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Dreams Can Come True!

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

This is such an appropriate quote as we're all planning the future year for our local chapter. It's the perfect time to dream about what we can accomplish throughout the year and to build the plans necessary to Reach New Heights for our local chapter and for our sisterhood. But don't limit yourself to dream just about this year—dream “BIG”! Where do you see your chapter in three years...in five years? What do you see yourself doing in P.E.O. in three years...in five years? Can you picture it?

There are so many directions in which our dreams or goals can take us. Your chapter goals might focus on support of our philanthropic projects, efficient business meetings, interesting programs and fun social events—all leading to more active participation among members and, consequently, a healthy vibrant chapter. Perhaps your personal dreams will help you experience the “big picture” of P.E.O. by getting involved in P.E.O. activities outside your local chapter in addition to directly supporting your chapter's activities.

Whatever dreams or goals you set, they will ultimately lead to a more enriching experience for you individually and they will lead to a stronger P.E.O. at every level of our sisterhood—especially if you build a plan to achieve your dreams.

It's a great time right now for your newly installed officers to establish goals for your chapter and work with your committee chairs to identify ways to meet those goals. I've always found that the more you involve everyone in the planning process, the more likely you are to reach the desired goal. That typically happens because, in addition to gaining their agreement of the plan, everyone will benefit from the ideas they'll share with you about ways to accomplish the “dreams” for your chapter. It becomes a rewarding experience for all because they each get to contribute to the plan while building a stronger bond of fellowship along the way.

Members also enjoy a rewarding experience when they attend activities such as reciprocity meetings, conventions

and joint Founders' Day celebrations. In addition to gaining new P.E.O. friendships while attending these events, they'll learn more about what P.E.O. achieves beyond the contributions of their own chapter. Could this be one of your dreams?

As I've mentioned before, it all starts with the individual member in the local chapter. But it is breathtaking to see how the collective efforts of all of our members and chapters have impacted so many women's lives in our own countries and around the world. I can't think of another women's organization that continuously gives so selflessly to other women—both financially and emotionally. Our selfless efforts have made many women's dreams come true. We've been able to do so because we have big dreams for P.E.O.—dreams of a membership that gets stronger every day and dreams of an organization that helps more women achieve their educational goals every year.

Set your goals and tie them a solid plan so that all of your **dreams can come true!**



Maria T. Baseggio,
President, International Chapter



On behalf of the executive board of International Chapter, I'd like to thank each member who has served as an officer and/or committee chairman this past year. I hope this experience has been rewarding for you. Congratulations to those who have accepted such a role for this coming year. Best wishes for a successful year in reaching your chapter's dreams.

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Happy Helpers of Chapter Z, Connecticut

My husband and I planned a celebration for our daughter's engagement and looked forward to introducing her fiancé to our friends and family. In the meantime, I was diagnosed with a serious health issue and needed to seek second opinions for treatment out of state just prior to the planned event. When I returned, our house was spotless and ready for the party because the bride-to-be, Kristin Kalar, who is also the president of Chapter Z, Farmington, Connecticut, arranged for several Chapter Z sisters to help me out by cleaning the house, washing the windows and weeding and sweeping the patio and decks. How I appreciated their efforts! But the best part is that they left little "love" notes around the house for me as they cleaned and I am still finding them. Tucked in a drawer, in a flower arrangement, behind a framed picture—they are all lovely and so meaningful to me. P.E.O. love binds us together!

Marti Kalar, Past President, Connecticut State Chapter

Refashion Runway

Our P.E.O. chapter, AJ, Greenwood, South Carolina, was planning what we thought was a new fundraiser—a Holiday "Refashion Runway" Show and Sale where all of the outfits were refashioned by local seamstresses out of used/donated clothing.

As I was planning the event, I found that the term "Refashion Runway" had previously been used so I contacted Beth Hunting, "The Renegade Seamstress," for permission to use that event title. She was so excited that I had been inspired by her website that she posted our flyer and event info on her site for her followers to learn about our event.

The first of Beth's blog followers to contact me and offer to donate an outfit to our event was Diane Davidson from Saint George, Utah. She sent me two "before" and "after" pictures of her refashion creation. I couldn't believe that someone who didn't even know us

would donate something that obviously took so much time, effort and creativity.

When I wrote back my thanks and told Diane how amazed everyone was when they saw her work, here's what she sent back to me:

"I must tell you, when I read that the event was to benefit a P.E.O. group I knew I had to participate. My mother-in-law has been a P.E.O. member for most of her life. She is 86 years old now, a recent widow and is living with Alzheimer's. We moved her close to our home in southern Utah so we can take care of her. Just a few weeks ago my husband helped her write a check for her P.E.O. membership dues. She always wants to stay current even though she has not been able to attend meetings for a few years now. She was an avid

seamstress and still talks about how much she loved sewing for herself. I wanted to make and donate something fun in her honor. Her name is Elsie Davidson and she was impressed when I told her about your holiday extravaganza. It sounds like so much fun! We both wish we lived close enough to attend. Best of luck with your evening. You must have an amazing group to pull off such an ambitious venture. It's fun to be a part of it from Saint George, Utah, even in a small way!"

This made our whole event that much more special and truly portrays how P.E.O. is "Women Helping Women Reach for the Stars."

Patti Gagstetter, AJ, Greenwood, South Carolina

Before



After



Message from the Editor

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

As I sit down to write this, the temperature in Des Moines is 4 degrees and there are about three inches of snow on the ground, but the March-April date on this issue of *The Record* is a small reassurance that spring is right around the corner. I'm sure those of you also affected by this winter's polar vortex can relate.



This issue is full of articles to which I hope all P.E.O.s can relate. Among them are stories from an artist, a young executive, a Peace Corps volunteer, an artistic roller skater and a woman who was reacquainted with P.E.O. 50 years after receiving a loan from the Educational Loan Fund. While specific experiences and interests of each of these women are unique, the bond of sisterhood connects them all.

On pages 6-9 we introduce you to the 2013-2015 board and committees. Check out guest editor Albert Leffler's BIL Corner on page 10. Turn to

page 24 to read about how a P.E.O. chapter in California now thrives after being on the brink of disbandment nine years ago.

Of course you can find all our regular features too:

Look at the Award Winning Ideas for program and fundraising inspiration.

Read the P.E.O. Authors section to learn about published P.E.O. authors and their books—look for titles to add to your reading list or for your book club!

One of our newest regular features is the Tech Tip—this can always be found on page 48. The Tech Tip comes to us courtesy of document and media manager Ahn Hargens and TAP (Technology Assistant for P.E.O.) These Tech Tips are mostly specific to the P.E.O. website—helpful information about

navigating the site and completing online forms. Whether you're just starting to explore the world of P.E.O. online or are already a tech savvy sister, the Tech Tip has good information for everyone. If you have any technology questions or have an idea for a Tech Tip topic, email Ahn at ahargens@peodsm.org.

Thanks for reading,
Becky 🌸



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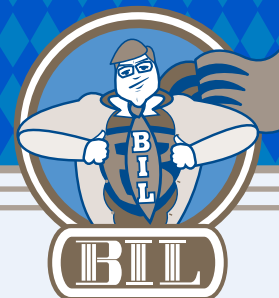
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A BIL's Vision of a Visit from Virginia Alice Cottey

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

I received this charming poem from Liz Champeau of Chapter IC, Tallahassee, Florida, which was written and presented at their recent Christmas party/auction. Liz had been asked to mention her immediate connections with three ELF (Educational Loan Fund)

recipients: a daughter, future daughter-in-law and daughter's roommate. Knowing the skills and talents of her neighbor and BIL Joe Sigler, Liz asked him to step up for her and present a poem. Along with his narration, Joe used props of a woman's hat, cane and Santa hat.

Liz said that Joe's presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by her chapter and she hopes others who read it enjoy it as well.

Liz speaks for all of us in her closing of "Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2014!" 🌸

A Visit from Virginia Alice Cottey

'Twas two weeks before Christmas

And the BILs of Chapter IC

Gathered at the home of Susan and Rick,
for the auction that was to be.

The BILs were alert as they sat in their places,
While hopes of learning the password
brought smiles to their faces.

No chance they'd learn the handshake, though,
Nor the secret meaning of P.E.O.

Instead, this gathering was a group concentration
on how thousands of women have received educations,
through money that P.E.O. raises world-wide
and the scholarships and loans to which it's applied.

That's what they're about when we BILs see our spouses,
Head off to noon meetings at each other's houses.
In the two years just passed, more than twelve hundred women
Received 14 million dollars in educational loans.

As a local example, the loans touched the lives
of three women close to Liz and Tom Champeau.
They're all doing advanced work, up to a doctorate,
All thankful to P.E.O.

Their studies are typical of the hundreds of women
who seek the 3 percent loans for their needs.
If a girl found one of these in her stocking this year,
she'd think, "Merry Christmas, indeed!"

Suddenly out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter,
The BILs sprang to the windows to see what was the matter.
And what to their wondering eyes did appear,
the ghost of Virginia Alice Cottey, dead these 73 years.

"My spirit commends the women of Chapter IC,
for their work in helping women gain knowledge.
Seven women before me started P.E.O.,
But, I gave them Cottey College!

"I'm making the rounds to thank all the women
who've raised money to educate their sisters.

I hope at your auction tonight you'll raise more,
And that also goes for you misters.

"So, thank you to Kitty, two Marys and Linda,
to Barbara and Alice, and Liz,
Now I hope that you BILs are paying attention.
When I'm through I'm giving a quiz.

"To Sybil, two Susans and Sally and Lib,
To Laurie, Kim, Bea and Annette.
I say that you all are to be commended.
Helping sisters is as good as it gets.

"There's Penni and Claudia and Carmen and Cathy,
And Jackie, two of you, Melissa and Pat,
Pam and Alyson, Kimberly, Jan and Denise,
P.E.O. is proud of you all—that's a fact!"

To the rooftop she ascended and soon disappeared,
But before Alice Cottey took flight,
She shouted to the BILs and the sisters below,
"Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

By Joe Sigler

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P.E.O. Sisterhood—A Real-Life Story

by Ellen Engel, GK, Topeka, Kansas

I wrote my story as a testimonial to the true meaning of P.E.O. Sisterhood. I have been the lucky participant in an amazing adventure.

I have lived in Topeka for 19 years and have made many lifelong friends as I worked and played and raised my two daughters. My mom was a P.E.O. in Abilene, Kansas, and she encouraged my sister Karla and I to give P.E.O. a try about eight years ago. We joined Chapter GK and became involved with its wild, wonderful women.

During the past few years, as my daughters graduated from college and moved away from Kansas, I decided that it was time for me to do something for myself. Maybe it was a mid-life crisis. I sold my house and quit my job and became a traveling speech-language pathologist. It all happened within two months.

I planned to go to Delaware, where a friend from college lived, so I would be around someone I knew. I contacted a traveling therapist company and submitted my resume. They called two days later and asked what I thought about going to Hermiston, Oregon. I thought to myself, "Why not? I'm up for an adventure!"

I knew that I needed to find a furnished apartment with a three-month lease. Simple, right? How do I find a good place to live in a small town, clear across the country, that will be safe for a woman traveling alone? Go to the P.E.O. International website! So I did!

There are two chapters in Hermiston and I called the first president on the list—Tami Johnson, in Chapter CV. I dialed the number and was greeted by the most pleasant woman with the sweetest voice. I hit her from out-of-the-blue with who I am and what I was calling about. She was immediately excited about it and said that she would see what she could find out. She called me within two days with a number to

call about an apartment and asked me to call her when I got to town.

I arrived in Hermiston in late August in 90 degree heat. My apartment wouldn't be ready for a week and my Oregon license had not been approved yet. I had driven 1,700 miles and was alone in a hotel—waiting. What had I done? This place was so different! I wasn't in Kansas anymore!

and picked me up for the monthly Saturday coffee at Starbucks. We were immediate friends.

Chapter DR took me in. These P.E.O. women were just like me. I felt at home and was a part of the group from the start. I joined the Methodist Church and the bell choir with some of my sisters. I went to church retreats and concerts and grew to love these women. I met



Ellen Engel (second from the left in the back) with Chapter DR, Hermiston, Oregon

So I called Tami who happened to be one block from where I was at the time. Her friendly voice made me feel better. She took me out to lunch where, by chance, two of her chapter members were having lunch. I felt right at home with these women who were just like my Kansas sisters. Within two days my license was approved, my apartment was ready and I started my new life.

Chapter CV is a daytime chapter, so Tami gave my name and number to Judi Mason, the president of Chapter DR that meets at night. Judi called

the state officer on her visit and heard the report from International Convention. Now my three months are over and it's time to leave Hermiston and my Hermiston family. I had no idea that this would have such an impact on my life. It will be very difficult to leave, but I know I will come back.

My next assignment will be in Denver in January and I have already contacted two chapters there. I am looking forward to continuing my adventure. I know that I will continue to be blessed as I meet new sisters who will soon become good friends. 🌸

P.E.O. Creates Inspired Southwestern Art

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

"Sipapuni" (Place of Emergence) mixed media wall piece by New Mexico gourd artist Lona Warne



Lona Warne, AE, Farmington, New Mexico, is a nationally recognized artist who's been painting and creating gourd art for more than

30 years. A native of South Dakota, she was exposed to art of the Sioux Indians at an early age. After moving to the southwest, she found herself attracted to the rock art and spirituality of the Pueblo Indians. She fell in love with southwest art and culture and incorporates it in her gourd masks and ornaments that are shown in several galleries in New Mexico and Colorado. In addition to being known for her gourd art, Lona is an accomplished mixed media and collage artist.

Late last year, Lona's art was featured at the prestigious Toh-Atin Gallery in Durango, Colorado. Jackson Clark, owner of Toh-Atin Gallery, said, "We believe that Lona Warne is one of those truly gifted and talented artists who is reaching for new plateaus.

She is in the process of creating an important mark in southwestern art."

Cottery Alumna

Lona is a 1973 graduate of Cottery College. While attending high school in South Dakota, a childhood friend told Lona she was planning to attend Cottery College. Lona was undecided about her college plans, so looked into Cottery as well. It was Cottery's art program and the low student-to-teacher ratio that attracted her to the college. Lona said, "The Cottery experience is so unique. When you're at Cottery you really are someone. They know you and they care about you."

After graduating from Cottery, Lona studied fine art for a year at the University of Oregon. She got married and moved to Minnesota where her husband was studying to become a lab technician. The couple



Sipapuni wall mask

ended up in Grants, New Mexico, where a woman in Lona's church invited her to speak at a P.E.O. meeting about her experiences at Cottey College. Then in 1985, Lona accepted the invitation to join that very chapter—U, Grants, New Mexico.

In P.E.O.

After a move in 2008, Lona transferred to her current chapter, AE, Farmington, New Mexico. Being a member of the Sisterhood seems to suit her. She says, "I enjoy my P.E.O. sisters so much. In both chapters I've belonged to, the authenticity of the ladies is so refreshing. I really enjoy being around people who are sincere. Plus, we all have the same goal of helping to educate women."

Within P.E.O., Lona has been generous with her talents and has contributed in numerous ways to her chapter. She recalls, "Before the New Mexico state convention in 2011 my chapter president gave me two blank canvas bags to create tote bags for our delegates. I printed photographs of our



Inspired by old Hopi kachina doll carvings, Lona creates gourd masks that also incorporate her collage art

seven Founders onto transparencies and sewed them onto the bags. I then added ephemera and old bits of unused jewelry and collage materials to create our delegate tote bags. It was a lot of fun; when we got to convention a new initiate who had never seen pictures of our Founders saw the bags, so they served as a fun learning tool too."

Lona has also coordinated silent auction fundraisers for her chapter at the Feat of Clay Gallery in Aztec,

New Mexico. These two art show fundraisers have earned more than \$4,500 for Chapter AE to contribute to P.E.O. projects.

Retiree & Artist

For several years Lona co-owned a business that did underground probing for uranium then went to work in the oil and gas industry for many more years. In both cases, she ran offices, doing organizational work, bookkeeping and accounting.

Lona created tote bags with photos of our Founders for delegates to the 2011 New Mexico state convention



Lona said, “Even when I was working full time, I always maintained doing art. At age 55 I said to myself, ‘Do I need more money or do I need more time?’ What I needed was more time to do art, so I retired. Since then I have been delving into furthering my art, becoming better at it. My husband has been very supportive.”

Lona has been studying with master gourd artist Robert Rivera and is enjoying the experience of coming into her own. She said, “At age 60, I’m finally an up-and-coming artist.” 🌸



The Three Shamans

Organizing Our Art Auction Fundraiser

by Lona Warne, AE, Farmington, New Mexico

I first got the idea for our chapter fundraiser from an article in The P.E.O. Record about a chapter that did a silent auction called "heART Auction." Two years ago, I became a member at Feat of Clay, a local co-op art gallery, and I found out that they do an auction once a year to support local charities. I asked the board members if they would consider holding an auction for P.E.O. None of them had ever heard of P.E.O. but after I informed them of the history of the Sisterhood and described the projects that we offer to women, they voted unanimously to host our chapter's first "heART Auction."

I set about organizing the event about three months in advance. Every member of the gallery donated one or more pieces of art and volunteered to work at the event. What was even more exciting was, in addition to member donations, my artist friends at the gallery got even more artists to contribute and my chapter sisters went out and collected more artwork and gift baskets to add to the auction. One chapter member baked pecan pies for the auction, another donated organic produce she had grown. One of our members even donated a night at a local bed and breakfast she owns that is built into a sandstone cliff. We had a wonderful array of more than 70 items for people to bid on.

Next, I wrote articles about the silent auction for our three local newspapers. I included photos of some of the artwork and the papers published the articles free of charge. A helpful tip to other chapters considering something like this—it makes it easier for the reporters to have the articles already written with photos attached. They will always contact you if they need any other information. I was also able to include information about our projects and P.E.O. in the article. I invited the public to attend the event and sent invitations to two local chapters inviting them to make this a night out with their husbands, friends and families to enjoy a crisp fall evening with food, wine, music and artwork.

A local musician/songwriter offered to play music at the event. He was impressed with the mission of P.E.O. and did not charge us to perform. My chapter sisters provided the wine and appetizers. The gallery members helped with collecting payments and cleaning up. It was the most attended art reception the gallery had ever had and it brought new people to the gallery. They were so happy with the results that they invited our chapter back the next year to do it again. Over the last two years of having this fundraiser we were able to earn more than \$4,500 for P.E.O. projects.

Pardon us, Cordelia. We must be going so
I can get to my P.E.O. meeting.

OK dear sister,
but what is P.E.O.?

Aunt Cordelia, P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization that promotes educational opportunities for women. P.E.O. has more than 240,000 members in the United States and Canada who celebrate the advancement of women and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. P.E.O. educates women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and the stewardship of Cottey College.



March is Introduce Your Family to P.E.O. month! Mothers, sisters, daughters, fathers, husbands, sons—young and old, women and men—find ways to introduce your family to P.E.O. culture and philanthropies.

Resources are available online in the Local Chapter Membership Committee Tool Box.



Erica Brune is a P.E.O. who runs her own PEO (Professional Employer Organization)

Redefining a PEO

by Tiffany Barrett, Kansas City, Missouri

What is the difference between a P.E.O. and a PEO? Erica Brune, FV, Mission, Kansas, plays a role for both organizations and shares insight on how they are both making big impacts across the nation. For well over a century Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) has been a source of encouragement and support for women and their endeavors. On the other hand, Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) have a similar supportive purpose toward small businesses—helping them maintain and grow their bottom line.

As a fourth generation P.E.O. Erica continues to place public service at the forefront of her professional career. She currently serves as the president of Lever1, a Kansas City-based PEO that provides a multitude of cost-effective resources for businesses across the country including human resources, payroll and employee benefits. Staying true to her P.E.O. roots she still finds time

to volunteer with local organizations and events to educate young women and business owners for success.

“Working and growing with other local business leaders has helped me grow professionally and personally. Through my involvement with P.E.O. for more than 20 years I am grateful to have developed a social network and skills that are essential to entrepreneurial success,” Erica explained. Since establishing Lever1 in 2011 she has been extremely dedicated to the growth of her organization, her team and her profession. This has led Erica to become the only female partner of Blue Chair LLC, a Kansas City-based holding company of several businesses including multi-million dollar advertising agency Gragg Advertising. Continuing to make waves, her PEO got off to a phenomenal start in 2014 as business blossomed into 20 different states. Clients of Lever1 take advantage of its integrated services to grow their business at higher

rates than those who do not utilize a PEO. The momentum of Lever1 gained national attention for Erica and her company.

Erica says, “If I could send a message to my P.E.O. sisters it would be to wholeheartedly embrace the notion of reaching for the stars. I am no stranger to dreaming big and I encourage other women to do the same. Although I have experienced my share of challenges, I have been very fortunate in my endeavors and am excited for what lies ahead as a P.E.O. member running my own PEO, Professional Employer Organization.”

The leadership and innovation that Erica exudes has earned her a spot among Kansas City’s top entrepreneurs and philanthropists. Her accomplishments have helped to gain recognition for a “new kind of P.E.O.” making an impact within the community and business world. 🌸

Where Are They Now?

by Anne Sparks-Baumgartner, AL, Greensboro, North Carolina



Elizabeth Perrill, 2006-2007 P.E.O. Scholar Award recipient

"Where are they now?" That was the line in the July-August 2012 issue of The P.E.O. Record that caught the attention of members of Chapter AL, Greensboro, North Carolina. The second item that really piqued our interest was that Elizabeth Perrill, a 2006-2007 Scholar Award recipient was currently teaching in our town. An assistant professor of African art studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Elizabeth was in our very own backyard.

Mariana Newton, Chapter AL's ways and means chairman, proposed inviting Elizabeth to speak to our chapter—what a great way to meet a Scholar Award recipient, honor her accomplishments, learn about her specialty Zulu pottery and have a fundraiser for the P.E.O. Projects! Mariana and chapter president Eleanor Stoller contacted Elizabeth and began the relationship. Coincidentally, Eleanor and Elizabeth had both graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa!


After brewing, strategizing and planning for some months, a date was set, a location was chosen and the plan

was put into motion. A local church allowed us to use their fellowship hall and we asked Elizabeth to be the speaker for the lecture/reception/fundraiser in September 2013. She was thrilled to be asked and generously accepted, saying this was a great way for her to give back to P.E.O. for assisting her in her studies.

On a bright Saturday morning Elizabeth presented an illustrated talk

of her research on Zulu pottery to an audience of about 55. The lecture was followed by a social with a variety of sweet and savory items prepared by our chapter's sisters. It was a delight to meet Elizabeth, her husband and daughter. Elizabeth's mother, from Chapter NL in Storm Lake, Iowa, was also in attendance. The event helped raise \$460 for P.E.O. projects. 🌸

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Elizabeth Perrill Ph.D.

Blackening Firing, vessel by Peri Gumti, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, 2006. Photo by E. Perrill



Quilt angel Jenny Wallace

Quilts of Blessing and Love from Australia

by Linda Kelley and Robbie Jurek, EJ, Austin, Texas

Project recipients of Chapter EJ, Austin, Texas, have been blessed with quilts made with admiration of P.E.O. by Jenny Wallace from Braidwood, Australia.

It all began Easter of 2012, thanks to the fact that Robbie Jurek of Chapter EJ and Jenny share four dear New York grandchildren who visited Austin with their Australian grandparents. Over the course of the visit, in Jenny's words, "I was quite taken by the vision P.E.O. has to help other women with their education. I thought these women might benefit from having a quilt to show them encouragement and to let them know they are loved."

Jenny creates the quilt tops and chapter EJ provides for the finishing of the quilts. Thus far, five fortunate Program for Continuing Education and

Educational Loan Fund recipients sponsored by Chapter EJ have received, along with their grant or loan, a five-by-five foot colorful quilt, each one different, personally created by Jenny. In addition, Jenny has created and donated a queen-size quilt that raised more than \$1,000 for projects. An additional quilt was featured at the chapter's annual auction fundraiser. Along with the luncheon and other auction items, Jenny's quilt helped Chapter EJ raise more than \$3,000 for P.E.O. projects.

Each quilt has a hand-sewn label with the recipient's name and says, "Assembled with love by Jenny of Braidwood, Australia. Given with P.E.O. Love."

One of Chapter EJ's PCE recipients said that when she wraps herself in

her quilt every night, she feels the love and encouragement of our chapter.

Jenny feels that the Lord gave her quilting in 1995 when her life had turned upside down. A friend took her in hand and cut out an Ohio Star quilt to introduce her to quilting. Since then, Jenny has created and donated dozens of quilts for family, friends, fire and flood victims and others in need. She also leads a weekly quilting group in her home.

Inspired by P.E.O.'s educational projects, Jenny has created and donated a total of nine quilt tops for recipients, one completed quilt for Founders' Day and one quilt top for our chapter auction.

As you can see, Chapter EJ and P.E.O. project recipients are blessed by Jenny Wallace from Australia with her incredible talent and unselfish love! 🌸

P.E.O. Sister in Paraguay: Giving the Gift of Hope

by Christina Wedell, CZ, Boulder, Colorado.

Paraguay, a landlocked country in South America, is home to the Pantanal wetland, the Itaipu hydroelectric power plant and the carpincho, the largest rodent in the world. This country of six million people does not attract many tourists. I spent nearly three years in Paraguay as a Peace Corps volunteer. Since completing my service in 2007, I return to Paraguay every year to continue the work that I started, providing scholarships to students in high school and college.

Children in rural Paraguay often complete their education in the sixth grade. They do not have the opportunity to attend high school or college because tuition, uniforms and books cost more than what families can afford. While \$30, the cost of high school for one year, to us is a dinner out, to them it is three weeks' food.

In 2008, I established the nonprofit organization Paraguay Hope, Inc. to provide scholarships for students who complete elementary school and want to continue on to middle and high school. The organization's name is representative of the people: hope is everything for those living in poverty in Paraguay. With hope, families persevere in the face of their hardships. When children are able to go to college, parents know that there is hope for their future.

Prior to Paraguay Hope's scholarship program, only two people from the village Monte Rosario had completed high school. Now, six years later, 13 students are in high school and eight students are in college. The

college students attend university in Villarrica, a city two and a half hours away by local bus. They are pursuing bachelor's degrees in nursing, accounting, business administration, education, agricultural engineering and psychology.

When I went to Paraguay with the Peace Corps, I expected to be able to do some good in the world. What I didn't expect was to fall in love with the people. I found the families to be gracious, kind hearted and willing to open their homes to me. They became my family and closest friends. Now, every year that I return, whether families have students in school or not, they comment on how grateful they are for the education that students are receiving. They say that they have never received this kind of help from anyone before. Unlike a few years ago, parents are recognizing the value of

education. Students are coming from neighboring villages to inquire about getting a scholarship as they see their siblings and peers pursuing bachelor's degrees. I will continue to do this work for as long as I am able. In the spirit of P.E.O., I feel that I am providing opportunities for Paraguayans to reach for the stars. 🌸



Christina Wedell established Paraguay Hope, Inc. to provide scholarships for students in the South American country

P.E.O. Competes in Unique Sport on World Stage



Joyann Barber (far left) won a silver medal at a USA Roller Sports competition

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

Joyann Barber, MS, San Bernardino, California, is an artistic roller skating champion. In 2013, for the second consecutive year, she qualified to skate on the U.S. artistic roller skating team at the World Championships.

Artistic roller skating is similar to figure skating; skaters on standard roller skates compete against one another as they perform various routines with jumps, spins and other skills for judges who score them.

Joyann started roller skating when she was 7 years old. She competed at the regional level when she was 8 and won her first national competition at age 16. In 2012 she placed high enough to compete internationally in the Junior Ladies category, where she placed in the top ten.

A third place finish in a 2013 national competition secured Joyann's spot on the international team again—this time, since she had turned 19, in the Senior Ladies division. In November 2013 she traveled to Chinese Taipei with the U.S. artistic roller skating team where she competed in the Senior Ladies Freeskating category. As one of the youngest women competing in the senior division, Joyann finished in 17th place with her short program. She now has her sights set on qualifying for this year's World Championships, which will be held in Spain.

Dedication to a rigorous practice schedule of two- to three-hours five times a week is a key to Joyann's success, as is the love and support of her family—especially her mother

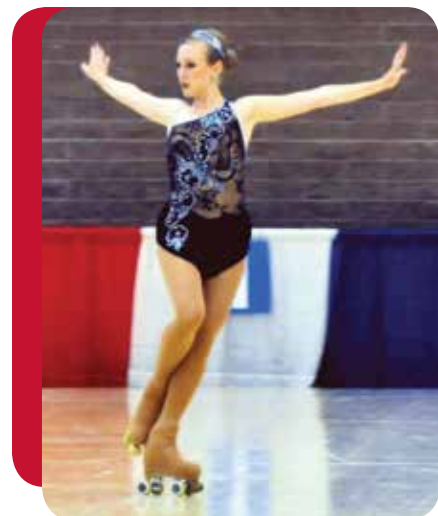


Joyann competed at the 2013 world artistic roller skating championships

Jeanne Sandford, also a member of P.E.O. Chapter MS. Jeanne drove Joyann to countless practices and competitions and is in attendance almost every time she performs.

Joyann is a senior at California Polytechnic University in Pomona, where she majors in chemistry and maintains a high GPA, making the Dean's list every quarter. She received a full tuition scholarship from the Honors College on her campus. Joyann plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry. In addition to school and skating, Joyann holds down two part-time jobs. She says, "I like to stay busy; it helps me stay focused and on track."

Joyann is a third generation P.E.O. She was initiated into her mother's chapter in November 2012. Her grandmother Joye Cave, chapter eternal, was a long-time member of Chapter PW, Garden Grove, California. Joyann enjoys being a member of the Sisterhood. She says, "I like how welcoming everyone is. I feel like I'm part of a group. The members of my chapter always like hearing about the progress of my skating. Everyone's so loving and supportive." 🌸



Joyann practices her roller skating five days a week

And Now for the Rest of the Story



Betty Galliher

At the Mississippi state P.E.O. convention in 2012, Betty Galliher, D, Biloxi, Mississippi, shared the story of how P.E.O. changed her life. She spoke off the cuff and from the heart. She's also told her story at programs for her local chapter. Her P.E.O. sisters Patsy Bell and Lynette Curry put Betty's story on paper and shared it with *The Record*.

by Patsy Bell and Lynette Curry, D, Biloxi, Mississippi

Betty Galliher's ancestors came to America at the invitation of William Penn from Germany and settled in the Pennsylvania Dutch country. Betty remembers much of her young life there, especially during the depression, as part of a very frugal family who constantly worried about money.

She graduated from high school as the state champion in Shakespearean reading and received a scholarship to Ursinus College as a day student for two years when, due to lack of funds (during the war), she had to go to work. She worked at a refining company where she started earning \$17.50 a week. Eventually she got another job at the refinery where she made \$30.50 a week. Betty worked and saved for five years.

Betty was married in 1945 and worked in a library while her husband went to law school. She yearned to finish college and at age 38 enrolled in Barry College for Young Women in Miami Shores, Florida, where she and her husband had settled.

Meanwhile, she had two children and her husband left. Betty was in a desperate situation and needed money badly. It was 1961—she was 39 years old and a senior in college with two children to support. She had no money to finish school but then a friend invited her to a coffee where they talked about P.E.O. Betty applied for and received a loan from the Educational Loan Fund. It was enough money for her to finish her history degree in 1962 and she began working as a reference librarian.

When Betty's children were eight and 11, she met and married a wonderful man—an engineer. This marriage provided Betty with an opportunity to travel, both in the United States and in other countries. In the early 70s the family was in Czechoslovakia where Betty taught English as a second language to teachers and doctors.

Betty instilled in her children the importance of education. Her daughter became a chemical engineer, graduating

with honors from Auburn University in Alabama. Betty's son is a full professor of American literature at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee.

After the death of her husband, Betty relocated to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to be near her daughter. For several years she worked as a volunteer librarian at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art. While meeting with a group of women in Ocean Springs, one of them mentioned that she was leaving to attend a P.E.O. meeting. Betty's response was, "P.E.O.! I have not heard of P.E.O. for 50 years. They saved my life!"

Betty was invited to share her story at a meeting of Chapter D in Biloxi; she inspired and impressed everyone and soon after was invited to join the chapter. At age 90, 50 years after receiving an ELF loan, Betty Galliher became a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. 🌸



Christine McGee: Coming Out of Hibernation

by Abigail K. Lambert, AM, Easton, Massachusetts

There is never a right time to do a difficult thing, but that doesn't stop the bravest of people from doing it.

Christine (Chris) McGee of Dennis, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Cottey College, is one of those people. Chris' start in life was anything but easy. Due to her mother's battle with mental illness, she and her two younger sisters were placed in foster care. Due to her older age, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the agency responsible for the health, safety and well being of U.S. citizens, separated Chris from her sisters when placing them into different homes. DHS also believed that Chris probably suffered from trauma because of her early experiences, so they required her to attend therapy. Despite their good intentions, they misjudged Chris' optimistic and bright personality. For a time, Chris was forced to take several medications which were unnecessary. Ironically, it wasn't until after Chris stopped taking her medication (in secret) that her therapist commented on her happier personality. Unfortunately DHS discovered her secret and presented her with an ultimatum: she could either take her prescriptions or (now an adult age at age 17) leave her foster home. At the end of the day, Chris was sad to say goodbye to her nurturing foster mom, but she knew she would never be happy living a life controlled by DHS.

At age 18, Christine attended Colorado Christian University (CCU). During this time, she worked full time at a movie theater on top of attending school. Slowly, she built up her savings. She limited herself by purchasing only the most necessary items. Though most people would complain about such disciplined conditions, Chris kept

her smile and hope, reminding herself that each day's paycheck brought her one step closer to paying for her education. Despite all her efforts, Chris' financial aid package to CCU fizzled out when she couldn't find a cosigner. This unfortunate incident made it impossible for her to pay for school, forcing her to drop out before taking her first semester of finals, which meant that she had to pay for a semester of classes before completing them so she was denied college credits.

If Christine was an ordinary person, she may have let her financial troubles crush her. Fortunately, she is as determined as she is resourceful. After hearing that people made good money working on Cape Cod, she moved there in hopes of saving enough for college. For several years, she worked three to four jobs in the summer and served as a waitress at the Olive Garden in the winter. Her brilliant smile shadowed the dark bags that sagged under her sleepy eyes. All the while, she never stopped dreaming about returning to school, which became a reality thanks to one of her regular customers at Olive Garden—P.E.O. Sally Perry.

Sally, Chapter AJ, Dennis, Massachusetts, and her husband Jim were frequent visitors to the Olive Garden and took a shining to Chris. Quickly, their relationship went from friendly customers to adoptive grandparents. They even took Chris food after she was recovering from knee surgery. When they visited her, Sally and Jim were shocked by Chris' poor living conditions and they started making additional visits.

During their visits, the couple learned about Chris' desire to save

enough money for an education. They admired the fight in her and decided that they needed to do something to help her. "Sally told me I was really going to be glad I met her," recalled Christine. Sally told Chris all about her life as a P.E.O. and P.E.O.'s goal to celebrate, educate and motivate aspiring women by providing scholarships.

Through the support of P.E.O. and Cottey College, Christine was able to finance her education.

Chris blossomed at Cottey, but it took her a while to reestablish good study habits. Frustrated about her grades, Chris called a friend for advice. At the end of their discussion, the girls agreed that anyone who had spent four years out of school would have a hard time adjusting to the atmosphere and requirements of a classroom. Luckily Cottey is filled with brilliant professors who patiently dedicate their time to teaching eager students. Clever staff like Dr. Bourbon, Chris' professor and adviser, discovered effective methods that helped Chris improve study tactics. Soon, Chris' grades jumped. "When I first got to college, my brain was in hibernation mode," she expressed, "but with the support of P.E.O. and the girls at school, I got out of that." Today, Chris holds an associate's degree in arts and sciences from Cottey with a GPA of 3.7.

Moving forward, Chris is studying at Mars Hill College in North Carolina where she hopes to earn her master's degree in special education and elementary education with dreams of eventually opening her own school. She said, "If it weren't for P.E.O., I'd have just been another enthusiastic waitress."

Thanks for making us proud, Christine, and way to go P.E.O.! 🌸



The Greater the Commitment, the Closer the Bond

by Betty Stutz, IB, Fredericksburg, Texas

Sisters of Chapter IB work hard at recruiting project recipients and make time for fun outings together

"It's not hard. It just takes time." These words serve as the mantra of Chapter IB in Fredericksburg, Texas, when it comes to recruiting project recipients and project fundraising.

Since its organization in November 2000, the 37-member chapter in a small town with a population of 9,000 has successfully recruited 77 recipients for the six P.E.O. International projects and 48 recipients for two Texas P.E.O. projects. Individually and collectively, as sisters, the goal remains to make a difference while strengthening their sisterhood.

Chapter IB is a night chapter whose membership is composed of working and retired professionals, community volunteers, mothers and grandmothers. Members decided upon organization that they wanted to concentrate on recruiting and fundraising for projects. They went to work and have recruited 47 young women for Cottey College and sponsored 26 women who've received Program for Continuing Education grants, five women who received loans from the Educational Loan Fund, one STAR scholarship recipient and one P.E.O. Scholar Award recipient.

Sisters are always on the lookout for potential recipients. No waitress in any dining establishment escapes questioning. The same is true in beauty salons, grocery stores or hospital waiting rooms. "No venue is off

limits," according to chapter president Betty Stutz. "Our membership is dedicated to locating women who need just a little extra help to make their dreams a reality."

Recruiting for Cottey College

Chapter IB sisters are often asked how they successfully recruit for Cottey College. According to Betty, a past Texas State Chapter Cottey College Chair, "There is no secret. Start with one high school—establish a relationship with a member of the counseling staff. Have them be on the lookout for a young woman who thinks outside the box. Once we get a name from the school, the chapter contacts the student and we share all of the benefits of attending Cottey with her."

This chapter assists women interested in Cottey throughout the application process; they pay the \$100 admission fee and assist the student through the FAFSA financial aid qualifying process. For those who are accepted and choose to attend Cottey, the chapter hosts a shower in June where members gift the new freshman with all items necessary to decorate a dorm room. In August, if a student and her family need assistance in traveling to Nevada, chapter members happily drive her to Cottey. The entire chapter is dedicated to making Cottey and a college education a reality and positive experience for the recruit.

Fundraising for Projects

Members of Chapter IB also work diligently to fund the P.E.O. projects. The chapter holds geranium sales each February and offers bed and breakfast accommodations. Thanks to generous sisters and clever in-house fundraising, Chapter IB has been able to contribute \$107,943 in support of P.E.O. projects since November 2000.

Chapter IB sisters are extremely close and share the same mindset. They say, "The greater the commitment, the closer the bond of sisterhood." Sisters stay busy with P.E.O. but have a good time while they work together. Jan Follis, Chapter IB's recording secretary, says, "We bond while we recruit, we bond during business meetings and we bond as we sell and deliver geraniums. We are truly sisters." 🌺



Chapter IB holds a biannual city-wide garage sale to support the women they recruit for Cottey College

Special FEATURE



One of six gift tables at Chapter PI's holiday boutique

Chapter PI Rising from the Ashes

by Betty Ann Beauchamp and Jo Ann Perry, PI, Placerville, California



Chapter PI sisters from the left: Joyce Hilke, Linda Brewer, Lynn McCall, Pam Ross



Sandy Dalforno and Kay Robinette-Leedy host a successful table with themed gift baskets at Chapter PI's holiday boutique

In November 2013, Chapter PI, Placerville, California, kicked off the holiday season with our fifth annual holiday boutique, the HolliFaire. What started out as a fall fundraiser for three local chapters has morphed into an incredible and unique holiday experience for our chapter. More than 100 hours were invested, yielding a net of more than \$2,600 for P.E.O. projects.

The HolliFaire is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving in an airplane hanger in a small residential airpark in Cameron Park, California. One half of the hanger is given over to vendors who pay for table space. We use the other half of the hanger to sell food and gift items. We also set up a table with information about P.E.O. and our projects. But the HolliFaire isn't the story—it's just the last paragraph in a longer story about the remarkable evolution of a chapter in distress to one that is now sitting on top of the world.

Chapter PI was formed about 150 miles away from Placerville in Palo Alto, California, in 1957. In the late 70s, the charter was moved to Placerville and here the story begins. Chapter PI was successful in retaining and recruiting

new members and eventually became so large that in 1994 it spun off a second chapter—WV—and then in 1996, a third chapter—XA. The sisters of Chapter PI continued their commitment to P.E.O. and worked diligently for years to maintain a viable chapter.

Alas, time caught up with them. During an official state officer's visit in late 2005 it was apparent that the aging sisters were no longer able to fulfill all the required duties. The chapter was on the brink of disbanding. Coming to the rescue were three sisters from the other two chapters in the area. Julie Peterson transferred in from Chapter XA and assumed the office of president and Sandi Lockhart and Betty Ann Beauchamp, transfers from Chapter WV, took the offices of corresponding secretary and treasurer. The next year they focused on assessing the chapter's strengths and planning strategies to find new members and restore order.

In 2007, a new sister was initiated into the chapter. In 2008, another. By the end of 2012 there were 13 initiates and five sisters transferred in.

The chapter was operating properly and all of the ducks were in a row but there seemed to be a chasm between the newer younger members and long-time sisters. The spirit of sisterhood seemed to be missing. The generations weren't connecting so the focus was switched to healing and creating a better bond among all of the sisters.

In 2011, the chapter president's theme was "Savoring the Spirit of Sisterhood." She worked with our chapter's membership committee to come up with programs and activities to create new bonds and have more fun. Social activities outside of scheduled meetings were created to facilitate bonding and the healing began. The efforts continued into 2013 when the current chapter president and her officer team created a special status for all sisters over the age of 80. They are called our "Gold Star Sisters" and are honored and revered by all. The chasm is closing.

In the meantime, in 2008, our chapter's first holiday fundraiser was held. It was in a sister's home and while invitations were sent to friends and acquaintances, most of the guests were P.E.O.s. In 2009, working together, we kicked up our efforts several notches and moved the event to

an airplane hanger, invited vendors and worked hard gathering gift items and baking holiday treats to sell. The HolliFaire as we know it today was born. Many pre-event hours are spent getting ready and those have turned

into fun and valuable social opportunities—some think it is the best part of the event.

Today Chapter PI is healthy and loving and truly a sisterhood. We use the term "sister" sincerely and there is no doubt that this is how we feel about one another. This has been an incredible journey for all of us, old and young, new and experienced. We successfully raised Chapter PI from the ashes! 🌸



There is lots of prep required for the HolliFaire. Here P.E.O.s are pricing gift items

Food tables at the holiday boutique are popular. Some sisters who aren't able to work the event donate homemade food items

A group of PI sisters meet throughout the year sewing, knitting and crafting items for the HolliFaire



Sisters packing up baked and canned good donated by chapter members

Diagnosis: Summit Fever

State, Provincial and District Leaders Poised to Reach New Heights in P.E.O. Membership



by Barbara Burgess, Northeast Regional Membership Representative

Last summer organizers and state membership chairmen left their home states and districts to congregate at various sites around the country. They gathered on Friday night and left on Sunday, smiling, laughing and sharing hugs. Their suitcases were stuffed with notes, charts, ideas and membership goals, which were packed safely away to implement when they returned home. As these women renewed their commitment to P.E.O., they discovered leadership tools and strategies to assist in increasing sisterhood growth. More state officers and membership chairmen will follow the call and gather this summer.

What is causing all the excitement? These state, provincial and district (s/p/d) leaders have all caught "Summit Fever," a contagious condition which develops as a result of participating in International Chapter Membership Team's annual Regional Membership Summits.

In 2013, close to half of the s/p/ds attended a regional summit. This summer the remaining s/p/ds will be invited to attend. Although meeting locations vary, the goal is the same: help each s/p/d develop a balanced membership strategy that fits into the executive board's strategic plan for the entire sisterhood and will be effective for years to come.

The regional summits provide an exciting forum for debating the validity of new ideas and voicing big dreams, including discussion of ways to refresh old reliable stand-by activities and determine best practices when

addressing inactives, nonparticipating members and initiates. This brainstorming helps develop topics for membership workshops and other resources that are posted in the red Local Chapter Membership Committee Toolbox on the P.E.O. website. The resources are also used as presentations for workshops and period of instruction at s/p/d conventions. Practical information that attendees can use immediately is generated during round table and Pop Topic discussions, and icebreakers. The summit attendees leave feeling appreciated for the work and commitment they extend and invigorated with a refreshed passion to Reach New Heights in P.E.O. membership.

In anticipation of more contact and support at the s/p/d level, the regional membership representatives (RMR) were expanded from four to six members at the 2013 Convention of International Chapter in Texas. Names of these presidential appointees are listed on the inside cover of *The Record*.

Each RMR works with a specific group of s/p/d boards and membership committees on a two-year rotating basis. The RMR answers questions and provides support for membership issues, as well as develops resources s/p/ds are able to use for convention workshops and period of instruction.



P.E.O. Speed Talking was just one of the fun events at the 2013 Colorado Regional Membership Summit

The RMRs also conduct the regional membership summits, which are designed to help s/p/d chapter leaders set membership goals and share best practices with others. Organizers and membership chairmen review charts and statistics for membership in their respective s/p/ds, then develop, evaluate and prioritize tangible membership goals. Using these newly minted goals, the s/p/d membership committees learn how to apply them with their work with local chapters in an effort to grow and strengthen membership.

There's no doubt these leaders will be spreading "Summit Fever" throughout the Sisterhood in the months to come. Symptoms may include introducing nonmember friends to P.E.O., connecting regularly with inactive and nonparticipating sisters and volunteering to be membership chairman for your chapter. P.E.O. history has proven that it really only takes one to manifest change—and sharing the gift of P.E.O. is a great way to start the process. 🌸



Be prepared to share information about the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund!

- Read ELF news published in The Record
- Explore the ELF pages at peointernational.org
- Talk about ELF at chapter meetings; enjoy a fun ELF program or activity
- Keep ELF information at hand so you can answer questions
- Remind chapter sisters and family members to look for potential applicants

Chapter Interview: Student Eligibility

by Cathy Allen, Chairman, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees

A P.E.O. sister knows a woman who needs money to complete a degree or certification program. Is the student eligible for an ELF Loan? The chapter's ELF chairman is willing to contact the student, share basic information and arrange for her to participate in an interview with the chapter's ELF committee.

The ELF committee chairman and her committee members take an important role in the process of determining whether an ELF loan is right for a student. Although the loan's 3 percent interest rate is



quite attractive, other terms may not fit a student's situation. For example, the applicant must have two qualified cosigners, her credit score must be at least 625, she must be within two years and not less than four months from graduation and she must agree to the terms of the loan (six-year promissory note for each loan installment).



Prior to interviewing the student, it is helpful to print and study the **P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund: Policies Governing Loans, Procedure for Sponsoring an Applicant** and the **Chapter Recommendation Form**. The information acquired during the student interview helps the committee determine if the student meets the qualifications and therefore may be recommended to the chapter as an applicant for an ELF loan. A favorable voice vote at a chapter meeting allows the ELF chairman to submit the Chapter Recommendation Form.

Due to the usual diligence of the chapters' ELF committees, it is a rare occasion that an applicant for a loan from the Educational Loan Fund is denied the loan for which she has applied. Because ELF does have money to lend, the denial is most

often related to either the published **P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund—Policies Governing Loans** or the “indebtedness limits” listed in the **Chapter Recommendation Form**. No one is happy with a denial—not the student, the sponsoring chapter or the ELF trustees. Discovering during the interview process that a student does not meet the qualifications for an ELF loan saves everyone from disappointment of a denied loan.

Recommending a qualified student for an ELF loan is a responsibility and privilege.

The P.E.O. sisters who are informed and ready to share ELF information with a student can help a woman meet her educational goals. The P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund trustees offer our continued appreciation for the work and dedication of chapters and their ELF committees! 🌸





COTTEY



The fine arts instructional building groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 18, 2014

A Message from the Cottey President

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

A couple of years ago, I received as a gift a small, beautiful book titled "We Appreciate You Every Day." Since then, I have picked up the book repeatedly, turned to the appropriate day of the week and read the inspirational words. When I began to think about what I wanted to write to P.E.O.s at the conclusion of the historic A Defining Moment: the Campaign for Cottey College, I turned again to my inspirational book; we at Cottey do appreciate you every day because the gifts



you have made to the campaign affect our College every day.

The primary goal of the campaign was to increase the scholarship endowment. Our goal was overfunded, reaching 115 percent. This gift will allow additional students to have a Cottey education; and no one can even guess what that education will continue to give the recipient every day for the rest of her life.

While scholarships are vitally important, it is essential that the education provided by Cottey be superior, that it be the education needed for women to meet their goals and fulfill their talents and abilities. The College recognized that the majority of women want more than an associate degree; baccalaureate degrees are necessary to meet their educational goals,

and so the College, after careful planning, set the processes in motion to offer four-year degrees. The approval of "general authority" to offer degrees in the humanities and the social sciences received from the Higher Learning Commission would not have been granted without the resources provided by the Defining Moment Campaign for faculty chairs and library enhancements. These improved resources will also support our future requests to the Commission for additional four-year programs. These are resources that are needed every day, and we appreciate you every day.

Before many months, the campus will have a new look with a state-of-the-art fine arts instructional

building. How exciting it will be to watch a new building grow from Neale Hall with a bridge connecting to Main Hall. It will be a serviceable but beautiful building that the campus community will appreciate every day. You are cordially invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the fine arts instructional building on April 18, 2014, at 4 p.m.

Please imagine a trumpet sounding as you read the next sentence. The campaign goal was exceeded, and the total Defining Moment funding is more than \$40 million for Cottey College! We are so grateful to have added these resources and to have created this unique educational institution. Now we must tell others about Cottey; we must fill every classroom. Please help us do that.

The success of the campaign seems miraculous in several ways. The College did not have previous experience with a comprehensive campaign. We began the campaign during a downturn in the economy. We began the campaign despite these difficulties because the strategic planning was complete, and we truly needed to move forward with our goals. The time was right. The time was also right for us to invite the ideal campaign chairman. Barbara Andes had just



A Defining Moment campaign cabinet. **First row, from the left:** Karen Blair, Carla Bryant Farmer, Dr. Judy Rogers, Barbara Andes, Susan Sellers, Ann Fields **Second row:** Terri Srch, Kathi Wysong, Miriam Kindred, Joyce Rhodes, Lynn Frady Kelly, Lou Ireland, Julie Wilson, Jan Goodsell **Not pictured:** Judyth Wier, vice president for institutional advancement and Diane Sampson, Chairman of the Donor Recognition Committee

completed her term of service as president of International Chapter and was willing to say “yes” when I asked her to serve. Barbara served with professionalism and passion that motivated every one who served with her. She selected her campaign cabinet, and that group will forever remain in my memory for exemplary service and commitment. No one

dropped off, though the campaign continued for five years. Their reports were regular, well prepared, and clear evidence of the work of their committees between our conference calls.

A unique feature of the campaign was our well-planned and well-attended awareness events.

During 96 events, we brought the campaign and Cottey’s story directly to P.E.O.s, alumnae, BILs and friends of women’s education. The story was heard and understood. Thank you.

There is a quotation by Douglas Everett in “I Appreciate You Every Day” that reads: “There are some who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality; and then there are those who turn one into the other.” There is a vision, more compelling than a dream, for Cottey College, and you have turned that vision into reality. Now let’s fill our College! 🌸



Cottey employees from all parts of the College gave money to the Defining Moment campaign

In the January-February 2014 issue of The P.E.O. Record, the cost of attendance for the new summer program was reported as \$450 with a \$25 non-refundable deposit. The cost has been changed to \$300 with a \$50 non-refundable application fee.



IPS

IPS: Making a Difference Around the World!

by Glynda Samford, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees

We wonder, and are often asked, what happens when our IPS recipients finish their education and return home. Occasionally one will contact us to thank P.E.O. and tell us about her activities. Two such former recipients are Youkyung Han from South Korea and Philippine Kidulah from Kenya.

After her graduation from Ewha Women's University in Seoul with a B.A. and M.A. in education, **Youkyung Han** felt the need

for a broader experience. She attended the University of Wisconsin where she obtained her Master of Science in Education before receiving an IPS scholarship to work toward a Ph.D. in 1989 and 1990. The University of Wisconsin granted her Ph.D. in educational administration in 1991.

Upon returning to South Korea, Youkyung worked as a senior researcher in girls' education for the Korean Educational Development Institute, later serving as director and research fellow. As a research fellow she represented the Korean government in international conferences with OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and



Cultural Organization) and APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation).

Among her proudest moments is becoming a full-time faculty member at Ewha Women's University, the largest women's tertiary institution in the world. From this position she had the opportunity to preside over, attend and present for various international conferences and seminars on women's education and learning. She also led groups of students to UNESCO conferences.

As a result of receiving a Fulbright Senior Research Award, Youkyung is currently a visiting scholar in the Department of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies at the University of Iowa. Her research is intended to help Korea develop a successful policy for hosting international students.

A native Kenyan, **Philippine Kidulah (Pini)** was awarded IPS scholarships in 2009 and 2010 and received a Master

of International Development from Eastern University in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania.

After graduation she returned to West Pokot County, Kenya. There she was a founding member of Jitokeze Wamama Wafirka (JWW) a community-based organization



committed to serving people who are vulnerable due to droughts and conflicts induced by climate change.

Through community-based projects Pini has provided chickens to women to raise for egg production and chicken sales. JWW is providing education and training for women so they can start small businesses that will ultimately employ other women. Women are being taught to harvest water and raise short-term crops and fruit trees. They are producing school uniforms and bags for sale. While teaching and learning, these women are also engaged in peace-building activities and dialogue in the community. Pini states, "all this is possible because of the IPS scholarship that P.E.O. granted me as well as the supportive friendship and encouragement I continue to receive from P.E.O. sisters. Because you (P.E.O.) participated in the process of shaping me into the woman and leader I am today, you will continue to be a part of whatever work I do for social justice, peace, women's empowerment, food security and sustainability."

IPS trustees and P.E.O.s in general are justifiably proud of these two recipients. We are confident that there are hundreds more stories about the difference IPS scholars are making in the world today. 🌸





The Hope Behind a Named Grant

by (Carol) Jean Wyble, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

Hope has many definitions but one perfectly describes a grant from the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education: **a source of success; somebody or something that seems likely to bring success or relief.** And when a recipient is awarded a PCE Named Grant, both **somebody** and **something** has provided the hope she needs. But there is more behind a Named Grant than just the name—there are cherished memories.

Maxine (Macky) Apperson, I, Raleigh, North Carolina, led an adventuresome life with her husband Jeff for almost 60 years.



Maxine and Jeff Apperson

The couple met when Jeff was a Captain in the Army Air Corp based in Aurora, Colorado. Marriage, the birth of sons Jeff and Charles, living in Texas, Mexico, California, Washington and finally settling in North Carolina are just some of the memories Macky has of her life with Jeff. With Jeff's passing, Macky's commitment to the ideals and goals of P.E.O. and her strong belief of helping people in need led her to establish the **Jeff and Maxine**

Apperson PCE Named Grant.

According to Macky's son Charles, this named grant "reflects her continuing love for Jeff." For the five recipients who will receive full grant awards from this fund, each comes wrapped in Macky and Jeff's hope for a recipient's success through education.

Lynne Ebersson, AU, Fargo, North Dakota, lives in Minnesota and winters in Florida. She doesn't make as many meetings as she would like but recalls the chapter meeting when the death of a sister, Marguerite Samuel, was announced. As fate would have it, the chapter PCE chairman shared an article about Named Grants during reports of committees. At that moment, Lynne knew how she would honor her sister and dear friend. Lynne thought the world of Marg, who was dedicated to her church, her family and to helping other people. Marg's husband and children truly touched Lynne when they made a point of thanking her



Marg Samuel and her granddaughter Sye Aaker

for this wonderful tribute and how pleased they were that a recipient

had been awarded the Marguerite Samuel PCE Named Grant.

One year later, Lynne remembered another sister, Jean Betty Anderson, in the same way. Described as



Jean Betty Anderson

one of the chapter's most popular members, with a great chuckle and a way of drawing people to her, Jean's love of PCE made establishing the **Jean Betty Anderson PCE Named Grant** an easy decision. Gail Tronnes, Jean's daughter, said, "The family is so honored my mother was remembered in this way and it would have been a joy for her to know that some young woman had received help in her name." Lynne said, "Making these two grants possible made my heart smile!"

While these stories share just a few of the treasured memories behind a PCE Named Grant, the **hope** given can change a life forever. The number of women in need of hope is ever growing, so consider remembering **somebody**, and give the **something** that is likely to **bring her success**. Information on the many options available to fund a PCE Named Grant can be found on the PCE portion of the International website. 🌸



Keeping Connected

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

The P.E.O. Scholar Awards are widely considered a prestigious acknowledgement of a doctoral student's accomplishments and career trajectory. But what sets the P.E.O. Scholar Awards apart from other awards is the personal

touch our recipients receive from you! These busy and dedicated Scholars are moved by your loving concern and regularly note in their final progress reports what a positive experience their interaction with P.E.O. has been.

The following comments typify the feedback we have received from our Scholars describing their P.E.O. Scholar Awards experiences and your efforts to connect with them:

"Absolutely amazing, I don't think I could have made it through the past year without the support of the P.E.O. ladies. Just being able to talk to the ladies in my local chapter has helped keep me motivated and focused."

"My experience was wonderful. Several chapters invited me to events...I was inspired and motivated by each and every P.E.O. member I encountered."

"It was phenomenal to meet the P.E.O. chapter members who are all such wonderful, accomplished women. It was inspiring and educational."

"My experience as a P.E.O. scholar has been wonderful. The local chapter...has been very welcoming and friendly. They are an amazing and inspirational group of women."

"They have been very supportive and interested in all of my endeavors. I send them pictures and updates regularly and have gotten quite close with some of the members."

"My sponsoring chapter has been a constant source of support and encouragement for me throughout this past year. I can't thank them enough!"

"I believe what made my experience so special is the incredible inclusion and warmth demonstrated by [my nominating chapter]... I loved my experience as a P.E.O. Scholar because of the social community/chapter participation and new friends I was able to gain... The Scholar Award... went beyond financial support; it provided me with the opportunity to join a loving sisterhood."

Chapters stay in touch with Scholars through letters, special occasion cards, email and invitations to participate in a chapter social or to share information about their studies as the program for a chapter meeting. Frequently our Scholars are asked to speak at state/provincial/district conventions. Staying connected with a Scholar—through personal contacts made

by the chapter that nominated her as well as chapters that are located near her university or college—gives these women a morale boost by letting them know they have a large group of supporters cheering them on! Many of our P.E.O. Scholar Awards recipients express an interest in becoming a P.E.O. after being exposed to these nurturing and generous chapters—and several

have become P.E.O.s during their year as a Scholar! As you get to know your Scholar through these contacts, please consider inviting her to become a P.E.O.!

Your influence, as an individual P.E.O. and as a local chapter, in keeping connected with our Scholars can be profound. Thank you for showing these women the full meaning of P.E.O. 🌸



64 STARS Are Now Our Sisters

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

It's time to celebrate! One of the five stated reasons to support the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is "to open up another pool of possible P.E.O. members from the applicants and recipients and their mothers, sisters, teachers, etc." Excitedly, as of December 31, 2013, 64 chapters have done just that. These chapters have recognized the outstanding qualities of these exceptional women who have since been initiated into P.E.O. In order to stay active and involved some of these new sisters have transferred into other chapters. The Sisterhood will benefit greatly from the addition of these young, bright, energetic members.

31 States and 1 Province Initiated a STAR Recipient

Several were initiated by chapters other than their recommending chapter.

2 STARS have already transferred to other chapters.

Missouri – R, U, CI, FA,
JL, JW, KN, LD

Montana – AZ, BX, CD

Nebraska – AG, AQ,
EQ, GJ, HL

New Mexico – V

New York – E

Alabama – E
Arkansas – AY, DL
British Columbia – AR
California – NT
Colorado – X, FG

North Dakota – BF
Ohio – AA, DP
Oklahoma – F
Pennsylvania – K, Q, BF
Rhode Island – C
South Dakota – AS

Texas – BR
Utah – U
Virginia – BS
Washington – T, IT
Wisconsin – P
Wyoming – AU, BE

Iowa – BJ, CF, CN,
DE, DF, IO, PD
Kansas – AN, CB, DS
Michigan – AC
Minnesota – CB, CQ, EB
Mississippi – V, X

Florida – CG
Georgia – D
Idaho – T, AB
Illinois – FM, LB, MP
Indiana – AS

As the pool of STAR recipients grows larger, the ripple effect will increase. The newly initiated young women will introduce friends and family members to P.E.O. Continued support of the STAR Scholarship will benefit the whole sisterhood. 🌟

Homegrown Fundraiser

The sisters of Chapter HY, Des Moines, Iowa, raised \$1,367 for P.E.O. projects with their annual fundraiser luncheon. Anita Canney hosted 29 sisters on three dates throughout the summer. An experienced hostess and cook, Anita uses recipes that are healthy, colorful and use many of the fresh vegetables and fruits available during summer months. Since the chapter takes a summer break from regular meetings, the luncheons not only generate funds but also provide an opportunity for Chapter HY sisters to stay connected. The relaxed, small-group experience is a great way for sisters to get together in an informal setting while helping P.E.O.



Sisters of Chapter HY enjoy their annual homegrown fundraiser

Benefit Concert for Scholarship Fund

Chapter BL, Sacramento, California, hosted a successful concert entitled "Sizzling Summer's Songs" featuring a variety of talented musical artists and performers from the local Sacramento area. The concert was held at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church to raise money for P.E.O. projects.

Lestelle Manley Nichols, a coloratura soprano, voice teacher and member of Chapter BL, planned and organized the event, along with a great deal of support and assistance from Chapter BL sisters.



Lestelle Manley Nichols planned and organized Chapter BL's Sizzling Summer's Songs fundraiser

The program featured a variety of beautiful music that included both classical pieces for voice, piano, violin and clarinet, as well as an array of popular selections by each of the performers and a barbershop quartet.

Complimentary punch and cookies, prepared and donated by chapter members, were served to the more than 100 people in attendance and raised \$1,500.

Sharing Vintage Threads

Chapter NZ, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, hosted Chapters A and OX, also of Mount Pleasant and members of other surrounding P.E.O. chapters for a style show fundraiser called "Sharing Vintage Threads from Yesteryear."

Inspired by the special occasion gowns, dresses, hats and memorabilia, the chapter turned to the extensive clothing collection at Midwest Old Settler and Threshers Association of Mount Pleasant. Joy Conwell, curator



Dessert table at Chapter NZ's style show fundraiser

and member of Chapter NZ, wrote and presented the style show.

The evening's program focused on historical dress typical in the early years of P.E.O. Members as well as daughters and granddaughters were selected to wear the

special clothing collection. Models demonstrated the weighty undergarments and gowns worn in the 1800s to the flapper dresses of the 1920s, the mini skirts of the 1960s and into the 1970s with double knit polyester. The theme of what a member of P.E.O. might wear to a meeting or convention was carried throughout the vintage style show.

Around the room were vignettes displaying vintage purses, shoes, hats, lingerie and children's clothing. Prior to the style show, guests were served a light supper and sat at tables beautifully decorated by members sharing their own china collections and centerpieces of memorabilia.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Since Chapter DG in Fayetteville, Arkansas, was organized in 2002, there have been many opportunities to "express a loving concern for each sister." One of the best methods for reaching out to sisters and their BILs has been through "the right exercise of any talent we possess."

When a Chapter DG sister was facing major surgery, Evalyn Cottey (her BIL was a distant relative of Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard) knit a prayer shawl for her. This prayer shawl was a source of comfort to this sister through three surgeries.

Evalyn's act of kindness inspired the chapter to become involved in a



Jenny Miller modeled a vintage dress at Chapter NZ's style show fundraiser

prayer shawl ministry. Since the first prayer shawl was presented in 2010, Chapter DG has ministered to six sisters and four BILs who were seriously ill or undergoing major surgery. Caps were knit for three sisters undergoing chemotherapy. Sisters feel blessed to be a part of such a loving chapter.

Winery Fundraiser

Chapter GR, Sioux City, Iowa, had a fall fundraiser at Tucker Hill, a local winery. The winery owner told attendees about wine production and allowed everyone to taste three wines. Members from several local chapters decorated tables and prepared a luncheon. It was a beautiful fall day and the ticket sales will assist Chapter GR with gifts to the P.E.O. Projects. Chapter GR made \$600 on this fundraiser.



Tables were decorated with a fall theme for Chapter GR's winery fundraiser

Holiday Food Auction

Chapter CQ, Kenosha, Wisconsin's major fundraiser every year is a holiday food auction held just prior to the holidays.

Sisters make and donate cakes, cookies, candy, pickled beets, jams, pimento cheese, pickles, apple sauce, frozen dinner entrees, snacks and more. In addition to the food, they sell boxes of note cards painted by

a local artist. Chapter CQ earned \$1,172 for P.E.O. projects at the holiday food auction.



Maureen Budowle and Jane Bekos of Chapter CQ, Wisconsin

Derby Day Dinner

Every May members of Chapter E, Darien, Connecticut, host a Kentucky Derby Day dinner for sisters, BILs and guests. All the women are encouraged to celebrate the evening by donning festive hats. One hat contains the names of all the horses and guests buy chances to draw a name or names out of the hat. Each participant draws names from the hat to see which horse they will be cheering for. Proceeds from the event benefit P.E.O. projects.



Chapter E sisters in their Derby Day hats

Sugar Scrub Fundraiser

In late fall of 2013, several members from Chapter FY in Bend, Oregon, and a few guests gathered at a member's home to enjoy lunch and fellowship. After lunch an assembly line was set up and the women made and packaged sugar scrubs, which the chapter sells to raise money for

P.E.O. projects. Sugar scrubs are used to exfoliate and repair dry skin and are very popular in Bend's dry climate. Using a recipe from one of their members, they start from scratch and end up with a beautifully packaged scrub to sell to family members, friends, neighbors and other P.E.O. chapters in Bend. Last year they raised \$1,443 for P.E.O. projects selling sugar scrub.



Members of Chapter FY work together to assemble sugar scrubs

P.E.O. Added to Welcome Sign

Chapter D, Whitefish, Montana, recently undertook a successful project in their town. Members decided that the welcome sign at the entrance to the City of Whitefish needed P.E.O. added. They worked with city managers and were allowed to add their sign. A member of Chapter D hand-painted the sign and her BIL helped hang it. Members have already had good feedback from people new to town and long-term residents. 🌸



P.E.O.s in Whitefish, Montana. **From the left:** Joanne Jackson, Barbara Grove, Karen Leftwich, Joy Jordan, Miriam Foster, Rebecca Hjertberg, Becky Smith-Powell, Jenny Huether

New CHAPTERS



Chapter XY, Santa Clarita, California Organized: September 7, 2013

From top to bottom, left to right: Kathy Allie, Tanya Van Dyke, Linda Nueman, Judy Wood, Marianne Bakic, Bea Henisey, Anne Banks, Carolyn Ritchie, Bonnie Bennett, Ann-Marie Volk, Charlene Nelson, Elaine Sedgwick, Sharon Dziubala, Kathleen Gill, Shirley Schneller, Sylvia Reyes



Chapter FZ-GN, Elmhurst, Illinois Merged: October 20, 2013

First row, from the left: Karen Benzin, Janet Russell, Dora Schenk, Susan Graybill, Iligene Anderson, Beth Schacht **Second row:** Carol Most, Rena Lizzadro, Nancy Scinto, Barbara Nichol **Third row:** Agnes Gaw, Ellen Hoeltgen, Marian Fick, Thelma McNamara, Dorothy Knoepfel, Betty Bruce, Judy Ekblad, Jane Cooke, Ruth Blair, Marilyn Carson, Shiela Jurss



Chapter JV, Spring Hill, Kansas Organized: November 2, 2013

First row, from the left: Susan Traub, Heather Mentzer, Leslie Birmingham, Deba Barker, Mary Kay Johnson, Vernetta Lucas, Leslie Wilson **Second row:** state president Julie Cahoj, Nancy Dyer, Patti Stites, Amy Belcher, Vickie Copeland, Judy Byers, Gwen Wolff, Sharon Mitchell, Ann Copeland, state organizer Jan Keeley



Chapter CI, Bigfork, Montana Organized: December 7, 2013

First row, from the left: Marilyn Fuhrman, Bev Fisher, Celie Perleberg, Anne Gladden, Sallie Guy, Sheila Gilmore, Ginny Johnson, Cheryl Harber, Ashley Perleberg **Second row:** Sharon Knauth, Kay Gough, Donna Vogel, Jennie Harris, Julie Whitney, Karen Simmons, state organizer Sarah Sally Green



Chapter AO, Concordia, Kansas
Organized: March 5, 1914
Celebrated: March 22, 2014

First row, from the left: Shirley Carpenter, Susan Martin, Wanda Davenport, Helen Kocher, Madilyn Swenson, Avis Cory **Second row:** Linda Hayden, Jayme Peterson, Janice Swenson, Susan Regan, Cheryl Holmes, Chris Fall, Penny Larsen, Peggy Loveland, Norine Koester, Margo Hosie **Third row:** Jean Leon, Rachel Kueker, Christi Hasch, Shea McMillian, Linda Culley, Jill Halstead, Richelle Kueker, Sarah Harvey **Fourth row:** Nancy Champlin, Nancy Nading, Nancy Collins, Kay Thompson



Chapter AN, Van Nuys, California
Organized: May 3, 1913
Celebrated: May 4, 2013

From the left: Lois Weaver, Evelyn France, Lorrilyn Fetherolf, Marilyn Fetherolf, Marilyn Deatherage, Sue Gettle, Jane Heidel, Gloria Perrodin, Robyn Hall, Lucy Walker, Mary McGinnis, Mary Bullard, Mary Pritzlaff, Anna Belle Chesley, Ruth Myers, Donna Zehrung, Fran Mekjian, Jo Ann Weber, Carol Lee Mafi, Ruth Newman



Chapter AH, Peoria, Illinois
Organized: March 18, 1914
Celebrated: March 18, 2014

First row, from the left: Lisa Pfohl, Marthann Day, Georgianna Haynes, Eloise Littler, Sue Parks, Barbara Hutt, Jan Chapman **Second row:** Mary Hill, Cecelia Copeland, Jan Turley, Mary Kay Monrad, Dorothy Erbe, Mary Jane Ziegler, Jane Hagaman **Third row:** Sue Van Wassenhove, Judy Crump, Lynn Thomas, Leta Wooley, Garland Remsen, Judy Grimm, Pam Maas, Melissa Poulsen, Cisty Mills, Marilyn Howard



Chapter EI, Belle Plaine, Iowa
Organized: May 7, 1913
Celebrated: October 7, 2013

Catherine Burrows, Charlotte Silkebaken, Diana Ealy, Elaine Drahm, Cindy Ehlen, Mardell Johnson, Rima Johnson, Marcia Kucera, Joyce Livermore, Jeanne Malcolm, Sandy Mann, Pam Nenortas, Cathy Wehrman, Marilyn Wells, Janelle Jack, Ashley Drahm, Jolene Topinka, Kris Zangerle, Cherie Brown, Gay Drahm, Chris Zumbach, Mindy Plumb, Theresa Thomas

Kay Francis, I, Greeley, Colorado,

wrote "One More Dance..." a romantic mystery novel aimed at mid-life women who enjoy a romance that is character and plot driven. The main character, Beth Waterford, struggles to rebuild her life after her husband's death when the other man she might have married 40 years ago unexpectedly comes courting.



A widow herself, Kay wants to instill hope in readers that life is not over when a spouse dies and that love can come at any age.

Kay lives in northern Colorado on 10 acres with her husband of two years, a horse and a cat.

Billie Buckles, C, Alva, Oklahoma,

wrote "Changing Seasons," a book about a period of history that will soon be lost by time and the passing of generations. Billie cracks the curtain and takes you on a journey of experiences



recalled so clearly you feel as though you are walking through her life with her. She records such simple things as wringer washing machines, clotheslines and scrubbing floors with the wash water. The details describing hog butchering, making lye soap and early preservation of food are so vivid, a reader commented, "I sometimes think I'm there...living it with her." Billie writes of her mother who worked hard to provide a home for her children under very difficult circumstances. A letter written in 1941 told of a doll Billie received for Christmas that cost 60 cents. A copy of the letter and a picture of Billie holding the doll is included in the book. Some of

the stories make you laugh and some evoke sadness, but the love she has for her family shines throughout.

Billie enjoyed a 24-year career in banking and finance. She and her husband Bill reside in Alva, Oklahoma.

Sharon Ervin, AT, McAlester, Oklahoma,

has written her tenth novel, "Nightingale," set in 1840 England.

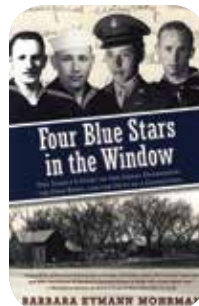
Bright, literate and enterprising, Jessica Blair, 18, works in a manor house in a remote area of the vast holdings of the Duke of Fornay. Having collected cast-off hens, Jessica



supplements her income by bartering eggs and dressed birds; therefore, she is alarmed when horsemen race along the footpath she has inadvertently cut to her coops. Jessica stops the charge to find the noisy threat is one huge, riderless horse. Ignorant of the danger of an overwrought stallion, Jessica calms the animal, calling him Sweetness. She then backtracks to find the owner, wounded and waiting for daylight. But for Devlin Miracle, 29, the arrogant Twelfth Duke of Fornay, there will be no daylight. Thieves' savage blows have left him blind.

Barbara Eymann Mohrman, HQ, North Platte, Nebraska,

wrote "Four Blue Stars in the Window: One Family's Story of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and the Duty of a Generation" and "The Dust-Covered Days of Dorie Archer."



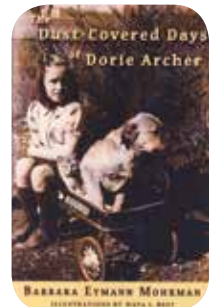
Fifty years ago a young girl opened a cardboard box in her basement. Long forgotten, the box contained her father's World War II uniform, vintage photos, semaphore flags and other World

War II keepsakes. Years later this box of history opened up a world of family pain and joy to Barbara as she set out on a personal journey to trace her family history. Through extensive interviews and research, she uncovered much more—unspoken Eymann family secrets.

"Four Blue Stars in the Window" is a gritty story of hard-scrabble life in rural Oakdale, Nebraska, starting in the heyday of the 1920s along the banks of the Elkhorn River. Chriss Eymann, a newly arrived Swiss immigrant, and his wife, Hattie Mae, raised 10 children on the Dust Bowl ravaged plains during the 1930s in the depths of the Great Depression.

Their greatest sacrifice came when they found themselves and their adopted country caught up in the greatest conflict the world had ever known. They sent four young sons off to war in the South Pacific and Europe as the family gathered around the radio awaiting news of the war and the bittersweet homecomings.

Also based on true stories from her family, "The Dust-Covered Days of Dorie Archer" is a book meant to be entertaining for young adults as they learn about the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl years.



Barbara is a lifelong educator who has taught Spanish and English as a Second Language. She attended Nebraska Wesleyan University and received a master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. A doting grandmother, avid reader and runner, Barbara lives in her home state of Nebraska.

Nancy Haller, IE, Des Moines, Washington, wrote "I don't know how long my short term memory is... Strategies for People with Brains."

Nancy has been living with a brain injury that occurred during a surgery

over a decade ago, leaving her with Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS). Fewer than 100 people in the world have been diagnosed with FAS.

At the completion of her master's degree in 2010,

Nancy observed the experience of being totally brain tired. She began to observe this phenomenon around her, from her college student daughters to the exhausted public she encountered. Finally the overwhelming brain fog apparent in the lives of her aging mother, her young adult daughters and herself as she traveled through menopause became evident. Whether brain issues are personal or impact people in our lives, no one will go through life unscathed.

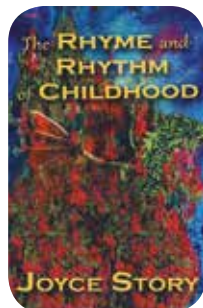
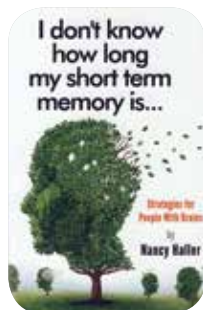
The book includes 30 simple "30 to 60 second Moments of Awareness" designed to help train the brain.

"I don't know how long my short term memory is" was an award-winning finalist in the Health: Alternative Medicine and Health: Psychology/Mental Health categories of the 2013 International Book Awards and won a 2013 National Indie Excellence Book Award in the Health-General category.

Nancy's family includes four generations of P.E.O.s, from her grandmother to her daughters.

Joyce Story, DM, Litchfield Park, Arizona, wrote "The Rhyme and Rhythm of

Childhood," a playful collection of stories inspired by childhood memories she heard from family and friends as she grew up in north Florida. At the heart of the stories are such experiences



as escaping the jaws of a wild animal, unexpectedly finding your inner voice, facing down your fears, cleverly putting your wits to use and delighting in a potentially disastrous day that ultimately turns out just right. Written in pleasing rhythm and subtle rhyme, the stories offer the dual perspective of the child's imperfect understanding and the awareness of the adult.

These stories reflect and honor the culture into which Joyce was born. Extended periods of living abroad and formal courses in Romance and Slavic studies have ensured her appreciation of traditions very different from her own. A retired educator with a doctorate in Slavic languages and literatures, she taught courses in Russian, Polish, Spanish and in the art of storytelling.

Her next book will be a collection of original, folk-tale-like stories that feature the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. A storyteller at the White Tank Mountain Regional Park in the Phoenix area, Joyce regularly shares these tales with park visitors and with many other audiences in the Phoenix area.

Rhoda Leavitt, W, Clayton, New Mexico, wrote "Our Gypsy

Neighbors," based on the actual experiences of Sue Alsup, Rhoda's friend and illustrator of the book. As a child living in Michigan in the 1930s Sue was intrigued when a group of gypsies set up camp nearby. She formed a brief but beautiful friendship with a young gypsy girl. Despite the language and cultural barriers, they bonded over a black and white kitten named Fluffy.

Rhoda has a background in elementary education with a degree in teaching and 11 years of classroom



experience. She has had numerous poems published by the National Poetry Association and has published a local history book.

Nancy Bond, DJ, Forest Grove, Oregon, wrote her memoir "Lemonade Under the Lilacs."

Nancy's life in stories came to her as an informative and sometimes humorous way of teaching her children, grandchildren and future generations

of the vast differences and progress that have taken place over the space of only one generation.

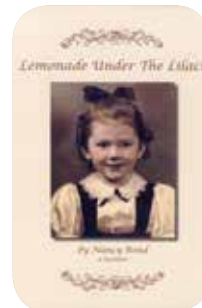
Nancy writes about how her once simple way of life has been transformed into a network of social, technological, medical and scientific marvels. As she recalls some of the experiences that have shaped her life, Nancy discovers that basic human needs, passions and desires haven't changed that much over time—only the methods to obtain them.

Nancy graduated from the University of Oregon. She and her husband have two children and two grandchildren. They divide their time between homes in western Oregon, and Palm Desert, California.

Mary Coleman-Woolslayer, CQ, Tulsa, Oklahoma, wrote an

illustrated children's book called "A Biplane and Her Boy." Mary's book was chosen by the Smithsonian as one of the top children's books of 2012.

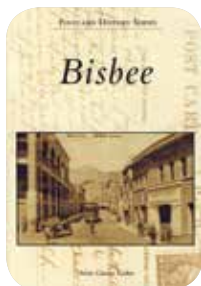
Steeped in nostalgia, "A Biplane and Her Boy" pays homage both to a vintage Stearman biplane and the joy



of flying. An old biplane named Betty Lou, whose glory days are behind her, reminisces about flying and the boy who once owned her, loved her and flew her better than anyone in the whole world. Though he sold the biplane for a newer plane, the boy never forgets Betty Lou, and searches her out to buy her back.

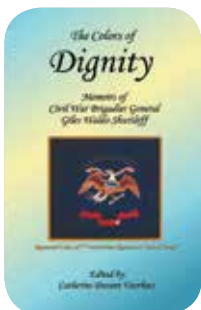
Mary was a teacher in the United States and Spain for 30 years. She is now writing books she hopes will educate and delight children of all ages.

Annie Graeme Larkin, T, Bisbee, Arizona, wrote "Bisbee" in the Arcadia Postcard History Series. The book includes more than 200 vintage images and postcards from Bisbee's past.



Annie is from a Bisbee pioneer family and has been steeped in the community's history her entire life. It was her fascination with the community's past that drew her to collecting local postcards and preserving the region's history. She has a history degree from the University of Arizona and is the curator at the Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum.

Catherine Durant Voorhees, O, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, edited and compiled papers and letters into a book, "The Colors of Dignity: Memoirs of Civil War Brigadier General Giles Waldo Shurtleff." The book presents a rare look into the personal and professional life of a Union officer serving in the Civil War.



Shurtleff was captured by Confederate troops and spent one year as a prisoner of war. During that time he experienced

personally what it means to be robbed of one's dignity. After his release, he served as a courier between generals during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1863, he recruited and trained the 5th Ohio Regiment of "Colored Troops." These soldiers had to overcome strong prejudice against them, not only by the people of the south, but also by Union soldiers and officers. They were entrenched for months around Petersburg, Virginia. There they witnessed firsthand the Battle of the Crater. Finally, near the end of the war, they were allowed to participate in a battle during which all of their white officers were either killed or wounded. The "colored" soldiers rallied the remaining troops and, for their bravery, four of them were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor after the war.

Since her retirement as a nursing educator, Catherine has been researching family history.

Candace Toft, SU, Susanville, California, wrote "A Tangled Web," her latest novel which is set in San Diego neighborhoods. Four people are being blackmailed by the same person for different reasons. When these "victims" manage to find one another, they form an indomitable team and set about thwarting their blackmailer which results in a successful caper.



Candace has won a number of writing awards and has previously published three novels. She obtained a grant from the California Council for the Humanities to collect and edit a book of local historical stories, "Small Moments in Time: Memories of Lassen County." Her last book, "Off the Ropes, the Ron Lyle Story," was published in the U.K. and shortlisted for the prestigious William Hill Sports Book of the Year.

Candace is a former teacher and middle school principal. She and her husband Matt Levine live on five acres just outside Susanville.

Karla (Camerer) Miller, El, Boulder, Colorado, is a Cottey College Alum from the Class of '83. She is also an author by the name of Piper Bayard. Piper's debut dystopian thriller "FIRELANDS" was released last year.



"Eighty years in the future, America has devolved into a totalitarian theocracy. The ruling Josephites clone the only seeds that grow in the post-apocalyptic climate, allowing their prophet to control who eats, who starves and who burns in the ritual fires that atone for society.

"Subsisting on the fringes, Archer risks violation and death each day as she scours the forest for game to feed her people. When a Josephite refugee seeks sanctuary in her home, Archer is driven to chance a desperate gamble—a gamble that will bring down the Prophet and deliver seeds and freedom, or end in a fiery death for herself and for everyone she loves.

"Seeds are life . . . Seeds are power . . . Seeds are the only hope of a despairing people. What will Archer do for the seeds of freedom, and what will she justify in their name?"

Karla (Piper) is a recovering attorney with a J.D. from the University of Colorado. She is a full-time author and managing editor of a news and events network.

Ruth Bures, AP, Winona, Minnesota,

created an educational iPad/iPhone app called "Fuzzy Little Caterpillar" that is now available in the iTunes



app store. It brings music and science together in an interactive format for kids three and older to help them develop music skills and learn about moths and butterflies.

Ruth's app features a song she wrote and is designed to introduce children aged 3 to 7 to music literacy. The app has a unique format because it includes connections to science and math. Along with pitch movement, rhythm, form, ear training and singing, there are facts about caterpillars, moths and butterflies and practice in counting 100 butterflies in and out of a tent by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.

Ruth is a graduate of Drake University and Saint Mary's University. She has taught music at all levels, from preschool through university. She enjoyed combining poetry and melody to create original songs for her young sons (now grown) that matched their interests and helped them understand music. She has done extensive research in the educational and general value of music literacy and performance for young people. A pianist, singer, songwriter and clarinetist, she has been active in music all her life and is an untiring advocate for music education.

Victoria Hineman Loberg, R, Peoria, Illinois,

wrote "From Pest House to Medical Centers-Peoria's Medical Journey Into the 20th Century." Over a half century of city directories and the handwritten minutes dating from 1848 of the Peoria Medical Society yielded a narrative of pioneer physicians, charlatans and felons. Read about the "whiskey capital of the world," a French freedom fighter, an alleged grave robber and other stories of medicine in 19th century Peoria.

Victoria received her undergraduate degree from Purdue University, her medical degree from Indiana University,



and her subspecialty training in internal medicine, hematology and oncology at Mayo Clinic.

Viola Sawyer Lunderville, E, Claremont, New Hampshire,

wrote the autobiographical "A Not-So-Small-Time Town: Growing Up in Plainfield, New Hampshire." Viola reflects on her years growing up in the quaint New England town in the Connecticut River Valley where she explored, learned and experienced a simple lifestyle full of freedom, memorable places and special times.

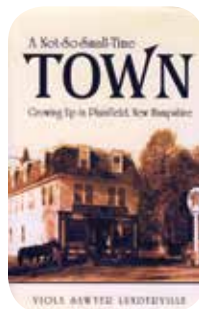
Viola lives in the Connecticut River Valley with her husband. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Saint Anselm College. She is now retired from the New Hampshire Department of Corrections.

Marie Cook, KF, Kansas City North, Missouri,

wrote "Clara," to teach her grandchildren about their strong devout pioneer ancestors. While the major events of "Clara" are true, fictional stories have been interwoven to illustrate the strong morals, manners and mores of the day.

Marie was born and raised in southeast Kansas and earned her BA from Park University. She wrote "Clara" after she retired from being the first female personnel manager of CNA Insurance Company in Kansas City.

Marie plans to donate 20 percent of the net proceeds from her book sales to P.E.O.



Martha Graybeal Rowlett, BO, Asheville, North Carolina,

wrote "Weaving Prayer Into the Tapestry of Life," in which she combines scripture, voices and sources from the traditions of the church, poetry, stories and accounts of personal experience to shed light on 10 of the most familiar ways Christians pray. Nine sets of prayer prompts, one with each chapter, invite the reader to move from thinking to doing.

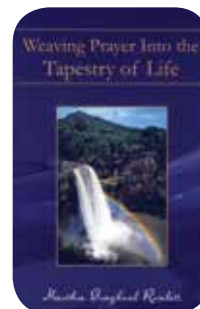
Martha has written four books about prayer inspired by a doctoral project on theology of prayer. She served as a United Methodist minister in California and Washington and currently enjoys mountain life in Asheville, North Carolina.

LaVera Edick, AA, Bismarck, North Dakota,

wrote "Four Score and More," a memoir, history and family legacy. LaVera's cousin Jackie Glenn, WA, Eureka, California, edited the book.

LaVera's story offers an all-in-one glimpse into a bygone era. She takes the reader through the years of the Great Depression, Dust Bowl days and World War II. It is a touching personal story filled with a myriad of emotions as she describes the lives of her family and ancestors.

LaVera is 88 years old; she enjoys spending time with friends and family, painting and working on her next book. 🌸



P.E.O.s in the SPOTLIGHT

Arielle deLisser, FQ, Miami, Florida,

finished second in The Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Women's Singlehanded National Championships in November. Eighteen races were sailed in windy conditions on a W4-Windward-Leeward course. Making her third appearance in the singlehanded championship, Arielle was in first place after the first day, placing in the top five in each of the first six races. Six more races took place the next day, and Arielle earned her first victory in the second race. On the final day, the last six races were held. Arielle earned another first place finish. Overall, she placed in the top three in nine out of 18 races. She finished with 69 points for second place.

Arielle attends William Smith College in Geneva, New York. She joined P.E.O. in January 2013. Her grandmother Ingrid Wood is a member of Chapter EA, Cocoa Beach, Florida, and her aunt Sally McCarthy is a member of Chapter FN, Saint Petersburg, Florida.



Jane Moyer, EP, Lamar, Missouri,

was recently honored with a top award in an international design contest for outstanding design work by Decorating Den Interiors at their 44th annual conference. She received second prize for her dramatic room makeover in the commercial category.

Jane, who owns Decorating Den Interiors of Lamar, said, "The studio I designed needed to be functional for the work environment, but at the same time aesthetically pleasing." Her design was also selected for publication on HGTV's website.



Lesli Pintor, AN, Tucson, Arizona,

received Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network's 2013 Career Advancement for Women Award at the annual convention in Dallas, Texas.

A few years ago, Lesli was writing her personal mission statement when her "aha!" moment struck. "Pay it forward" became her mantra from that point forward, and countless women at the National Bank of Arizona (NBIAZ) and CREW Network have benefited from that flash of inspiration ever since.

Lesli is one of the highest ranking women in commercial lending at National Bank of Arizona where she has worked for almost 17 years. She cofounded NBIAZ's formal mentoring program, True Partner Path, and also cofounded the bank's Women's Financial Group in Tucson, a forum of professional women joining together to collaborate, network and succeed in finance, business and life through quality relationships.

For her efforts, she's been recognized as a "2011 Woman of Influence" by the Inside Tucson Business newspaper, as a two-time winner of Tucson CREW's Professional Service Award, and was recognized as an Extraordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things honoree by the University of Arizona Professional Women in Business Association.

The mission of CREW Network is to influence the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women. CREW Network does this by looking outward to bring more women into the industry, showcasing member successes and serving as a key resource to its members and the industry. CREW Network members represent nearly all disciplines of commercial real estate—every type of expert required to "do the deal." Members comprise



nearly 9,000 commercial real estate professionals in more than 70 chapters across North America.

Lesli is a 32-year member of P.E.O. and a 1983 graduate of Cottey College.

Martha Helm McConnell, I, Danville, Kentucky,

received the National Church Women United (CWU) Valiant Woman Award. The award is given to a woman who has given service to CWU, her own church and her community for an extended period of time and who is a leader and lives the Gospel message in her every day life.

Martha has been a member of P.E.O. for 57 years.

Anita Poulton, Chapter X, Brentwood, Tennessee,

has been honored by the International Rett Syndrome Foundation (IRSF) as their "Volunteer of the Year." The Foundation cited Anita's volunteer service to Rett Syndrome families in Tennessee and her efforts to raise research funds for Rett Syndrome, a rare neuro-developmental disorder affecting girls almost exclusively causing profound disabilities. Anita's granddaughter is affected by Rett Syndrome.

The IRSF is the largest non-profit organization for parents, scientists and professionals. Their mission is to fund research and improve the quality of life for those living with or affected by Rett Syndrome.

Anita has been a P.E.O. since 1979. An RN and certified diabetes educator by profession, she has volunteered for the American Diabetes Association and American Association of Diabetes Educators. 🌸



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Items for SALE

P.E.O. yellow binders

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



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Pewter P.E.O. star ornament—3-1/4" handcast pewter star with raised letters P.E.O. in center. Perfect for weddings, Christmas, special occasions; suitable for engraving; \$18 ppd. Ch. AU c/o Joyce Diehls, 114 County Rd 219, Fayette, MO 65248.



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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.

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



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



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



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



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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.

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

P.E.O. Mobius scarf Beautiful washable, silky, large daisy print, Infinity scarf in black, gray, white, lime green, and turquoise. \$15 pre-paid check payable to Chapter KQ, Jodell Larkin, 70 Coppergate Ct. St. Peters, MO 63376, 636-688-925, jlarkin70@charter.net

Homes


 **Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House**—in Colorado Springs offers suites with bedroom, living room, dining area, bathroom, and kitchenette. Smaller single room apartments with bath are also available. All have a private entrance, patio, and garden area and are single-level. No entry fee, small deposit, month-to-month leases include three daily meals. The common area consists of living and dining rooms, library, and exercise room. Chapter House is located in a private park where nature and wildlife provide enjoyment. Eligible for residency are members of P.E.O. and P.E.O.-sponsored individuals. For more information, contact the Executive Director at 1819 W Cheyenne Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Ph: 719-473-7670 or email colopeo@msn.com. Its website at www.peochapterhouse.org provides further information, more detailed descriptions, and photographs.


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

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

Books

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

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

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

TECH TIP

P.E.O. Website—Bookmark & Home Page

Changes are coming to the P.E.O. International website to make it easier to use. Check back often to see the changes and keep up to date on What's New. To make it easier, bookmark (or add to your favorites) the P.E.O. website in your browser or set the website as your browser home page so it automatically opens to P.E.O. when you use the internet.

Open your browser of choice. In the Address Bar, go to **www.peointernational.org**.

For Internet Explorer (IE), click on the menu "Favorites", then select "Add to Favorites..." or "Add to Favorites Bar." If you "Add to Favorites," you can access your list of "Favorites"

by clicking on the "Favorites" menu when you open your browser. If you "Add to Favorites Bar," you can set your browser to show your favorites in the browser window. With IE, right-click your mouse in the area



near the menus, such as by "Help." A short-cuts menu will open. If not already selected, click "Favorites Bar" and a new bar with your favorite links will show up under the list of menus. If you added the P.E.O. website to the Favorites Bar, you will be able to click on the link whenever you open the browser right on the Favorites Bar.

To make the P.E.O. website your browser home page (the page your browser first shows when

you open it), click on the "Tools" menu and select "Internet Options." In the "Internet Options" display that opens up, the browser's home page is listed. Replace the address listed with **www.peointernational.org**. Then click OK. The next time you open your browser, the P.E.O. website will be the first page you see!



TAP's Tech Tips –

Here's some helpful basic web browser terminology.

- **Title Bar**—At the top of the browser window. Displays the title of the web page you are currently viewing. For the P.E.O. website, the title states "Women helping women reach for the stars | P.E.O. International."
- **Toolbar Icons**—Near the top of the browser window, sometimes next to or on the same line as the Address Bar. Find the icons for Back, Home, Refresh, etc. The Back arrow takes you back to the previous page. The Home button

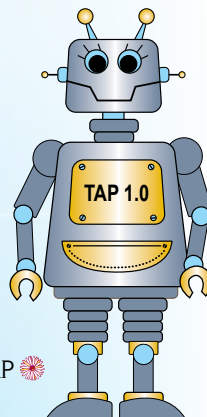
will take you to the browser's default home page (P.E.O.'s website if you followed the directions above). Refresh will reload the current page.

- **Address Bar**—Near the top of the browser window, this shows the URL or web address of the page. For the P.E.O. website, the URL is **www.peointernational.org**.
- **Display Window**—The space that shows the current website or web page you are viewing.
- **Scroll Bars**—Located on the right side of the browser window, allows you to move up and down on the

web page. On the P.E.O. website, the current left-side menu is quite long and you may need to scroll down on the web page to find the section you need.

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

Until next time,
Ahn Hargens & TAP 🌸



To The POINT

Regional Membership Representative Change

The executive board accepted with regret the resignation of Janet Fairhead, Past President, Alberta-Saskatchewan Provincial Chapter, as Regional Membership Representative. Debora Soutar, Past President, British Columbia Provincial Chapter has been appointed to complete the four-year term.

*Maria Baseggio
President, International Chapter*

Reporting Officers

It's time for local chapters, reciprocities and P.E.O. Groups to report your newly-elected officers. To report local chapter officers go to the members' side of the website, click on Local Chapter Forms, then corresponding secretary and then to the online form for Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapter. Reciprocities and P.E.O. Groups are reported by clicking on Reciprocity and Group Contacts, going to Reciprocity/P.E.O. Group forms and entering the information on the online form.

Reporting Local Chapter Project Chairmen

The form to report your local chapter project chairman may be completed on the members' side of the website. Click on Local Chapter Forms, select corresponding secretary and you find the online form to complete and submit.

Bed and Breakfast

Information regarding payment of Bed and Breakfast insurance will be sent April 1 to presidents of all currently participating chapters. To be included in the September-October P.E.O. Record and on the



members' side of the website under REFERENCE LISTINGS, insurance payments must be postmarked by June 1. If your chapter wishes to become a new B&B, please go to the members' only section of the P.E.O. website and under Local Chapter Forms click on president and you will find guidelines and insurance forms. For questions please email mknee@peodsm.org.

Cottery Summer Programs June 22-27, 2014

In lieu of summer high school programs in science, leadership, and fine arts, Cottery College will offer one revised program that has been designed to meet the demands and interests of today's top academic students! This



NEW summer program is a Workshop for Women Who are Going Places and will offer high school-aged girls insight into leadership, skill development, and college and career preparation while showcasing everything Cottery has to offer for their future education. Each workshop participant will also be awarded a \$12,000 (\$3,000 annual) scholarship if she chooses to attend Cottery College!

To learn more about the program, visit our website at www.cottery.edu/workshop, contact workshop@cottery.edu, call 417-667-6333 ext. 2005, or mail your request to Office of Enrollment Management, Cottery College, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772.

Educational Loan Fund P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Online May 1, 2014!

It will soon be quicker and simpler for chapters to recommend a student for an ELF loan. Beginning May 1, chapters will submit the ELF Chapter Recommendation Form and chapter letter online through the ELF page



of the International website. A worksheet and interview guidelines can be printed from the website to aid in the candidate interview and in filling out the online forms. The student application process will be all online as well. Help women Reach New Heights by sponsoring a student for a 3 percent interest ELF loan. 🌸

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.

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Name _____

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City _____ **State/Province/District** _____ **Zip/Postal code** _____

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May 1, 2014

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ELF ONLINE

All chapter recommendations & student applications must be submitted online.