. Daughter Cindy Beck is married to Erin and they have three children—Luke, Lawson and Laney. Jan and Mike's youngest daughter is Beth. All three of their daughters are members of Chapter HR, Great Bend, Kansas.

Wonderful women presented Jan with the gift of P.E.O. in 1986 when they initiated her into Chapter HR. She often wondered what made her mom's P.E.O. friends so special. Now she knows.



In addition to P.E.O., Jan enjoys spending time with her family, attending basketball and football games, traveling and playing bridge.

## **Carolyn Cope Jones** Kentucky

### **Like a Diamond in the Sky**

Although born and raised in Ohio, Carolyn Cope Jones has called Kentucky home for 55 years. She was initiated into her mother's chapter, K, Lexington, in 1974 and in 1992



was a charter member of Chapter AF, Hopkinsville. She is currently a member of Chapter C, Lexington.

Carolyn graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in microbiology but went back to school for a degree in music education. She received a Masters of Music Education from Murray State University and taught general music for 13 years. She continues to pursue her love of music by singing with the Lexington Chamber Chorale and in the Covenant Choir at Second Presbyterian Church.

Carolyn has a daughter, Cathy Swiney, CC, Cornelius, North Carolina, who lives with husband Brent and sons Nicholas and Evan in Huntersville, North Carolina. Her son, Clay Cope, lives in Waterloo, Ontario, with his wife Claire, S, Kitchener, Ontario-Quebec, and daughter Lauren. Traveling to see her family is always a welcome vacation.

Prior to teaching and while raising her children, Carolyn spent many hours volunteering in her community. For now, her life revolves around "P and P" – P.E.O. and Parents. She enjoys walking, jazzercise, occasional duplicate bridge and puttering in the yard when time allows.

Carolyn will be presiding over the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kentucky State Chapter.

## **Karen Rudd** Minnesota

### **We Are P.E.O.—Share the Gifts**

Karen Rudd was initiated into Chapter, Z, Anoka, Minnesota, in 1996 after her mother, Maxine Chinnock, AV, Cloquet, Minnesota, wrote introducing Karen to the chapter.



Karen knew very few of the women in the chapter, but following her mother's advice and a long established pattern of "digging right in," She soon became involved and got to know her sisters very well. Her Chapter Z sisters are an inspiration to her.

Karen encourages her Minnesota P.E.O. sisters to "step out of their comfort zones" and get involved.

Karen grew up in Cloquet, Minnesota. She taught for 35 years in the Robbinsdale Public Schools both as a home economics and special education teacher before retiring in 2003. Baking, quilting, knitting and other crafts are still passions of Karen.

She and husband Art have raised two daughters in Anoka, where she has been involved with many church, band parents and community activities. They have four grandchildren, three girls and a boy, ages 13, 10, 8 and 6 who live in Savage, Minnesota, and Mason, Ohio. She and Art love traveling, especially to national parks and spending time with children, grandchildren and their families.

## **Chris Ankeney** Missouri

### **P.E.O.—Powerful Philanthropy!**

A native of Marceline, Missouri, Chris Ankeney was initiated into Chapter AQ in 1975 where her mother, aunt and sister were members. After



graduating from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1976, she began a 27-year career in the college textbook industry. She became a charter member of Chapter KX, Columbia, in 1977 and was a member there for 25 years prior to moving back to Marceline and Chapter AQ.

Chris is now the fourth generation to live on her family's Century Farm. She and her husband David have been married for 25 years and are parents to far too many 4-legged "children" to mention.

She manages Magnolia Antiques & Tourist Center on Main Street USA in downtown Marceline, boyhood home of Walt Disney. In addition to helping customers and visitors (who often turn out to be P.E.O.s), Chris does volunteer work for the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Marceline, North Missouri Arts Council and a few other organizations.

Favorite pastimes include gardening, reading, genealogy, knitting and primitive rug hooking. She loves annual visits to Hawaii where her sister and extended family live.

## **Sarah (Sally) Green** Montana

### **Brighten the Corner Where You Are!**

Growing up in Lewistown, Montana, the exact center of the Big Sky State, Sally Green has also lived in Missoula, Billings and Great Falls. After graduating in pharmacy from the University of Montana, Sally practiced as a staff and managing community pharmacist. Support for her profession saw her participating in career and health fairs and serving on the Montana Pharmacy Association Board, including a term as state president. Now semi-retired, Sally and her husband Ron find time to pursue and experience many





adventures. Travel is high on the list, but camping, fishing and enjoying the four seasons of "The Last Best Place" will match the beauty and wonderment seen in travel to most any destination. Free time also allows opportunity to dedicate time to P.E.O. and to honor family ties to P.E.O., ties which include three past state presidents from North Dakota and Iowa. P.E.O. sisters include her mother, grandmother, aunts and cousins.

Sally has enjoyed and learned from her remarkable Montana sisters—sisters who brighten the lives of family, fellow sisters and project recipients through loving concern, generosity and talents shared.

## **Patti Cowher** **Nebraska**

### **Our Sisters Are Stars**

Patti Cowher was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. While attending college in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska, she met her husband, Lonnie. They have been living in Lonnie's hometown, Alliance, since 1979. They raised two daughters there—Jennifer, born in 1979, a member of Chapter CQ, Scottsdale, Arizona, and Chelsea, born in 1987, living in Portland, Oregon, and a member of AH, Alliance.

Patti was initiated into Chapter AH, Alliance, in October 2005, and continues as a member of that chapter.

Patti has a dual degree in interior design and fashion merchandising. She worked as an interior designer in a furniture store in Lincoln until moving to Alliance. At that time, she put her career on hold to raise her family and work with her husband at the donut shop they owned in Alliance. When they sold the shop in 1997 she went to work for a company in Portland, Oregon, as an interior designer for hotels and motels.



Since 2007, Patti has owned her own company, specializing in residential window treatments, which she fabricates as well as sells.

After being active in Box Butte Development Corporation, the Knight Museum Board of Directors, and member of Museum Partners, as a 4-H leader and superintendent at Box Butte County Fair, Patti now volunteers for her church. In her spare time, she reads, plays bridge, travels and does all kinds of needlework and sewing.

## **Evelyn L. Fox** **New Mexico**

### **Leaving a Legacy in P.E.O.**

Evelyn L. Fox is a born and reared Texan who spent many years in Tennessee before finding a home in New Mexico. She was initiated into Chapter AE, Johnson City, Tennessee, in October 1981, transferred to GZ, Georgetown, Texas, in 2001 and is now a member of Chapter F, Santa Fe, New Mexico. In addition to serving on the New Mexico state P.E.O. board, she has functioned as webmaster for New Mexico State Chapter since 2008.

Evelyn holds a B.S. in secondary education with additional certification at the elementary level and a B.S. and M.S. in computer and information sciences. Her doctorate is in public administration. She has taught at both the public school level and at the post-secondary level. She has served as an adjunct instructor for the last 12 years for Central Texas College and teaches computer science online to service personnel around the world. Evelyn is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Albert, have two beautiful daughters, two delightful sons-in-law and one brilliant grandson.



## **Sigrid Choromanskis** **New York**

### **Unlocking P.E.O.'s Future**

Sigrid Choromanskis was born in Dortmund, Germany, and immigrated to Rochester, New York, with her family when she was just a young child.



After finishing school she started her business career in accounting and became business office manager for one of the first Health Maintenance Organizations in the country.

Sigrid was initiated into Chapter AO, New Jersey, in 1991. Three months after initiation, Sigrid and her family moved to California where she transferred into Chapter UO, California. The gift of P.E.O. became an important part of her life while moving across the country six times.

Sigrid, her husband Frank, son Travis and daughter Lindsey moved back to Rochester where she transferred into Chapter CB. Sigrid was active in P.E.O. by working on two state conventions (one as a co-chair), serving two terms on the state finance committee and acting as Rochester Reciprocity president. One of Sigrid's proudest moments was having her daughter Lindsey initiated into her P.E.O. chapter.

Sigrid stayed busy as a stay-at-home mom while doing volunteer work. One of her favorite memories is of a five-day trip to Washington, D.C., for her California Girl Scout Troop. A private tour of the Capitol Building was a real hit with the girls.

Sigrid and her husband Frank have been married 36 years and are currently enjoying their retirement. They became the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Austin, in 2014. She enjoys spoiling Austin, antiques, crafting jewelry and reading.

## **Ann Hoeke** North Carolina

### **P.E.O.—A Symphony of Sisters**

Born in Buffalo, New York, Ann Hoeke lived there until age five when the family moved to Elizabethton, Tennessee, where she completed high school. She graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She met her husband, Bob, while there. Following their marriage, Ann earned her PhT (Putting hubby through) as secretary to the Director of the Extension Division at the University of Wisconsin while Bob completed his Ph.D. Four children and 12 moves later they retired to Brevard, North Carolina.

Ann has served on Faculty Women's Club Boards in Tennessee and Illinois. She was also vice president and treasurer of HDS, Inc., a family business in the Saint Louis area.

While in Illinois, Ann was initiated into Chapter KH. Since then she has been joined in P.E.O. by her three daughters and a sister-in-law. She also held the charter list for Chapter AM in Greeneville, Tennessee.

She has served as a library volunteer, newsletter editor for the Brevard Music Center Association and volunteered with the Transylvania Arts Council. She served as communications and public relations chairman for the Brevard Orchestra Association.

Supporting educational activities and hosting international students has always been a high priority. When relaxing, one can find Ann doing art work, gardening, reading, playing bridge or traveling.



## **Jan Knuckey** Ohio

### **A Sister's Promise**

Jan Knuckey was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, and raised in Springfield, Illinois, where she enjoyed growing up in "Abe Lincoln's town." She holds a B.A. degree in elementary education from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Her work experiences include teaching special needs preschool children, substitute teaching for 30 years in multiple states and as a golf course staff member.

Jan and her BIL Jim have been married for 41 years and have two married children, Kim and Chip. Jim's civil engineering career led the family to 17 locations throughout eight states. Jan enjoyed the benefits of P.E.O. membership in her last three relocations.

Jan was initiated in her mother's chapter, EO, Springfield, Illinois, in 1992. In 1994, she became a charter member of Chapter OV, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and in 1997 transferred to her current chapter, DZ, Springfield, Ohio.

For the past 17 years Jan has volunteered and is a past president of the Young Woman's Mission, a service organization focused on health needs of women and children in Clark County.

Jan's hobbies include flying with pilot Jim in their private plane, sailing and S.C.U.B.A. diving. She is proud to count her mother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law and two nieces as her P.E.O. sisters.



## **Terry Northcutt** Oklahoma

### **P.E.O.: Giving Women the Power to Bloom and Grow**

Terry Northcutt was born in Oklahoma, grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and raised her children in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Terry was initiated into Chapter EG, Tulsa in 1982.

A first-generation P.E.O., she has come to embrace the organization and all it stands for. She has also been a member of Chapter A, Chicago and is currently in Chapter B, Pittsburgh.

Terry received a B.S. from Vanderbilt in 1976, completed a master's degree at the University of Oklahoma in 1992, and a Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University in 2001. She has worked as an ICU nurse and a nurse educator both on the university level and within the hospital setting. While her children were growing up, she served as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts, church and in a local free medical clinic. She is currently not employed and enjoys gardening, needlework and reading. Terry and her husband Arthur moved to Pittsburgh 10 years ago. Between them, they have four children and one grandson. Terry and Arthur are avid sports fans and enjoy walking, biking and going to Pirates baseball games. They also love animals and currently have an African Grey parrot, three cats, and an assortment of fish outside in the pond.





## Cathie Davis

Oregon

### Paving Pathways to the Stars

Cathie Davis is a native Oregonian born in Klamath Falls. She grew up in Corvallis, graduating from Corvallis High School in 1962 and receiving her bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in 1966. Cathie worked for the City of Medford for over 30 years, retiring in 2001 as deputy city manager. She has lived in Medford for over 45 years and appreciates the "banana belt" of southern Oregon with its mild winters and half the annual rainfall of the Willamette Valley where she grew up.

Cathie was introduced to P.E.O. by friends in her church. She was initiated into Chapter BE in 1995 and has held several chapter offices. She served on the state scholarship committee in 2011 and was elected to the state board in 2012.

Cathie keeps busy as a community volunteer. She recently completed 10 years on the Medford Water Commission board and is currently board chair of ACCESS, a community action agency providing food, housing, utility assistance and medical equipment to low-income individuals and families. She was an active member of Soroptimist for 25 years. Cathie has served as deacon, elder and a member of the Presbytery committee on ministry for her church.

In addition to P.E.O., Cathie enjoys reading, gardening, playing bridge and card making.



## Debi Foshee

South Carolina

### P.E.O.—Share the Joy!

Debi Foshee grew up in the Midwest, then graduated from Simmons College in Boston with a B.A. in communications while also studying at the New England Conservatory. She was director of communications for an investment banking firm, then started her own agency that specialized in international marketing of entertainment and real estate limited partnerships. Debi traveled extensively and eventually met another frequent traveler who became her husband in 1998. Scott has a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Purdue and works in international digital imaging standards. After living in the northeast, the southwest and Silicon Valley, they are happily settled in an equestrian area of Aiken, South Carolina.

She was introduced to P.E.O. by Scott's late mother, Libba Foshee, Chapter U, Marietta, Ohio, and by his sister, Beth Foshee, Chapter X, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Debi was initiated into Chapter P, Aiken, South Carolina, in 2005 and is a charter member of Chapter AP, Aiken, South Carolina. She is involved in many of Aiken's historical clubs and organizations. She and Scott enjoy entertaining and can very often be found hosting railside tent parties at local equestrian events and polo matches. Debi enjoys travel, writing, graphic design and photography. She also sews, knits and is "crafty."



## Lori O'Keefe

South Dakota

### P.E.O. Educate. Motivate. Celebrate!

Lori O'Keefe was born and raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where her parents, sister and extended family still live today. In 1993, she graduated from Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota, with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. In 1994, Lori married her high school sweetheart, Robert, and moved to Vermillion, South Dakota, where she worked in an accounting firm while her husband attended the University of South Dakota School of Law.

In March 1997, Lori was initiated into her mother-in-law's chapter, AX, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Later that year, a job opportunity took Lori and Bob to Mitchell, South Dakota, and she transferred to Chapter BK, where she remains an active member. Prior to being elected to the South Dakota State Board, Lori served as a local chapter officer, a state convention delegate and on the state amendments and recommendations committee.

Lori lives in Mitchell with her husband. She has been employed by CorTrust Bank, N.A. since 1997. Lori is a Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer and is currently the Senior Internal Audit Officer. Her husband is the Davison County Deputy States Attorney. Outside of P.E.O., Lori teaches exercise classes, scrapbooks and enjoys traveling with her family and friends.



## Karen Brooks

Texas

### Working Together to Spread the Word

Karen Brooks was born in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and has lived in eight states and two foreign countries. For the last 23 years, Texas has been home.



She was initiated by her mother, Doris McKasson, past president, Mississippi state chapter (1991-1992), into Chapter K, Greenville, Mississippi, in 1986. Karen transferred to Chapter ES, Houston, Texas; Chapter HD, The Woodlands, Texas; and is currently a member of Chapter HJ, The Woodlands, Texas, with her mother and daughter. She was also involved with an International P.E.O. group while living in Belgium from 1988-1991.

Karen married Al Brooks in 1985 and has one daughter, Allison, whom she had the privilege of initiating into P.E.O. in 2001. Allison and her husband Chance have two children, Clay and Brooke. Karen is blessed to have them live very nearby and is able to see them almost daily.

After retiring from a career in real estate, Karen has found many things to keep her busy. In addition to serving on the executive board, she enjoys picking up her grandchildren at school, attending their sporting events, traveling and cooking.

## Nancy Edwards Williams

Utah

### The Power of P.E.O. Motivate... Educate... Celebrate!

Nancy Williams was born in Junction City, Kansas, and grew up in Lawrence, Kansas. She graduated from the University of



Kansas with a degree in elementary education. She taught kindergarten and first grade in Kansas, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota. After moving to Utah she worked in the reservation departments of Eastern Air Lines, Delta Airlines and as a travel consultant for CHG Healthcare Services prior to retiring.

Nancy was initiated into her mother's P.E.O. chapter, Chapter CW, Lawrence, Kansas, 50 years ago. She has also been a member of Chapter HF, Overland Park, Kansas; Chapter DB, Cleveland, Ohio; Chapter CC, Appleton, Wisconsin; Chapter W, Bountiful, Utah; a charter member of Chapter AH, Bountiful, Utah, and is currently a member of Chapter Y, Salt Lake City, Utah. Her daughter, Barbara Bunting, Y, is also a P.E.O. as are her sister and two nieces.

Nancy has two adult children, Barbara Bunting, and W.K. Brandon Howard. She is married to Marv Williams and they share eight grandchildren.

When not involved in P.E.O. activities, Nancy enjoys traveling, flower gardening, cross stitch, reading, music and skiing. But her favorite pastime is spending time with her family and friends.

## Patricia Davis

Washington

### With Our Hands We Promote the projects Embrace each other Offer the gift of P.E.O.

Patricia (Siewert) Davis was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, raised with one sister, in a close knit family in Billings, Montana, and later Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Pat's educational journey took a couple of detours (children Carolyn and Jon needing direct motherly attention) before she finished a bachelor's degree and master's degree that allowed



her to spend more than 27 years teaching history in Helena, Montana.

Pat says the saying "time flies when you are having fun" certainly applies to her P.E.O. journey. In October of 1998 a long-time teacher friend Helen Chrest said to Pat, "I belong to an organization I think you would love." When Pat was initiated into Chapter BK in Helena, Montana, little did she know she was taking the first small steps that would lead her to this point in her journey.

The pull of children and grandchildren compelled Pat and husband Mike to move to the Everett, Washington, area in 2003. Again P.E.O. was there. Even before the moving van pulled out of Helena, Pat had an introduction in hand from Jenni Rivi of Chapter BR. In the space of about two months Pat had retired from teaching, moved from Helena after 34 years and arrived in Everett knowing no one but husband Mike, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. P.E.O. was there as the next steps in Pat's journey began. The welcoming arms of the Everett Area Reciprocity members and Chapter BR meant that she felt loved and welcomed from the first moment.

Chapter BR provided many opportunities to develop and hone leadership skills in a nurturing, loving atmosphere. After attending a number of state conventions Pat picked up the "looking to serve" form. The rest, as they say, is history.

The loving hands of Chapter BR and all the other chapters of Washington State have steadfastly held Pat's hand as she promoted the projects, embraced sisters all over the state in fun loving ways and offered the gift of P.E.O. to women near and far.



## Carol Burnside

West Virginia

### P.E.O.—Radiate All Light Possible

Carol Burnside is a resident of New Martinsville, West Virginia. She holds a degree in drafting and design engineering technology from West Virginia Institute of



Technology. During her career she has worked in the chemical industry as a piping drafter and as an architectural designer for a major West Virginia firm.

She and her BIL Art met in 1980 and married ten months later. In 1989, they accepted a company transfer to Germany. While there they took numerous trips and explored Europe as Eastern Bloc countries opened their borders. Since 2007 the Burnside's have enjoyed visiting their vacation home in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania.

In 1998, Carol was given the gift of P.E.O. and initiated into Chapter U, New Martinsville. She was chairman of the 2004 Convention of West Virginia State Chapter and in 2006 chaired the state finance committee. In 2014, she was pleased to be the organizer of West Virginia's 26th chapter: Chapter AB, Weirton.

For many years, Carol has volunteered her time for the City Planning Commission, and since 1997 she has been a member of the Magnolia High School Life Achievement Board. In addition, she is a member of Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where she has served on the finance council.

Carol's interests include playing bridge, participating in piloxing and spin classes and walking. She is proud to say she has finished the Columbus Marathon twice!

## Pat Spencer

Wisconsin

### Heart, Hands and Voices in P.E.O.

Pat Spencer was given the gift of P.E.O. in 1989 by Chapter DC in Onalaska, Wisconsin. Her P.E.O. role model was her mother-in-law Carolyn Spencer, Chapter



Eternal. Her loving and supportive sisters of Chapter DC also share the gift of P.E.O. with Pat's daughter, Stephanie Spencer Rivera. In addition, her daughter-in-law Emily Spencer was recently initiated into Chapter P, Sparta, Wisconsin.

Pat graduated magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater with a B.S. in education. She and her husband Dick have three married children, Stephanie (Phil Rivera), Bob (Andrea) and Jeff (Emily). They are also blessed with six grandchildren, Natalie, Jackson, Lorelai, Brynnlea, Andrew and Hadley with another joining them in June.

Her career began as a neuropsychological technician and ended as a secretary for the School District of Onalaska. In addition she has directed church choirs and is active in the Coulee Region Gospel Choir. Sharing her love of God and P.E.O. is her passion. She enjoys bridge, bunco and book club. She especially enjoys spending time with family and friends at their Spencer family lake home in Northern Wisconsin.

## Sheila Pecha

Wyoming

### YIP.E.O.—Ki—Yea...Live Your Life the P.E.O. Way!

Sheila is one of the very rare "true" Wyoming natives having been born and raised in the state and now has lived in Gillette for the past 33 years.



Sheila grew up in Cheyenne, then attended and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in home economics. She was given the gift of P.E.O. in 1987, by Chapter AR. Her P.E.O. legacy is her mother-in-law, grandmother-in-law and best friend who were instrumental in her becoming a member. Her own mother, though never a P.E.O., sold AVON cosmetics to Wyoming's only International President, Irene Kerr. Irene was a neighbor in Sheila's neighborhood. Last fall Sheila organized and also became a charter member of Wyoming's newest P.E.O. Chapter, BL, as a transfer from Chapter AS. She has held many chapter offices, served as an international delegate, chairman of the State Membership Committee, State Convention Meals Chairman and is a member of the First United Methodist Church where she counts, records and deposits their weekly offering.

She hopes retirement comes sometime soon so she and her BIL Steve can spend more time at their vacation home in Jackson Hole which happens to be where her state convention will be held next June 2016.

Her other interests include entertaining her three grown sons (and friends/girlfriends and others) in Jackson Hole, quilting, hiking, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing in the Tetons. She also dabbles enough in golf to satisfy her husband's passion. 🌸



## There Really Is No Place Like P.E.O.

Unaffiliate, inactive or happily participating, we are all sisters under the same star

by Cathy Moss, Regional Membership Representative, Southeast Region

It has been almost two years since we left the 2013 Convention of International Chapter in Dallas. In her acceptance remarks, newly elected president Maria Baseggio invited us to consider the "Power of One" and asked, "What if each local chapter increased their total number of active members each year by at least one by focusing on the chapter's health, encouraging inactive members to reinstate and inviting new members?" If you were sitting in Convention Hall that Saturday afternoon, you could feel the excitement for strengthening our chapters and restoring our membership to 250,000 active members. The International Membership Team was especially motivated and ready for the challenge.



Our first goal was to encourage our inactive sisters to reinstate their membership. These women are already P.E.O.s and we wanted them back. After thoughts and ideas were exchanged with the executive board, "There's No Place Like P.E.O." became the reinstatement campaign.

Last fall, members who had gone inactive during the last five years received two specially marked issues of The P.E.O. Record. These issues included our website information and specific instructions for reinstating. Our intent was to let recent inactive

members know that we miss them, to share all of the great things happening in P.E.O. and to facilitate their reinstatement with an online interest form. It is exciting to report that more than 2,500 members have reinstated during the biennium. Thank you for welcoming these sisters back to active member status.

During our conversations with state/provincial/district officers and membership committee members, we became keenly aware that our unaffiliate sisters also needed to be reminded, "There's no place like P.E.O." Consequently, our second goal was to contact as many unaffiliate members as possible and invite them to a P.E.O. function. As a result, P.E.O. unofficially became an acronym for "Phone Every One" as local chapters across the U.S. and Canada joined in the first ever Phone Every One Day

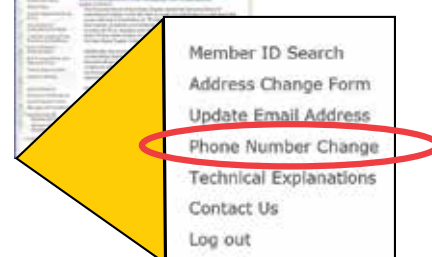
January 21, 2015. We loved the enthusiasm that you shared for helping these members find new chapters. Thank you for your efforts; we have heard great stories about unaffiliate members who were contacted and have transferred to new chapters.

We are continuing this outreach to unaffiliate sisters with an Unaffiliate Telethon during the 2015 Convention of International Chapter in Indianapolis this October. This fun activity will allow P.E.O. delegates and visitors the opportunity to call an unaffiliate to deliver a cheery P.E.O. greeting

direct from the convention site. If you're planning to attend, we'd love to have you stop by the booth and make a call.

Please take a moment to encourage a nonresident sister to add or update her phone number to the International database. She can do this by logging onto the P.E.O. website (**members.peointernational.org**) and choosing the **Phone Number Change** link at the bottom of the home page. Not only will this contribute to the success of our telethon at Convention, it will also contribute to the ongoing outreach your nonresident member will receive from local chapters in her new community.

We all know that showing a loving concern for our sisters is the foundation of P.E.O.—especially as it relates to our nonresident members. Flourishing and healthy membership is the key to keeping P.E.O. fabulous. Use your own "Power of One" and continue to initiate, reinstate and invite members to transfer to your chapter. Make outreach to your nonresident sisters an ongoing, loving part of chapter life. Celebrate and welcome every sister, no matter her membership status, because there really is no place like P.E.O. 🌟







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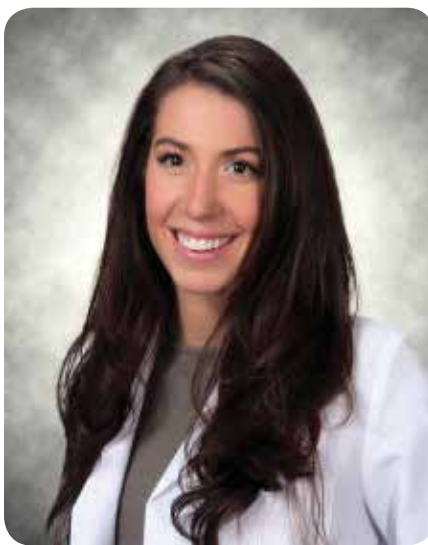
by Marilyn Book, Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees and Chapter FQ, Ludington, Michigan

**Chapter FQ, Ludington, Michigan, is proud of the accomplishments of their sister Katelin Anderson. Her journey to reach her goal as a pharmacist exemplifies what can be achieved with discipline, dedication, and the support of the Educational Loan Fund (ELF).**

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As a 24-year-old, Katelin has completed her third year at the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy, a doctoral program in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She recently completed her last week of didactic learning. For the next year, she will be completing clinical rotations at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Katelin is looking forward to the many opportunities to interact with both members of the health care team and patients. After she graduates in May of 2016, she will pursue a pharmacy practice residency. Her current interests include infectious disease, anticoagulation and academia. After completing her residency, Katelin would like to work as a hospital pharmacist. She has also recently been certified in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support.

Although her pharmacy curriculum is very demanding, Katelin has been able to be involved in various rewarding extracurricular events. She has given a presentation to high school students on prescription drug abuse and educated elementary students on the difference between medication and candy. With a colleague she created a presentation for first and second-year pharmacy students explaining how to prepare themselves for obtaining a residency. Katelin is currently working with a colleague on a continuing education



Katelin Anderson

presentation geared to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians that will be delivered at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in June. These experiences have made her realize she has a passion for teaching.

is the only Ferris student to have ever received this prestigious award. Katelin has also been inducted by her peers into Phi Lambda Sigma, a pharmacy leadership society, in recognition of her ability to balance a high GPA with extracurricular activities. Katelin also has memberships in the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists and the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Katelin's family has been involved in P.E.O. for many years. Her mother, Gail Anderson, and sister, Kelsey, are both members of Chapter FQ. Her grandmother, Anna Anderson, past president of Michigan State Chapter, is a former trustee of Cottey College, where she and her husband Bill established the Anderson Leadership Fund. The three Ludington-area chapters are blessed to have three generations of P.E.O. women dedicated to the principles envisioned by our founders.

**"I am looking forward to a long career of giving back and helping others, just as my FQ sisters are currently doing for me."**

—Katelin Anderson

Last spring Katelin was involved in an inter-professional health fair. She worked with Masters of Public Health students and an occupational therapy student to create a health exhibit on the importance of exercise for college age students.

Last year Katelin was one of only 12 pharmacy students in the nation to be awarded the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacist 2014 Student Leadership Award. Nominated by her professors and mentors, she

Katelin's commitment to earn her doctorate means giving back to others to make their lives better. This is evident in the volunteer hours she has given to her church and her community. As she says, "I am truly grateful for the ELF loan and the support of Chapter FQ as I pursue my career goal of becoming a pharmacist. I am looking forward to a long career of giving back and helping others, just as my FQ sisters are currently doing for me." 🌸



## A Message from the Cottey President

# Why I Am Proud to be at Cottey

by Dr. Jann Weitzel, President, Cottey College

**What an amazing time to be joining the team at Cottey College as the 12<sup>th</sup> president!** After initially being offered the

position, I was often asked what interested me in Cottey; I readily responded that I was attracted to a liberal arts institution for women that emphasizes leadership and global education.

Now, having assumed my duties as President, I have begun to discover even more about Cottey that makes her extraordinary. What have I learned?

First, upon arriving on campus, I was excited to learn that the numbers of freshmen are increasing. In fact, the number of deposits from first-year students is greater than they have been in the past four years. One reason for this growth is recruitment of high school-aged young women who participate in the Cottey summer programs, which have been oversubscribed for the past two years. Thus, Cottey offers opportunities and programs that are interesting and intriguing to young women.

During my first days on campus, I learned details about the successful campaign that positioned Cottey College to make great strides in programming for our students. As the number of four-year programs grows, the number of students who



start as freshmen and continue through to their baccalaureate degree will also increase.

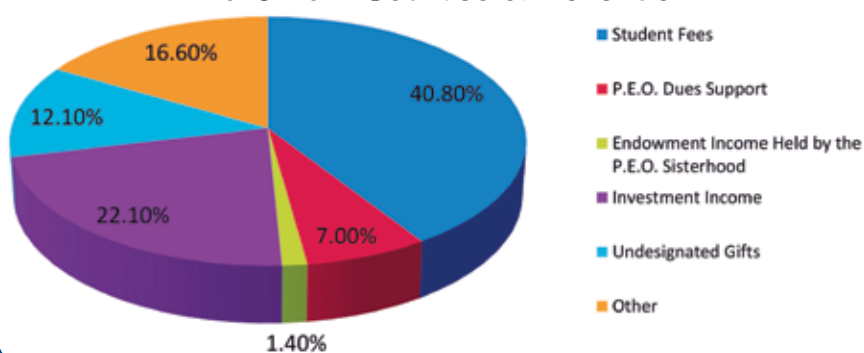
We all realize that Cottey has gained a reputation as an institution that offers young women the opportunity to develop and strengthen leadership skills. Since arriving on campus, I have learned more about the Serenbetz contribution that will allow the College to offer additional programming and opportunities, further strengthening an already impressive program.

Through my time on campus, I have learned that the Cottey College Board of Trustees is a talented group of dedicated leaders who take seriously their fiduciary responsibility to the campus.

the College, with the remaining funds coming from student fees, the endowment, investments and undesignated gifts (see chart). As President I thank every member for her support and genuine concern and love for our college.

So, what have I learned? I've learned that Cottey is an amazing institution that is financially strong and stable; it is an institution that is well managed and cared for by the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff; it is an institution that puts students at the center of every decision; it is an institution that listens to the needs and desires of her students and creates programming that is current and applicable to life after college; it is

**2013-2014 Sources of Revenue**



I have also come to recognize the dedication of the faculty and staff to the development of strong academic and co-curricular programs.

As a P.E.O. member myself, I am proud to support Cottey College through my dues. As members, our dues contributions make up 7 percent of the total budget for

an institution that offers students the skills, talents and opportunities to be successful in their careers; and it is an institution that is made up of dedicated faculty, staff and administration.

Cottey College is a remarkable institution. I am so honored to be a part of the Cottey team. 🌸





## The Rule of Law and IPS

by Deborah Taylor, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees

**The World Justice Project (WJP), an independent, multi-disciplinary organization that works to advance the rule of law around the world, published the world's most comprehensive study that measures a nation's "adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it."** The 2014 WJP Index scored and ranked countries based on data collected and processed from 100,000 household and expert surveys in 99 countries and jurisdictions.

Though difficult to define and measure, the WJP approaches it in a simple way and measures it in terms of outcomes that the rule of law brings to societies including accountability, respect for fundamental rights, or access to justice.

When the International Peace Scholarship (IPS) Board of Trustees met in Des Moines to select the award recipients for 2014-2015, it noted with interest the number of applicants studying law. On reflection, it made perfect sense. These women understand that by studying law they will gain the knowledge and tools to improve their countries and the world.

**Zulfia Abawe** is from Afghanistan. Zulfia is a Ph.D student in law and democracy at Indiana University. She chose this program because it focuses on the role of law in new and fragile democracies, Afghanistan being one. She already has a Master of Laws (LL.M) in International Human Rights Law from Cardiff University, UK.

**Gilat Bachar** is from Israel. Israel is not included in the WJP Index. Gilat is a Doctor of Science of Law (J.S.D.) student at Stamford University. Gilat's

experience has instilled in her a powerful motivation to overcome gender-related obstacles. She hopes to make a contribution and impact on Israeli civil society's conduct.

**Netta Barak-Corren**, from Israel, is continuing her J.S.D. studies at Harvard University exploring "how people make decisions to obey or disobey the law when it conflicts with their religious beliefs." Upon returning home, she hopes to promote reconciliation and conflict resolution in Israeli society.

**Meirav Furth**, from Israel, is completing her LL.M at Harvard. Her aspiration is to dedicate her career to the advancement of justice and equality through legal education and practice. She intends to dedicate herself to the promotion of equal opportunities for women and other minorities in Israel.

**Maria Victoria Gama**, from Argentina is completing her LL.M at American University. She believes that "[p]overty and human rights violations are inextricably connected." Her plan is to pursue a career that strengthens respect for international human rights law that plays a role in shaping the development of human rights in Argentina and Latin America.

**Helen Luu** is from Australia. Helen's parents fled Viet Nam by boat to seek a better life. Helen is pursuing her LL.M at Columbia University. She believes that "the law is one of the most powerful mechanisms, with the capability to ensure that all persons are treated equally and fairly, without discrimination." She will pursue her passion to achieve equality in the law and ensure that the voice of those in the minority is considered.

**Yamrot Henok Mog** is from Ethiopia. Yamrot is completing her

LL.M at Georgetown University. As an attorney and human rights trainer she was exposed to the sad realities of gender inequality and women's rights violations. Her plan is to work with "human rights and advocacy groups to help shape and influence national, regional and international policies through the monitoring of human rights violations especially those concerning women in Ethiopia."

**Valentina Montoya Robledo**, from Colombia, is pursuing a J.S.D. at Harvard University. Her interest in the law was piqued after reading books about the Jewish holocaust and realizing that human suffering is persistent in Colombia. Her passion is gender and topics related to women's rights. She plans to teach law to transmit her knowledge and skills to students who are interested in social impact, especially on gender issues.

**Jessica Pridgeon** from Fiji and New Zealand, is a Crown prosecutor. She knows that as a Maori or Pacific Island woman there is little chance of becoming a judge. Of 204 judges in New Zealand only 57 are female. Of these only 5 are Maori and only 1 is a Pacific Islander. She hopes to become a judge or academic in order to ensure that Pacific Island and Maori women have better access to quality education and become leaders in the law.

When these IPS recipients return home with the knowledge and tools gained from their study of law, they undoubtedly will "Foster Peace Through Education," improve the ranking of their countries in the Rule of Law Index, and contribute to the advancement of the rule of law around the world! 🌸



## The Circle of Love

by Lucinda Jensen, Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

**There is no doubt that the positive influence of parents and mentors can make a profound difference in the development of young people, and the Program for Continuing Education (PCE) trustees delight in reading those examples. One particular story shared in a chapter letter of recommendation was especially heartwarming as we learned how a mother's determination and selflessness inspired her daughter to strive for her educational goals. An Educational Loan Fund (ELF) sponsorship for the daughter led to consideration of her mother for a PCE grant two years later—a mother's loving example was returned with a daughter's devotion.**

Ciara Jones was sponsored by Chapter W, Haddonfield, New Jersey, for an ELF loan in 2013. At the time of her interview with the chapter, Ciara spoke with pride of her mother, Pauline Jones, and Pauline's motivating influence that instilled in her the value of education, hard work and community service. To the chapter's credit their sponsorship of Ciara committed them to continued contact with her during her course of study and this association led to consideration of Ciara's mother, Pauline, as an applicant for a PCE grant in 2015.

Pauline has steadily pursued a Bachelor of Science degree for 14 years, with a three year hiatus to attend to family responsibilities and address financial challenges. She completed an associate's degree while attending school part time and working full time, all while raising three children as a single parent and continuing to maintain a nurturing role in the lives of two stepchildren. Today the loving



**From the left:** Pauline Jones, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund and P.E.O. Continuing Education grant recipient with her daughter, Ciara Jones, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund recipient

care and positive influence Ciara experienced is now provided to Pauline's grandchildren.

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Even with the demands of family, work and her course of study, Pauline has remained committed to helping disadvantaged young people grow in their faith, vision and ability to impact and motivate the next generation of children. Pauline gives of her time and talent in the community to help at-risk youth develop a value

system through the National Youth and Sports Association. In addition she is involved with her church Sunday school program and provides encouragement to a support group of women from broken marriages.

Chapter W's ELF loan sponsorship of Ciara revealed a mother and daughter's loving devotion. Now Pauline proudly proclaims Ciara's educational achievement as she graduates in June from Rutgers University with a B.S. in exercise science and sports management and a B.A. in communications and will begin her career as a sales associate with the Philadelphia 76ers.

As for Pauline, with insufficient funding resources to cover all her educational expenses, Chapter W thoughtfully recognized that the Educational Loan Fund combined with a PCE grant would enable Pauline to achieve her educational goal by her projected course completion date of December, 2016. Pauline's goal

to attain the necessary degree that can lead to a training administrator position with advancement into an IT supervisory role is within reach. The collaboration of an ELF loan and PCE grant, along with her considerable determination, is helping to fund a brighter tomorrow for Pauline and her family. 🌸





## Because of You!



## The Number of Scholar Awards is Increased to 90!

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

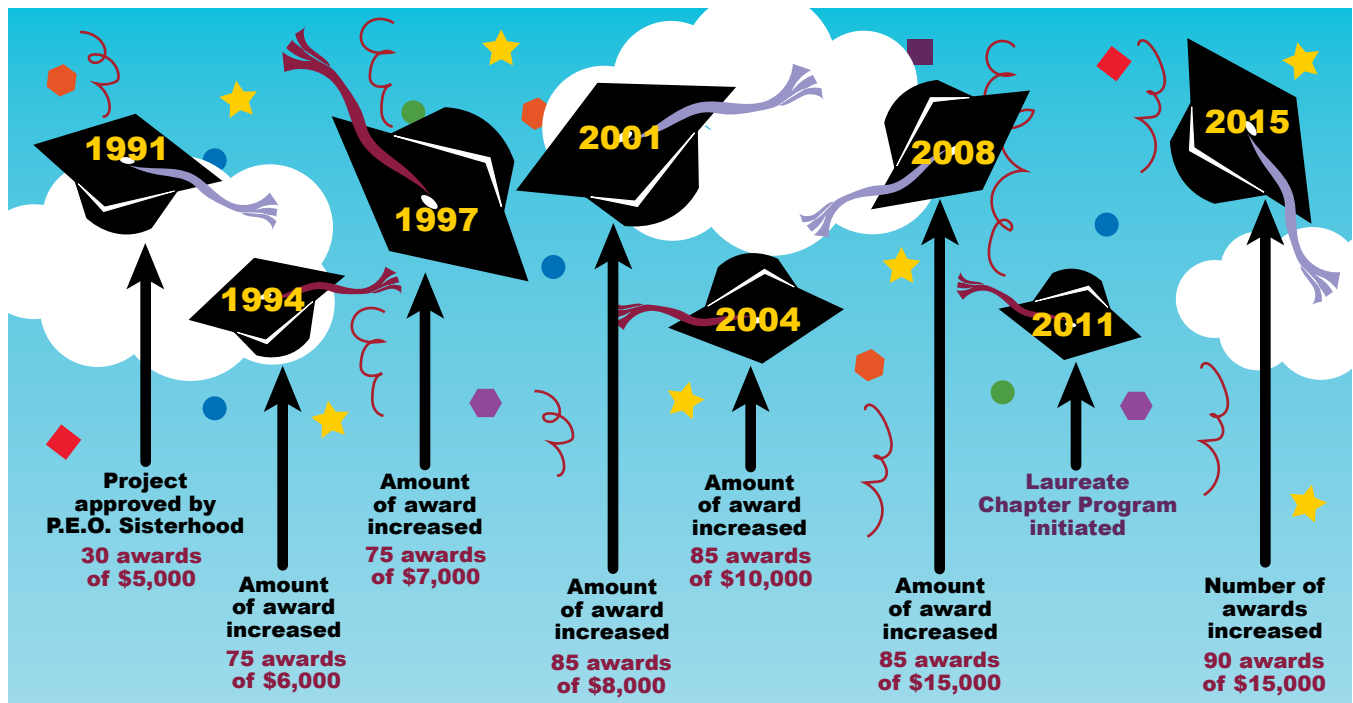
**The Board of Trustees of the P.E.O. Scholar Awards is excited to announce that the number of \$15,000 awards given to our Scholars has been increased from 85 to 90. The new 2015-2016 class of Scholars was the first to benefit from these additional five awards, bringing the total amount given this year to \$1,350,000.**

The increase in number of awards would not have been possible without

the continuing generous financial support from you and your local chapter. Even in challenging economic times, contributions to Scholar Awards have steadily increased. Since the inception of the Laureate Chapter program in 2011, there have been over 1,300 chapters that have achieved Laureate status. Your chapter can become a Laureate Chapter each year by making a \$500 or

more lump-sum contribution to Scholar Awards or by successfully nominating a Scholar.

This timeline illustrates the significant milestones in the evolution of the P.E.O. Scholar Awards when the number of awards or the amount of the award was increased since the project was launched (the full history is available at [members.peointernational.org/project-information/psa.php](http://members.peointernational.org/project-information/psa.php)):



In the 24 years since the project began, many P.E.O. Scholars have advanced to leadership positions in their professional careers in university professorships, in scientific research, medicine, law, the performing arts, international

economics, history, government and other demanding fields. Their positive impact on society affirms the outreach of P.E.O. and reinforces the goal of P.E.O. Scholar Awards to become one of the premier academic awards

for women in the United States and Canada.

P.E.O.s can justifiably be proud of how their investment to date of \$20,150,000 in the futures of 1,990 remarkable young women is producing significant dividends! 🌟



## Submitting a Stellar STAR Application

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

**You have found that one in a million STAR applicant and now it is time to really make her shine on her application. The collective parts of the student's application are what give the trustees a supernova experience. Applicants for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship are evaluated on demonstrated excellence in the areas of leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community/volunteer service and potential for future success. An applicant selected as a STAR Scholarship recipient shows excellence in all five areas. The merit of the application drives the selection.**

A chapter that writes a well-planned letter of recommendation, thoroughly expounding on the excellent accomplishments of the applicant, will certainly give the trustees a great first impression. Questions about her leadership experiences and achievements answered during the interview process are the foundation for a first-rate letter. Explaining how the applicant's leadership has impacted her school and community gives clarity to her mission in making a difference to others. Including experiences beyond the classroom where she has explored fields of interest related to her current goals for higher education strengthens the recommendation.

The successful applicant has taken the time to clearly present her academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, extracurricular involvement, community/volunteer service and potential for future success

in an organized and thorough manner within her application. The chart format on the application allows ample space for elaborations and descriptive explanations of her involvement and leadership skills. Your applicant has a 30-day period to complete her application, so encourage her to not procrastinate.

The successful applicant writes a well-organized one-page essay regarding her career aspirations, including how her past experiences have influenced her future goals and aspirations. Additionally, the essay elaborates how she has made a difference in the lives of those around her—at home or abroad.

Talk to your applicant about the selection of reference writers. The successful applicant chooses references who write a letter specific to her, clearly delineating her involvement, achievements and

contributions that have made a difference to society locally, nationally or internationally. Also, the reference writers expand upon the leadership skills obtained and/or used in her school activities and community service.

Your chapter has selected a student who excels in the evaluated areas but she must be able to clearly and thoroughly communicate her achievements. Instruct her to be attentive to every aspect of the scholarship application and encourage her to put forth her very best effort.

All sections of the application... those completed by the chapter, the applicant and the reference writers... must communicate the information effectively.

Remember—you make STAR possible and your contributions directly impact the number of

### THE SUPERNOVA EXPERIENCE



**Note:** the confirmation email that chapters receive comes from [noreply@peodsm.org](mailto:noreply@peodsm.org). If you do not receive an email within **15 minutes**, go to the top of the form and click on **"Contact Us"** to report that the confirmation email was not received.



**Jodi Petersen, BN, Brighton, Colorado,** was elevated by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to the ASLA Council of Fellows. Jodie was recognized for her contribution in leadership and management, knowledge and service to the profession. Jodi is a branch chief with the National Park Service (NPS), Denver Service Center (DSC)—design and construction office.

The DSC is the central planning, design and construction management project office for the NPS. Jodie manages projects throughout all phases of a typical five-year design and construction life-cycle, from project initiation through post-construction. She is in public practices and oversees high-profile design projects including the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania and others across the United States. She was also a key team member for an international park project in Qatar. Jodie is also responsible for providing management services to the majority of the Hurricane Sandy projects and other assignments within the Northeast Region of the NPS.

Jodie joined the NPS in 1991 after receiving her master's degree with the help of a P.E.O. Educational Loan in landscape architecture from the University of Colorado at Denver. She got her bachelor's degree in landscape horticulture from Colorado State University. Jodi has been a member of P.E.O. since 1990. Her mother and sisters are also P.E.O.s.

**Tori Blake, BI, Minneapolis, Kansas,** is a leading expert in the area of recognition of breakage revenue. Tori is a vice president at Card Compliant, a compliance specialty company providing compliance services in the areas of accounting and revue recognition, escheat procession, breakage forecasting and anti-money laundering programs. She leads Card

Compliant's accounting technologies and operations teams and was recently granted a U.S. Patent on methods and systems for optimizing escheat and derecognition.

Tori has had articles published in Bloomberg and the Journal of Accountancy, has hosted webinars and has been invited by the National Board of Accountancy, that governs accounting standards and regulations for the United States and Europe, to speak about her expertise on gift card regulations.

Tori is just 30 years old, married and has three children all under the age of 5. She became a P.E.O. in 2002. Tori's mother, Jayme Resnik, is currently the organizer of Michigan state chapter.

**Margaret (Peggy) C. Wilmoth, H, Washington, District of Columbia,** was recently promoted to the rank of major general in the United States Army Reserve. She is only the third nurse in the 106-year history of the Army Reserve to be promoted to major general and the first nurse from the Army Reserve to serve as Deputy Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and Army Reserve Affairs in the Office of the Surgeon General. Peggy has spent more than 30 years in the armed services. She was promoted to brigadier general in 2005 with assignment as the Commanding General of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade, making her the first nurse and first woman to command a medical brigade as a general officer.

Most recently in her concurrent civilian career, Peggy served as the first dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions at Georgia State University. Prior to this position, she was a professor in the School of Nursing, College of Health and Human Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Peggy is co-chair of the American Academy of Nursing's Military/Veterans Expert Panel and currently serves

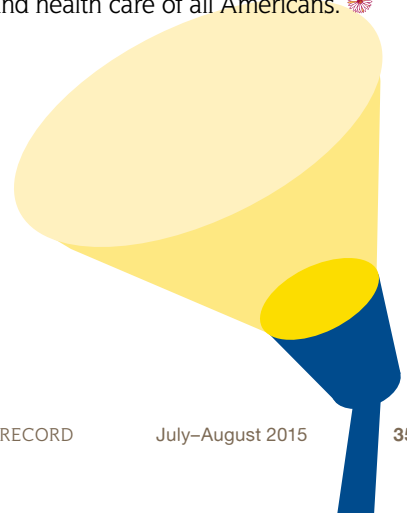
on the HRSA National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, and the Georgia Nurse Leaders Coalition, the Georgia Action Coalition on the Future of Nursing. She is also a former Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow, having served her fellowship in 2009-2010 with then Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.

Peggy, a second generation P.E.O., was initiated into her mother Juanita Chamberlain's chapter in 2010.

**Katie Haerling, HD, Bremerton, Washington,** is one of just 12 nursing educators from across the country to be named a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar this year, an honor given to junior nursing faculty members. The accompanying three-year \$350,000 award will help Katie promote her academic career and support her research.

Katie is an assistant professor in the nursing and healthcare leadership programs at the University of Washington—Tacoma. With the award, she plans to look at two high-technology, simulated learning activities for nursing students.

The Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Faculty Scholars program selects junior nursing faculty who show strong promise as future academic leaders. The award is given by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which works to improve the health and health care of all Americans. 🌸



## Partner in Peace Visit

Thanksgiving weekend 2014 was a memorable time for the members of Chapter HR in Belleville, Illinois. The chapter invited its International Peace Scholarship Partner in Peace Oluwadamilola Oyedele (Dami) to visit Belleville. Dami is pursuing a master's in public policy at the University of Chicago about 300 miles from Belleville. Dami chose to travel to Belleville on Thanksgiving morning. She enjoyed her first Thanksgiving meal with Chapter HR member Jo Ann Rushing and her family. The following day Jo Ann introduced Dami to the sights and history of the area including Belleville and nearby Saint Louis.

But the highlight of her visit, according to Dami and members of Chapter HR, was a coffee on Saturday morning. Dami captivated all who met her with her enthusiasm, optimism and belief that with the right education she can make a positive difference in the lives of her fellow Nigerians and others on her beloved continent of Africa. She also described how it had been impossible for her to begin her studies at the University of Chicago immediately after her acceptance because of insufficient funds. Receiving an International Peace Scholarship enabled her to enroll in the fall of 2014, and she is now in her second quarter at the university.



**First row, from the left:** Emily Wilson, Jane Peters, Jo Rousseau, President Bobbie Knaus, Jo Ann Rushing, International Peace Scholar Oluwadamilola Oyedele, Kathy Gray, Diana Barnett, Peg Badgley, Shirley Callison, Betty McRoberts, and Dede Farquhar **Second row:** Bee Todd, Marilou Tyrrell, Linda Gurr, Mary Ann Richards, Kristen Richards, Margo Rusnack

Members of Chapter HR left the coffee inspired by Dami's story regarding the profound difference P.E.O. made in her life and were re-energized for the work of the Sisterhood.

## Phantom Tea for P.E.O. Projects

Chapter BL, Seattle, Washington, has been having "Phantom Teas" for the past six years. Members of the chapter reach out to all their sisters far and near with invitations that read, "It's the most delightful benefit you will ever attend. Just money and love you will send. No cookies to bake, linen to iron, silver to polish, house to clean nor worries about what you will wear." Everyone is invited to, on a designated day, sit down, enjoy a cup of tea and write a check to the P.E.O. Projects. Chapter BL has contributed over \$6,000 to our P.E.O. projects since they began this event.



Holding a party to make the invitations for the Phantom Tea is part of Chapter BL's fun and successful fundraiser.

## Meet & Greet Coffee

Chapter VA, Irvine, California's membership committee hosted a successful meet and greet coffee for members and guests. Five guests were introduced and the chapter got to know them over coffee, juice and light refreshments followed by a discussion about P.E.O. Each membership committee member spoke on a different topic—how P.E.O. got started and an explanation of the

P.E.O. projects. Afterward chapter members explained to their guests why P.E.O. is an important part of their lives.

The membership committee chair followed up with an email thanking their guests for coming and extending an invitation to another upcoming social chapter event.

From this event, the chapter will be initiating three—possibly five—new members!



Chapter VA, California, hosted a successful meet and greet coffee for members and guests

## Cloth Dogs and Dolls for African Orphans

Members of Chapter DO, Minneapolis, Minnesota, held a stuffing and stitching craft program. Sisters stuffed muslin dolls and dogs while talking up a storm. It was a great way to catch up with sisters as well as provide toys for African orphanages.

Sister Mary Bowen brought dolls and dogs that had already been sewn, but needed fiberfill inside them. Some of the members chose to stuff while others sewed the side seams.



Sisters in Chapter DO, Minnesota, sewed cloth dogs and dolls for orphans in Africa



Thirty-three dogs and dolls were completed and sent to an organization called "Little Dresses for Africa." The dolls went to one of the organization's 15 orphanages in Africa. The inhabitants are young children who are HIV positive and live in primitive conditions. Chapter DO is proud of this service project, as it brought fun and action to its members while doing good for others.

### A Grand Celebration

Dressed in styles circa 1900, members of Chapter GB, Saint Louis, Missouri, hosted a birthday party for their 250-year-old city while earning money for P.E.O. projects. The chapter rented a party room at an upscale senior residence. They decorated the hall with mementos and landmarks of Saint Louis' long history including the Gateway Arch. Sixty guests were treated to a dinner featuring Saint Louis favorites including toasted ravioli. A mini bar manned by BILs and an auction table added to the fun.

Chapter GB sisters opened the program with a flash mob, entering from all sides of the hall singing "Meet me in St. Louie, Louie; Meet me at the fair." Chapter member Clare Sanford then presented a moving history of the city accompanied by a PowerPoint show prepared by a BIL.

Dessert was a three-tiered birthday cake which was enjoyed after everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Saint Louis.

The event was such a success, the chapter gave an encore performance several months later—this time to a crowd of 80.

Members of Chapter GB say the joy of planning and executing the parties



Members of Chapter GB, Missouri, dressed in period garb to celebrate the city of Saint Louis' 250<sup>th</sup> birthday

brought them together in a memorable way and left them with feelings of pride and success as they raised money for P.E.O.

### Fundraising and 50 Years

Chapter AQ, Artesia, New Mexico, sisters and BILs, as well as members and BILs from Artesia sister chapter, J, were invited to celebrate Chapter AQ's 50th birthday with a gala dinner and theatre evening. The catered dinner was hosted in the lobby of the Ocotillo Theater. Tables were set with our members' best china and crystal, complete with appetizers and choice of wine; everything was quite elegant. Guests then enjoyed a private showing of a 1965 classic movie, "Shenandoah" after dinner.



Chapter AQ, New Mexico, hosted a fundraiser and catered dinner

Chapter AQ is blessed with a very supportive and giving membership. This celebratory evening was the chapter's annual ways and means event; a member-made quilt was raffled off and donations were taken for the projects and the meal. The evening's total donations totaled over \$3,000 after expenses! This money will go to fund Chapter AQ's gifts to P.E.O. projects.

### Getting To Know Each Other

Chapter LM, Columbia, Missouri, was organized in January; for their celebration program this year, they focused on what brings us together as sisters in 2015 and hoped to become more aware of the part each sister plays in continuing what our seven Founders started in 1869. Sisters began with a list of questions sent to



Chapter LM, Missouri, sisters celebrating Founders' Day

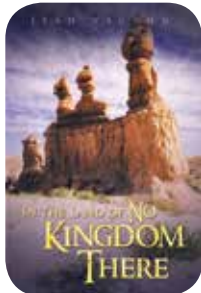
every member before the meeting. Members who could not attend the meeting emailed answers back to be included in the program. The questions everyone answered were:

1. When and where were you initiated? By whom?
2. How did you learn about P.E.O.?
3. How many members of your family are P.E.O.?
4. How many chapters have you been a member? Where?
5. Have you introduced others to P.E.O.? Next generation in your family?
6. What major changes have you seen in P.E.O.?
7. Do you have an interesting story to tell about your P.E.O. experience or an important P.E.O. memory?

Every member of the chapter had an active part in telling the story of Chapter LM. They used charts to tabulate answers to these questions and told stories about the answers. For example, the chapter represents almost 1,000 years of membership in P.E.O. Several of the charter members talked about the organization of the chapter in 1862. The chapter has grown by initiation and transfers from chapters in more than 10 states coast to coast. Chapter member Helen Atkinson said, "We laughed, we cried and became closer to each other and to our Founders, but most of all we had fun." 🌸

**Jean Vaughn, DD, Chanute, Kansas,** wrote "In the Land of No Kingdom There."

The book is based on the great eschatology poem in the Book of Isaiah, Chapters 34 and 35, that portrays the end-time war between good and evil. The Kingdom of Cyun (Zion) has lost the Vessel of Their Lord's Presence (Ark of the Covenant) because of their sins, and only ones without sin can cross the ominous Land of No Kingdom There (Hades) to retrieve it. Only two can be found worthy—Joshua, age 12 and Sophia, age 13.



Joshua is named after Joshua, the high priest in the Book of Zachariah, who bears the same name as Jesus, Yeshua in Hebrew, and is also called the Branch. Sophia is named for Lady Wisdom in training. Together these two young people accept the daunting journey of crossing this dangerous land to reach the Mountain of God and to bring back the Vessel of Their Lords' Presence before Cyun is invaded by Darkon the Dragon and his hordes. But this brave duo is also helped by other unexpected visitors to this realm, and are able to complete their mission and return home safely on the great highway where only the redeemed shall walk safely. The book is classified for all ages.

Jean is a retired educator and a licensed minister emeritus with the Christian church in Kansas, and a humor columnist for southeast Kansas newspapers. She and her husband Eldon are kept busy with their grandchildren, leading workshops, retreats, teaching Bible study for adults, speaking, writing and volunteering.

**Patricia O'Donnell-Gibson, DV, Saint Joseph, Michigan,** wrote "The Red Skirt, Memoirs of an Ex Nun." Impressionistic and dreamy, nine year old Patty O'Donnell immediately feels

that she might be called by God when a Catholic missionary speaks to her third grade class. The seed of this calling embeds itself into her, haunting her through elementary and high school, after which at 18, Patty enters the convent.



She lives at the Motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan. A postulant, she rises at dawn with a hundred other postulants to a day filled with meditation, Gregorian Chant, Mass, classes at the college, back-breaking labor and an hour of "recreation." If she doesn't like it, her postulant mistress tells her she can go back to secular life, trading her scratchy black gown and nun shoes for a wanton "red skirt."

Taking the name of Sister Marie Petra, Patty begins to grow with guidance from her new family of sisters—at times dysfunctional, but always loving and supportive at their core. Her story follows the five years she lived as an Adrian Dominican sister, struggling to balance her desire for a secular life with her great fear of turning her back on God.

Patricia reflected on her time as an Adrian Dominican sister for years before she wrote this memoir. She began to compose poems in her writing notebook to express the vivid reflections she held after she left the convent. She taught English and American literature for 30 years, earning a Master's in English literature. "The Red Skirt" won first prize in global eBooks, first prize in Next Generation Indie Cover Award and other honors. Currently, Patricia lives on Paw Paw Lake in Watervliet, Michigan, with her husband Louis. Between them, they have a total of seven children and 14 grandchildren.

**Mary Kerr, HG, Washington, Illinois,** wrote "Mary Lincoln's Journey."

Mary has a family tie and a lifelong interest in Mary Todd Lincoln but her greatest inspiration for writing this book was her young granddaughter Catherine Kerr.



Following a visit to the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois, Catherine expressed an interest in learning more about Mary Lincoln; but she found there were few books for the younger reader so together she and her grandmother decided to write their own book.

"Mary Lincoln's Journey" is a non-fiction view of Mary Lincoln's life. Both grandmother and granddaughter did much research over a six-year period in order to objectively create a book for the young adult audience. Also inspiring the authors was their Aunt Mary Luella Crabb Wright, a P.E.O. who, for many years, was a Mary Lincoln portrayer in northern Illinois. Mary and Catherine's connection to Mary Lincoln also includes their grand uncle Seth Tinsley from whom Abraham and Mary Lincoln rented a Springfield home.

This journey the Kerrs traveled included much research, meeting fascinating people and learning as they went. A well-known educator (teacher, administrator, reading specialist) Mary instituted early intervention reading programs and technology programs in the schools where she taught, presented at state and national reading seminars and recently published an independent research article in the Lincoln Herald on the ownership of Lincolns' rental home in Springfield, Illinois.

Mary and BIL Richard Kerr have two grown sons and five grandchildren living in Wyoming and Florida. Catherine Kerr is a high school senior



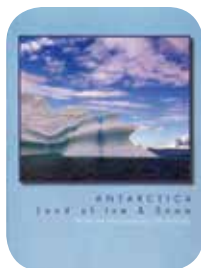
who enjoys a variety of activities and takes college classes at night at her local community college.

**Juanita Jones Neff, AN, Williston, North Dakota**, wrote "Yesterday's Shadows," a book of mystery and suspense.

Newly minted lawyer, Tina Willet, takes a long avoided trip back to the little town where she spent many a happy summer playing with her cousins. Idyllic times until her grandma is suddenly dead, a favorite aunt accused and convicted of murder and the entire family ripped apart. Reopening old wounds proves to be more dangerous than Tina could ever have imagined.

Juanita was born and raised near Wyndmere, North Dakota. She attended the University of North Dakota, married and has three grown children, now with families of their own. A long-standing member of P.E.O., Juanita has held all the local offices at one time or another, has served on numerous state committees and as an International delegate. She credits her P.E.O. sisters for their ongoing encouragement of her writing. Wife, mother, painter and poet, Juanita reads voraciously between visits from her muse.

**Linda Brumagin, IE, Grand Lake, Colorado**, wrote "Antarctica, Land of Ice and Snow," her second children's book. Linda uses photographs from her travels to illustrate the story of the southernmost continent of the world, where a fierce wind blows across the land, creating beautiful ice sculptures and trying to keep out everything that could mar the pristine land of Antarctica. The book teaches young children about Antarctica and its animals,



the penguins and seals that manage to survive in this frozen environment and how to keep it beautiful.

Linda has published several articles for both children's and adult's magazines. She is a pianist and singer and has established a chorale with her P.E.O. chapter to bring music to shut-ins, nursing homes and hospitals.

**Sue Horner Steinwart, M, Roswell, Georgia**, wrote her first novel "Second Place Sister," set in fictional Willoughby, Georgia. The reader is introduced to two sisters who chose different life paths. Ali Lawrence, wife, mother and community volunteer, lives in the shadow of her famous novelist sister Janelle Jamison. When Janelle makes a surprise visit to Willoughby, Ali learns a secret that could tarnish her sister's reputation. While Janelle totters around Willoughby in her stiletto heels, Ali grows more jealous and resentful. Will Ali expose her sister or for the sake of family unity protect her? Readers will laugh and cry at the antics of the two sisters. Can they finally come to terms with each other, admire their achievements and ignore their faults or will their relationship continue to disintegrate, and in the process bring bedlam to Willoughby? Someone has to take the first step: Will it be Janelle in her Louboutins or Ali in her ratty old running shoes?

Sue lives with her husband Roland in Roswell, Georgia. She has a B.A. in American studies from California State University-Los Angeles.

**Joy Johnson, BP, Omaha, Nebraska**, began writing "The BOOB Girls: the Burned Out Old Breads at Table 12," a comedy-mystery series of six novels for seasoned women six years ago after she retired.

In 1977 Joy and her late husband Dr. Marvin Johnson founded Centering Corporation, North America's oldest and largest bereavement center.



In 2001 they founded Ted E. Bear Hollow, the Omaha area's center for grieving children.

Joy does over 70 BOOB Girl presentations annually, many of them to P.E.O. chapters and reciprocity meetings as well as national keynote speeches for state and national organizations.

**Camilla Cole, AT, Lafayette, Louisiana**, wrote "LongShadows" a psychological, Southern Gothic mystery about a young girl held by ghosts of the past in her family's old mansion.

Camilla has a Master's degree in English, a degree in psychology from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is a licensed professional counselor. Her first book, "Mesquite" was released in 2012. She currently resides in Lafayette, Louisiana, with her husband.



**Mary Ann Keller, CL, Hamilton, Ohio**, wrote "My Dad has Spasmodic Dysphonia" to help explain spasmodic dysphonia (a voice disorder that can make it hard to talk) to the younger generation and to assure them that just because a family member's voice may sound different, he/she is still the same person.

Mary Ann developed spasmodic dysphonia in her late 60s, after retiring from a 35-year teaching career. She is now the leader of the greater Dayton, Ohio, spasmodic dysphonia support group. She and her husband live in Hamilton, Ohio.



**Marty Schiel, KR, Ames, Iowa,**

co-wrote, photographed and published the multi-award winning eBook "Through the Eyes of the Horse: Finding Common Ground."



It all started 10 years ago with Ruby, a young injured ex-racehorse, who led Marty to Australian horse "listener" and co-author Carlos Tabernaberrí.

The goal was to provide an international audience an affordable, comprehensive learning experience that would effectively detail the pain-free, confidence-building philosophy and techniques Carlos honed over many years of observing, starting, training and working with thousands of horses and help that audience develop an ability to look at life through the eyes of the horse and train horses with understanding, not force.

The interactive interface of this exciting new medium allows readers to bookmark, notate, highlight and search the more than 80 step-by-step instructional "touch" photos, more than two hours of embedded HD video and inspirational, highly practical information on their iPad—anywhere, any time.

The 2014 Global eBook Awards recognized "Finding Common Ground" with a trifecta – gold medal winner (education - nonfiction), silver medal winner (Best Multimedia in an eBook) and bronze medal winner - Animal/Pets (nonfiction), to go with the 2014 International Book Awards finalist award and IndieReader Discovery Awards five-star rating (the highest).

**Nancy J. Hill, ID, Wheaton, Illinois,** wrote "Unfolding," a celebration of the uniqueness of every woman's voice and one woman's journey to discover her own full-throated self-expression.

In these essays, Nancy draws the reader into a creative engagement

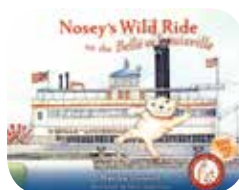
with fundamental "soul tasks": connecting with intuition; being open to spontaneity; aging and self-acceptance; accepting inevitable loss; living with vulnerability; and letting go to find blessings in our wounds. She invites every woman to slow down, drop in, dare more and in doing so, find her deepest self.

Nancy loves working with women. As a teenager she became a beautician captivated by their stories as she worked with their hair. In her middle years she became a psychotherapist and worked with their emotions. Now as a leader of women's groups Nancy explores the nearly universal desire to seek deeper meaning—especially in mid-life.

**Martha Driscoll, L, Louisville, Kentucky,**

researched and wrote "Nosey's Wild Ride on the Belle of Louisville." The book was written to celebrate the Belle's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014. The Belle is the only steamboat in the country built during the Great Steamboat Era (1820s to the 1920s) that is still cruising! The story is about a mischievous cat named Nosey who wanders on board the Belle and leads four children on a wild chase all over the boat. This rascal of a cat causes pandemonium wherever he goes and in turn, the children learn what makes a steamboat unique. The details about the Belle are historically accurate. In addition to a story that captivates adults as well as children, the book includes the whimsical ink and colored pencil drawings of award-winning artist, Sue Lion, a detailed glossary and a seek-and-find activity for young readers.

Martha has had a lifelong love affair with the Belle. She has lived her entire life within a few miles of the Belle's



wharf on the Ohio River. She is a native of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and has lived for more than 50 years in Louisville, Kentucky, where she and her late husband David raised four children. Martha was an elementary school teacher for 10 years and for 27 years she taught reading education as a member of the Spalding University faculty. She wrote the first draft of this story more than 55 years ago. Martha is 88 years old, vision-impaired and busily working on three additional books for children.

**Dawn (Thorn) Phelps, BR, Miltonvale, Kansas,**

wrote "Finding Your Clover after a Loss" under the penname J. Dawn Rountree.



The book is about hope. Written after the author's husband died of kidney cancer, the book features personal stories that drive home nuggets of insight about grief, pointing the reader in one direction—toward hope.

The writer's own journey of grief is gently interwoven throughout the pages, a journey that evokes both laughter and tears. Each story encourages readers to reach toward new dreams—to do what they can to help their hearts heal.

Dawn has also authored a six-part series entitled "Pathways Through Grief" to offer the bereaved thoughtful practical support for the first year which is often the most difficult time. The stories and articles are short which make them more manageable for someone who is grieving and each sentence is packed with meaning.

Dawn is a wife, mother and grandmother. She grew up on a farm in Tennessee, but has lived in Kansas for many years. A registered nurse and licensed master social worker, Dawn currently works part-time as the bereavement coordinator at a local hospice.





## Chapter AP-DM, Jackson, Michigan Merged: March 2, 2015

**First row, from the left:** Marie Hullinger, Sharon Bevan, Joan Walker, Donna Varblow, Donna Treece, Ginny Spring **Second row:** Joanne Holman, Ruth Ann Fifield, Liz Swartzel, Lynne Loftis, Lynn Adams, Karen Moilanen, Mary Scroggs, Betty Ingell, Marian Bliznik **Third row:** Sandy Craft, Sally Royce, Pat Bacon, Diane Zimmer, Jeanette Browning, Nancy Boyers, Carole Baumgartner, Pam Schaufler **Fourth row:** Julie Pienkos, Beth Freed, Jean Snider, Diane Billingsley, Janet Gage, Karen Annable, Libby Warner, Helen Greene, Barbara Wellman



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## Chapter AC, Bridgeport, West Virginia Organized: March 22, 2015

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**Chapter CA, Kansas City, Missouri**  
**Organized: February 1, 1915**  
**Celebrated: February 9, 2015**

**First row, from the left:** Jane Hess, Glenda Watts, Dee Petty, Margaret Loban, Susie Dixon, Eunice Litchfield **Second row:** Jeanne Schneider, Roxann Holland, Suzy Pagels, Zoe Moore, Sue May, Cheri Evilsizer, Annette Thomas, Bernadette Weber, Jean Donahue **Third row:** Phyllis West, Gina Miller, Shirley Pirnie, Elaine Reussner, Jodie Johnson



**Chapter K, Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**Organized: April 2, 1915**  
**Celebrated: April 18, 2015**

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**Chapter CD, Washington, Missouri**  
**Organized: April 9, 1915**  
**Celebrated: April 11, 2015**

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**Chapter AP, Berkeley, California**  
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 **Magnetic daisy pin** back - \$9 Two inch yellow and white daisy to hold your P.E.O. emblem. We welcome large and small orders. Please specify if your P.E.O. emblem attaches with a safety pin fastener or a tie tack fastener. Postage paid. Make check payable to Chapter JO. Contact: Sandra Smith, 1915 Sherry Lea Dr, Neosho, MO 64850 or email mochapterjo@gmail.com

 **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. \$22.50 incl. shipping. Ch. BH c/o Jane Lennox, 665 BF Goodrich Road, Marietta, OH 45750. janelennox@yahoo.com


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


 **Past president's gavel** guard—14K gold-plate with 7 clear Swarovski crystals. Perfect size for our star. \$30 ppd. to Ch. OO, P.E.O. c/o Pat Walton, 34400 Mission Blvd, A-1210, Union City, CA 94587.

 **Pewter ornament** elegant 2.5" heirloom quality, 2-sided ornament with marguerite and P.E.O. in an open-work star. US made. Great officer or going-away gift. \$18 ppd. Chapter FF, PO Box 59, Frankfort, MI 49635. Information or order form: PEOChapterFFMI@charter.net. Also available: 1" version for a pendant or key fob, \$15 ppd.

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


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


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


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


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

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


 **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.

 **Handcrafted pewter marguerite** pin/necklace. Designed for Ch AR, Ruidoso, NM, size 1 1/8 x 1 1/2, \$17 ppd. J. Powell, 107 Snowbird Ct, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

 **Star keychain**—quality metal, engraved with P.E.O. for just \$12.50 each. May be worn as a necklace too. Payable to Ch DO, c/o Lenore Jones, 10820 Nutmeg Meadows Dr, Plymouth, IN 46563. Lenore@ancoofficeproducts.com


 **Sterling silver pin guard** for P.E.O. pin. 1" x 1 1/4" attaches to clothing with magnet. \$30. Please state if your P.E.O. emblem is a clasp or tie tack back. Ch IH, Jes Raintree, 15648 Colorado Central Way, Monument, CO 81032. 719-488-8300.

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


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

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

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

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

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


 **P.E.O. logo bridge** cards—Our high quality boxed sets are a lovely gift or recognition. 1 black & 1 yellow deck each include the P.E.O. letters & marguerite. \$20+ shipping, Chapter HB FL. peocards@gmail.com or 772-453-3469.

 **Best bag for** your bucks! Yellow embroidered P.E.O., daisy, ch, city, st, on durable 600 denier polyester, zippered, large front pocket, adjustable web handles, 2 pen loops, 2 side bottle pockets. 15x13x5. \$40 ppd, payable to Ch FS, Sue Mecham, 1009 2nd Ave NE, Clarion, IA 50525. 515-532-2228 or mikesuemechem@gmail.com


 **Cotter decal** \$2 ea or 3/\$5. www.peoagga.com Ch AG, GA


 **Newsletter template** Incl images/logos www.peoagga.com Ch AG, GA


**P.E.O. chapter garden** flag—waterproof 14x20" flag with your chapter letters! \$25 ppd. Check payable to Ch JP, mail to: Melinda Fish, 1105 Williamsburg Pl, Lawrence, KS 66049.


 **Classy 3x1" namebadge** gold laminate pin/magnet, st, chap, polkadot ribbon, etc! yrbk pg pin storage; 337-280-5779; srodemacher@gmail.com \$14 or \$15+s/h, Ch AT.


**Insider's Guide to London**—this 70+ page guide has been lovingly created by the UK P.E.O. Group sharing our most useful tips for those travelling to London. To download your copy of the London Guide for Sisters by Sisters for only \$10, visit [www.ukpeogroup.moonfruit.com](http://www.ukpeogroup.moonfruit.com).

 **Play Daisy Bingo**—Facts about our Founders instead of #s, \$25 ppd. Also, Bee Smart about the P.E.O. Constitution and CA state bylaws, \$25 ppd. Each set has 100 cards. Great for programs! Check to Ch. DO, 12214 Heacock St, Moreno Valley, CA 92557. 951-809-3673.

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

 **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](http://www.sgofargo.com). \$20, plus \$3.95 postage. Send check to Chapter AE, PO Box 8, Christine, ND 58015.


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


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

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


 **Luggage strap** with I.D., yellow nylon, adjustable. \$12 + S/H. Cks to Ch OH c/o Mary Jo Losey, 207 S. Prospect, Galena, IL 61036. Maryjo918@gmail.com

 **Beveled glass frame**, clear—holds 4x6 photo w/P.E.O. printed between 2 marguerites \$24 ppd. Chapter ET/MI. jennifer.catron@comcast.net 586-677-2381


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


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


 **Ornaments**—display all year! Custom P.E.O. designs w/general appeal. Bronzed brass w/color. 2014 green wreath, red bow, 7 stars. \$10+sh. Ch L, M. Wittlinger, PO Box 306, Pennington, NJ 08534 [marilyn@wittlinger.com](mailto:marilyn@wittlinger.com). A few 2011-2014 avail.


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

**P.E.O. Mobius scarf** Beautiful washable, silky, large daisy print, Infinity scarf in black, gray, white, lime green, and turquoise. \$15 pre-paid check payable to Chapter KQ, Jodell Larkin, 70 Coppergate Ct. St. Peters, MO 63376, 636-688-5925, [jlarkin70@charter.net](mailto:jlarkin70@charter.net)

 **Field of daisies bookmark**—Dimensions are 2" x 8 1/2". \$2 ea. or 6 for \$10. Make checks to: P.E.O. Chapter IP, send to Mary Cunliffe, 12442 Barony Dr., Dubuque, IA 52001. 563-584-9727


 **P.E.O. polo shirt**. Short sleeve, 100% preshrunk cotton. Marguerite emblem on upper left chest. Available in white or yellow. S-XXXL \$34.50 + 5.15 shipping. Checks to Chapter CP, 975 Briarwood Dr. E. Wenatchee, WA 98802 [allem@nwi.net](mailto:allem@nwi.net).

 **Sterling P.E.O. necklace**—dainty. Measures 3/4 by 1/4 inch. 16 or 18" long. Specify length. Sterling. \$49.95. + 1.95 shipping. Check to Ch. K, c/o CJ Gray, 325 Eagles Walk, Gastonia, NC 28056

 **BIL Pins** All metal, die-struck 1/2" square with polished raised letters and military clutch back. \$5.85ppd. Check to Ch. L, 1400 Cedar Point Rd, Lagrange, KY 40031. [marthahe23@hotmail.com](mailto:marthahe23@hotmail.com)


 **Fold-up totes**, embroidered pocket, \$28. Info/order at <http://bit.ly/fxtotes>. FX/KS





 **Daisy magnets** for car, mailbox and frig! Round, 7" white & yellow daisy w/ P.E.O. in center. \$11 ea + \$5.60 for shipping 1-10 magnets. Ch AN, c/o Monica Johnson, 107 Glenn Burnie Dr. Easley, SC 29642, buffjohns@aol.com

**P.E.O. Songs** by Peggy Peppers for chapter, reciprocity, or convention programs; 12 full print songs in binder, \$13 (spring sale) ppd: Ch. AW, Dottie VanHoesen, 4611 Arcola Pl. Lakeland, FL 33801; 863-665-5796


**P.E.O. stationery** with hand-painted marguerite on 20 sheets of linen (8 ½ x 5 ½) paper and 20 envelopes. \$14 ppd. Make check out to P.E.O. Chapter HZ, Sandra McFayden, 3652 Old Olympic Hwy, Port Angeles, WA 98362. 360-452-4760 SandieLee@olympen.com.

 **P.E.O. tote bag!** Embroidered P.E.O. in white, with yellow rhinestone accents on 600 denier black tote bag, 14" x 15" x 1.25". \$20 ppd, payable to Ch. D/RI, Betsy Fitzgerald, 11C Vicksburg Pl, Newport, RI, 02840 or BetsFitz43@aol.com.

 **New eyeglass/computer**  
Cleaning cloth from durable microfiber. Cleans glasses, phones & computers. Daisies or fall tree 5 3/4 square. \$6 each, add \$1 P/H up to 4 cloths. Checks to Chapter HX, c/o Ann Thomas, 8432 Newcombe St, Arvada, CO 80005

 **Love binds us** luggage tag 4 ¼ x 2 ½" yellow w/white daisy \$8 ppd. Payable Ch Q, c/o Eline McCain, 5214 E Goldwater Dr, Yuma, AZ 85365. (928-580-7434).

**Amazing magnetic marguerite**  
pin guard. 1,200 sold already. Same fine product. \$11 includes S/H. Contact Wendy Dooly, 2800 S Waldron Rd. Fort Smith, AR 72903. Make checks payable to Ch AD.


 **Pashminas/shawls** embroidered with P.E.O. daisies. The pashmina is of a soft, light-weight material perfect for wrapping up at convention, traveling/vacations, etc. Available in lt sage, black, soft white & soft yellow. Hand wash. Made of viscose & acrylic. Price: \$22 + \$5 s/h ea. For ordering info, email Ch CR/NC at ncpeocr@gmail.com.

 **Yellow 4GB USB** Flash Drive with our P.E.O. logo. \$10 + S/H. Email Ch Z for order form. NVchapterZ@yahoo.com.

 **Elegant Emblem holder,**  
magnetic, with engraved star, name, chapter letters and state \$12. Name and star only \$10. Can be made in a pin-back. All sales to the P.E.O. projects! Email Debbie at corkdeb@aol.com for more info. Ch HZ, St Louis, MO.

## 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.peochapterhouseidaho.org) or call 208-459-3552.

## Books

 **Sisters in the Kitchen**  
Cookbook – Over 300 of our favorite recipes — Perfect gift for officers, initiates, friends, family or your kitchen—\$19.00 ppd to - Ch. FE, Diane Golden, 2525 E. Schrock Rd, Waterloo, IA 50701-Reduced prices for multiple books—email [jndgolden@gmail.com](mailto:jndgolden@gmail.com).

**400+ Recipes!** Classy gift, cookbook of sisters' favorites. Hard cover, 3-ring, indexed, OR coast Ch. GB \$15 ppd [nanjfitz@gmail.com](mailto:nanjfitz@gmail.com).

**Sisters Sharing a Taste of Heaven**—cookbook of over 300 midwestern recipes. \$12.50 ea plus \$5 S&H. Ch FP-Jackie Runyan, 3 Antilles Dr, St Joseph, MO 64506, 816-387-3038. Jackie. [runyan@att.net](mailto:runyan@att.net)

# TECH TIP

## Basics of Twitter

### Ten Q&As to get you more familiar with Twitter

**Twitter is a service for friends, family and coworkers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent messages. People post Tweets, which may contain photos, videos, links and up to 140 characters of text. These messages are posted to your profile, sent to your followers and are searchable on Twitter search (pending your privacy settings).**

In a snapshot, nearly 25 percent of online adults use Twitter and it is particularly popular among those under 50 and the college-educated.

You can access Twitter from your computer at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) or by downloading the app on your smart phone.

#### What's a Tweet?

A Tweet is any message posted to Twitter which may contain photos, videos, links and up to 140 characters of text. Once you've signed up, just type your first Tweet in the update box. Twitter even counts the characters for you!

#### Why 140 characters?

Twitter likes to keep things short and sweet! Back when Twitter first launched, text messages via cell phones were limited to 140 characters. While things have evolved, the 140 characters has become part of Twitter's identity.

#### How do I find people to follow?

When you create an account, you can search for people by name or @username, import friends from other networks, or invite friends via email.

Recommended P.E.O. accounts to follow include P.E.O. International and International Chapter Executive Board.

@PEOSisterhood  
@PEOICP  
@PEOIC1VP  
@PEOIC2VP  
@PEOICORG  
@PEOICRECSEC  
@CotteyCollege



#### What does it mean to follow someone on Twitter?

Following someone means you've chosen to subscribe to their Twitter updates. When you follow someone, every time they post a new message, it will appear on your Twitter home page.

#### Who reads my updates?

Your followers read your Tweets. If your Tweets are public, anyone who runs a search for a keyword in your Tweet may be able to see that message. Your Tweets are public by default; if you're hesitant to have people you may not know read your updates, protect your Tweets to approve followers and keep your updates out of search. You can do this by managing your settings.

#### What are replies?

If a message begins with @username, meaning it was directed to another user, it is a reply. Click the Reply button on another person's Tweet to reply to it. Please note that if your

**Already tweeting? Follow P.E.O. International @PEOSisterhood and use #PEOSisterhood anytime you tweet about the Sisterhood!**

#### How do I know who I'm following?

After you click the Follow button on someone's profile, you're following them. See a list of people you're following by clicking on the following link on your profile page or on your home page's sidebar.

#### How do I know who is following me?

Twitter sends you an email when someone new follows you. Set up your email preferences to notify you when you have a new follower. The Followers link on your profile page or home page's sidebar will also tell you who is following you.

Tweets are protected, users who are not following you will not see your replies or mentions.

#### What are Direct Messages?

Direct Messages are private messages sent from one Twitter user to other Twitter users; they do not appear in public for anyone else to read. You can only send a Direct Message to a person or a group of people who follows you.

#### What's a Retweet (RT)?

A Retweet is a Tweet that you forward to your followers.

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Kate Westercamp,  
Digital Communication Specialist



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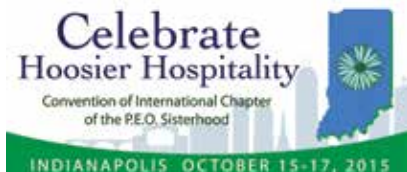
## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATES

### Good News for Sunday Early Bird Departures from Indy Convention

**For those of you who  
have a flight before 8 a.m.  
on Sunday, October 18:**

A special \$10 shuttle service has been arranged by GO Express for people flying out before 8 a.m. The shuttle is just \$10 and will begin at 3:49 a.m. The shuttle will provide service every half hour consistent with the normal service. For more information please visit [convention.peointernational.org](http://convention.peointernational.org).

The regular shuttle will continue, of course, for the remainder of the day and can be reserved here: [goexpresstravel.com](http://goexpresstravel.com)



Those wanting to take advantage of this service must make a reservation on their own. **Early bird service is different from the normal 8 a.m.-11 p.m. shuttle and can only be found on the P.E.O. convention website.** For all others traveling during normal business hours please visit [www.goexpresstravel.com](http://www.goexpresstravel.com)

We appreciate the extra effort GO Express has taken to make this arrangement possible for our P.E.O. group.

## Judy and Glenn Rogers Fine Arts Building Dedication

Many members and Cottey alumnae have been asking about when the Judy and Glenn Rogers Fine Arts Building will be dedicated. We're excited about the upcoming dedication of this building, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015, at 10 a.m. Be sure to check the What's New section of our website for more details. It will be a special event!



## NEW FORM: Notice of Member in Your Area

The previous "Notice of Member Moving" form has been replaced with a "Notice of Member in Your Area" form. Use this form to introduce members who are moving to a new area as well as lineal descendants who live a distance from their chapter. This new form is available on the website under **Local Chapter Forms/Corresponding Secretary**.

## Membership Tool Box

Visit the online membership toolbox, which has been reorganized to help you find specific membership-related resources more easily. Click on the red tool box for local chapter materials.



## 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/province/district chapter (s/p/d) and should be sent directly to your s/p/d treasurer or paid assistant. Chapter gifts are not tax deductible.
- 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.

**Mail:** Membership Dept., P.E.O. Executive Office  
3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312-2899  
**Fax:** The P.E.O. Record, 515-255-3820  
**Call:** 800-343-4921 (automated line available 24 hours  
a day. May not be available in all areas of Canada.)  
**Email:** [membership@peodsm.org](mailto:membership@peodsm.org)  
**Web:** [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) (click on address change form)

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## Address or Name Change (please print)

Chapter letter(s) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Date address effective \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Street or box address \_\_\_\_\_

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