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Go Team!

Springtime has a special meaning for P.E.O. It holds new beginnings for many aspects of our P.E.O. life, plus it is a time of transition for all local chapters.

“Thank you!” to the more than 41,000 P.E.O.s who are entering positions of leadership in the nearly 6,000 local chapters in our 50 states, the District of Columbia and six Canadian provinces. We all say thank you for saying “yes” to a commitment to serve P.E.O. in leadership roles. In doing so, you are contributing to the vitality of your own chapter, your state, province or district chapter and our sisterhood. Your dedication will help guide our almost quarter million P.E.O. members to new achievements in the coming biennium.

We also express our “thanks” to those officers and committee chairs who have recently passed the gavels to their successors. It is your commitment and dedication that has brought our sisterhood through changing times and has helped position our organization to carry on with the determination evidenced by our Founders more than 140 years ago. We appreciate you and your commitment to P.E.O.

Critical to our overall goals for the coming biennium are the members of your chapter who have accepted the responsibility of chairing chapter committees. Committees fulfill the business and social needs of chapter life and the educational committees are the links to P.E.O. philanthropy knowledge and support. Project chairmen have the important responsibility of enlightening chapter members about each of our philanthropic programs, encouraging financial efforts and identifying quality recipients. The P.E.O. philanthropies have led to more than \$100 million in educational funding for deserving women over the most recent decade. Each of you is vital to the public focus of P.E.O. and the women we champion.

Chapter delegates to state, provincial and district conventions have also been elected to represent chapter members at annual conventions. It is a privilege and honor to be a delegate to your annual convention.

I encourage you to avail yourself of this experience and gain a larger and deeper appreciation of P.E.O. and its accomplishments. You will always find a gracious welcome, enjoy good fellowship, learn about the bigger picture of P.E.O. and gain true inspiration. Your chapter report will inform and challenge others to want to share a convention experience and rededication to P.E.O.



In the words of Mary Allen Stafford: “It has been my privilege to attend local chapters, state conventions and several Supreme Chapter conventions of our sisterhood. In all these, I have found not only the most lofty ideals of womanhood, but also the most loving loyalty to the true spirit of sisterhood ever characterizing our organization from its beginning. It is this that gives me implicit faith that we shall ever continue to be sisters in the largest and most loving sense and shall forget self, and selfishness, in our service and devotion for the good of others.”

Your leadership can inspire chapter members to invest in the future and honor their commitment to P.E.O. Honoring our commitment to P.E.O. encourages us to set goals that will strengthen chapter membership, build meaningful chapter life, increase financial support to our educational philanthropies, inspire interesting and educational chapter programming and encourage attendance and participation. Invest in the future of your chapter and commit to it with your own vitality and enthusiasm!

Team P.E.O.—you make winners of deserving women around the world. Congratulations to you!

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

Susan

Susan Reese Sellers,
President, International Chapter

Thank you to all who have served as local, state, provincial and district chapter officers and committee members during the past year. Congratulations to those who have been elected to lead in the new P.E.O. year. We wish you great success as you invest in the future of our sisterhood.

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



P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund

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



P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship

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



P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education

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



P.E.O. Scholar Awards

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



P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

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



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

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

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

PCE Comes Full Circle

Several years ago, Anne Bird, one of my P.E.O. sisters, brought Teresa Missel's name to our chapter as a possible PCE candidate.

Teresa was married with two young children and had a full-time job. For some time she had felt a calling to become a nurse.

Teresa enrolled in the nursing program at Trocaire College. Soon after Teresa began her studies, her husband Don was laid off from his job. Don and Teresa decided that she should continue her nursing degree.

Chapter BS submitted applications for a PCE grant and an ELF loan. Teresa was approved for both the grant and the loan and she continued her studies. The members of Chapter BS helped with encouragement and support and Teresa graduated in 2005.



Teresa Missel and Anne Bird

Teresa began her career in nursing by working in a hospital and then a school for the deaf. She also worked as a school nurse. Teresa began to feel that she was being called to do a specialized type of nursing—she became a hospice nurse and takes care of hospice patients in their homes.

PCE came full circle when Teresa cared for Anne Bird's husband

Charles in the last days of his life. On the day that Charles was transferred to hospice, Teresa was there to kiss him and to tell him that she loved him. That is a moment Anne will never forget.

*Pat Burgess, BS,
Orchard Park, New York*



From the left: Janet Jennison; Janet Abrahamson, CN, Racine, Wisconsin; Janet Ziegler, DC, Oxford, Ohio

P.E.O. Hat Magnet

As I prepared to go on a Road Scholar trip (educational travel and learning vacations for adults) out west in September, I decided to take my P.E.O. hat. On the first day of our trip, I donned my hat as we visited the Valley of Fire, just north of Las Vegas. Within minutes, two different gals, both named Janet, came up to me and introduced themselves as my sisters. It was really neat! At Bryce Canyon, I had a picture taken of the three of us. That P.E.O. hat was truly a "magnet." Get yourself a hat and wear it whenever you travel. It really works and you will possibly meet some very nice people!

*Janet Jennison, BB,
Rochester, New York*

Sisters Helping Sisters

For a project fundraiser every fall, our chapter, AG, Minot, North Dakota, clears and wipes tables at Hostfest, which is a large Scandinavian festival. At the time of Hostfest, Minot was still recovering from a flood which damaged or destroyed more than 4,000 homes and displaced about 10,000 people. As one could imagine, finding enough workers for Hostfest was a challenge.

Our sisters from Chapter Q in Park River (about 200 miles from Minot) contacted us to see if they could help us in any way. They decided to help with the fundraiser at Hostfest. BILs even came along to help! We also contacted Chapter L from Kenmare (about 45 miles away) and Chapter BD from Bottineau (about 90 miles away) and they also came to help.

We had a wonderful time working with and getting to know our sisters from Chapters Q, L and BD. It was truly a situation where our Objects and Aims apply "to do all we can, at all times and under all circumstances to express a loving concern for each sister."

We are so thankful for their love and support.

*Jackie Lamont, AG,
Minot, North Dakota*



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March

IS INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCE YOUR DAUGHTERS TO P.E.O. MONTH

Start a conversation at your next chapter meeting about ways you can introduce your daughters to P.E.O. (Remember, daughters and lineal descendants can be presented for membership regardless of their geographic residence. Reference: P.E.O. Constitution Part III Article VI, Section 2.)

- Invite daughters to upcoming programs and social activities
- Host a party for graduating seniors
- Host a mother-daughter fashion show as a fundraiser

For more information and suggestions for fun programs and activities, please download **"Introducing Our Daughters to P.E.O."** and **Hot Spot—Introduce Your Daughters**, located in the online Membership Tool Box.

P.E.O. is a generational organization and a wonderful legacy of sisterhood, leadership and philanthropy. To offer our daughters possible membership in P.E.O. is to share a lifetime of meaningful support and friendship. So whether your daughters are 5 or 55, find ways to introduce them to P.E.O.!

Above, clockwise from top left: Diana Brockmann and daughter Kristin Jansen, Chapter R, Kokomo, Indiana; Gail Haugland and daughter Rebecca Legamario, Chapter AY, Phoenix, Arizona; Vera Lee Gerhardt and daughter Stephanie Schaaf, Chapter CW, Sierra Vista, Arizona; Lisa Ross Todd and daughter Tiffany Todd Creason, Chapter R, Kokomo, Indiana; Jessica Grahek (daughter of Theresa Grahek), Katie Carriker (daughter of Laura Carriker), Haley Dursky (daughter of Jill Dursky), IO, Oskaloosa, Iowa

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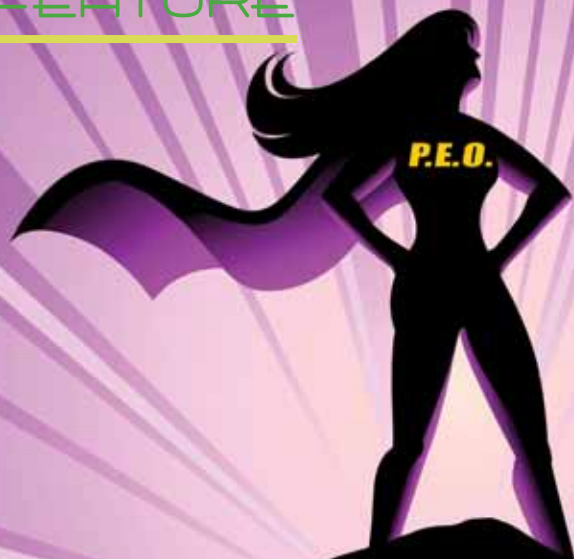


P.E.O. Foundation 50th Anniversary Celebration Ends on a Successful Note

Thanks to the chapters and individuals who participated in this special celebration, we are thrilled to announce that \$191,744.62 was donated to the 50th Anniversary Fund.

To underscore the impact of your generous support for this Fund, each of our six International projects will receive an additional \$31,957.44. We are proud that the Foundation can assist P.E.O.s and our projects to help women achieve their educational goals, and we are thrilled to distribute this additional funding to them.

Congratulations to the P.E.O. Foundation on the past 50 years of growth and service to our sisterhood! Here's to the next 50 years!



STRENGTHENING Member Relations

by Debbie Clason, Coordinator of Membership Development

There's no question P.E.O. has come a long way since that historic day at Iowa Wesleyan. Our Founders were forward-thinking, purposeful young women—yet their intent was simply to create a society worthy of the deep and abiding friendship they enjoyed with each other. Today, the P.E.O. Sisterhood includes 360,000 initiated members. 240,000 of us enjoy active membership; however, 119,000 sisters

have chosen inactive status. They account for 33 percent of our total initiated membership.

In 2010, initiations rose by 7 percent and reinstatements by 8 percent. In December 2011, initiations were trending 4 percent—and reinstatements 7 percent—above 2010 levels. We are doing a good job of introducing P.E.O. to like-minded women and reclaiming our inactive sisters.

Unfortunately, the percentage of members choosing inactive status is also increasing. Last year, more than 7,500 sisters chose inactive status, a 2 percent increase from the previous year. That's a staggering statistic, which should give every good P.E.O. pause. We choose our members carefully. Our intention is for every member to enjoy a lifetime of loving concern from others who have also taken our vows.

Each newly inactive member receives a personal letter from the P.E.O. Executive Office. Many respond to these letters, citing reasons for going inactive—you may have read 10 of the most common reasons given in the January-February issue of The P.E.O. Record. Knowing why our members are choosing inactive status is the first step toward improving the situation. The second step is asking what we can do to prevent it.

As a Chapter

- 1. Practice good preacceptance counseling.** Do your best to inform prospective members about P.E.O. and our expectations BEFORE they accept our invitation to membership. Use the Counsel for Membership materials in the president's supplies, or download the PowerPoint presentations located in the Counsel for Membership panel of the Local Chapter Membership Tool Box on the P.E.O. website. This will help eliminate the "P.E.O. isn't for me" response from some newly inactive sisters.
- 2. Conduct postinitiation counseling.** Initiation is a beautiful ceremony and we give our new members a lot of information in the process. Schedule a postinitiation counseling session with each new member and share the information in the Counsel for Membership printed booklet or online PowerPoint presentation.
- 3. Assign mentors** for new initiates, transfers and reinstated members. A three-year mentoring plan is available in the Resource Documents panel of the

Membership Tool Box. Use it as a template to create an individual mentoring plan for your chapter.

4. Send timely dues notices.

Many of our inactive sisters don't realize their membership dues have lapsed. Help reduce the number of unintentional inactives by sending timely dues notices. Your chapter can adopt a bylaw to provide for a sister with a sensitive financial issue. Information on how to word this bylaw and the steps required to amend your local chapter bylaws can be found on the Membership home page of the P.E.O. website, entitled Helping a Sister with Dues.

- 5. Connect regularly with nonparticipating members, unaffiliates, nonresident and inactive sisters.** Newsletters and emails are nice, but it's more sisterly to contact these members personally. Share the responsibility of staying connected to these sisters with your participating members. Consider asking each participating member to draw the name of an absent member with whom to make a personal contact. During the next Suggestions for the Good of the Chapter, share what you've learned about these inactive members and brainstorm about what you can do as a chapter to help them become active members again.
- 6. Plan inclusive activities for all members of your chapter.** Be creative in the way you plan chapter activities, offering opportunities for all members to form strong friendships with each of her chapter sisters.

Individually

We should challenge ourselves and our sisters to be engaged members of P.E.O. by attending meetings, serving as officers, giving programs and hosting meetings. Here are a few other ways each sister can personally invest in the future of P.E.O. membership.

- 1. Commit to introducing at least one friend to P.E.O. this year.**
- 2. Fill out a P.E.O. Wish.** Tell your family about P.E.O. and why it's important for you to remain an active member until you enter Chapter Eternal.
- 3. Attend convention.** Invite a new member to attend with you. Convention activities give members the "big picture" of P.E.O.—and nothing can compare to listening to the heartfelt stories of our project recipients!
- 4. Make an effort to know every member of your chapter.** Some members who choose inactive status do so because they felt left out. Forming friendships with all members of your chapter makes everyone feel included and welcome.
- 5. Pay your dues on time.** Even when you cannot participate fully in chapter life, you can continue to support P.E.O. by paying your dues.

Since 1869, we've created five philanthropies through which we've provided more than \$210 million to women all over the world, and become stewards of a women's college which has provided a solid liberal arts education to more than 8,900 young women. We've accomplished a lot, yet there is so much more we can do; together we can do great things. 🌸



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750-foot Star Dune rises below the 14,000-foot Crestone Peaks

Great Sand Dunes Loom Large in P.E.O.

by Dorothy Crockett, AE, Sandy, Utah, and Becky Frazier, Editor, *The P.E.O. Record*

The Great Sand Dunes in Colorado are a natural phenomenon located at an elevation of more than 8,000 feet at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The dunes themselves reach heights of up to 750 feet—the highest dunes in North America—and cover an area of approximately 55 square miles.



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Elk at Big Spring Creek near the Dunes

They are unique because they arise from a rich agricultural section of the San Luis Valley, which includes a disappearing stream called Medano Creek, which can be half a mile wide in the spring and gone with no trace by fall. The Dunes comprise the largest inland area of shifting sand in the Western Hemisphere and are part of a unique ecosystem that is home to six insect species found nowhere else in the world. The Sand Dunes have been given various names including Mountains of Moaning Sand, Colorado's Sahara and the Desert of Hissing Sands. The "hissing" description comes from the ghost-like sounds made by swiftly moving particles of sand as they are blown about by boisterous winds—and are there even when there is but a gentle breeze.

The Dunes, when viewed from a distance, have the appearance of low-lying hills, but are like great waves of a tan ocean.

You're probably wondering what any of this has to do with P.E.O.... how could our sisterhood be connected to this extraordinary national landmark? You may be surprised to learn that this area might not have been preserved if not for a visionary P.E.O. chapter.

Then

At a P.E.O. meeting of Chapter V, Monte Vista, Colorado, in June 1930, Elizabeth Spencer presented a program on the Great Sand Dunes, located down the road from Monte Vista. She stressed the uniqueness of the Dunes and also noted the archeological and historical importance of the area where

Folsom Indians hunted and camped near the Dunes 10,000 to 15,000 years before—during the Stone Age. Spanish explorers and later members of Lewis and Clarks’ expedition discovered the area.

Worried that miners, who were sifting the sand for gold, would destroy the land, Elizabeth proposed to her chapter that they campaign to have this unique area designated a National Monument to save and

protect it for future generations. The chapter enthusiastically agreed. A committee was formed with Elizabeth as chair and included past state president Myrtle Woods and past state treasurer and corresponding secretary Martha Jean Corlett. Other chapters were asked to assist and they began the monumental task of informing the public, enlisting the aid of local citizens and politicians. Martha’s husband was the former

Right: Panorama from Star Dune
Below: Hiker in Dunefield



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NPS Photo

lieutenant governor of Colorado and donated his time and talent in helping to prepare the original petition which was presented to the Colorado Legislature, passed by both houses and then presented in Washington, D.C. An inspection of the Sand Dunes followed in February 1931 and on March 17, 1932, the President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, proclaimed the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, just the 36th site to be designated as a national monument. In 2001, the Great Dunes were designated a national park. In 2004, Congress extended national park status to the entire natural geologic and hydrologic system of the dunes, including the alpine watershed, creeks, grasslands, sand sheet and wetlands. The area continues to provide a site for recreation, study and awe...and it all started because of a P.E.O. program!

And Now

The Great Sand Dunes are still a place of significance for Chapter V.

President Pam Self says her chapter has held many meetings at the Great Sand Dunes. On September 8, 2001, when the Great Sand Dunes National Monument officially celebrated its new designation as a National Park, Chapter V was there. At that time, the chapter donated all of the original 1930s P.E.O. documents to the Sand Dunes museum for archival display.

Most recently, on April 30, 2011, Chapter V celebrated its centennial anniversary at the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Along with members from chapters throughout the San Luis Valley and some state officers, the chapter enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship at the Sand Dunes Visitor Center. Pam said, "Our chapter members were able to appreciate the hard work of our sisters from the '30s by viewing the handsome displays about P.E.O. at the Visitor Center."

Pam continued, "I know that a lot of our chapter members enjoy the Sand Dunes with their families. I take my children there at least four times a year; in the spring a trip to the

Sand Dunes is a must—my kids play at the beach when Medano Creek is running with water. We also make trips to the park to hike to the top of the high dune."

P.E.O.s in other nearby Colorado communities also have a special place in their hearts for the Sand Dunes. Libbie Landreth lives in Mosca, Colorado, and is a nonresident member of Chapter EA, Lawrence, Kansas. She calls the Dunes a "unique and environmentally diverse area." Not only has Libbie been a P.E.O. for 40 years—she has been a national park ranger at the Great Sand Dunes for more than 30 years. She says, "As a P.E.O. and



Photo by Zapata Ranch

Right: Three mama bison with babies near the Dunes

Below: A field of slender spiderflower where bison roam near the Dunes



Photo by Zapata Ranch



Photo by Zapata Ranch

Lodge at Zapata Ranch

a national park ranger, it is an honor to be part of both organizations.”

Lucy Adams, DP, Alamosa, Colorado, is currently president of Friends of the Dunes—a non-profit citizen’s support group for Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. According to the Great Sand Dunes website, Friends of the Dunes provide a forum for citizen involvement in planning decisions, focus public interest on issues and need and provide volunteer and financial aid for projects beyond the scope of the park’s budget. Lucy calls the Dunes her “little spot of magic” and says she’s been enchanted with the area since the first time she saw the Dunes in the early ’60s.

Thanks to those forward-thinking, conservation-minded P.E.O.s from the ’30s, the unspoiled natural beauty of the Great Sand Dunes has been preserved for not only generations of P.E.O.s—past, present and future—but for tourists and nature-lovers from all over the world. Every year, the Great Sand Dunes Park gets about 300,000 visitors. Who knows what would have become of this unique piece of American land if not for P.E.O. Elizabeth Spencer and Chapter V? 🌸

Zapata Ranch

Though not from the San Luis Valley, P.E.O.s Lisa Leach, EZ, Richardson, Texas, and Phyllis Nutting, DT, Green Valley, Arizona, are quite familiar with the area and the Great Sand Dunes. Lisa’s son (Phyllis’ grandson), David Leach, is the marketing director at Zapata Ranch, a 103,000 acre working bison and cattle ranch that borders Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The ranch is part of a large plot of land owned by The Nature Conservancy. The oldest structure on the ranch dates to 1876; it, and other structures on the ranch dating from that era, are on the National Register of Historic Places. The lodge, built in the 1800s, has been remodeled with modern amenities; visitors can eat a gourmet meal, get a massage or soak in a hot tub with a view of the Great Sand Dunes.

“There are not many Nature Conservancies where you can stay,” said David. Besides working ranch experiences and bison tours, visitors can enjoy taking guided horseback rides and hiking through the Dunes. Sledding down the Dunes is a popular activity for kids of all ages. The Ranch is a haven for birders and other nature lovers and is also a magnet for photographers, artists and filmmakers.

Lisa says, “At the ranch, they want you to experience a back-to-nature feel. It’s like stepping back in time to be able to watch (or help with) ranching bison. I think it would appeal to every generation to visit.”

She continued, “It’s incredible—to me it’s mind-boggling that there are these sand dunes amidst the mountains. The vistas are incredible—absolutely beautiful. It sounds like the Dunes wouldn’t have been protected and made a national park if P.E.O. sisters hadn’t stepped in. I love that!”



Photo by Zapata Ranch

Zapata Ranch offers guided horseback rides through the Dunes

P.E.O. Spirit Shines Through B&B

by Jean Dettloff, KA, San Luis Obispo, California

BRIDGES . . . Links from Here to There

Bridges . . . Our links, our connectors,
from here to there
they bid us to come.

Bridges . . . From old to new,
Sister to Sister,
generation to generation,
dreams to goals.

Led by the Star, we venture forth to cross
over, discovering the wonder and excitement . . .
of the other side.

—Carolyn Voss, KA,
San Luis Obispo, California

The above poem was written by Carolyn Voss, president of California Chapter KA, San Luis Obispo, as her theme for 2010-2011. Little did she know at the time what would transpire... the bringing of the real spirit, purpose and love of P.E.O. into our midst.

On the other side of this “bridge” were two young P.E.O.s attending the University of Nebraska medical school, pursuing degrees in physical therapy. Andrea Bowen and Kelsey Roberts were preparing to continue their education and were assigned to the central coast of California as interns in sports physical therapy. Housing needed to be secured and Andrea, at the suggestion of her P.E.O. mother-in-law, decided to contact Chapter KA regarding the possibility of a stay at their P.E.O. bed and breakfast for at least part of their time in California.

Andrea and Kelsey didn’t expect to find a place where they could stay together but of course they thought that would be nice. As word spread

through the chapter, our newest member at that time, Barbara Rehborg, quickly responded with her enthusiastic desire to host both girls—each with her own room! Barbara, at 83, is filled with P.E.O. spirit and love, as well as a huge heart, so this arrangement was one of those “it was meant to be” experiences—truly, P.E.O. at work!

Kelsey, from Lexington, Nebraska, is a member of Chapter GR and a fourth generation P.E.O. Andrea lives in Omaha, Nebraska, and is a member of Chapter GM. Both young ladies expressed their love and appreciation of P.E.O.—the human and personal touch, and their admiration of Barbara’s “leap of faith” in taking them both in. They loved being in the San Luis Obispo area, enjoyed attending Chapter KA meetings and explored as much as



Kelsey Roberts, Barbara Rehborg and Andrea Bowen

possible. Barbara reported that she herself learned to love the area even more through the girls and their interests. Barbara, a retired nurse, Andrea and Kelsey also enjoyed countless conversations centered on the medical profession. When Barbara celebrated her 83rd birthday, Andrea and Kelsey surprised her with a special dinner and a unique cake from a local bakery.

Chapter KA thinks of this as an especially warm story of P.E.O.'s

purpose—with education as the tie bringing two students across the bridge from Nebraska to California, to continue their pursuit of advanced degrees, benefiting from P.E.O. bed and breakfast as a home away from home, while contributing to their host chapter's ability to further goals of many others who are also crossing bridges in their educational goals. Add to that all the new friendships and loving bonds that were formed and it certainly

became an inspirational experience.

When the time came for Andrea and Kelsey to return to Nebraska, it was sad to say good-bye, yet Chapter KA is grateful for the opportunity to have made a difference in the lives of two very special young P.E.O.s, who crossed over that bridge from “here to there,” who furthered their educational goals with the help of P.E.O. and Chapter KA, and who left us all with a refreshed and loving warmth of our sisterhood. 🌸

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

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

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



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

- Our six philanthropies
- The P.E.O. Foundation
- How to nominate prospective recipient candidates
- Online ordering of P.E.O. jewelry
- Interactive games for projects and programs
- Advice tailored to both small and large chapter issues
- Guides for membership
- PowerPoint presentations
- Founders' recipes
- P.E.O. history
- Newsletters
- Forms
- Tool boxes
- Videos
- Downloadable P.E.O. graphics and music
- Program ideas
- Training guidelines for new officers
- How to contact local and state officers
- Templates for P.E.O. letterhead and business cards
- Guides about how to work with the media
- Ideas to promote P.E.O.
- Software to create and print local chapter yearbooks
- Access to state and chapter websites

P.E.O.s CLOWNING Around

While P.E.O.s are focused on the important (often serious) business of “helping women reach for the stars” through higher education, they also recognize the value of making time for fun. Two P.E.O.s who take clowning around “seriously”—and literally—are Adeline Keehan, PD, Caremont, Colorado, and Harriet Van Riper Smith, DY, Florence, Oregon. Both women took classes in clowning, created unique clown

characters and use their talents to entertain people in their community.

Since ancient Greece, the playful light-hearted performances of clowns have been appreciated and held in high esteem. In true P.E.O. spirit, Adeline and Harriet use their clowning skills to spread joy and bring healing to their audiences—whether that audience is children, church groups, hospital patients or their P.E.O. sisters.

“It is meat and drink to me to see a clown.”
—William Shakespeare



Adeline Keehan

Adeline Keehan

A 25-year member of P.E.O., Adeline has served as president and chaplain of her chapter. She's served on the hospitality committee and for many years was in charge of creating her chapter's directory. She says, “I love P.E.O. When you belong, you get involved. It's as simple as that.”

Adeline has performed several times as Bella, her clown character, for Chapter PD and plans to do so again soon for recent initiates who haven't yet seen her perform. Adeline says she has 10 different programs, which change according to season. At Christmastime she was invited to give a program at a neighboring P.E.O. chapter. There Bella tap danced to Christmas songs.

Adeline says, “P.E.O. is such a congenial, warm group of ladies. We have a lot of fun together. Because we're active we don't always just get together for meetings—we do many extracurricular activities—we go to the theater and go on tours. And we always have wonderful programs.”



Bella and Jingles

Excerpted from Inter Valley Health Plan's "InterView," Pomona, California

Adeline Keehan's journey as a clown began in 1980, when her church sponsored her to attend an intense summer class in clowning at the University of California at Berkeley. Adeline emerged, diploma in hand, as "Bella," a certified clown. "Upon registration, your face becomes your personal property," says Adeline. "And with that, you feel a strong sense of responsibility." She explains that each element of her makeup has a meaning. For example, the heart on her right cheek stands for love of people and entertaining, while her blue eyebrows signify humility. And she always puts on her "face" in front of her audience, followed by her wig, then her costume.

All told, her program may include miming, singing, signing, tap and hula dancing, tuned bells and guitar. Plus she performs magic as well as ventriloquism with her puppet, Jingles. For Adeline, it is the intrinsic rewards of being "Bella" and bringing joy to others that mean the most.

**"A clown is like aspirin,
only he works twice as fast."**

—Groucho Marx

"One of my most profound moments as Bella was at a convalescent home," relates Adeline. "A nurse warned me about going into a particular patient's room. She said

the woman had given up and was non-responsive." Adeline, however, decided to peek her head into the woman's room. "I took it as a positive step when she didn't throw anything at me," says Adeline. "Then she made a motion with her hand for me to come in. When I did, I saw that tears were rolling down her face. She told me that her dad had taken her to the circus as a child and that she had always loved clowns."

Originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Adeline met and married her first husband on the campus of the University of New Mexico. The couple then moved to Chicago, just in time for the birth of their first daughter. "I remember saying I would go back to school when she was two and could go

to nursery school," said Adeline. "Ironically, I ended up saying the same thing with our second and third daughters."

Eventually, the couple returned to Albuquerque and Adeline enrolled in the University of New Mexico where she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree. Ultimately, the young family made their new home in California, where she achieved her

teaching credential from the University of La Verne.

Retired since 1991, Adeline was a fourth-grade teacher for 25 years. And in each of her classes, she shared the joy of clowning with her students. "I let them develop their own special designs, such as flowers, hearts and thunderbolts," she says. "The funny thing was that every child ended up with a face just like mine!"

One of Adeline's greatest passions is her family, which includes her three daughters—Debra, Roberta and Pamela—all elementary school teachers. She also has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A true "Renaissance" woman, Adeline writes poetry, dabbles at painting and drawing and enjoys Tai Chi. She continues to entertain (as Bella, often with Jingles at her side) at convalescent homes, clubs, church groups and hospitals for children and veterans.

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Harriet Van Riper Smith



Harriet Van Riper Smith

Harriet has been a member of P.E.O. for 20 years. About belonging to P.E.O. she says, "I like the association with women who are involved in the community. I've made friends that I never would have met if I wasn't a P.E.O. sister."

Harriet once gave a program to her chapter, introducing them to what clowning is all about—she showed them her costume and how she makes up her face. "They were delighted," she said. "People who find out about it [Harriet's clowning] are interested and many who have seen my performances say, 'I wish you would do that again.'"

*by Stephanie Begley-Smith, DY,
Florence, Oregon*

Harriet Van Riper Smith is a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Yale University Divinity School. In addition to her theological training, Harriet took courses in creative clowning, mime and hospital chaplaincy. Humor's role in healing was one of her special interests. Harriet also attended the Sacred Heart Clinical Pastoral Education Program in Phoenix, Arizona, to qualify for clowning.

Harriet's BIL, Dick Smith, served 22 years as the executive for the Presbyterian Church in Arizona and New Mexico. Harriet and Dick were brainstorming for Dick's report at his annual meeting. They decided on the theme "Send in the Clowns."

They made a costume, designed face makeup and named Harriet's clown character Happy Feet. As the song "Send in the Clowns" played, Happy Feet performed a liturgical dance with mime and clowning, bringing a unique aspect of worship and joy to Dick's report.

Since clowning was a wonderful way to bring happiness to others, Harriet performed as Happy Feet in more than 50 other church services. Happy Feet also began visiting



Happy Feet entertains residents at a nursing home

nursing homes and the homebound. Harriet fondly remembers one elderly woman in a nursing home who had never talked until she met Happy Feet. Harriet has also found pleasure providing clown entertainment to children.

Harriet says, "I feel clowning pulled together many things I've done in my life such as director of a nursery school, chaplain and modern dancer". The clown, Happy Feet, is a clown we can believe in

despite the outrageous suit and cartoonish makeup.

Harriet continues to enliven Chapter DY meetings with her wit and humor. After all, we are all "clowns" at times.

**"All the world loves a clown."
—Cole Porter**

Truly, it is the rare and special person who can put on the clown costume and have bells on her toes using magic to enrich the lives of others and produce smiles. 🌸

Supporting our International Projects—Privilege or Duty?

by Kathy Soppe, P.E.O. Director of Finance/Treasurer

Since the inception of the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund in 1907, the membership of P.E.O. has approved and embraced a total of six International Chapter philanthropic projects. These individual entities have been classified as charitable in the United States under section 501(c)(3) by the IRS, but they are unlike any other charitable organization that competes for donor support.


P.E.O. owns our six charitable projects. We own and support each and every one of these entities—including Cottey College, a fully-operational and thriving college campus! What other women's organization can claim such an accomplishment? We've also given out more than \$211 million dollars to nearly 86,000 women in student loans, scholarships, grants and awards.

P.E.O. receives no government support and only minimal corporate gifts. Unlike other charities, P.E.O. projects receive no grants from the United States or Canadian governments, and no corporate sponsorships. Our support comes from the membership of P.E.O., and their families and friends. Without this support, the projects would no longer have funding to continue with the P.E.O. charitable mission of educating women.

100 percent of contributions are awarded to recipients. For the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, and P.E.O. Scholar Awards, 100 percent of contributions received are paid out directly in loans, scholarships, grants and awards. For these projects, investment income is sufficient to cover all administrative expenses of the project. Our newest project, the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, continues to work toward this goal.

P.E.O. chapters are classified as 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations because they are organized to support the charitable mission of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Our mission is accomplished through support of our six philanthropic projects. In order to protect our group exemption with the IRS for nearly 6,000 chapters, each must exhibit this support by making the International projects the primary recipient of chapter giving.

Our P.E.O. projects can only survive and thrive with the continued support of our membership. Local chapter contributions to these projects have a direct impact on the number of women who can be helped each year and the amount that is available to award. Because our philanthropic projects depend almost entirely on P.E.O. support, every dollar counts!

So...is it a duty or a privilege to support our International Chapter projects? **The answer: Both!** 

Submission

The P.E.O. Record Needs You!

The P.E.O. Record welcomes submissions from P.E.O.s. We review and acknowledge every submission received in our office. While we cannot guarantee publication of the submissions we receive, we do strive to publish as many member submissions as space allows. Here are some guidelines to consider when preparing an article for submission.

Articles of General Interest

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

Award Winning Ideas

Innovative, unique and successful ideas for chapter wellness or fundraisers for the five projects of International Chapter.

Include:

- ★ description of fundraiser or project
- ★ photo (optional)

Authors

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

Include:

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

*Publication of books that have limited audience (e.g., self-published books and church, family, or town histories) are subject to the discretion of The Record editors. Some author entries will appear in the online version of The P.E.O. Record.

In the Spotlight

Recent accomplishments of national interest or of a significant or unique nature. Publication of such items is subject to the discretion of The Record editors.

Include:

- ★ objectively written article
- ★ photo (optional)

Project Recipient Articles

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

Chapter Anniversaries

Anniversaries of 100 years only.

Include:

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

New Chapters

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

Include:

- ★ date of organization

★ photo

★ identification of those pictured

We DO NOT publish these stories due to space constraints.

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



Guidelines



Picture Perfect

One of our biggest challenges in putting together The Record is getting high quality photos that are suitable for publication. Here are some guidelines for submitting photos to The Record.

The magic number

The Record needs digital photos approximately **2,700 pixels by 3,600 pixels in JPG or TIFF format**. Please use a digital camera with at least a 6.0 mega pixel rating. Set your camera to its highest quality setting and largest image size. When photographing a portrait, pay attention to what surrounds the subject. Be sure objects in the foreground or background do not detract from your image. Large centerpieces, passersby, parked or moving vehicles, detailed or "busy" backgrounds and patterned clothing may all detract from your subject. Make sure the lighting is good. Harsh overhead lighting or direct sunlight create unflattering shadows and may make people squint in photographs.

Please do not send:

- ★ photos printed from a home printer, scanned photos or copies of photos made with a Kodak Picture Maker® or at a copy center like Kinko's®, Copyworks®, etc.
- ★ photos clipped from newspapers, brochures, magazines or any other publications.
- ★ low resolution photos retrieved from any website or online source such as MySpace®, Facebook® or Twitter®.
- ★ low resolution photos from cell phones, copies or scans of passport photos or any other low image quality photos.
- ★ photos with the time and date or any other writing or type on them.
- ★ images formatted to any camera "raw" setting.
- ★ files saved from a camera using high compression. This degrades image quality.
- ★ photos that have been cut, cropped, penned or colored.

Tech Tips

Passwords

Many websites require users to create unique usernames and passwords to access secure information.

How does a person decide on a password? The goal is to create a password that is meaningful enough to remember while still being complex enough to make it difficult to figure out by other people or computer programs. In computer lingo, you want to create a “strong password.”

Here are some characteristics of a strong password:

- Generally, a password of at least 6 to 8 characters in length is acceptable. A short password is considered a “weak” password—the more characters the better.
- The password includes at least one from each of the following categories:
 - ◆ Uppercase letters A, B, C, D, etc.
 - ◆ Lowercase letters a, b, c, d, etc.
 - ◆ Numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
 - ◆ Symbols #,), @, ? (anything on the keyboard that isn’t a letter or number)
- The password isn’t a word that can be found in the dictionary.
- The password doesn’t contain your name or company name.

To make the process easier, think of a word or phrase that is easy for you to remember and then revise it. For example, **ilovetodance!** has a special character at the end but has too many complete words that can be found in a dictionary. Simply change some letters to uppercase and replace others with numbers and symbols—**ILuv2D@nc3!**—and it becomes a stronger password.

Rules for writing down a password are no different than writing down your social security number or other confidential information. If you must do it, don’t label it as your password and keep it in a safe place.

Many people use the same password for everything they do online—it’s just easier to remember. But that can be dangerous if a site where you are registered gets hacked or compromised, so switch up your passwords or change them regularly.

An Inherent Good in P.E.O.s

by Dave McCord, Huntsville, Alabama



Lisa, JP and Dave McCord

My wife, Lisa, has been a member of P.E.O. for several years—initiated in Chapter AY, Jacksonville, North Carolina. After moving to Virginia, she became less active because of the birth of three of our daughters in four and a half years. Additionally, I was an active duty Marine, and the frequent military moves made getting established in a local chapter somewhat challenging. Our most recent duty station was in southern Maryland, and although there were several friendly calls to join the local sisters at a Chapter AC meeting, time kept slipping away and the meetings were missed.

Well, lo and behold Lisa was pregnant again. Although she had been blessed previously with four smooth pregnancies, this one was turning out to be a little rocky.

Numerous ultrasounds revealed that our baby had developed a heart problem. Consequently, during Lisa's 23rd week of pregnancy we traveled to Children's Hospital in Boston for an in-utero surgical procedure to help correct his heart defect. The parting words of the Boston physicians were, "Now take it easy. You don't want to overdo it."

Lisa really tried to take it easy, however, our four daughters (ages 16, 5, 4 and 1)

didn't get the memo. Kids will be kids. And the daily routine starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. slowly took a toll...

Six weeks after the surgery, Lisa's water broke. Ultimately, she had to ride in two Life-Flight helicopters to get to the right hospital. Incredibly, she was able to stay pregnant for 11 more days until, on February 28, 2008, our son John Patrick (JP) was born. He was not out of the woods, however, and he had to stay in a cardiac neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for five weeks.

Throughout this time I did my best to help her as much as possible with work around the house, carpooling the kids, trying to cook, paying the bills, doing loads (and loads and loads) of laundry. We also had the help of many family friends—

one of the benefits of living in a close-knit military housing community. And, yes, P.E.O. was also there.

One of my co-workers at the military base was a Navy Lieutenant Commander. She also happened to be a member of P.E.O. Chapter AC and had frequently talked with Lisa about the chapters' activities and meetings. She was a frequent meeting-goer so when my wife's adventure began, especially her hospital stay and the weeks of back and forth to the hospital to visit my son in the NICU, she informed the chapter of what was happening and P.E.O. sprang into action!

Meals were delivered to the house, "We're thinking of you" cards were sent and prayers were said. We barely knew these ladies, but it did not matter...a P.E.O. sister needed help. And this help, unasked for and unexpected, was given wholeheartedly. Finally, when our son did come home, a brand new deluxe double stroller provided by the sisters of P.E.O. was waiting for JP and his 20-month-old sister.

The medical ups and downs surrounding our son's birth is an experience we would never want to go through again. However, this experience also showed us that there is an inherent good in P.E.O.ple, a good that causes P.E.O.ple to naturally extend a helping hand. The Sisterhood of P.E.O. does many wonderful things for others. Rest assured, while some of them may seem small or insignificant, they touch the lives of others...and that truly matters. 🌸

Winnie Brewer, Z, Titusville, Florida,



has been elected president of Pilot International. Founded in 1921, Pilot International is a volunteer service organi-

zation offering its members vast opportunities to make a positive difference in their communities and globally. Winnie has been a member of the Pilot Club since 1993 and served in several leadership positions for Pilot International. She says, "I believe in the Pilot organization, and am committed to giving my time and talents to the success of the organization."

Winnie is currently a paralegal, having worked in the legal field since 1980. She supervises a law office for a sole practitioner, practicing in the area of family law. Winnie has been blessed with four grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, bicycling and enjoying the surf and

beauty of the ocean. She travels to Costa Rica once a year to relax.

Paula Rae Heusinkveld, O, Clemson, South Carolina,



was the 2011 recipient of the Nelson Brooks Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Culture, a national honor awarded by the

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Paula accepted the award at a special ceremony at ACTFL's annual meeting held in November in Denver, Colorado. In a written statement, ACTFL praised Paula for devoting much of her professional life to improving the teaching of culture in the foreign language class. The awards committee noted especially her two books, "Inside Mexico" and "Pathways to Culture," and the numerous workshops and seminars she has presented at the state, regional and national levels. Paula is Professor Emerita of Spanish

at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

Lynn Pittenger, HR, Weeki Wachee, Florida,



was awarded the Golden Thread Award by the Embroiderers Guild of America (EGA) for the Sun Region at the National Seminar of the EGA, held

in Naples, Florida, in September. This award is presented annually to one member from each region who has consistently contributed their time, energy and skill above and beyond the norm to their chapter and fellow members. Lynn has generously shared her time and talents with her P.E.O. sisters and leads a stitching group within Chapter HR. With Lynn's guidance, the stitching group has produced several "works of art" that have been used as raffle prizes at the annual card party fundraiser. 🌸

P.E.O. Foundation

The P.E.O. Foundation reminds you that your gift to the International P.E.O. educational projects or the P.E.O. Foundation—regardless of its size or nature—will help ensure the continuance of the P.E.O. mission.

P.E.O. Day at the Races

by Nancy Donahue, XL, Arcadia, California



Grace Valentino, Vicky Winn, Claudia Richter, Gloria Henderson and Nancy Donahue

Chapter XL of Arcadia, California, is fortunate to enjoy the beautiful San Gabriel Valley area of Southern California. Our new president, Sally Sears, challenged the chapter to “Celebrate Women” through social get-togethers and fundraising activities that would help the chapter raise funds for both International and state chapter philanthropies as well as help our community to learn just what P.E.O. has to offer its citizens. As we have been asked to be part of the 2014 State Chapter Planning Board, we also have the challenge of raising funds to participate and help our sisters participate in the state chapter assignments.

We are fortunate as a chapter to be close to a world-famous race track—Santa Anita Park. Chairman Claudia Richter and her committee brought the idea of a “Day at the Races”

for the chapter’s approval. All of our sisters were soon on board and selected a theme of “A Day at the Races—We’re Off & Running....” The Santa Anita Park track has been a magnet in this area since the 1930s. It is situated at the foot of the San Gabriel Valley

Mountains and offers a stunning view on sunny days in Southern California. Many of you might remember it had a strong role in the movie “Seabiscuit.”

that way and was profitable too. We had a wonderful room overlooking the race track on a beautiful day. This was probably one of the easiest fundraisers our chapter had ever attempted. Good pre-planning allowed the committee to have a relaxing fun day. We offered a beautifully catered lunch, wonderful door prizes and even a “loser’s pool” for those who didn’t cash in a ticket. More than 75 people joined together to celebrate a social activity in a great surrounding. The day brought sisters and guests to sit at tables which offered information about “just what is P.E.O.?” We also gave out Hershey bars with wrappers talking about P.E.O. and many questions were asked and answered.

We advertised that all proceeds would go toward philanthropies

We wanted to bring our friends, relatives and neighbors together for an enjoyable, relaxing and hopefully lucky day at the races. We also wanted to spread the word about P.E.O.

It has also served as a backdrop for many other movies and TV productions over the years. The site was also a Japanese internment facility during WWII. The venue is steeped in history.

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such as the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education and Cottey College. Approximately \$2,000 was raised at the event. Our guests were excited to be part of our effort to help women in their pursuit of education.

Our sisters are looking forward to next year and are happy about the results of the efforts to bring a unique fundraising activity to our area. 🌸

Card Party

Chapter HB, Vero Beach, Florida, hosted a successful card party and luncheon. It was the chapter's first public fundraising event and profits for P.E.O. projects exceeded \$3,800. Under the leadership of Mary Jo Lorimier and Bonnie Wilson, nearly 100 percent of the chapter members participated in some fashion—whether it was inviting participants, sponsoring some of the larger costs, working in the kitchen or decorating the rented hall in a local church. Chapter



Projects display at Chapter HB's card party

members provided the card tables while new tablecloths and specially designed P.E.O. playing cards were ordered. In addition, there were favors for each player to remind them of our mission—to raise funds for the P.E.O. projects. Each attendee preregistered and paid an admission fee of \$25 per person. The 120 guests, split between a sanctioned duplicate tournament and party bridge tables, all received a catered lunch. There were fun prizes for all of the winners. Extra decks of cards were available for sale and a few door prizes generated a party atmosphere. It was encouraging to see the interest in P.E.O. and its projects. A lovely display table highlighted recent successful

project candidates. Participants and others in the community generously donated an additional \$900 to the P.E.O. Foundation. All in all, it was a fun and profitable day for everyone.

Membership Minute

Chapter N, Wellsburg, West Virginia, has recently experienced renewal and growth. In an effort to make the transition for new members seamless, the membership committee initiated the "Membership Minute." At each meeting, two of Chapter N's members interview one another and speak of their personal lives with emphasis on their experience as a P.E.O. sister. They always conclude this five-minute interview with their favorite memories in P.E.O. Even members who have known each other for years learn something about their sisters that they did not know.

Although each interview is presented in a unique fashion, each interview included the following:

- Name
- Occupation (or retired from)
- Family members (husband, children, grandchildren, pets)
- Special interests and hobbies
- Year initiated into P.E.O.
- Experience/offices held in P.E.O.
- Special memories of P.E.O.
- Favorite part of P.E.O.

New members of Chapter N have become acquainted with their new sisters in record time as a result of the "Membership Minute."

Security Blankets

Everyone needs a security blanket at some point in their lives and Chapter R, Fairmont, West Virginia, discovered a way to provide those blankets to children who are facing some major challenges in their lives.



Harriet Sutton with blankets made by Chapter R

Every year, the sisters of Chapter R make quilts and blankets for children who reside at Hope, Inc., the local domestic violence center. Making approximately 40 blankets a year is a labor of love for the sisters.

Chapter R sister Harriet Sutton, who is the current local director of Hope, Inc., says that any child who resides at the center, even for a brief stay, is allowed to choose a blanket, keep it with them any time they choose and take it home with them when they leave.

Harriet said, "Every child needs a blanket—regardless of age. Some kids will tell me they never had a blanket of their own. These blankets serve as a security blanket for these children when their families and their lives are in tremendous turmoil. It warms my heart to see the children with the blankets and to know I am part of such a loving and caring group of P.E.O. sisters."

Necklace Sales a Tremendous Success

At the Chapter IE, Grand Lake, Colorado, BIL party two summers ago, a member pulled out a pair of sparkling necklaces. Crocheted with metallic ladder yarn, they captured the chapter's imagination and members wondered, "If we made some, would they sell?"



Chapter IE made and sold necklaces as a P.E.O. fundraiser

The chapter made about 50 necklaces for a craft sale and they sold quickly. On a tour of China, another sister not only sold necklaces but welcomed the help of other travelers, who joined in the necklace-making. Members wore necklaces to high school reunions and on visits to friends and were asked about them in dress shops, in doctor's offices and on the street. Sisters sold the necklaces wherever they went, often selling the ones they were wearing. One member introduced the necklaces to a P.E.O. sister in Texas who took the idea to her chapter—that chapter then started making and selling the necklaces as a fundraiser as well.

The magical thing about this adventure is not only the fundraising success but the friendships that have formed worldwide. Chapter IE has also started selling scarves. Between scarf and necklace sales the chapter has, to-date, raised more than \$30,000 for P.E.O. projects!

City-Wide Holiday Bazaar

Chapters AU, BU, CE and F, Bozeman, Montana, came together to organize a city-wide P.E.O. holiday bazaar fundraiser.

As customers entered the bazaar, they were greeted by P.E.O.s in daisy aprons who shared information about the fundraiser and the P.E.O. mission. Christmas music softly played as customers looked through all sorts of holiday gifts. Decorated tables were full of items such as homemade cookies and pies, aprons, table runners, wall hangings, mittens, gift baskets, jams, jellies and candies. A soup lunch was offered with coffee, tea and cider.



A variety of gifts were for sale at the Bozeman city-wide bazaar

Despite little advertising and the snowy, windy weather, the bazaar brought in many buyers and was a success. A total of \$6,000 was raised for P.E.O. projects. All chapters involved agreed the city-wide holiday bazaar will become an annual event.

Christmas at Tiffany's

Chapter GB, Coral Springs, Florida, enjoyed a Christmas party called "Christmas at Tiffany's." The chapter chose this as their Christmas party theme because it was the 50th anniversary of the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's." All attendees wore little black dresses in honor of Audrey Hepburn, and big sunglasses were handed out as party favors. Decorations were in blue and white and gifts were wrapped in blue paper with white ribbon (just like

Tiffany's). The chapter enjoyed a wonderful brunch. A framed picture from the movie was offered as a door prize and a fundraising raffle was held for an anniversary copy of the movie.



Chapter GB paid homage to Audrey Hepburn at the Christmas at Tiffany's party

Fab 50s Fashions

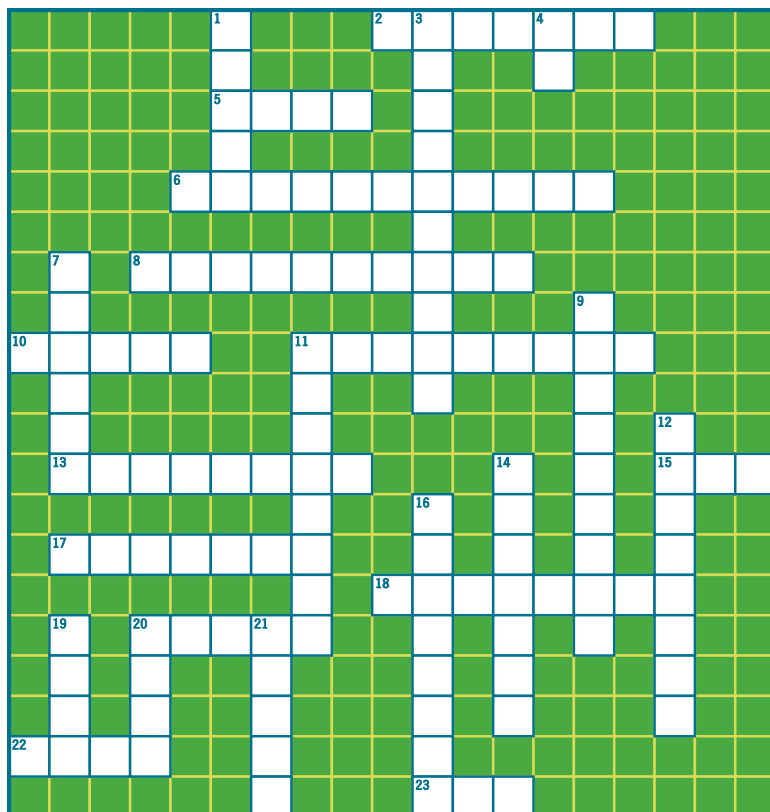
A "Fab 50s Fashions with Tea" was presented to guests by Chapter LN, Ames, Iowa. Mary Jane Clithero narrated the event while her four models—Sally Jones, Mary Kitchell, Dana Fischer and Kim Wiersen walked the runway in fashions that she had preserved from the era of circle skirts, hats, gloves and pearls. The event raised \$740 for P.E.O. projects. 🌸



Chapter LN, Iowa, P.E.O.s model 50s fashions



Puzzled About the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund? Find the answers here!



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Across

- 2 The _____ loan amount and current interest can be found on the P.E.O. website.
- 5 **Invest in ELF—_____ Dividends!**
- 6 A woman must be _____ by a local chapter to receive consideration for an ELF loan.
- 8 A _____ is required to verify an applicant's satisfactory academic standing.
- 10 Applicant must be within two _____, but not less than four months, of completing her course of study at the time a loan is drawn.
- 11 The _____ is an opportunity to become acquainted with a prospective candidate for an ELF loan and to determine her interest and eligibility.
- 13 P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund _____ evaluate each application and determine the exact amount to be approved according to availability of funds.
- 15 _____ is the abbreviation for P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund.
- 17 The most current Chapter Recommendation Form can be found on the P.E.O. _____.
- 18 A _____ agrees to pay the debt if the borrower fails to do so. Must meet the minimum credit score (650) as required by P.E.O. policy.
- 20 The _____ ELF loan was granted in 1907.
- 22 Applicant must demonstrate _____ in her budget and in her personal statement.
- 23 An ELF recipient must repay her \$10,000 loan in full _____ years from the date of issue.

Down

- 1 The current interest rate for an ELF loan is _____ percent.
- 3 Program of study must be at an institution that is _____
- 4 _____ help is needed to find qualified applicants.
- 7 The applicant must meet the minimum _____ score (625) required by P.E.O. policy.
- 9 ELF is a _____ loan fund dependent upon the financial support of P.E.O.s.
- 11 After the completion date originally stated on the student's application, _____ on the loan begins accruing.
- 12 Following the completion date of the program for which the loan was granted, interest accruals and payments will not be _____ if the student continues with further study.
- 14 To be eligible for an ELF loan, a woman must be a _____ or a permanent legal resident of, and reside in, the United States or Canada.
- 16 ELF is the oldest of the P.E.O. _____.
- 19 The chapter must _____ when a loan request is made at a regular or special chapter meeting.
- 20 Help _____ ELF applicants.
- 21 Chapter and individual gifts, combined with the timely repayment of loans with interest, result in a fund that is _____.



Puzzle solution on page 37



Tapiwa, Erica and Rutendo Sigauke

A Message from the Cottey President

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



Attending the cultural fair or a Cottey chapel service may include the opportunity to hear the resonant, rhythmic tones of the Cottey spiritual

drum circle. Erica Sigauke, Cottey's director of spiritual life and cultural diversity, leads this unusual drumming performance. Spiritual drumming seems an apt symbol of Erica's life experience that led her and her two daughters, Tapiwa and Rutendo, to Cottey.

Erica came to the United States from Zimbabwe in 2001 with the support of the United Methodist Church and a PCE scholarship to pursue a master's degree in music education at the University of Minnesota. Erica says, "P.E.O. came into my life and made a difference at every step of the way." She successfully completed her degree in 2004, but grew to believe that she should also pursue a degree in divinity at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Brighton, Minnesota. She was supported and encouraged

in this effort by a P.E.O. friend, Anna Wood, Chapter DJ, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She successfully completed her Master of Divinity. Hence, drumming, singing and music easily combine with Erica's spiritual counseling, mentoring, and preaching on Cottey's campus.

Erica believes strongly in the education of women, and she came to the United States with the intention of achieving her own educational goals and then bringing her daughters to this country to study. I met her for the first time when Anna Wood brought her to Cottey to explore the possibility of her older daughter, Tapiwa, attending Cottey. I was impressed by Erica's philosophy. Love, peace and justice were at the core of her theological studies, while she strongly embraced hard work, efficiency, commitment and organization as the way to achieve the important goals of one's life. She found these attributes in P.E.O., and she saw them in practice at Cottey.

I was delighted to welcome Tapiwa as an entering student in 2005. Tapiwa embraced her mother's philosophy, graduated in 2007, completed her bachelor's degree at Hamlin College, and is currently studying for a master's degree in non-profit management while working for a non-profit organization. P.E.O. and Cottey made

a difference in Tapiwa's life. Her sister Rutendo was miraculously able to leave Zimbabwe in 2009 to attend Cottey. When Rutendo arrived in the United States, she had not seen her mother in seven years, but Erica had never given up in her efforts to bring Rutendo here. Rutendo is now attending Hamlin College.

It had long been Cottey's goal to create a position in spiritual life in coordination with initiatives in cultural diversity. Erica brought the ideal educational preparation and life experience for such a position. She conducts formal services in the Cottey chapel, but she is constantly available for spiritual counseling, prayer, meditation or drumming.

Judi Steege, the director of admission at Cottey and a past president of Minnesota state chapter, has come to know Erica well over several years. Judi considers Erica to exemplify perfectly the "action-oriented, purpose-driven" life. It is my deep hope that she can instill these values in the lives of the young women Cottey educates. During the Hanging of the Green chapel service, I heard Erica's message. She asked, "Why are you here? What are your goals? You must not allow yourself to be distracted from completing your education." It is a message many need to hear. 🌸



“Is That Really a Girl?”

by Sandi Webster, Chairman, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees

It has been said that the Hakka people are among the most conservative Chinese in keeping their traditions—yet many are willing to take risks. At seven, Huazhen “Molly” Guan, was a Hakka girl living in rural Fujian Province, working in rice paddies with her parents. One hot day, pulling her foot from the muddy water, Molly was horrified to discover a leech on her leg. At that moment, scared and determined to find another life, she decided the way to do this was in a classroom, learning with boys.

But Hakka women in this community were expected to work at home, raise children and were not educated. Molly's mother and grandmother, both illiterate, were tied to the work of home and fields. Determined to overcome this fate, Molly knocked on doors to sell ice candies while other children played. Despite exposure to lead poisoning, she worked in a factory pasting foil onto funeral papers. Within two years Molly earned the money to finance her education, shocking the boys the day she entered school, the first girl to ever attend. In answer to their whispers, “Is that really a girl?” she took a big step on the amazing path to a new life for herself—and better lives for others.

Through hard work and the willpower to challenge traditions, Molly has overcome several barriers confronting women in China. Opportunities were limited in her village, but Molly excelled in school and received scholarships, making it to college on her own. There

she co-founded the NanJing University Model United Nations, new to most students there and something that broadened the horizons of hundreds of students.

After college, Molly began a job in government, again dominated by men. Facing anew the questions of women's competence and subtle stereotyping, she confronted the barriers head on and demonstrated leadership potential. In a short time Molly had established contacts with business advisors, and brought large foreign investments to that region. In 2009 she was recognized as the



Huazhen “Molly” Guan

Molly has the distinction of studying at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, working on a master's degree in public policy. Molly is grateful for support from IPS, stating recently, “I have never felt my life so

Today, with the help of an
International Peace Scholarship,
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“Pioneering Individual of the City.” In her words, this success “triggered hot discussions about what women can do and inspired the morale of my female colleagues.” This reinforced her determination to create positive social change in China.

Molly has had opportunities to work in private business, but has chosen the public sector, explaining, “My career aspiration is to shape effective and innovative policies to help tackle poverty in underdeveloped areas of China.” The desire to lift others up, as she lifted herself, drives her into the future. Today, with the help of an International Peace Scholarship,

colorful and intellectually stimulating as I do now!” Harvard is a long way from the muddy rice paddy where, at seven, her dreams took hold. With P.E.O. by her side, Molly will make a difference in the lives of many more in rural China when she returns with her degree. 🌸

The PCE Named Grant— An Inspired Investment

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

Every dollar invested in the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education has the potential to make a difference in the lives of those women who receive financial support. Each PCE grant becomes a partnership of possibilities and behind each financial gift extended and each grant received there is a story. Here is a special story that exemplifies sisterly devotion and commitment to the mission of P.E.O.

This story really begins with Stanley Medlis Main, loving brother of Bonnie Ahrens, Chapter EA, Clear Lake, Iowa. Bonnie describes her younger brother, Med, as a man who expressed gentleness, kindness and caring throughout his life. As children the siblings were devoted companions. Med completed two years of junior college during which time he became close friends with Frank Aherns, Bonnie's future husband. Med's affiliation with the Naval Reserve led him to active duty and service in the Korean War. He returned from the war and with the benefit of the GI Bill attended UCLA. Perhaps it was a combination of his war experience, a commitment to a wife and young family and the encouragement of a dear sister that instilled in Med a passion for education. After earning his undergraduate degree, he went on to achieve an MBA.

Bonnie married Frank Aherns and moved to Osage, Iowa—a small midwestern community of 3,000. As Bonnie shared, "P.E.O. held their



Stanley Medlis Main and Bonnie Ahrens

arms out to me," and she was initiated into her mother-in-law's Chapter AW in 1951. (She would have become a member a month earlier were it not for a hurried road trip to California to see brother Med before he shipped out to Korea.) A 60-year membership in P.E.O. has enriched Bonnie's life with treasured sisters, and she enthusiastically proclaims, "P.E.O. means more to me than anything!" Bonnie transferred from Chapter AW to Chapter EA in 2007 and later facilitated the transfer of another Chapter AW member, Joan Kirk, to Chapter EA. Joan became a devoted sister to Bonnie.

Although Bonnie and brother Med were separated by 2,000 miles, they remained steadfast in their sibling devotion. On May 8, 2010, when

Bonnie received the news that Med had passed away, her husband Frank expressed his wish to honor his longtime friend and brother-in-law with a gift of \$20,000. Bonnie was, in her words, "filled with joy" prompting her to call her P.E.O. daughter to get advice as to how this gift could be used to help others. They agreed the Program for Continuing Education would best honor Stanley Medlis Main. When Joan Kirk noted the gift was almost enough to provide seven women a full grant each, Bonnie increased the contribution to \$21,000.

When she thinks that seven women have received educational assistance inspired by sibling devotion, that thought reinforces Bonnie's enduring gratitude to P.E.O. She sent her niece in California a copy of the letter that accompanied her PCE gift. Her niece responded with the news that her mother had just been initiated into P.E.O., affirming Bonnie's confidence in the loving embrace of P.E.O. chapter life.

This is a story of many partnerships of possibility. While the amount of this particular gift is especially generous in terms of the named grants it will underwrite, each PCE gift generates possibilities. Individuals or a group of chapters may gather their resources to reach the \$3,000 amount to honor an individual with a PCE Named Grant. Consider your P.E.O. partnerships, those relationships that inspire an investment that will make a difference through education. 🌸

What If?

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

"What if?" is a common question asked by our P.E.O. Scholars. It is the questioning of the current line of reasoning that has these exceptional women thinking "outside the box," yearning to find new and groundbreaking discoveries within their fields of study. This is what drives our recipients to reach such lofty goals and accomplish so much at such young ages.

In a recent movie, "Letters to Juliet," a letter was read which stated, "What and if ... two words as non-threatening as words come. But put them together side-by-side and they have the power to haunt you for the rest of your life."



Shwayta Kukreti with her family

For Dr. Shwayta Kukreti, her "what if" was centered around her laser imaging work that would have an impact on women's health worldwide. She asked herself: "What if we could use lasers to diagnose breast cancer early?" "What if this method was low-cost? If we were successful, we could serve women from a young age, from rural areas to third-world countries."

Such is the thought process that consumed Shwayta's attention as she was studying in her M.D./Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Those who attended the Projects Night at the Convention of International Chapter in Saint Louis heard Shwayta speak on the innovative discoveries that she and a team of scientists and engineers made toward the early detection of

breast cancer. They have produced and patented a new laser imaging method that will not only detect the presence of breast cancer tumors, but will also determine if those tumors are malignant or benign. The patent was purchased by UCLA and is currently undergoing clinical trials.

Unlike mammography, the current method for identifying breast cancer tumors, this new device is hand-held, similar to an ultrasound. The novelty is the use of laser light imaging. Laser imaging can provide information at a molecular level, thereby indicating the presence of cancer in the breast tissue. With the new analysis program this is converted to an actual image that shows the location and size of the tumor.

For Shwayta, her love of science and medicine started at the young age of four. She grew up in the Midwest in a three-generation household with her parents and grandparents. During evening walks, her grandfather would quiz her on mathematics and literature, while on the weekends, her grandmother would take her to museums and art exhibitions. Her father tutored her in finance and her mother guided her through stage performances of classical dance, theater and violin.

She grew up imagining that she was a doctor and professor as she followed her grandfather through the halls of the University of Illinois, where he was a veterinarian and



Shwayta as a child, practicing her medical skills on her grandmother

professor. At home, she practiced her "medical skills" while pretending to take blood pressure readings from her grandmother with a stethoscope. One day, her grandfather let her listen to his heart with a stethoscope. He told her, "Carpe Diem (seize the day) for there may be no tomorrow. Listen to your heart, Shwayta!" From that day forward, she has kept true to these words.


Shwayta graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor of science in biochemistry and honors



Shwayta researches new and improved ways to detect breast cancer

biology. She received her Ph.D. in biophysics and computational biology with honors while also receiving her M.D. degree. She is currently in her first year of residency in internal medicine and in July 2012 will start residency in radiology at UCLA to eventually become a radiologist.

Shwayta said, "P.E.O. has made an extraordinary impact on my life. I don't even think the words 'thank you' are enough to express my appreciation. The P.E.O. women are my biggest team of supporters, my biggest cheerleaders and they are family. We all leave an imprint on each other."

What if? 



Our STARS Shine

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

These two shining STARS exemplify the initiative, leadership and continued excellence of our P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipients.

Kaori Matsui

Kaori Matsui, recommended by Chapter BF, Cincinnati, Ohio, began studying the violin at age five. She and her family moved from Japan to Cincinnati, Ohio, when she was in the fifth grade. In middle school, Kaori began intensive violin training at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

While in high school, she attended the Interlochen Arts Camp for two summers and the Aspen Music Festival and received training with instructors from Juilliard and the New England Conservatory of Music. Kaori was interviewed and performed on the

Kaori has found she loves music theory and that she is good at it. Once again, she had the opportunity to study and perform at Aspen this past summer. Before she left for Colorado, Kaori gave a violin recital in Cincinnati. Donations received at the recital were divided with half given to the Japan Emergency Relief Fund and half for her summer expenses. Kaori will be transferring to Rice University in the fall of 2012 to continue her studies with her teacher, Paul Kantor. As she perfects her skills and mastery of her instrument, Kaori has found that the beauty of communicating her emotions and the emotions of the music through the violin to others is very enriching and rewarding.



Rachel Allemand with her goat Matilda

She continues her leadership in 4-H by raising and showing her herd and working one on one with youngsters as they learn the correct way to show their animals. She has begun her own photography business, Crossroads Photography, with some of her work already published in magazines and displayed in the Kansas State University art gallery.

Rachel had the opportunity to speak at the Kansas State P.E.O. Convention two years ago. Recommending Chapter DS, El Dorado, Kansas, initiated Rachel into P.E.O. last year and she attended the International Convention in Saint Louis. Rachel writes, "Success in life isn't based on what honors, awards, scholarships or even what degree or career path is chosen. I have learned the life lesson that true success is in putting God first in everything you do and trying your best no matter what." She appreciates P.E.O. not only for the wonderful STAR Scholarship that has helped her pursue her goal of an education, but for the P.E.O. spirit of support and philanthropy that has touched her heart. Rachel writes, "My journey with P.E.O. just keeps getting better and better!" 🌸

Rachel Allemand

Growing up on her family ranch in rural Butler County, Kansas, Rachel Allemand chose to emphasize the rearing and showing of sheep and goats in her 4-H career. As a result she was named County Grand Champion Showman in both sheep and goat competitions. She successfully built herds of both sheep and goats which she markets in Kansas and surrounding areas. At the time Rachel was awarded her P.E.O. STAR Scholarship in 2009, her plan was to become a teacher. While attending Butler Community College, she was involved in theater, Campus Crusades for Christ and Phi Theta Kappa honor society and graduated this past May.

Fall semester of 2010, Rachel attended Amazing Facts College of Evangelism for a four-month Bible training course in Weimar, California, which revolutionized her life and changed her focus of study to Christian counseling. Rachel is currently a junior at Kansas State University majoring in psychology.



Kaori Matsui

National Public Radio show "From the Top" with Christopher O'Riley.

Since receiving her P.E.O. STAR Scholarship in 2010, Kaori has been studying at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She is currently involved with a dedicated chamber group.

Check out To The Point, back inside cover, regarding online submission of applications.



Chapter PH, Guthrie Center, Iowa

Organized: October 16, 2011

First row, from the left: state organizer Glenda Dixon, Mary Bradford, Beverly Menefee, Laura Patterson, Barb Krakau, Kathy Smith **Second row:** Annette Kruse, Ruth Owen, Marian McQuaid, Rita Petersen, Kathy Glassinger, Barbara Hoehne, Carol Wendt, Vicki Friedrich, JoAnn Smith **Third row:** Judy Hilgenberg, Marion Bailey, Megan Hilgenberg, Jill Thomas, Bev Mills, Carol Knowlton, Debbie Menning, Jan Hoobin, Janet Weber



Chapter IZ, Sarasota, Florida

Organized: October 29, 2011

First row, from the left: Pamela Graham, Beth Sasser, Rhonda Browning, Diane Lombard, MaryEllen Pappas **Second row:** Jean Hubbard, Joni Jahr, Barbara Kinder, Jane Hersey, Kim Colgate, Eileen Chiantella, Sharon Driscoll **Third row:** Beckie Stoner, Sue Ashby, Joye Leonard-Greenson, Sheree Davidson, Cheri Sienkiewicz, Jackie Johnson, state organizer Kathleen Feldman



Chapter BP, Jasper, Georgia

Organized: October 22, 2011

First row, from the left: Mary Jane Chester, Barbara Rozeboom, Marion Hill, Pauline Hackney, Cheryl Gregory, Susan Reemsnyder, Peggy Simmons, Holly Moranos, Helen Pace **Second row:** Sue Hauseman, Ruth Slim, Louise Wilbur, Leslie Manget, Lynn Kellogg, Bette Jo Isherwood, Jodi Thurmond



Chapter DR, Pangburn, Arkansas

Organized on: October 8, 2011

First row, from the left: Susan Haile, Stacie McCord, state vice president Layne Bourland, Brandi Williams **Second row:** Leslie Wolfe, Shelby Waire, Mary Lou Adams, Darliss Treat, Cristy Waire, Patty Waller, Charlsie Baker, Kay Moore, Margaret McNabb, Christie Herrin, Emilee Baker, Stephany Baker



Chapter Z, Harrisburg, Illinois

Organized: March 10, 1911

Celebrated: March 11, 2011

First row, from the left: Mary Jelliffe, Parley Boswell, Florence Slighom, Ann Durham **Second row:** Laura Winkleman, Kristin Wilson, Beth Williams, Linda Bramlet, Bethany Oshel, Carla Cape, Nancy Oshel, Diane Gearing, Adrienne Rider **Third row:** Janet Jones, Lynda Clemmons, Tisha Kasiar, Nancy Ledbetter, Marilee O'Dell, Shirley Oshel, Jane Simmons **Fourth row:** Alison Cook, Brenda Knight, Angie Rowe, Nancy Seten, Mary Sue Ewing **Fifth row:** Katina Eubanks, Krystal Tison, Roxanna Nicholes, Gloria Tison, Trudy West, Harriet Davis



Chapter F, Huron, South Dakota

Organized: October 21, 1911

Celebrated: October 17, 2011

First row, from the left: Barb Wilkens, Pearl DeKramer, June Larsen, Verna Burnison, Donna Christen, Sally Meyer, Iola Huether, Jeanne Lampe, Jo Long **Second row:** Cheri Leyendecker, Adele Jacobson, Brenda Ruedebusch, Doris Dahl, Eva Sande, Beckie Freeman, Jenny Sorben, Gladys Williams, Vi Magness, Sherri Single, Kay Gogolin, Beth Picek, Ellen Hollister, Connie Vicuna, Marie Wheeler, Margo Anderson, Donna Steele, Holly Hohm, Marilyn Hoyt



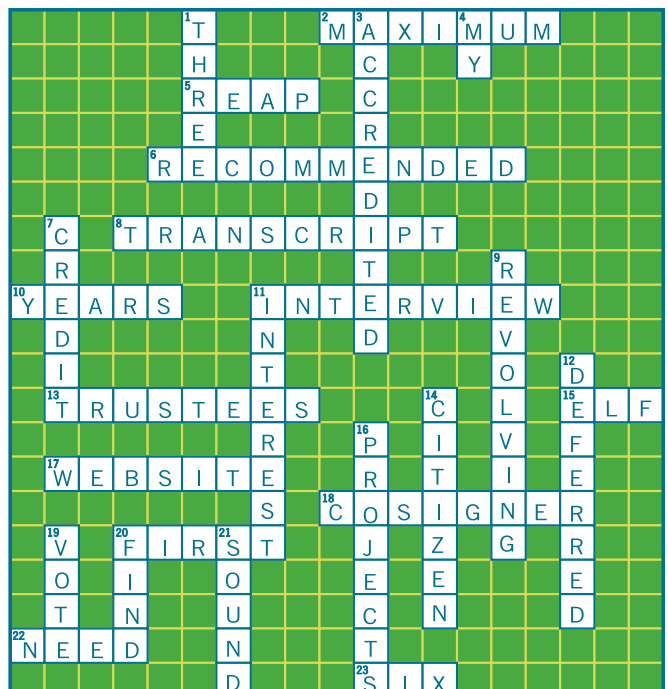
Chapter W, La Junta, Colorado

Organized: November 16, 1911

Celebrated: November 18 & 19, 2011

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ELF Crossword Puzzle Solution



Sara Sale, JO, Neosho, Missouri, has



written “Bess Wallace Truman: Harry’s White House Boss.” It is one of the books in the Modern First Ladies Series published by the University Press of Kansas. In her

book, Sara shows that, although Mrs. Truman avoided the public spotlight, in private she was a strong-minded, intelligent woman who influenced her husband’s presidency—a shrewd political operator who knew how to achieve her own goals without fanfare. Bess was also a charter member of Chapter S, Washington, D.C. Sara casts a modern light on the first lady through the first scholarly biography of Bess. In 2011, the book was a featured selection of the History Book Club.

Sara earned a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. She has taught U.S. history and American government for 15 years. She is a professor of political science at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and is currently completing a scholarly biography about 20th Century-Fox movie star and famous World War II pin-up girl Betty Grable.

Jean Sorrell, Y, Lafayette, Louisiana, has



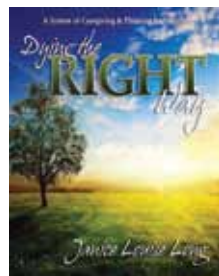
written “The Returning,” a suspenseful and historical novel set in Kansas City six years

after World War II. The worst flood of the century

is imminent, but 11-year-old Sara Johnson and the rest of her neighborhood have no idea of the impending disaster. She waits for her father, missing in action since the battle of Iwo Jima during the war, to return to her. When Sara meets the new minister at her church she is led to believe he may really be her father. Her resolve threatens to tear her family apart, as well as her church family. The novel takes a look back at American life during a momentous summer in Kansas in 1951.

Jean holds a Ph.D. in English literature/creative writing. She was editor of Classical Magazine and an instructor of humanities at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette for nine years. She and her husband Walter O’Roark live in Lafayette, Louisiana. They enjoy travel and their miniature poodle, Max.

Janice Louise Long, AU, Albuquerque, New Mexico, wrote “Dying the Right



Way: A System of Caregiving & Planning for Families.”

Janice was the daughter of elderly parents, who were both ill at the same

time. Her knowledge of the medical system and systems management allowed her the ability to extend their lives at least one year each. But, even with this knowledge, the caregiving journey was long, emotional and difficult, with problem-solving required every day. This journey was exhausting, but satisfying and met the wishes of her parents.

Janice’s book guides the reader on a journey from the beginning of caregiving through the end of life. Though directed primarily to the family caregiver, this book will be helpful to seniors and their families as they approach the time when they need assistance, e.g., what to plan for, what to think about, what to tell their families and how to provide caregiving in the home. Additionally, this manual may be used by professional caregivers to improve their skills.

Mary A. Lake, GQ, Lawrence, Kansas,

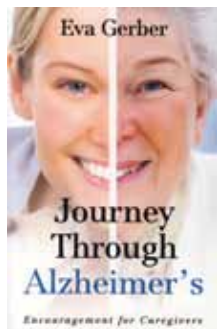


wrote the novel “Departings.” Told in three parts, each detailing the life of one of the main characters, “Departings” speaks of lost hopes and the

youth of the 1920s who started out with much abundance. It all seemed so fun and promising to never end for them. But it did. Through the story of Amanda, her husband, Bo and her feisty older sister, Lorraine, readers discover how one family came together as each character seeks a place within the bonds of community.

Mary earned a bachelor’s degree in English education from Wichita State University and also completed graduate work in theater and drama at the University of Kansas. Now retired from a 25-year career as an English, speech and drama teacher, the Kansas native resides in Lawrence.

Eva Gerber DQ, Chillicothe, Ohio, wrote



“Journey Through Alzheimer’s—Help, Hope and Encouragement for the Caregiver,” which can be considered a survival kit for

caregivers. Author, counselor and former caregiver Eva covers medical information while offering emotional encouragement and spiritual support through timely devotionals. Birthed out of her own experience with her mother’s Alzheimer’s disease, Eva discusses diagnosis, treatment, warning signs, the power of personality traits and the importance of self care.

Eva has spent the past 12 years as a Christian counselor. During that time she has worked with many caregivers, helping them through heartaches and counseling them through the grieving process. Eva’s passion to help caregivers is driven, in part, from a sense of empathy that developed following her mother’s diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease. Her own caregiving journey exposed Eva to the emotional roller coaster ride experienced by many of her clients. Throughout the years, Eva’s counseling ministry has taken her throughout the U.S. and other countries. Married to her high school sweetheart for 36 years, Eva and her husband live in Ohio.

Roberta Kuhn, DW, River Falls, Wisconsin,

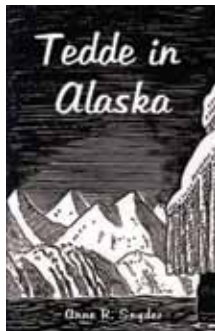


using the pen name Bobbie Jean, wrote “No Longer Afraid,” the first book in her “Home to Lake Louise” series. The hero and heroine of the

story had been victims of bullying and domestic violence, respectively, yet they recovered from their difficult pasts to become exceptional educators, teaching their students how to protect themselves and avoid the same fate. The story centers on the love between two sisters, their relationship with their estranged mother and the acceptance and understanding of the choices the abused sister was forced to make.

As an educator of adults in the Wisconsin Technical College System for 30 years, Roberta met many women who’d fallen victim to domestic abuse. She learned a great deal about this hidden problem in our society, and Roberta has dedicated the book to the women who shared their heartache with her.

Anne R. Snyder, AA, South Pasadena, California, has written “Tedde in



Alaska.” This is a historic novel based on her mother’s adventures in Seward, Alaska, in 1919. The book expands on the simple pleasures that young people enjoyed almost 100 years ago. Anne, a third-generation

Californian, earned a master’s degree from the University of Southern California. She worked at the California Institute of Technology as assistant librarian in the astrophysics library and also at the South Pasadena Public Library, where she now serves as a volunteer. She belongs to a creative writers group, where her writing includes haiku poetry.

Patricia Snow Ferris, BQ, Victoria, Minnesota, has published “A Most

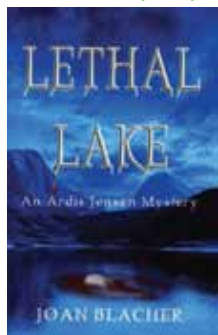


Curious Destiny” a young adult novel about Lucy, a 14 year-old girl who is thrown into the strange world of the afterlife when

a good deed goes horribly wrong. Determined to unravel the riddle of why she has been assigned to the prestigious celestial training station where the bravest attendants must learn how to save the world, Lucy uncovers a destiny mysteriously intertwined with the hooded stranger stalking her in her sleep and along the way learns that her life is far more important—and dangerous—than she ever imagined.

Patricia (Patty to her sisters) was initiated into her mother’s Chapter J, Burley, Idaho, in 1982. Since then she has belonged to several wonderful chapters as she has traveled around the country. Her various jobs include writer, mom, wife, dog attendant and office administrator. “A Most Curious Destiny” is the first novel in “The Unending Tale of Lucy O’Sullivan” trilogy.

Joan Blacher, UM, Camarillo, California,



has published the second of her mystery novels, "Lethal Lake," in which protagonist Ardis Jensen, a university counselor, reluctantly becomes

embroiled in a murder investigation. The grim discovery of a valued professor's body found in a lake adjacent to an enclave of wealthy ranchers devastates her and stuns the small rural community. Neighbors fear a killer lurks among them. Ardis' involvement in the case is due to the pleas of the victim's daughter and the urging of the local police chief. When suspects begin to emerge, Ardis herself becomes a target for murder as the killer tenaciously fights to keep her from uncovering his dark past.

Joan, a licensed psychotherapist in private practice for the past 20 years, is a California Lutheran University Professor Emerita, having served as the director of the counseling and guidance program for 11 years. She has lectured and given workshops on writing, psychological and educational topics throughout the United States. In addition to her membership in the American Psychological Association, Sisters in Crime and Mystery Writers of America, she has served on community boards that provide services to troubled children and families, including the Ventura County Mental Health Board, of which she is a former chair.

Patricia Stephenson, J, Tucson, Arizona, is



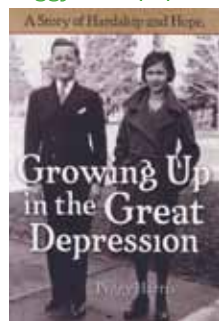
author of "Trial and Triumph," a biography of Louise Foucar Marshall, the first woman professor at the

University of Arizona. Professor Foucar resigned in 1902 to invest and develop desert land adjacent to the fledgling university. In 1931, she chartered and endowed the Marshall Foundation.

Patricia's father, Ivan Peters, was the Marshall property manager from 1926, and Marshall Foundation president from 1933 to 1960. Patricia was familiar with the day-to-day operations as the rental office was in the Peters' home. She inherited the Marshall Papers, diaries and photographs.

Patricia was initiated into Chapter PM, West Covina, California, in 1962 and then transferred to Chapter LD, Sacramento, California. She has been a member of Chapter J, Tucson, Arizona, since 1988.

Peggy Harris, K, Newton, Massachusetts,



wrote an autobiography called "Growing Up in the Great Depression." When the stock market crashed in 1929, 8-year-old Peggy and her family were

living a comfortable lifestyle. Her father's family owned banks in three Iowa communities. Overnight, the banks closed, changing the life of her family forever. Told from the

vantage point of a child, it is a story of learning to live with the decisions of the adults in her family while grieving, feeling socially isolated and angry. As she grew, she struggled to understand the existence of religion and how it relates to life's harshness and wars. Throughout her growing years she recognized pockets of hope and kindness that help mold her nature as a loving, compassionate adult. Peggy has captured a time, a place and an atmosphere that in many ways remind one of the current economic turmoil.

Following graduation from Northwestern University, Peggy and her husband Robert moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she began her elementary school teaching career. Telling the story of the great depression has brought her back to the classrooms of middle school and high school students. Peggy has four sons and 10 grandchildren.

Anne Tufillaro Wasserstrom, Al, Swathmore, Pennsylvania, wrote



"Secrets of Living and Cooking Italian-American: Recipes and Memories." Anne's parents were Italian immigrants.

She wanted to preserve old world recipes which were being lost and hoped to preserve the unique experience of growing up first-generation Italian-American for future generations. Her book contains more than 150 recipes and 30 narratives in which she describes the joys and tensions of growing up first generation.

Anne graduated from Elmira College and obtained a master's degree from Cornell University. Her career focused on employment programs for people with disabilities. She had a fellowship from the World Rehabilitation Fund to study disability issues in New Zealand. As an avocation, Anne completed a program in culinary arts and taught classes in Italian Cuisine.

Mary "Bailey Bristol" Schwaner, AI, Lincoln, Nebraska, wrote "Love Will



Follow," in which her heroine gets her "happily ever after" framed in compelling historical suspense. The book's central character,

Kittie Thornton, left the Orphan Train in Kansas as a terrified 10-year-old, saying goodbye to her brother and walking away with the German family who showed her everything a family should not be. At 18, Kittie fled the abuse, taking with her another battered child. Unbeknownst to her, Kittie's brother Penn has been killed at Wounded Knee, leaving his best friend, Jake Kannady, to take his half-breed baby and find his sister—Kittie. Rich with poignant, mystical dream scenes and glimpses of what family can truly be, Mary "Bailey Bristol" weaves a tale of danger and endurance, loss and depravity, honor and trust...and a love that blurs the lines between hope and the spirit world.

Mimi Brown, FQ, Peoria, Illinois, wrote



"The Amazing, Astonishing, Almost Alliterative Alphabet," an alphabet book aimed at two different groups. The

artwork is whimsical and for all ages. Each page is interesting and colorful, full of all kinds of animals and other things that begin with each alphabet letter's sounds. The text on the left side of the book is short and simple, written for very young children through first or second grade. The longer text on the right side is more complicated, for students studying alliteration and vocabulary. The glossary explains the animals and items on each letter and page. The book is bright, dynamic, instructive and fun.

Mimi grew up in Fort Pierce, Florida, and now divides her time between living on the river in Fort Pierce and on a mountain in North Carolina. Mimi lives with her husband Mike and her dog, Danny. She keeps busy with her nine grandchildren, art, writing, stitchery, hiking, working out, music and P.E.O.

Nancy Gotter Gates, CF, Greensboro, North Carolina, wrote the novel "Life



Studies," her eighth book. The main character in the novel, Liz Raynor, searches for a way to bring meaning to her life after her

husband leaves her. The proximity of an artists' center to her home inspires her to rent a studio and pursue her life-long interest in painting. She enrolls in a life studies class and is attracted to the teacher, Jay. Their romance is threatened when Jay's son gets in trouble with the law. Liz and Jay struggle to prevail through several tragedies that test their commitment, their courage and their lifestyle.

Nancy lives in High Point, North Carolina, with her cat Callie.

Linda Nolan Polly, DV, Topeka, Kansas,

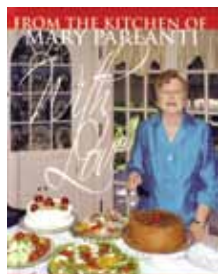


compiled content for the book "Midwest Moms—Recipes and Advice

from the Heartland." Linda solicited recipes and advice from women across the Midwest and collated it all into a cookbook. The book is a collection of easy-to-prepare recipes for the busy family. The advice is given by wise women who live in Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. The book combines more than 300 tested recipes and equally well-tested advice.

Linda's food specialties have been featured on local and national radio and television shows including "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" on CBS. She is a journalism graduate of the University of Iowa, an award-winning photographer, freelance writer and member of the National League of American Pen Women.

Mary Parlanti, R, Lexington, Kentucky,



an accomplished chef, is sharing her more than 60 years of experience and culinary knowledge in her newly-published cookbook,

“From the Kitchen of Mary Parlanti, With Love.”

Mary grew up in Kentucky learning to bake and prepare Southern foods. She married her husband Vic of 53 years, learned Italian cooking from his mother and family, and lived as a newlywed in upstate New York where she added Russian, Polish and Slavic foods to her repertoire before returning to Lexington. Mary has worked as staff cook for the University of Kentucky Newman Center, developed recipes and served as kitchen manager for a restaurant and owned a carryout and catering business.

Mary, semi-retired, still prepares lunches for her diocese and food for family and friends, acts as a guest chef annually, donates her time and skills to various organizations for fundraisers and at least annually cooks for Chapter R.

Lois Schwartz (writing as Lois Carroll), DI, Green Valley, Arizona,



historical novel *“Trail of Dreams.”* The story begins in Philadelphia near the close of the Civil War.

After a fire destroys their family business in Philadelphia, Lissa Whitaker unwillingly heads to Dakota

Territory in a Conestoga wagon with her parents and younger brother. Though her father hopes for a fresh start, Lissa resents the loss of the civilized life left behind. On the trail, dangers and hard work force her to set aside her childish regrets and face the perils of the journey as a woman. Her family rescues Lars Oleson, the very man who gave her father the outrageous idea to head west instead of rebuilding his business. Hardships and danger force them to rely on each other as they race to find Lars’ brother’s cabin before the frigid winter. But when tragedy strikes and changes their lives, will they be strong enough to survive?

Dorothy Francis, JU, Marshalltown, Iowa,



wrote *“Killer in Control,”* the fifth book in her Key West mystery series.

Protagonist Kitt Morgan’s

hope of a singing career dies after surgeons botch her throat surgery, but she won’t accept defeat. Moving forward, she earns a job on her Iowa town’s police force, trying for a law enforcement career like her father’s.

While she’s on suspension for shooting an unarmed criminal, Kitt’s boyfriend deserts her. With head unbowed, Kitt visits her sister and brother-in-law at the Poinsettia, their Key West home and B&B inn. Here Kitt becomes embroiled in a murder investigation of a former B&B guest.

“Killer in Control” is a fast-paced mystery with memorable character and surprises lurking behind every palm tree.

Dorothy was born and raised in the Midwest. When she and her husband retired and began spending winters in the Florida Keys, she saw a different world—an enchanting and entertaining world. She writes about the Keys to entertain readers and entice them to find out “who-done-it.”

Elizabeth Sublette, GX, Saint Louis, Missouri,



wrote *“A Dream Takes Flight”* about her former husband Don Hickman. Don is an aviation enthusiast and one of the gang at the Flying Dutchmen Airport near Belleville,

Illinois. Don has been involved in aviation all his life—he helped build the World War I model plane that was used in the film *“The Aviator.”* He started building gliders for the Laister-Kauffmann Aircraft Corporation in Saint Louis during World War II. The book includes Don’s stories about his career in aviation maintenance engineering, including trips to Europe for NATO conferences. Elizabeth also collected stories from Don’s friends and family for the book.

Elizabeth says, “I strongly believe family stories should not be lost in time, but written down for future generations.” 🌸

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Marguerite note cards—Two full-color illustrations by P.E.O. artist, 8 blank notes w/env \$6.50 ppd. Ch AO, Linda Tuley, 2512 Twin View Ln, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or dltuley@msn.com.

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

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

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

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

Italian charms available: Star, P.E.O., Cotter College and marguerite charms. \$15 ppd. Ch. GE c/o Kerri Smith, 4425 Auburn, Bel Aire, KS 67220-1805. Please specify which charm you are ordering. Email: chapterge@cox.net.

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

Ornament with star & marguerites—Lightweight "gold-finish brass" (tuck in greeting card, display in window, or hang on Christmas tree). \$8 ppd. Gift box included. Ch. FX c/o Sue Pritchett, 1015 Perkins, Richland, WA 99354. Order form or photo: j_sue_pritchett@yahoo.com.

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

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


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 **Sparkling P.E.O. bracelets**—White stars, yellow crystals and sterling silver P.E.O. letters with an easy-fasten toggle. \$25 + S/H payable to Ch. MW. Contact B Turcan, 1413 Winners Cup Cir, St. Charles, IL 60174. 630-584-3780. Email bet1413@aol.com.

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


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

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 **Sister, forever, friends** bracelet—handmade silver finished pewter & Swarovski crystal bracelets with heart & angel charm individually beaded by the members of Chapter L in Phoenix. Each bracelet contains silver-plated pewter beads & design pattern shown in picture. Glass & crystal beads will vary in shape & color. To order, visit the AZ State Chapter P.E.O. Daisy Trading Post website www.azpeo.org or email Kwunchbox@cox.net for order form and color chart. Each bracelet \$22 (+\$1 shipping). Check to Chapter L.


 **Magnetic daisy pin back**—2" magnetic daisy to hold your P.E.O. emblem. \$9 payable to Ch JO c/o Kim Haas, 706 Oak Ridge Dr, Neosho, MO 64850.


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

 **P.E.O. sun catcher**—This sparkling beveled glass ornament presents a beautiful etching of our star. A great gift for the Christmas tree or a sunny window. \$12 incl. shipping. Ch. BH c/o Jane Lennox, 665 BF Goodrich Road, Marietta, OH 45750 janelennox@yahoo.com


 **Official USPS postage stamp**—Original copyrighted art featuring the P.E.O. star & white marguerites on blue background. One to nine sheets of 20—45¢ stamps for \$21.95ppd per sheet. Ten sheets or more \$18.95ppd per sheet. Please send orders to P.E.O. Ch. O, c/o Marie Kall, P.O. Box 6504, Helena, MT 59604-6504. Questions? kallmt@earthlink.net.


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

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 **P.E.O. hat or visor** with P.E.O., daisy & star design. \$12, tax & ppd. Check to Ch CJ c/o Janey Ladd, 6200 EP True Pkwy, Apt 702, West Des Moines, IA 50266-6208

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 **P.E.O. aprons**—a one size fits all, washable, heavy royal blue polyester twill, no pockets bib apron; highlighted with monogrammed "Marguerites and P.E.O." and individual name, if desired. \$20 ppd. Make check payable to Chapter HV and send to: Carol Heath, 3306 Deer Trail, Georgetown, TX 78628 or fcheath@verizon.net.


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


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 **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. beverage napkins!** Luxuriously soft 3-ply paper napkins boast P.E.O. in stunning black on pure white. For your next meeting, gift or to sell among sisters! Buy the Two-Meeting Pack, 100 for \$23, the Chapter Pack, 400 for \$70, the Savings Pack, 800 for \$110. Shipping & 7-10 day delivery INCLUDED! Chapter CS c/o Marilyn Milton, 3520 NE 113th, Seattle, WA, 98125, twiga44@comcast.net.

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 **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., Chapter O to Andrea Dolph, PO Box 11, Wayne, PA 19087. Questions to PEOcaroler@gmail.com

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

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Myrtlewood daisy pin Laser carved, open-work daisy pin made of Oregon Myrtlewood. 1 1/2 x 2 - safety clasp, light brown in color. Looks great on blouse, dress or suit lapel. Send \$13 postage paid to: Ch.EL, Alice Bray, 555 Shorepines Ct., Coos Bay, OR 97420.


 **Marguerite glass nail files** with plastic sleeve. Great gifts for new initiates, guests, etc. \$8.50 ea. incl. s&h. Check to Ch. CL, 14605 W. Heritage Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, adahome1@cox.net


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 **Celebrate P.E.O.** with this easy cross stitch kit. Design created by a sister for our sisters. Kit includes all materials except frame. Floss is DMC and hand-dyed. Buttons may vary. \$19.95 + \$3.95 S/H to Ch AW c/o Sharon Streeter, 3 Elm Ct, Osage, IA 50461. streeter@osage.net

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 **P.E.O. tote bag—**Sister-made quilted daisy tote bags, pink or blue, \$34 ppd. Write check to P.E.O Ch P, c/o Tracy Spaeth, 629 Steeplechase Rd, Aiken, SC 29803.

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P.E.O. garden banners—with gold star & 7 marguerites on blue background. 3 sizes: garden banner, 12"x18" - \$25; small flag, 2'x3' - \$50; & large flag, 3'x5' - \$90, all ppd. Outgoing pres. gift, mark a mtg, garden, funerals. See photos & order forms with current prices at: www.PEOChapterHV.org or email at: chapterhv@gmail.com or call Sarah Gilsdorf at 303-594-2455, Littleton, CO.

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Compact tote bags—Lightweight navy blue bags with daisy emblem and white lettering. Two styles: Style #1 - P.E.O. Style #2 - P.E.O. Supporting Women's Education. Tote zips into wallet size. Unzipped 14"x17". Great for travel. \$7 ppd. Specify which style. Send check payable to: P.E.O. Ch X, Sherie Reese, 156 Millbrook Dr. Pittsboro, NC 27312. ohioeyes@gmail.com.

Looking for a **Unique Founders' Day program**? Marilyn Buckler & her dolls, featured in The Record (Jan, 2011) are now on a DVD. Cost: \$20 ppd. Ck to Ch LP, Cookie Britton, 135 El Porton, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Brittcook671@sbcglobal.net.

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

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New—P.E.O. luggage tags—Four unique designs. Convention Favorite! Durable heavy plastic. Photos & prices via email - jbillbill@aol.com

Fun and fabulous: Fleur de Lis window decal \$10, black tote \$25, T-shirt \$25, sizes M-XL, black or white and insulated coffee cup with lid \$25. Original design by local LA artist. Send checks payable to Chapter BD, 10914 N. Shoreline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. shjones21@aol.com Please allow 4 weeks for delivery. Shipping is \$4.00 US

Daisy bracelet watch—silver daisy watch face with decorative yellow, white and silver beads. \$35.00 ppd. Ch BC, Pam Ost Dahl, PO Box 326, Rock Springs, WY 82902. Order form or photo: twelsh@minershospital.org.

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

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

Italian marble coasters w/ original portraits of our P.E.O. founders by artist Rosalind Roche. 4" square w/ cork back & box. Two available featuring Alice Coffin and Franc Roads (others to follow). See article in March/April Record. \$10 each plus s/h (1-2 \$6; 3-8 \$11.50). Orders taken 1-30 April ONLY. Chapter Z c/o Liz Jolliffe 201 Billingsley Lane, Tullahoma, TN 37388; jajolliffe@aol.com.

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 colopeco@msn.com. Its website at www.peochapterhouse.org provides further information, more detailed descriptions, and photographs.

At the Nebraska P.E.O. Home, licensed as an assisted-living facility, TLC is the secret ingredient—whether it's in the home-cooked meals, the private room with bath, the beauty salon, the Daisy van trips, or the very attentive staff. Everyone wishes they'd come sooner. Contact Tracy Magill, Adm, Nebraska P.E.O. Home, 415 North 5th St, Beatrice, NE 68310 or call 402-228-4208 to check on your room.

At Idaho's P.E.O. Chapter House you can experience the freedom of carefree, independent retirement living! The Chapter House is located in a beautiful two-story historic mansion on park-like grounds which include a gazebo and seven brick cottages. Offering in-house suites and one- and two-bedroom cottages, there is plenty of space for up to 18 residents. The Idaho P.E.O Chapter House provides privacy, community, well maintained buildings and grounds, and a caring staff for P.E.O. members and spouses who are medically independent. Caldwell, Idaho is located in the picturesque Treasure Valley, just 30 miles from Boise, the state's capital. Churches, outdoor recreation, golf course, cultural events, shopping, and healthcare are all nearby. For complete information visit our web site at www.peochapterhouseidaho.org or contact Idaho Chapter House, 114 E. Logan, Caldwell, Idaho 83605, phone 208-459-3552 or email peoch@aol.com

Books

Founders' Day program or initiate gift! Factual storyline beautifully presented in paper doll form. "Seven Sisters Follow A Star-The P.E.O. Founders" \$15 ppd. Ch DP, Maureen Davis, 3412 61st St, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Moonyeen Klopfenstein Chapter G, Wilmington, Delaware Initiated: December 1, 1968



Moonyeen Klopfenstein, or Kloppey, as she is known to her friends, is a pillar in the Delaware community. Last year she was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women for her work with and support of people dealing with loss. More than 30 years ago, she founded the Loving Arms Support Group—it is one of the longest continuously-running support groups in the country for parents grieving the loss of an infant. She also received the community all-star award in Delaware for her work as a long-term care advocate.

A semi-retired nurse, Kloppey is still an active leader in the medical community—volunteering for organizations such as Nurses Healing our Planet and the Delaware End-of-Life Coalition and programs such as the Medicine Take Back Initiative.

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

My mother-in-law Fritzi Klopfenstein introduced me to P.E.O. Her mother and grandmother were P.E.O.s before her and her daughter and

granddaughter became P.E.O.s too. We've all been active and enthusiastic P.E.O.s.

How have you been involved in P.E.O.?

One of the things I'm doing for P.E.O. right now is going to chapters all over Delaware and presenting a program about end-of-life issues. I encourage everyone—young, old, healthy or ill to prepare for the end of their lives. I've created a medical/legal/financial check list of what needs to be prepared and communicated to family members for end of life issues. I don't like people to wait until they have a critical diagnosis to get their affairs together. I even advise people to write their own obituary when they're healthy.

In the past, I have presented programs to my chapter on stroke prevention and bereavement. I'm always there to help my P.E.O. sisters navigate through the healthcare system.

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

It's wonderful. I enjoy the camaraderie—P.E.O.s always rally around each other. If anyone is ill and their family needs support, P.E.O.s coordinate meals and help out.

When I moved to South Carolina for a time, I immediately had friends and sisters...and when I returned to Delaware, my P.E.O. sisters were still here for me. Thanks to P.E.O., I never felt lost.

And...the scholarships are SO important. Our chapter rallies around fundraising for the projects and for Cottey, which is a wonderful

college. Plus I enjoy the education that we get every month from programs—we are constantly learning, which is great.

Where did you grow up and go to college?

I'm from Fairfield, Connecticut, and attended the University of Bridgeport. Last year I received a University of Bridgeport Distinguished Alumni Award. I earned my master's degree in nursing from Wilmington University, Wilmington, Delaware.

How long did you work as a nurse?

When did you retire?

I started working full-time for Christiana Care beginning in 1966. I retired in 2008, but shortly after went back to work part-time. Now I teach medical students and residents how to give bad news appropriately—demeanor and word choice is important when delivering bad news.

Tell us about your family.

My husband is Robert Klopfenstein. We've been married since 1966. We have three children—David, Krista and Danny, and three grandchildren—2-year-old twin grandsons and a 9-year-old granddaughter.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Nursing is my main "hobby." I volunteer full-time for the Loving Arms Support Group and am a facilitator for children who have lost a loved one. I also help veterans with end-of-life preparation and I work with the League of Women Voters.

I love going to the beach and spending time with my grandchildren. 🌸



Online Application Submission for STAR

Only online applications for P.E.O. STAR Scholarship will be accepted beginning in 2012. Paper applications will not be accepted. The online application and instructions will be available in July on the STAR page of peointernational.org. Deadline for online applications is November 30, 2012.

Email and Telephone Scams

We have received reports of hackers using a member's email or telephone contacts to send fraudulent notices to some of our members. These often indicate the member is out of the country, is in danger and needs money.

Delete the email and do not respond to it. Your computer will not get a virus. The person whose





system has been compromised will need to have her computer checked. She should also change her passwords for email, internet access and software.

Reporting Officers

It's that time of year. Local chapters, reciprocities P.E.O. Groups need to report your newly elected officers by going to the members' side of the website and making the entries. Local chapter officers are reported under Local Chapter Forms, then click on Election of Officers. Reciprocities and P.E.O. Groups are reported by clicking on Reciprocity and Group Contacts, going to Reciprocity/P.E.O. Group forms and then entering the information on the online form. 🌸

Are You in the C³ Sister Network?

Every P.E.O. sister with an email address is only three mouse clicks away from
Cottey College and the Chapter Challenge!

Each month, your regional chairman  **clicks** and sends a
THIS MONTH AT COTTEY email to your Area Ambassador  who **clicks** and
sends it on to your chapter's C³ Sister  who simply **clicks** and
sends the email on to you at your home computer. 

SO CLICK—AND KEEP THE MESSAGE MOVING!

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Helpful Hints

From the Membership Department at the Executive Office in Des Moines

Welcome Back an Inactive Member! Here's How: Transferring an Inactive Member

- Chapter votes to invite the inactive member to transfer to their chapter.
- The corresponding secretary will send "An Invitation to Transfer" to the member.
- The member will respond in writing accepting the invitation and include her reinstatement check in the amount of \$35 with her acceptance letter.
- Once the member's letter has been read during a chapter meeting and payment of fee has been accepted, she is an active member of the chapter.
- The chapter corresponding secretary will complete the Change in Membership Form (CIM) and send it to the Membership Department at the Executive Office in Des Moines, Iowa.
- After the CIM has been received and entered, a letter to the former chapter will be sent alerting them that their member has transferred and reinstated.

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

Web: peointernational.org (click on address change form)

Automatic Address Change: The P.E.O. Record may be mailed to two different addresses if the same seasonal address is used at the same time every year.

Address or Name Change (please print)

Chapter letter(s) _____ State _____ Date Address Effective _____

Name _____

Street or Box Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

P.E.O. PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION



PCE Named Grant: *Partnerships in Possibilities*



- Single Donor (1 x \$3,000)
- Chapter Donations (30 x \$100)*
- Groups of Chapters (3 x \$1,000)*

These are just a few examples of funding possibilities!

*Multiple donations totaling \$3,000 must be sent to the International treasurer in a single mailing in order to be considered a PCE Named Grant.

Check the PCE webpage for the details on PCE Named Grants