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## P.E.O.S NOW MEETING IN STATE, PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT

**CONVENTIONS** are focusing upon assessment of the past year and building momentum for future progress. Their motivational programming is often tied together with a “theme” or easy to remember title. A theme reflects a central emphasis.

One impressive convention theme I’ve referenced through the years is “P.E.O.’s Benefits of Belonging.” For me, this appealing theme truly resonates as I share with prospective or nonparticipating members why P.E.O. is vital and valuable to me. As we consider the best ways to keep our doors open in welcoming unaffiliates and inactives, one approach is always to have ready answers to discuss these benefits of belonging. Sometimes in a more casual answer, I sum it all into “P.E.O. is worth it!”

P.E.O. is important to me because this sisterhood is an oasis of nourishment. P.E.O. values what matters most, what’s on our “inside,” who we are now and our potential for who we can become. At its finest, P.E.O. is an uncritical refuge of love.

P.E.O. ideals, standards and expectations are relevant for what today’s world requires. I have often said, “if ever there were a time when women need the values, strengths and perspective that P.E.O. offers, it is now.” Realistically, I imagine presidents in every era have thought that same thing. The Sisterhood of P.E.O. does offer a special respite and loving environment through times of cultural and emotional upheaval, both personal and international. We must allow the true message of P.E.O. to renew us today. P.E.O.’s message reassures us how right it is to put values into action. **This is an absolute benefit!**

P.E.O.’s organizational structure offers myriad opportunities for self-improvement. The skills and confidence developed by serving our sisters carries over to all aspects of life. Our “training ground” provides experience that reaches into all components of daily living. **This is an absolute benefit!**

It is important to be reinforced in purpose with like-minded women who share the same values. Like ripples from a pebble thrown into our farm pond in springtime, collectively P.E.O.s make a positive difference for women in higher education. Our spectacular outreach is far more significant than what we could accomplish individually. Subsequently, countless others will be impacted by the knowledge and skills of those we directly assist. **This is an absolute benefit!**

Participating in P.E.O. also offers each of us individually the important opportunity to give back, or in today’s

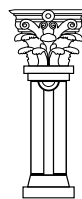
terminology, “to pay it forward.” Each of us has profited from many who paved our way, whether these are unknown benefactors or beloved mentors, insightful teachers, innovative scientists, creative artisans, learned authors and on and on. The long-serving phrase is true: “We all drink from wells we did not dig. We all sit under trees we did not plant.” Our organization is a tested framework that provides inheritance for upcoming generations. **This is an absolute benefit!**

What is your individualized answer to explain the theme “Benefits of Belonging”? I know a prospective member or a local inactive is eager to understand your reasons. Please share!

## Forward!

*Elizabeth*

Elizabeth E. Garrels,  
President, International Chapter



## EXPANDING POINTS

From a paper written by Founder Mary Allen Stafford and read in the 1920 Convention of Iowa State Chapter, 90 years ago:

“The two words that more than any others express the real spirit and purpose of our Sisterhood are fellowship and service. We are a band of sisters, not only affectionately bound together, enjoying each other’s fellowship, but pledged to each other’s helpfulness. More than that we are bound together in the Sisterhood not alone to be helpful to each other, but in a sense to be helpful so far as possible to all others.”



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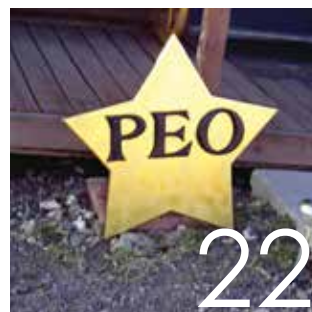
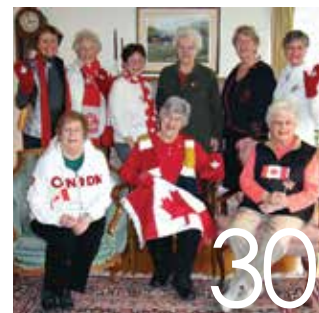
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For more information visit the website [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)

## P.E.O. Helps Old Friends Reconnect

In 1938 my family built a home and moved to Monrovia, California. Just three doors down lived a girl exactly my age. We soon became inseparable friends and as the years went by kept in touch with notes and occasional visits. During one visit she and I found out that we are both P.E.O. sisters. Two years ago my friend developed serious health problems and had to move. I had no idea where she was living. I emailed all the chapter presidents in her area and each lovingly replied. To my delight, the president of Chapter KH, Arcadia, California, Kay Meisch, knew my friend and located her for me by making additional phone calls. Now we can reconnect at least to the limits of my friend's abilities. Kay surely reflects the points of the star. She'll always be a star to me.

*Mary Lois VanSooy, OL,  
Long Beach, California*

## Building Bridges, Sharing the Bonds of Sisterhood

I loved Jamie Cromack's article in the January-February Record about "Celebrating Difference, Building Bridges." My six-year-old chapter consists of wonderful sisters from each one of the groups she described in her article. One way we have found to build bridges and share the bonds of sisterhood is introducing P.E.O. to our daughters, young friends and colleagues. In January, Chapter CJ of Rochester, New York, initiated my 21-year-old daughter Alice DuBois into the P.E.O. Sisterhood after years of seeing the enthusiasm from her traditionalist generation grandmothers, and her baby boomer mother. We can build bridges within our chapter but also build bridges extending out to the young women in our communities and families!

*Mary DuBois, CJ,  
Rochester, New York*

## "Membership Begins with Me" Taken to Heart

As a 54-year member of P.E.O. I am concerned about the low percentage of younger members in our sisterhood. A state convention souvenir badge on my desk that says "Membership Begins with Me" prompted me to do something about it.

In 2006 a sister chapter in my town, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, lost a dear charter member, Sonja Turner, to a terminal disease. It happened quite unexpectedly and was a shock to all of us who knew her. Sonja had three adult daughters—Kristen, Andrea and Tanya. After growing up in Bloomsburg they all moved to distant places. I decided my gift to Sonja would be to offer P.E.O. membership to her lovely daughters.

First, I wrote notes to each daughter to see if she was interested in P.E.O. In a short time they all wrote back that indeed they were interested. I then wrote to chapters in all three areas introducing the women with some of their backgrounds and suggesting they get to know these three young women. They all followed through with enthusiasm! It took about a year and a half, but I am delighted to report that we now have three lovely young P.E.O.s added to the Sisterhood. They are Kristen Turner, AT, Yardley, Pennsylvania; Tanya Turner Cain, C, Atlanta, Georgia; and Andrea



*Norma Jean Ekey-Brobyn*

Turner, EN, San Francisco, California. They all learned very quickly how caring P.E.O. sisters are.

*Norma Jean Ekey-Brobyn,  
Past President,  
Pennsylvania State Chapter*

## Founder Franc Roads Mentioned in Documentary Film

I would like to draw attention to the book and narrative documentary about the Civil War letters between my great great grandparents, Jacob and Emeline Ritner from Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The movie "Love and Valor—The Intimate Civil War Letters" premiered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on February 23, 2010.

Part of what makes the letters interesting is that they include a reference to Franc Roads, one of the Founders of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. On Friday, November 4, 1864, while Jacob was getting ready to participate in the Union Army's march from Atlanta to Savannah, 12-year-old Franc and her cousin Allie McClure went to Emeline's home to play with her daughters, including Eulalie, my great grandmother. Eulalie later became a P.E.O. member as well.

My cousin Charlie Larimer, who edited the book and does some of the narration in the movie, talks briefly about Franc Roads while standing in front of her grave in Forest Home Cemetery in Mount Pleasant. My great great grandparents are also buried in Forest Home, close to Franc Roads.

Both the book and the movie include many stories about life in Mount Pleasant during the Civil War, which helps give an understanding of what our P.E.O. sisters lived through as teenagers before the founding of P.E.O. in 1869.

You can find out more about the documentary at [www.loveandvalor.com](http://www.loveandvalor.com). You can also find the trailers for the movie on YouTube.

*Michelle Davis, A,  
Burlington, Vermont*



# Long Time Coming: Grace Amemiya Receives UCSF Honorary Degree

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



Grace Amemiya on graduation day

Readers of *The P.E.O. Record* may recall an interview in the January-February 2009 issue (page 48) with “A P.E.O. You Should Know” named Grace Amemiya, KC, Ames, Iowa. Grace was a nursing student at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), in 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Her education was interrupted when she and her family, along with 120,000 other Americans of Japanese heritage, were detained in internment camps.

Over 40 years later an investigation into the executive order mandating the incarceration of these Japanese Americans found that it was based on prejudice and war hysteria. Redress payments and official apology letters were sent to surviving internees. While this was a small step toward righting the wrong against them, the time and experiences lost during

encampment left a gaping hole in the lives of many Japanese Americans.

For Grace and nearly 700 other students, their time in the camps meant an interruption in their studies at UC San Francisco. While some students did return to UCSF to complete their education, approximately 400 of them did not, either discontinuing their higher education or attending school elsewhere.

Grace went on to continue her nursing studies at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, where she earned her degree, but she always regretted having to leave UC San Francisco.

In 2008 a task force was formed to bring justice to the students who were prevented from completing their degrees due to wartime incarceration. Grace spoke before the University of California Board

of Regents in San Francisco in July, 2009, when the board voted to issue a one-time suspension of a moratorium on honorary degrees and grant honorary degrees to UC students who could not complete their degrees because of the executive order that sent them to internment camps. Grace said, “Today’s vote for honorary degrees fills my heart with joy. I’m glad the university is recognizing that what the government did was wrong and now my classmates and I can finally take our place as full-fledged UC alumni.”

All former students who were kept from completing their UC educations, living and deceased, will receive the honorary degrees, which bear the inscription “Inter Silvas Acedemi Restituere Lustitiam”—“to restore justice among the groves of the academe.” On December 4, 2009, a graduation ceremony was held, complete with caps and gowns, pomp and circumstance, to honor the students. Most of the internees have passed away—their families accepted degrees on their behalf—but in attendance to receive her UCSF degree was Grace. Beaming from ear-to-ear, Grace accepted the diploma she waited more than 60 years to receive. “I felt so honored,” she said. “I’ve been floating...and my two feet have not come down yet.”

The University of California is still trying to locate former students who should receive the honorary degrees. Alumni and family members with information can call 510-987-0239 or email [honorarydegree@ucop.edu](mailto:honorarydegree@ucop.edu). 🌸

## An Open Letter to All Inactives

Dear P.E.O. sisters,

Have we told you lately how much we miss you? Our organization was founded on the strong bonds of friendship and without you, this sisterhood is missing a vital link. We need you to be an active part of P.E.O., both for ourselves and for the welfare of the women we support with our philanthropies.

Some of us have seasons in life that require us to focus more on family or careers. When you took your vows at initiation, we too promised our loyalty to you. Please know this is still true. Sisterhood means supporting one another at all times. You'll appreciate the changes that have been made to local chapter meetings.

Many new streamlining processes have taken effect, which gives us more time to spend socializing with each other. Where else will you find an organization filled with such talented, committed and compassionate women?

P.E.O. is also keeping up with technology in an effort to create less paperwork for everyone. Did you know that our chapter officers now complete most of their paperwork online? Our officers also appreciate the new online training modules that are accessible day or night on the P.E.O. website.

We are part of an amazing organization composed of nearly a quarter of a million members. Together we own a college and offer awards, grants, loans and scholarships that have provided more than \$190 million. This has helped more than 80,000 women all over the world realize their educational aspirations. Internally, we provide a support system of friendship and loyalty that extends across the United States and Canada to include women in more than 6,000 local chapters.

Please remember that once you became a P.E.O., you will always be a P.E.O. We miss you! Your chapter sisters want you back. Won't you consider reinstating? 🌸

Lovingly in P.E.O.,  
Your P.E.O. sisters





# How to Reinstate Your P.E.O. Membership

by Debbie Clason, Coordinator of Membership Development

Now that you know how much we miss you, sister, please consider reinstating your P.E.O. membership.

Thanks to the changes adopted at the 2009 Convention of International Chapter, it's much easier to become an active part of P.E.O. again.

Just follow this simple process.

**If you'd like to return to the chapter from which you became inactive:**

- Contact the chapter president, or a member of your chapter, and let her know you'd like to reinstate.
- If you no longer know anyone in that chapter, write the Membership Department, P.E.O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2899 or email [membership@peodsm.org](mailto:membership@peodsm.org).
- Submit the \$35 reinstatement fee, made payable to your chapter.

**If you are unable to return to the chapter from which you became inactive:**

- Contact [membership@peodsm.org](mailto:membership@peodsm.org) for a list of chapters and their presidents in your immediate area. Or write the Membership Department, P.E.O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2899. Be sure to include your name and current address so we can send you the correct information.
- Once you receive the listing, contact the presidents of the chapters that meet on a convenient time and day for you to let them know you'd like to



attend an upcoming program, reciprocity meeting or other social activity.

- Accept as many invitations as possible so you have a chance to meet a variety of new sisters.
- Once a chapter has extended you an invitation to transfer, accept the invitation in writing and include the \$35 reinstatement fee. Checks should be made payable

to the chapter you are transferring to.

- Don't forget to send your regrets to the other chapters that have extended you an invitation.
- While you no longer need to write and request a vote from your former chapter, feel free to send them a quick note announcing your reinstatement. They will want to celebrate with you!

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Are you ready yet? Just in case you need them, here are 10 reasons to reinstate your membership in P.E.O.

1. **Loving concern and support of your chapter.** Whether you're celebrating life's milestones or struggling through a hardship, your chapter sisters are there to lend support, comfort and give you lots of TLC.
2. **Loyal friendships of your sisters.** Friendship is the characteristic that makes our organization so unique. Not only do we embrace our philanthropies, we embrace each other as sisters.
3. **Personal enrichment and gratification.** P.E.O. is filled with exceptional women who share their passions and talents in chapter programs.
4. **Fulfillment of your vows.** When you became a member, you promised to give a due share of your talents and interest to P.E.O. In exchange, your chapter sisters promised their loyalty to you!

Friendship is the characteristic that makes our organization so unique.

5. **Opportunity for personal growth.** Close fellowship with your P.E.O. sisters can introduce you to a variety of ways to grow personally—whether it's learning a new skill, developing a new hobby or realizing your own educational aspirations.

## 6. Affirmation of yourself.

Reciting the Objects and Aims is a wonderful exercise for reminding yourself of the woman you strive to be every day.

## 7. Leadership opportunities.

There are fabulous opportunities for you to sharpen your leadership skills as an officer in your local chapter, or in state, province, or district service.

## 8. Philanthropic outreach.

Together, we have given over \$190 million to more than 80,000 women. Additionally, our ownership of Cottey College has helped educate more than 8,000 women.

9. **The P.E.O. Record (our bimonthly magazine) and the P.E.O. website ([peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)).** Both forms of communication give you the latest news regarding our project recipients, interactive ways to improve chapter life, and direct access to the leaders in your state, province or district.

10. **Fellowship beyond your chapter.** When you attend a reciprocity meeting or represent your chapter at your state, province, district, or international convention, you are associating with an array of

amazing women who all share the same passion—P.E.O.!

“Once a P.E.O., always a P.E.O.”  
Hope to see you at a chapter meeting soon! 🌸

## Simplified Transfer Process

The reinstatement process isn't the only procedure that received a makeover at the 2009 Convention of International Chapter. Now it's easier than ever to transfer your P.E.O. membership too.

### Here's the process:

- Ask your chapter president or membership committee to contact possible alternate chapters in your location using the Lateral Transfer Introduction form.
- If you've moved to a new community, search for presidents of local chapters in the Directory of Presidents, located on the P.E.O. website. Feel free to introduce yourself, even in advance of receipt of the form.
- Accept invitations to visit chapters as soon as possible.
- After you have visited, you may receive an Invitation to Transfer.
- Acknowledge an Invitation to Transfer as soon as you receive it. You have six months in which to accept or regret.
- Accept the invitation in writing. Send regrets to any other chapters that have extended you an invitation.

Remember, as difficult as it is to change chapters, you are not being disloyal but are expanding your P.E.O. circle and fulfilling your vows of active participation.



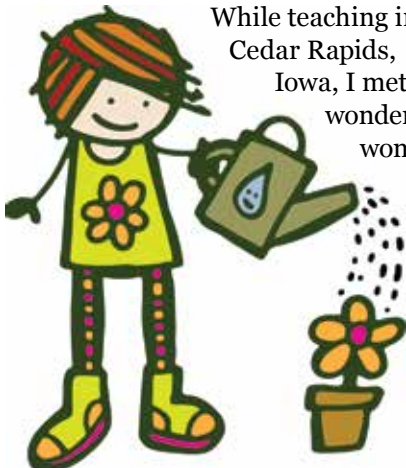
*One member's story of why she chose to remain an active member even when unable to fully participate... Reasons abound! Janet Newhall Spoerl was asked to tell her P.E.O. story last year at New Jersey's state convention. It is about reasons.*

# Reasons!

*by Janet Newhall Spoerl, B, Montclair, New Jersey*

My first year at Iowa Wesleyan College (IWC), I was a student secretary in the English department chaired by Dr. Louis Haselmayer. My tasks included typing his weekly articles for area newspapers, tests and notices, and his history of P.E.O. Sitting by a second floor corner window of Old Pioneer, the oldest building in continuous educational service west of the Mississippi River, I found that the P.E.O. history consumed most of my time. P.E.O. fascinated me. Who were the Original Seven who had walked this campus, sat on the stile, and organized a group of curious, innovative women? Daily, I walked by the P.E.O. rooms in Old Main on my way to music activities. I delighted in learning at IWC, and graduated in 1967.

While teaching in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, I met wonderful women,



one of whom asked if I had heard of P.E.O., an educational group. Chapter MG had recently been organized; my friend Nancy helped me know others. I was initiated in 1971. P.E.O. became one of my commitments as I taught school and raised a family. I held every office in Chapter MG and participated in the myriad of social and “ways and means” activities. I know it was my bond with Nancy who kept P.E.O. vital for me. We were true sisters and even shared a teaching job. There is another reason!

Then I moved to New Jersey with my family. Chapter MG sent my name to local chapters and I started visiting. Chapter B seemed perfect; I dimitted and attended meetings. But, I missed teaching. I got a job in Montclair . . . getting to afternoon meetings was impossible. Then Chapter B moved to having some meetings in the evening. My attendance was sporadic. The sisters in Chapter B were consistent and kind, supportive and awesome with cards, notes and phone calls. Many years I sent my dues and added money for “ways and means,” but never attended a meeting. Eighteen years passed.

I never went inactive. Nancy, in Iowa, and I would talk. Going “inactive” didn’t seem right. Barbara, in New Jersey, would call to chat.

Life changes occurred. I designed a magnet school. The boys went to college and jobs. My husband Ron had a liver transplant. My son Scott was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2006. The P.E.O. sisters called and sent notes. P.E.O. yearbooks came in the mail.



In September 2007, I decided to go to the famous Saturday morning Chapter B Ice Cream Breakfast at Barbara’s. Meetings followed. In March 2008, I became president of Chapter B. The reason—sisters cared.

P.E.O. sisters continue to bond and support. Seven sisters established a strong, vital organization. We must keep it going. Women helping women is the reason.

I am glad that I was encouraged and chose to remain an active P.E.O. when I was quite “nonparticipating” for so many years. Thanks, sisters, for being the reason! 🌸



# P.E.O.'s History in Local, State and International Events

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

Since our early history, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has made an effort to be visible within local communities as well as on the world stage. This is a tradition that carries on to this day. The Record office receives countless submissions from enterprising local chapters who have incorporated a P.E.O. component into their towns' annual celebrations or festivals. Whether sponsoring a float in a parade or running a concession stand, many P.E.O. chapters recognize the importance of getting the word out about our sisterhood and the good works we do through our philanthropies.

## 1893

Although "It's OK to Talk About P.E.O." is a recent initiative, the 1893 Supreme Grand Chapter of P.E.O. knew it to be true. It was that year that P.E.O. was proudly represented at the World's Fair in Chicago. P.E.O. obtained a coveted space in the Women's Building in Jackson Park at the Chicago World's Fair. Located in the Organization Room on the second floor of the building, the P.E.O. exhibit was described as "a cozy P.E.O. home as ever was." Although the official color of the exhibit hall was blue, resourceful P.E.O.s took it upon

themselves to decorate the space in yellow and white with a large silk star in gold and white with the letters "P.E.O." in the center. It was unmistakably a P.E.O. booth. In October 1893, *The P.E.O. Record* reported "...this space was of great benefit and satisfaction to P.E.O.s all over our land. It was not only a place to register but a comfortable resting place, a 'rendezvous' where P.E.O.s from all over the world met and exchanged greetings, thus infusing them with pride and enthusiasm; also an excellent means of placing us prominently before people interested in women's organizations."

## 1895

Our progressive, energetic P.E.O. sisterhood was represented at Women's Day of the 1895 Iowa State Fair. P.E.O.s once again decorated their space in the signature yellow and white colors. Each organization participating in Women's Day presented a half-hour program. P.E.O.'s program was presented by Founder Alice Babb of Mount Pleasant. In her speech she compared pioneer women with the women of the contemporary generation. She made the eerily relevant point, "We are in a transition period today, the pioneer environments behind us, the coming women yet to arrive and the women of today are trying to bridge the chasm."

## 1898

The P.E.O. Sisterhood was also present at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition in Omaha

in 1898. Our headquarters there was similar to the booth maintained at the Chicago World's Fair.



## 1904

P.E.O. appeared at another World's Fair—the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in Saint Louis. Chapter O, the only P.E.O. chapter in Saint Louis at the time, raised the funds to finance a P.E.O. Day at the World's Fair on June 18, 1904. This special day helped give P.E.O. prominence in the eyes of the public.

## 1915

In order to bring the Sisterhood more prominently before the public eye, five northern California chapters organized a P.E.O. Day at the Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, California, in October of 1915. The official headquarters of the Sisterhood for P.E.O. Day at the Expo was the Inside Inn. P.E.O.s in attendance that day were treated to a tour of the grounds, a luncheon and a program that included music and speeches.

## 1933

In 1933 the Illinois State Chapter maintained P.E.O. headquarters at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Located in the Social Science Hall, more than 5,000 P.E.O.s visited our headquarters at the expo. Many P.E.O.s and their families

traveled far to see A Century of Progress—registration books from the fair reflect P.E.O. visitors from over 17 different states, including Hawaii.



## 1939

The San Francisco and East Bay Reciprocity Bureaus served as joint hostesses for P.E.O. Day at

the Golden Gate International Exposition, October 18, 1939. P.E.O.s registered in the rotunda of the San Francisco building—more than 600 P.E.O.s from 16 states attended. One of the main events of P.E.O. day was a gathering of sisters in the colorful ballroom of the California building.

## Get Involved!

From International World's Fairs to local small town festivals, P.E.O. has a long tradition of getting involved

and becoming a visible part of the community at large. It is a great way to build bonds with your P.E.O. sisters and get the word out about the Sisterhood and our philanthropies.

P.E.O. has been invited to be part of the Old Threshers Reunion in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, this summer. If you can, plan to attend the special P.E.O. events to be held during the Old Threshers Reunion, September 2-6, 2010. 🌻



# P.E.O. Members are Cordially Invited to

*Visit Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Founding Site of The P.E.O. Sisterhood,  
and the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion  
September 2-6, 2010*

Bring your family and/or chapter sisters to enjoy this one-of-a-kind summer celebration!

Learn more about our stories of early P.E.O. heritage and see the historical collection of Chapter Original A on specially planned tours of P.E.O.'s birthplace at Iowa Wesleyan College. Visit with International President Elizabeth Garrels during informal meet and greet sessions.

- ★ Transportation between reunion grounds and Iowa Wesleyan campus is provided.
- ★ Present your P.E.O. membership card at Old Threshers' gates for 50 percent off daily \$12 admission. Children 10 and younger are admitted free.
- ★ For information about this unique celebration of early Midwest living that includes steam power and agricultural demonstrations, reenactments of pioneer life, arts and crafts, antiques, homestyle food and musical performances, visit the website [www.oldthreshers.com](http://www.oldthreshers.com).





## Chapter B, Las Animas, Colorado, Presents **SANTA FE TRAIL DAY COSTUME REVUE**

*by Ruby Jones, B, Las Animas, Colorado*

When Ruby Jones, a 38-year member of Chapter B, Las Animas, Colorado, became president for the fourth time, she began looking for a new fundraiser—one that would more fully involve and benefit the nearly 4,000 members of her hometown and surrounding community. As the oldest chapter in Colorado with the disbandment of Chapter A in Denver, the 24 resident sisters of Chapter B were determined to remain a healthy and active chapter having celebrated their 100-year anniversary in 2001. Knowing they needed to become more visible within the community to keep

attracting new members, Ruby hoped to incorporate a fundraiser concurrent with the community's pioneer celebration, the Santa Fe Trail Day celebration held the last Friday of April. With the 74th year of celebration looming, the sisters in the chapter knew the local high school—which had sponsored the event since its inception—needed help keeping the tradition alive. Due to changes in demographics, the high school student body had not only shrunk but fewer students had roots in the concept of a Santa Fe Trail Day celebration. The sisters in Chapter B wanted to offer an

event that would complement the day-long celebration.

Ruby proposed the idea of a style revue of costumes worn during past parades and an enthusiastic committee of seven sisters volunteered to help produce the first "Annual Santa Fe Trail Day Costume Revue"—choosing the name "revue" rather than "style show" to help attract male costumes and models. Held on the Thursday night prior to the celebration, the committee presented 11 categories of 62 costumes modeled by Chapter B sisters, BILs, children, grandchildren and community members. Although



Chapter B in costume for their Santa Fe Trail Day program





a few were “period” or authentic clothing as worn in the mid 1850s when the Santa Fe Trail was at its height, mostly the sisters wanted to parade before the audience the types of costumes high school kids and their family members had assembled. As the news article preceding the revue said, “Our purpose is to revive in everyone the memories of creating a Santa Fe Trail Day costume—costumes like the ones that were cobbled together from items found in mom or grandmother’s closet, junk box or rag bag, or dad’s barn or tack room, or that were borrowed from friends and neighbors, or that a long-suffering mom stayed up late at night sewing. Celebrating Santa Fe Trail Day has always been such a community event with cooperation and participation among all generations. Sometimes it literally ‘took a village’ to get a costume put together, and that proved true for all of us who collected the ensembles for this first annual costume revue. We’re very excited about sharing it with everyone.”

Categories included native American costumes, military dragoons and cavalry, Mexican traders, mountain men, Mexicans (working and festival), gamblers and dance hall girls, pioneer men, women and children, miners and prospectors, cowboys and cowgirls, society belles and gentlemen, and entertainers in a wild west show which included a shooting marksman and trick roper. The finale was a pioneer wedding complete with the groom outfitted in a 100-year old suit that had been worn by one of the non-resident sister’s great grandfather. With four queen candidates selected each year for 73 years, the members discovered an abundance of pioneer and society belle dresses.

The committee chose the theme song “Along the Santa Fe Trail,” a

song recorded by Ken Curtis—better known as Festus from the long-standing radio and TV show, “Gunsmoke”—since Ken was raised in Las Animas. Along with the 62 costumes presented, the committee arranged for special musical songs interspersed throughout the two-hour program and honored Agnes Davis, one of their longest-standing members as guest of honor. The First Annual Santa Fe Trail Days Costume Revue held April 24, 2008, at \$5 a seat, was a huge success with a sold-out crowd of nearly 200 members attending and netting over \$1,000 for the chapter.

The committee considered the first revue a trial-run in readying for the big 75th anniversary. The high school students were so thrilled with the success of the first one, they asked the group to present the revue on two nights for the 75th anniversary, so the committee worked even longer days and nights. Held on April 23 and 24, 2009, the focus of this celebration was “generations” as the committee solicited models to represent generations of families who had been in the parade throughout the years. Many alumni returned to complete their two- or three-generation family representation, with one family who depicted the baptismal scene with five generations present. Rather than categories, the committee presented “scenes” such as mountain men trading with native Americans at Bent’s Old Fort (a national historic site located only 12 miles from Las Animas on the actual Santa Fe Trail), early settlers peacefully interacting with the native American visitors, Mexican life, saloon life, cowboys around the campfire, folk and square dancing, a gun fight, a hanging, a funeral and a medicine man show as the

finale. Since Las Animas was one of the first settlements in Colorado as easterners came West on the Santa Fe Trail, the area is rich with history and the committee enacted many true stories, including ones about an early settler’s wife making shirts for native Americans and Colorado’s first legal hanging held in Las Animas.

The theme for the revue “Grandma, Tell Me ‘bout the Good Old Days,” was portrayed by Diane Baublits and two of her grandchildren describing the “scenes,” and P.E.O. sister Kathy Eichenberger, BF, Denver, Colorado, rewrote and sang the words to the country song, “Grandpa, Tell me ‘bout the Good Old Days.” Planning for a slightly larger revue for the 75th, the community response was so enthusiastic that the costume numbers swelled to more than 100 with more than 70 models. A well-organized committee executed a two-hour costume revue which sometimes looked more like a melodrama that again included several musical selections and a guest of honor serenade for long-standing member, Gula Adams. The sold-out crowds of more than 230 per night doubled the funds raised by the committee, and accolades came from community members, alumni and visitors for weeks after the event. The committee also rode in a mule-drawn wagon during the Friday parade to advertise the event.

Not only did the members feel that the event enhanced the community celebration, they felt it helped raise awareness of P.E.O. in the community. In addition, attendance at meetings increased as members became more involved, plus it resulted in two new initiates in the spring.

Plans for the Third Annual Santa Fe Trail Day Costume Revue are underway. 🌸

# *Gallery of* PRESIDENTS



Janet Johnson

Delaware

## The Spirit of P.E.O. Bears Much Fruit



Janet Johnson was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware. She received a B.A. in mathematics

from Duke University in 1966 and a MS in computer science from the University of Memphis in 1982.

During her career, she worked as a computer programmer and Information systems project leader.

She married her high school sweetheart Bob in 1966. They have two daughters and five grandchildren, ages one to ten years. Kim lives in New Jersey, with her husband Mike and their three sons. Christy and Rob live in Binghamton, New York, with their son and daughter.

In 1971 Janet was initiated into her step-mother and mother-in-law's chapter, H, Wilmington, Delaware. When she moved to Memphis, she joined Chapter AB. After returning to Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, she became a member of her current chapter, G, Wilmington, Delaware.

Janet keeps busy doing volunteer work. She is active in her church where she has served as elder, deacon, youth advisor, member of the mission committee and office volunteer. A weekly women's Bible study and couples home group are an important part of her schedule. Janet has been on short-term mission trips to Russia, Mexico and several places in the

United States. For the past 13 years, she has volunteered one day a week at the Spanish Health Ministry. For the past ten years she has been on the staff of a week long work camp in the summer where area youth fix houses of the elderly.

Janet is an exercise fanatic who loves to keep in shape with a good workout. Janet and her husband love to travel; they have been to Hawaii, Europe and Mexico and will add China to the list this year. She always looks forward to reunions with both sides of the family every few years.

Becky Lanier

Louisiana

## P.E.O.—Shaping the Lives of Women



Becky Lanier was initiated into Chapter AZ, Monroe, Louisiana, in 1997. She and her husband of

40 years, Phil, settled in Monroe 25 years ago, after living in five different states during the early years of their marriage. Their son Jason, his wife Christine and their son Colin live in Austin, Texas. Their daughter Kendall Lindenbaum and her husband Todd live in Denver, Colorado.

Becky grew up in central Virginia and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in physical education. She received an M.S. degree at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas, where she was an assistant gymnastics coach.

Retiring in 1992 to travel with her husband and to transport children

to sporting events all over Louisiana and Mississippi, Becky taught physical education at the high school, junior high and elementary levels for 16 years.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Becky organized and led a disaster assistance team for two years to the Lakeview area of New Orleans. She is presently serving as disaster assistance director for Presbytery of the Pines.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, she has served as moderator of Mission Ministry and is currently serving as church coordinator for "Family Promise of Ouachita," a national interfaith network assisting homeless families. Additionally, she started the prayer shawl ministry at her church and has played handbells there for 15 years. Becky is a former board member of The Wellspring, (Y.W.C.A.) in Monroe and is historian for the Twentieth Century Book Club.

Becky enjoys all outdoor activities including walking, hiking, golf and tennis. She is an avid reader and knitter who is looking forward to spending more time with her grandson very soon.

Pat McCurry

Maryland

## P.E.O.s—We Listen with Our Hearts



Pat McCurry was introduced to P.E.O. via the Introduction of a Woman Not a P.E.O. form by her mother-

in-law, Ethel McCurry, AL, Fort Collins, Colorado. Pat is a current member of Chapter AC, Solomons, Maryland, where she was initiated



in 1996. Pat served six years in the U.S. Navy as a data processing technician, serving at the supply center in Alameda, California, and the Pentagon. After her enlistment, she was employed as an anti-submarine warfare systems analyst and obtained her bachelor of science degree in computer science from the University of Maryland. She currently leads a team of software developers and analysts in the field of anti-submarine warfare. Her job has enabled her to visit many countries over the years.

Pat is married to John McCurry; they have two children and four grandchildren. Daughter Carrie and her husband Roman live in San Diego, California; son Brandon and his wife Contessa live in Portland, Oregon.

Pat volunteers as literacy tutor and a weekly lunch-time computer lab aide at the local elementary school. In her spare time, Pat enjoys doing hand arts, including crochet, knitting, cross stitch, crewel and embroidery as well as reading.

## Jerry Ingraham Mississippi P.E.O. "Scores" for Women



Jerry Ingraham was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, and spent her formative years crossing the

United States several times with her Marine Corps family. After attending 14 different schools, Jerry graduated from Camp Lejeune High School in North Carolina. There she met Chuck

Ingraham, her husband of 45 years. They have three children: Chuck, Michael and daughter Adrien and eight grandchildren.

Jerry graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a degree in secondary education. During her 30 years as a Marine Corps wife, she lived in 14 places in the United States and Japan. After Chuck retired in 1995, they took a seven month trip to 46 states and four Canadian provinces before settling in Diamondhead, Mississippi.

Jerry's favorite jobs were teaching basic skills to young Marines and English conversation and grammar to Japanese women in Okinawa. Her most challenging position was as the executive director of a Second Harvest Food Bank. Later she was the Ombudsman Coordinator of Southwest Georgia for the Area Agency on Aging.

Jerry's volunteer activities include church, schools, Literacy Volunteers of America, Boy Scouts of America and women's clubs. She serves as lector at St. William's Church and is a board director of the Krewe of Kamehameha, a Mardi Gras organization where she and Chuck were honored as King and Queen in 2009. Jerry has served as the Records Chairman for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at the Gulfport Navy Base since 1996.

In 1992 Jerry was given the gift of P.E.O. in Albany, Georgia, where she was initiated into Chapter T. In 1997 she dimitted to Chapter Q, Diamondhead, and in 1999 she became a charter member of her current chapter, T, Diamondhead. Jerry enjoys couples' golf outings, duplicate bridge, book club, traveling

through Europe and especially visiting grandchildren.

## Nancy Eldridge Nevada Change: A P.E.O. Recipe for Sparkling Success



Born and raised in Leavenworth, Kansas, Nancy Eldridge transplanted herself to rural Nevada to teach

in a one-room school. Nancy was initiated in 1968 into Chapter AD, Leavenworth, Kansas, her mother and grandmother's chapter. She dimitted to Chapter C, East Ely, Nevada, in 1971.

After earning her elementary education degree from Kansas State University, Nancy taught eight students in one room at Taft School; later teaching in Baker and Ely, Nevada. She married rancher Gordon Eldridge. Nancy achieved her master's degree in 1994. Her teaching team was honored with the Distinguished Title I School Award. Nancy retired in 2008.

Gordon and Nancy work on the family ranch along with their son Bruce and two of Gordon's brothers. Bruce's wife Amanda, C, East Ely, Nevada, works for Quadra Mining. Daughter Marcia, HI, Denver, Colorado, works for The Public Interest Network in Denver. Her husband Josh monitors space weather in Boulder, Colorado.

Nancy likes to cook, travel and read. In addition to P.E.O., Nancy has been active in local, state and national Cattlewomen, serving as Nevada president twice.

Nancy's sister Mary, Chapter C, East Ely, Nevada, and niece Karen, Chapter A, Phoenix, Arizona, are also among the family P.E.O. members.

## Mary Ellen Whitson

### Tennessee

## Hit a High Note for P.E.O.—Blend Your Note into the Tennessee Symphony of Sisterhood!



Mary Ellen Whitson was born and raised in Burlington, Iowa, approximately 25 miles from Mount

Pleasant, the birthplace of P.E.O. Although her mother was an Iowa P.E.O., Mary Ellen was initiated into Chapter D, Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1997 where she is still a member.

Mary Ellen and her BIL Gary have been married for 53 years. They have three sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Elizabeth of Knoxville, Steven and Tricia of Southlake, Texas, and Rick and Krista of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Two granddaughters and four great-granddaughters live in Knoxville; four granddaughters live in Southlake, and one granddaughter lives in Regina.

Mary Ellen began her college career at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, and finished her BS in education 11 years later at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where her husband was a professor. Graduate studies became possible with a National Science Foundation grant. Mary Ellen received M.S. and

Ph.D. degrees from the department of microbiology in the area of immunology. She taught at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Mary Ellen pursued research opportunities while a postdoctoral fellow in the Biology Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She retired from the University of Tennessee Medical Center where she was involved in clinical laboratory duties.

In her spare time, Mary Ellen enjoys stitching with her embroidery guild friends, gardening and taking part in numerous church activities at Messiah Lutheran Church, Knoxville.

## Bonnie Wehle

### Utah

## P.E.O.—A Daisy Chain of Love and Opportunity



Bonnie Wehle was born in Rochester, New York, and grew up there and in Tucson, Arizona. She

has lived in Chicago and Deerfield, Illinois; Modesto, Novato and Sacramento, California and Eugene, Oregon. She now lives in Cedar City, Utah.

Bonnie was initiated into P.E.O. in 1974, Chapter LF, San Francisco, California, and is a current member of Chapter AM, Saint George, Utah.

Bonnie earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and an MS in historic preservation from University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

Now retired, Bonnie was the architectural historian for the California Department of Transportation from 1990-1998, a historic preservation consultant from 1989-2000 and President of Friends of Sacramento Auditorium, Sacramento, California, from 1998-2001.

Bonnie has three children—son Brian, daughter Heather and step-daughter Erin, LY, Sacramento, California.

In 1986, Bonnie helped with some of the research/salvage work on Hampton Court Palace in London after the great fire in that building. In 1997, she wrote a book on Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. She has also written two walking tour brochures, a booklet on paint analysis, a chapter on the care of historic linoleum in a book as well as several journal articles in the field of historic preservation.

Bonnie's interests include travel, home decoration, reading, art collecting, cooking, gardening and photography. She also walks dogs at the local animal shelter one day a week. 🌻

# Publicity Perks

## How one five-year old press release keeps on giving for the sisters of the Pomerado Reciprocity Group

by Debbie Clason, Coordinator of Membership Development



From the left: Jane Handell, Chapter TV; Dolores Bruemmer, Chapter VR; Carla Morrissey, Chapter VR; Nancy Thompsen, Chapter VR; Margo Pagnini, Chapter SX

It was the spring of 2004 and the Pomerado Reciprocity Group in Rancho Bernardo/Poway, California, couldn't have been more thrilled. Dr. Helen Washburn, the retiring president of Cottey College, had agreed to speak at their reciprocity luncheon in April.

Nancy Thompsen, Chapter VR, was president of the Pomerado Reciprocity Group at the time. She remembers that the pre-written press release template that Cottey College provided in advance of Dr. Washburn's visit was instrumental in getting information published in three separate area newspapers.

"One of the papers was interested in talking to Dr. Washburn, but it didn't work out with her schedule so the reporter ended up doing a story on P.E.O. and the friendships we form," Nancy said.

That initial story turned into a relationship between the Pomerado Reciprocity Group and Vincent Rossi, a freelance reporter for the San Diego Union Tribune who also has a deep affinity for history—and who subsequently became interested in P.E.O.'s origins.

Earlier this year, Rossi wrote a feature story about Founders' Day in the San Diego Union Tribune, and then helped the group secure space at the local historical society

to display P.E.O. materials in March and April.

And, guess who's scheduled to speak at the April Reciprocity meeting? Vincent Rossi. He'll be talking about the history of the Rancho Bernardo/Poway area, which no doubt will generate a bit more publicity in some of the local media. Pomerado will also be honoring their STAR award nominees at the luncheon, which Nancy says has given them another way to stay visible in the community and help new sisters learn how to talk about P.E.O.

"We've stayed in contact with the girls who interviewed for the STAR scholarship," she said. "When you're helping women in your community, it gives you a face to identify with. It becomes personal. You're reaching out and that promotes good word of mouth."

This generates enthusiasm within the chapter and, according to Nancy, brings out the best in each of her P.E.O. sisters. "It does energize you, I'll tell you!" Nancy said of the success Pomerado/Poway has experienced from their PR efforts. "Things start slowly and you're never sure what they're going to publish, but you really have to step out and take some action. Look at our Founders. Each one of them shared their unique gift with the Sisterhood and we should, too. You just never know what it might turn into." 🌸





## Getting Publicity for Your P.E.O. Chapter

Yes, it's true that P.E.O.s don't like to boast, but consider that good publicity can actually help P.E.O. grow the Sisterhood and ultimately benefit more women. Since our inception, we've given more than \$190 million in grants, scholarships and loans to further women's education, and we continue to educate and inspire new generations of women at Cottey College. Each time publicity about P.E.O. reaches a congenial woman, she becomes a good candidate for the Sisterhood—and a potential supporter of our projects.

Here are a few tips for securing some publicity for your chapter's events and activities:

**1. Write a press release.** Take a few minutes to write the essential information about the event or program you'd like to publicize. Include the "five Ws": who, what, when, where, and why. Write clearly, use spell check and be sure to include your name and contact information. Include a paragraph, typically at the end of the document, about P.E.O. and its projects. An example might be:

"P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization that proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies. These include the ownership of a two-year women's college, Cottey College, and five programs that provide educational assistance: P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship, P.E.O. Program for

Continuing Education, P.E.O. Scholar Awards and P.E.O. STAR Scholarship. P.E.O. is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. For more information about P.E.O. and its projects, visit [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)."

### **2. Make sure it's newsworthy.**

You can write the best press release in the world, but if local media doesn't think it's newsworthy, it won't get any attention. Accentuate the unique aspects of your event and you'll stand a better chance of getting some coverage. For example, if you're writing about a scholarship recipient who is a local resident, make sure to emphasize that. Include a quote from her, if possible, or relate the unique circumstances that prompted your chapter to consider her (with her permission, of course).

**3. Make a list of your local media contacts.** Remember to include television and radio stations as well as newspapers (large and small) and magazines on your list. To find the names and contact information for media in your community, visit [www.mondotimes.com](http://www.mondotimes.com) and search for your area under the "Find Media Worldwide" (choose USA or Canada) option located on the left side. Don't forget to send information to other communities close by, especially if residents tend to frequent your community to work, shop or worship.

**4. Know who to send it to.** Do some investigating before you mail (or email) your press release and find the name of the appropriate

contact person. Because P.E.O. does so much for women's education, try to get your information into the hands of the editor who is responsible for writing or reporting about this topic. If there isn't anyone specifically covering education, look for a features editor or community news writer. Most of this information is available on each respective media's website; however, if you're not quite sure which department you should send the press release to, pick up the phone and call.

**5. Follow up.** The simple truth about media today is that there are fewer reporters who are covering more ground. That's why it's a good idea to send a press release, then follow up in a few days with a phone call to make sure the appropriate person received it and ask for questions.

**6. Be persistent and consistent.** Good PR people know that it takes frequency, consistency and relationships to keep your organization in the news. Developing good relationships with your local media will take time, so don't be discouraged. Continue to tell the story of what good work P.E.O. does for women around the world. Your efforts will be rewarded.

More information on securing publicity for your local chapter is in the "Media Kit: A Guide for Chapters," found in your president's supplies. Additional copies may be ordered online from the supply department.



Daisy Do Tell is a new regular feature in The P.E.O. Record. Basically a Frequently Asked Questions forum, this is a page where you will find answers to commonly asked questions about anything and everything P.E.O.—including the P.E.O. philanthropies and P.E.O. rules and regulations.

**Question:** My chapter is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Can this be included in The P.E.O. Record?

**Answer:** No. Because of a large number of submissions, anniversaries highlighted in The P.E.O. Record are limited to 100 years only.

**Question:** I am trying to log on to the members' section of the P.E.O. website but I can't remember my username and password. How do I get it?

**Answer:** This information is in the IOLC, which is kept in the back of the President's Book and is accessible online. Consequently, your chapter president and/or technology contact should be able to provide you with the username and password. Other options include contacting one of your state/provincial/district officers (perhaps their contact information is included in your chapter's yearbook) or clicking the "Contact Us" link on the public website to request the username and password.

**Question:** Is the P.E.O. Constitution the only governing document used in running local chapter meetings?

**Answer:** No. P.E.O. is governed by the rules laid out in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. Additionally, the President's Book includes instructions for running local chapter meetings. For matters not covered by the Constitution or

President's Book, chapters should refer to "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)."

**Question:** What is a P.E.O. Group? Why should a P.E.O. Group be formed? How can we go about forming a Group?

**Answer:** A P.E.O. Group is an official group of P.E.O. sisters who meet while away from their primary residences and home chapters. P.E.O. Groups may be established on college campuses, in retirement, resort and government communities and in foreign countries.

The purpose of P.E.O. Groups is to give P.E.O. members living in retirement, resort, government communities, or foreign areas the opportunity to maintain P.E.O. contacts and interest. They are also established to give P.E.O. members in college communities an opportunity to experience the spirit and scope of P.E.O.

Seven active members are required to establish a P.E.O. Group. Authorization to establish a Group needs to be secured from the executive board of the state/provincial/district (or International) chapter having jurisdiction over the area in which the Group is to be located. A P.E.O. Group needs to be sponsored by a reciprocity group, one or more local chapters where there is no reciprocity group, the executive board of a state/provincial/district (s/p/d) chapter or the Executive Board of International Chapter.

**Question:** Is there a limit to the number of women a member may sponsor for P.E.O. membership in a year?

**Answer:** No. There is no limit to the number of women who may be sponsored for membership by a member. A woman does need to be a member of the Sisterhood for one year before she may sponsor a woman for membership.

**Question:** What is the initiation fee and how is it used?

**Answer:** A candidate for initiation pays a fee of \$35. After the candidate is initiated, the local chapter treasurer sends \$15 of the fee to the state, provincial or district treasurer or to the treasurer of International Chapter, if the chapter is in subordinate territory (Alaska or Hawaii); it is used for administrative and operational expenses of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, which includes the new member's subscription to The P.E.O. Record. The remainder of the fee (\$20) stays in the General Fund of the initiating chapter. If the candidate is not initiated, the fee is returned to the candidate.

**Question:** Does the P.E.O. supply department sell P.E.O. grave markers?

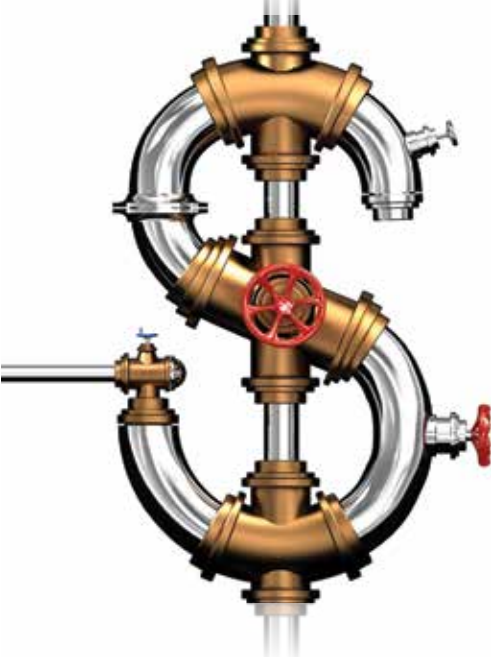
**Answer:** No. P.E.O. grave markers are sold by individual chapters as fundraisers. Information about P.E.O. grave markers can be found in the Items for Sale section in The P.E.O. Record.

**Question:** My BIL and I will be traveling through Des Moines. Can we stop to tour the P.E.O. Executive Office?

**Answer:** Yes! P.E.O.s and their guests are encouraged to stop for a tour of the P.E.O. Executive Office! The executive office is located at 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The building is open for tours Monday-Friday from 7:30-3:00. 🌸

# The P.E.O. Pipeline of Contributions

by Kathy Soppe, Director of Finance/Treasurer



Gifts to P.E.O. don't always follow the same route to get to their destination. Money enters and exits the P.E.O. pipeline differently, depending on the donor and the designation for the gift. How do your dollars travel through the P.E.O. pipeline? Let's review!

## Do you want to make a personal donation to the International Chapter projects or P.E.O. Foundation by credit card?

On the first page of the P.E.O. website, ([peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)) you will find a link to "Giving Opportunities." Choose the appropriate project(s) or P.E.O. Foundation and enter your name, address, credit card and other relevant information. This portion of the website is available to members as well as family and friends who are not members of P.E.O.

## Do you want to make a personal donation to the International Chapter projects or P.E.O. Foundation by check?

Choose "Mail a Donation" under "Giving Opportunities" on the P.E.O. website. Click on the PDF link and complete the Individual Donations form. Mail the form, with your check as directed at the bottom of the form. Individual donations are mailed directly to the executive office or Cottey College and do not require processing by the state/provincial/district (s/p/d) chapter. This portion of the website is available to members as well as family and friends who are not members of P.E.O. For those without internet access, the chapter's technology contact can access these forms or call the executive office and a form can be mailed to you.

*(Note: This process was changed at the 2009 Convention of International Chapter. Personal donations no longer need to be sent through the s/p/d chapter.)*

## Is your chapter making a contribution?

All chapter gifts must be made by check, payable to the s/p/d chapter and should be sent to the s/p/d treasurer or executive assistant as instructed by your s/p/d chapter. Local chapters are not to send gifts directly to International Chapter, nor should they make checks directly payable to the International Chapter projects. (No changes have been made in how local chapter gifts are processed.)

## Do you want to make a personal donation to a state/provincial/district project?

Individual gifts to s/p/d chapter projects should be made as directed by your s/p/d chapter. The check should be made payable to the

project and sent to the designated person in your s/p/d chapter.

## Who will send the gift acknowledgement?

The P.E.O. Executive Office and Cottey College send gift acknowledgements for all personal gifts received for International projects and P.E.O. Foundation. In addition, all chapter gifts of honorariums and memorials are individually acknowledged by the P.E.O. Executive Office. If the gift is an honorarium or memorial you must provide accurate and complete information of names and addresses in order for the proper notifications to be sent.

Annual chapter donations are acknowledged annually in The P.E.O. Record.

## If my personal donation is sent directly to the P.E.O. Executive Office or Cottey College, will my state/provincial/district chapter be notified?

All state/provincial/district chapters will be notified of gifts received by the International projects and P.E.O. Foundation.

## Are my personal donations to P.E.O. tax deductible?

Because the International Chapter projects and P.E.O. Foundation are qualified charities under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), your individual donations to them are deductible for U.S. income tax purposes. Personal contributions to local chapters are not deductible.

## Will I receive proof of my gift for tax purposes?

All required tax documentation is sent directly by the executive office or Cottey College. 🌸



# Finding Your Own Star(s)

by Seth R. Nadel, BIL, FA,  
Pinetop, Arizona

**The star is the symbol of P.E.O., just as each of our P.E.O.s is a star in her own right. After 27 years with my star, Linda Gilbertson, FA, Pinetop, Arizona, I know the importance of the star in P.E.O. lore.**

One day last summer, Linda and I went into town for lunch, and stopped at a yard sale. Tucked away under a table were red and green five-pointed stars, formerly used as Christmas decorations. In one look, I knew I had found something for Linda's then forming chapter. I paid \$5 for the two stars, which are 36 inches across.

I am one of those BILs cursed with 10 thumbs on each hand, so I knew I would need help to make something useful out of them. Time to call on the other BILs of Chapter FA! Linda kept mum while the stars were spirited to the workshop of BIL George Waldrop, who manufactured two sets of legs and attached them. Then, using secret BIL methods which cannot be revealed even to



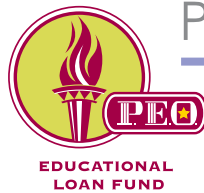
P.E.O.s, BIL Tom Babcock turned the stars into gold. An undercover trip to our local hardware store resulted in two sets of letters and some black paint.

Recipe: Add paint to letters and allow to dry; have a P.E.O. advise on placement of letters; screw and glue to stars; open legs, set up and admire; repeat. Present to the P.E.O.s as a surprise gift from the BILs.

The end result? Two large gold stars with P.E.O. letters, used to mark P.E.O. meetings and events. They help the members (and potential members) find the meeting places, and invite non-members to ask, "What is P.E.O.?"

So, BILs, as you cruise your local yard and garage sales, keep your eyes open—you too may find your own stars! 🌟





# Educational Loan Fund Q & A

by P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees

The Educational Loan Fund trustees are often asked to provide clarification about the fund. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions and their answers.

**Q. Why did the ELF trustees raise the maximum amount of the loan from \$9,000 to \$10,000?**

**A.** Due to the generosity of local chapters, the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund is strong, healthy and available to deserving qualified women in need of financial assistance for completing their education. As educational expenses have increased, the ELF trustees made the decision to increase the maximum amount of the loan to help meet rising costs.

**Q. How many applicants may a chapter recommend for a loan?**

**A.** There is no limit at the present time.

**Q. Why are two cosigners required for each ELF loan?**

**A.** Two cosigners with a credit score of 650 or higher are required because ELF loans are not secured loans. There must be a way to obtain the loan repayment in case an ELF recipient defaults on her loan. Three sources for obtaining the loan repayment, namely the applicant and her two cosigners, assure that the ELF funds will again be available for other deserving women.

**Q. Is a PhD student eligible for an ELF loan?**

**A.** Yes, as long as she meets the requirements she is eligible.

**Q. Are there age restrictions regarding potential applicants?**

**A.** There are no minimum or maximum age requirements for ELF loan

candidates but the applicant must be a high school graduate.

**Q. Is the ELF loan better than government loans?**

**A.** We think so! Consider this: Interest on the ELF loan is calculated as simple interest. Simple interest is calculated only on the principal amount, or on that portion of the principal amount that remains unpaid. Most lending institutions charge compound interest meaning interest is calculated on both the principal and accrued interest. Put another way, the borrower is charged interest on previous interest. Also unlike many government loans, parental income is not considered for an ELF loan application.

**Q. Can women apply for both an ELF loan and PCE grant?**

**A.** Yes, as long as they meet the requirements for each.

**Q. What responsibility does a sponsoring chapter assume for an ELF loan repayment?**

**A.** The chapter has no financial obligation. However, chapters are encouraged to stay in touch with the recipient. Consider inviting her to a meeting. Could she possibly be a new sister?

**Q. Who is notified of the trustees' decision regarding the ELF loan application?**

**A.** The applicant is notified first of the loan approval or denial. If the request is denied, the applicant is provided with the reason for the denial. The recommending chapter president is then notified. When a loan is denied, the chapter will be informed but will not be given the specific reason. This is to protect the privacy of the applicant. 🌸



# A Message from the Cottey President Creating a Defining Moment

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



Cottey has embarked on a \$35 million comprehensive fundraising campaign that seeks the participation of P.E.O.s, alumnae and

friends far and wide. We knew from the outset of the campaign that the support of one group was essential; we knew that we must be able to demonstrate the support of the Cottey family, those who work at Cottey College and engage with students on a daily basis. Therefore, we organized our first-ever campus fundraising campaign. The campaign on campus was named "Creating Defining Moments" and was organized and led by a volunteer committee.

The committee set an ambitious goal of \$75,000. Each member agreed to a personal gift to the campaign, and then each agreed to talk to their colleagues and co-workers about giving. For some, it was easier to give than to ask someone else to give. Asking for a gift can be a daunting prospect. Nevertheless, the committee

members received training, kicked off their campaign, followed a careful timeline and moved forward. I so wanted the committee to be successful that I was actually concerned that \$75,000 was an overly ambitious goal. After all, no employees had received a salary increase last year because of the impact of the economic recession, while expenses, such as health insurance, had risen.

What reassuring news when I learned that the campaign goal of \$75,000 had been reached with weeks to spare. Then the committee decided that it was time for a stretch goal—\$100,000! Adam Dean, one of the committee co-chairs said, "The Cottey family wants to send a strong message to others that they believe in the vision for Cottey and the campaign." From the start, we had agreed that the campus campaign would send a loud message to all other Cottey supporters.

The campus campaign ended on Thursday, February 18. It was with appreciation and gratitude that I was able to announce at an all-campus meeting that we had exceeded our stretch goal. We had raised \$115,705.40!



**The goal of the campaign is to raise \$35 million for the following priorities:**

Scholarship Endowment	\$10 million
Faculty Chairs	\$ 3 million
Fine Arts Building	\$ 9 million
Library Endowment	\$ 3 million
Undesignated Funding	\$10 million

Since that day a few more gifts have been received and 76 percent of Cottey employees have given to the campaign. We celebrated the success with food, balloons, music and laughter. Cottey employees from all parts of the College had chosen to give, and many expressed that they had given because of the students.

The campus campaign does send a strong message to others. Those who know Cottey best understand how important it is for Cottey to grow and to prosper into the future. "A Defining Moment" campaign is a five-year comprehensive campaign to raise endowment funding for scholarships, faculty chairs, library enhancements and funding for a fine arts instructional building. I invite you to visit our website frequently to follow the progress of the campaign. To access the site, go to [www.cottey.edu](http://www.cottey.edu) and click on the Defining Moment button. There you will read news of the campaign and reports from our campaign chairman, Barbara Andes. We trust that every friend of Cottey College will follow the example of the Cottey family to help us meet and then exceed our goal. 🌸



Cottey's campus fundraising campaign was a great success



IPS student Claudia Wultsch relies on her dog Bruiser to help her find jaguars and avoid dangerous snakes

# Sniffing Out Jaguars

by Sandi Webster, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees

Saving wildlife species on the brink of extinction can be very rewarding. Claudia Wultsch, an Austrian IPS graduate student, studies jaguars in Belize, Central America, and conservation of carnivores in peril is becoming her life's work. Her cutting-edge research is emerging as work with world-wide significance.

Claudia's interest in wildlife came early. As a young girl she enjoyed exploring close to home in the Austrian mountains, disappearing into the forests, following nature's trails into remote areas with her family. As Claudia states, "being out in the wilderness is a gift...and people should be respectful of nature." But people can cause habitat change and then wildlife disappears.

From Austria, Claudia took advantage of an exchange program at a renowned wildlife biology program in Montana's Rocky Mountains. When she saw her first grizzly bear in the wild, her fascination with carnivores

began. She has since studied them in Europe, Asia, the United States and Central America.

In 2006 Claudia was drawn to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, to obtain a Ph.D. in fisheries and wildlife sciences where she specializes in endangered species conservation and management. There is a need for well-trained wildlife biologists in many parts of the world. Because of the physical nature of the work, difficult working conditions, risk involved in handling large animals and complex data analysis, few women have been attracted to this field. Under the tutelage of renowned wildlife biologists, Drs. Marcella Kelly and Mike Vaughan, Claudia has become an exception and her work is unique.

Jaguars, the least studied of all great cats, are intelligent, solitary and elusive. Traditional capture, handling and release studies involve risk both for the animals and researchers but Claudia "captures" individual cats

using remote sensor cameras to survey populations, their density and range without harming or disturbing them. Each has unique spot patterns which Claudia can identify when they are caught on film.

Even more innovative is her work with Bruiser, a 75-pound chocolate Labrador retriever who has been trained to work with Claudia in protected areas of Belize. Besides sniffing out jaguar and mountain lion scat (biologists' term for feces), Bruiser also locates and helps the team avoid venomous snakes in the dense jungle. Working with Dr. Lisette Waits, a leading population geneticist at the University of Idaho, Claudia analyzes the scat samples to identify individual cats using the newest genetic techniques. This work, on the frontiers of science, is timely and melds with current initiatives by conservation organizations who want to identify threatened populations and create a viable habitat corridor in Central America for this wide-ranging species.

Claudia's pioneering work has sparked global interest. She mentors students from other countries, inspiring them to devote careers to conservation. After graduation in 2011, expertise and techniques learned here will enhance her research and teaching in Austria which will help conserve imperiled animals worldwide—a very promising future career, doing what she loves. 🌸



Jaguars like this one are the subject of Claudia's research



# PCE—*Be Part of It*: Meet Our First \$3,000 Grant Recipients

by Teri S. Aitchison, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

History was made on October 1, 2009, with the fifth and largest full grant award increase for the Program for Continuing Education. Due to the generous support of local chapters and members, the board of trustees is now empowered to grant awards of up to \$3,000! The first two \$3,000 grant recipients share their stories below.



Chantel Bratcher

"I have struggled financially ever since I lost my job. In the past few months I have debated if it was going to be in my best interest to leave school..." So writes **Chantel Bratcher**, a single mother of two young children. The reality of supporting a family of three on unemployment benefits and educational loans made her question her decision to pursue a master's degree in mental health counseling. Enter Chapter H, Wilmington, Delaware, who sponsored Chantel for a PCE

grant. The Chapter Letter of Recommendation further defined the need for additional education: "After being laid off in July 2008, she realized that a higher education and the accompanying credentials were an absolute necessity to advance in the field of mental health." Dreams do come true and with a \$3,000 PCE Named Grant, Chantel anticipates completing her master's degree in January 2011. Chantel shares, "I am blessed and fortunate to have so many opportunities. With this degree I will be able to give back, provide for my family and have options in life."

**Penny Glanzer**, a married mother of two young daughters, returned to the workforce as a caregiver when her older daughter started school. She worked nights when her second daughter was born so as not to incur childcare costs. When her elderly charge passed away, a hospice nurse asked Penny if she had ever considered a nursing career. In Penny's own words: "I told her I couldn't become a nurse because nursing to me was something very smart, dedicated and courageous people did." The nurse's response would change the course of Penny's life, giving her the confidence and courage to become a first time college student: "You have been doing everything a nurse does with this patient. You have been her nurse." She realized her dream to become a hospice nurse would require an RN degree, so Penny joined a record number of students applying for



Penny Glanzer

admission in a nursing program. However, with her acceptance came the news that her financial aid package would not cover the cost of tuition. Coupled with her husband's continued unemployment in the construction industry, the lack of financial assistance seemed to doom Penny's dream to continue her education. Chapter KY, Parkville, Missouri, saw things differently! With their sponsorship and support, Penny will receive her degree in May of this year thanks to a \$3,000 PCE grant. About her return to school, Penny Glanzer shares, "Not only have I taught my family they can be anything they want to be if they work hard to achieve it, I have shown them."

While their choices of career paths vary widely, these PCE grant recipients share similar career goals: to improve their lives and the lives of their families. PCE—Be Part of It! You are turning the wishes and needs of thousands of women into dreams come true. 🌸



# Investing in Journeys to Remarkable News Briefs

by P.E.O. Scholar Awards Board of Trustees

## What are Scholar Awards All About?

P.E.O. Scholar Awards are one-time, competitive, merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are either pursuing a doctoral level degree or are engaged in postdoctoral research at an accredited college, university or institution.

In addition to recognizing and encouraging excellence in higher education, these awards provide partial support for study and research for women who will make significant contributions in their varied fields of endeavor.

Priority is given to women who are well established in their programs, studies or research.

## In Our Scholars' Words . . .

**"Thanks to everyone in P.E.O. for what you do. I never anticipated everything this award would entail. I have won many awards through my scholarship and research, but this award really does stand out above the rest."**

2009 Scholar

**"It has been an honor to be awarded a P.E.O. Scholar Award. Your support on many levels has been much appreciated. The emotional support has been remarkable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."**

2009 Scholar

**"I take great pride in acknowledging P.E.O. in my work and presentations, and frequently spread awareness of its educational projects. I look forward to taking a more active role at a local and, potentially, national level in the coming years."**

2009 Scholar

## Numbers of Note for New Class of Scholars

- The 85 Scholars for 2010 are studying in 24 states, one province, one district and three foreign countries.
- They were selected from a total of 707 nominations received.
- There are 73 doctoral candidates, one postdoctoral fellow and 11 scholars seeking professional degrees in the current class.
- Their ages range from 24 to 36.
- A total of \$1,275,000 will be awarded to our scholars this year.

Now is the time to start looking for next year's candidates! (Graduation dates must fall between May 2012 and August 2013.)

## PSA Policy and Procedure Updates

How familiar are you with some of the newer P.E.O. Scholar Awards policies and procedures? PSA trustees occasionally seek permission to make changes in an effort to eliminate ambiguous language and improve the overall nomination process. Recently approved changes—some more widely publicized than others—include the following:

1. Award amount is \$15,000.
2. Eligible women must be pursuing a doctoral level degree or be engaged in postdoctoral research.
3. P.E.O. Scholar Award information may not be posted on university websites.
4. No formal pre-application process may be used by nominating chapters.

5. Transcripts or recommendations may not be requested by local chapters.
6. Eligible women must be enrolled full-time in their program during their award year.
7. Nomination letter is limited to one page.

## News Flash!

See *To the Point* on page 49 for a major change to the local chapter nomination submission process.

## Dates and Deadlines

- **NEW! August 20** Nominations accepted
- **NEW! November 20** Closing date for nominations
- **May 1** Notification of awards sent to applicants and nominating chapters
- **August 1** Initial award payment sent to recipients
- **January 31** Final award payment sent after receipt of progress report 🌸

## Need a Program?

Be sure to check out the PSA page on the P.E.O. website ([peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)) for useful information for local chapters, including program ideas.



# P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Applications... How to Identify a Strong Applicant What They Say and What's Being Said about Them

by the STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees

**Intelligent, inquisitive,  
effective communicator,  
perseverant and consistent**

*She celebrates knowledge and accomplishment.*

*Education will allow me to do that which will make a difference.*

Scholastic achievement is one measurement of accomplishment for those who wish to pursue additional studies and be successful in future endeavors. P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipients display their ability to pursue academic advancement while finding a balance between their academic coursework and active participation in extracurricular and community experiences.

**Diligent, insightful, astute,  
sensitive, enthusiastic,  
persistent, compassionate,  
willing to share her talent  
liberally**

*Getting to know more about these young women proves they care about their world. Whatever she decides to*

*do, she will do it whole-heartedly with humility and integrity.*

Talent allows for a wide range of abilities, motivation and aptitude. A multitude of opportunities are available to high school students today. What is her involvement in extracurricular activities—is she an active leader and innovator or just a member? Students are called on to participate in community service projects—are they one time and short-lived or are they significant commitments of energy and time?

**Energized, upbeat, a  
natural leader, committed,  
self-confident, observant,  
effective communicator**

*She demonstrates ability for future success. Our applicant possesses much promise in her future endeavors.*

Achievements come in all shapes and sizes. What sets this young lady apart from her peers and shows growth or promise for future success? Has your applicant presented exceptional skills or abilities for which she has

overcome an obstacle or been recognized for making a difference in her school or community? Has she initiated or had an impact on a change which has resulted in the betterment of a situation?

**Resilient, beneficial to  
others, self-motivated**

*We were inspired by this young woman.*

*I'll strive for something more than mediocrity.*

*She does not seek out leadership roles, leadership seeks her.*

Recognizing the dedication, enthusiasm and energy of these young women will not only impact their lives, but will provide a better understanding and deeper appreciation for the complex situations these young women face during high school. These applicants are both impressive and inspirational. They face challenges head-on and look for opportunities. We count on your interviews and insight to make your applicant become more than a name, to lift her off the page and bring her to life! 🌟





# The P.E.O. Foundation

*by Toots Green, Chairman, Foundation Board of Trustees*

The P.E.O. Foundation was established in 1961 as a qualified charitable organization under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Gifts and bequests to the Foundation or to one of P.E.O.'s six educational projects (Cottey College, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, P.E.O. Scholar Awards and P.E.O. STAR Scholarship) are tax deductible for U.S. and state income, estate and gift tax purposes. Gifts to local and state chapter funds are not considered tax-deductible because these entities are not qualified charities by IRS requirements.

Since its inception, the Foundation has grown to more than 830 funds with assets of more than \$73 million which means that our P.E.O.s, friends and families are taking advantage of the opportunities it offers.

A professional investment consulting firm continually reviews P.E.O. guidelines to ensure investments adapt to an ever-changing financial environment and directs the specific allocation of investments between asset classes.

Donations given directly to the Foundation undesignated fund or to one of P.E.O.'s educational projects can be used immediately by the project or can be placed in the general project endowment fund and only the earnings will be distributed annually. Every year the Foundation trustees distribute the undesignated funds (more than \$1.3 million in 2009) to the P.E.O. educational projects. The projects are very appreciative of these additional funds, allowing the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Foundation to help more women further their education.

Chapters or individuals can establish a fund in the Foundation in honor or memory of someone, in the name of the chapter or an individual. The name of the fund and how the income will be used are set by the donor within


ferred to one or more of the P.E.O. educational projects or added to Foundation undesignated funds, in accordance with the fund's Statement of Operations.

Donations to the P.E.O. Foundation can be in the form of a check or by credit card on the [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) website using the Giving Opportunities link. Donations can be made in the form of honorariums, memorials,

## Give a gift that keeps on giving to the P.E.O. Foundation— gifts that will help women further their education.

P.E.O. guidelines. A fund can be established with a minimum of \$1,000 initial deposit and up to five years to reach the required minimum principal balance of \$5,000. As funds earn interest and accumulate income, amounts above the \$5,000 may be used for college scholarship, trans-

bequests, life insurance and retirement, but it is always advisable to consult with your tax or financial planning adviser before making these types of contributions.

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**Some of the Vancouver B&B hostesses. First row, from left:** Linda Ronald, A, PPP; Beverley O'Brien AE, PPP; Gale Watt, A, PPP **Second row:** Heather Hankin, AE; Lois Barclay, A; Fran Collard, BI; Barbara Fox, AY; Barbara Mikulec, AY; Mary Ann Carter, AE

## Gold Medal B&B Experiences

### High Scores for Our B&B Hosts

Last year, my BIL Jeff and I talked about going to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. After we checked out lodging and how much it would cost, we decided we would stay home and watch the games on TV. Then, one day while I was on the P.E.O. website, I decided to check out P.E.O. B&Bs in Vancouver.

After contacting Beverley O'Brien from Chapter AY, we were booked into the home of Linda and Bill Ronald, Chapter A. Not only were we given comfortable, affordable accommodations and delicious breakfasts (Linda even provided sack meals on the days we left the house early), but the information they provided regarding special

attractions, transportation and directions was invaluable!

*Carol Goodwin, IB,  
Dillon, Colorado*

### A Great P.E.O. Adventure

When my P.E.O. Record arrived in the summer of 2009, I was leisurely paging through it and there it was—a listing for bed and breakfasts in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



My husband Tom and I have always loved the Olympics and knowing the Olympics would be held in Vancouver in February 2010, it grabbed my attention. That very day I inquired of the contact, Beverly O'Brien, about a possible B&B home for us. In short order I was emailed a reservation form, which I quickly returned along with my deposit.

Subsequently, I received notice that Tom and I would be staying with Mary Ann Carter, AE, Vancouver, British Columbia. We immediately began emailing each other. Mary Ann supplied details about Vancouver to augment our trip. Mary Ann and her BIL Ian even met us at the airport when we arrived.

As a gracious P.E.O. sister, Mary Ann welcomed us, showed us to a lovely room and even prepared dinner for us the first night we arrived! The next 12 days sped by as we visited the Museum of Anthropology, the Van Duesen Gardens, Stanley Park, Chinatown, Gastown, Granville Island and also attended Olympic events. Each night we returned to a comfortable bed and a hearty breakfast the next morning. Mary Ann and Ian were our family away from home.

It was a great P.E.O. adventure and we have made new sister friends in Vancouver. Tom and I would like to thank our tremendous hosts who made our visit so enjoyable and were so giving of their time and attention. We look forward to seeing many Vancouverites in Saint Louis in 2011 at the International Convention where we hope to reciprocate their hospitality.

*Linda O'Hare, O,  
Saint Louis, Missouri*

## Chapters in Vancouver earned almost \$14,000 for the P.E.O. Projects through bed and breakfasts.

True P.E.O. spirit prevailed. When a Vancouver chapter offering B&B services already had an engagement and they received another request, they referred the visiting P.E.O.s to other chapters in Vancouver who were also offering B&B services.

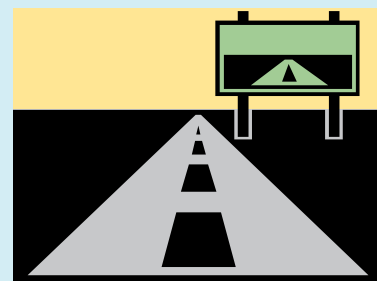
Chapters must be registered with and insured through the P.E.O. Executive Office to offer bed and breakfast services. To learn more about how your chapter can offer B&B services or to find the necessary insurance forms, visit the P.E.O. International website.

## An Olympic Welcome

We were lucky enough to attend the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver this past February thanks to the hospitality of Beverley O'Brien and Chapter AE, Vancouver. We are sisters from Idaho and California who take a trip together once a year to celebrate our birthdays. This year we had the trip of a lifetime attending the Winter Olympics. We read in The Record about Vancouver bed and breakfasts. Beverley opened up her home as a B&B, allowing us to take part in this amazing experience. She helped us with transportation logistics prior to arriving and saw that we had everything we needed while there. We knew we were in for a good time when we saw all the Canadian flags adorning her home in North Vancouver. She hosted us and another P.E.O., Dorothy Alsman, from Illinois. We woke up each morning to a delicious breakfast complete with baked goods and jams from Chapter AE. When we departed for home they even sent us off with homemade shortcake and a souvenir tea towel with scenes of the 2010 Olympics. 🌸

*Carolyn Burpee Coiner, AI,  
Twin Falls, Idaho*

*Susan Burpee, DQ,  
Concord, California*



## Remember!

A continuously updated list of P.E.O. bed and breakfasts can be found year-round at [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org).

Look for the new printed bed and breakfast listing inside the September-October 2010 issue of The P.E.O. Record.

Staying in P.E.O. bed and breakfasts is a great lodging alternative for members of our sisterhood. The P.E.O. B&B program generates a considerable amount of money for our philanthropies and creates many lasting friendships!





### Chapter PE, Johnston, Iowa Organized: September 20, 2009

**First row, from the left:** Wendy Roberts, Mary Ann Richards, Robyn Dean, Jennifer Lansink **Second row:** Latsamy Hillard, Paulette Schultz, Stephanie Picken, Carrie Greenwood, Jennifer Irwin, Teresa Cleveland, Beth Fuchsen **Third row:** Joni Sokol, Amy Kahler, Connie Moe, Kaela Phillips



### Chapter AN, Morehead, Kentucky Organized: November 21, 2009

**First row, from the left:** Mattie Decker, Kim Nettleton, Julia Martin, Karen Hammons, Priscilla Gotsick, Julia Perry **Second row:** Carolyn Franzini, Bobbie Caudill, Ann Scott, Susan Victor, Dayna Seelig, Mary Camille Dummer, Cathy Shely, Judy Yancy, Jama Rose, Tammy Collins-Bonney



### Chapter GG, Dallas, Oregon Organized: January 28, 2010

**First row, from the left:** Evelyn Lorence, Carol Yetter, Eileen Krummel, Margaret Smith, Nancy Magill **Second row:** Jean Rogers, Marilyn Wynn, Ellie Carson, Cornelia Colen, Esther Siville Tidey, Catherine Rooth, Rita Frank, Lois Martin, Diana Tolle, Dorothy Gillett, Dorothy Garrett, Betty Lorence, Mary Margaret Triplett, Margaret Hilts



### Merged Chapters BZ-GC, Dallas, Texas Organized: December 16, 2009

**(From Bottom)** Valle Abernathy, Jane Bailey, Susan Pleasant, Peggy Hino, Nancy Moderi, Jean Fortune, Sarah Hardin, Shanna Garcia, Marilyn Hailey, Maydee Scurlock, Carolyn Patillo, Mary Adaline Allen, Leslie Austin, Carol Jones, Judy Rowan, Amy Bourret, Sandra Bruns, Elaine Johnson, Doris Hansen, Sally Pearson, Betsy Colter, Barb Ruel, Ellen Welch, Karen Lowe, Valerie Jarvie, Cindy Lowe, Mary Holian, Jennie Gilchrist, Shirley Reese, Joan Robinson

### Marti Healy, B, Aiken, South Carolina,



has been awarded the Bronze Medal for Popular Fiction for her first novel

“The Rhythm of

Selby,” in the 13th annual national competition recognizing excellence in independent publishing. The medal was presented at the Independent Publishers Book Awards, during BookExpo America and the American Booksellers Association meeting in May 2009, in New York City. More than 4,000 books were entered in the literary competition. “This novel was a highly personal one for me, based a great deal on my own experiences as a newcomer to a delightful small southern town,” said Marti. “It gratifies me greatly to know that others from around the country are able to relate to and enjoy the experience with me.”

A professional copywriter for more than three decades, and newspaper contributing columnist for almost five years, Marti has also received numerous advertising industry writing awards in her career. Beginning in 2009 she has devoted her time almost exclusively to various personal writing projects.

### Janet Brown-Wolff, C, Burlington, Vermont,



2009 Mother of the Year competition, sponsored by American Mothers, Inc., the official

sponsor of Mother's Day. Janet was honored in Vermont where her career, community and family accomplishments were summarized.

As a pastor's wife and a nursing professor with four children, she arrived in Vermont at a time when the University of Vermont needed a nurse practitioner program. Under her leadership, it evolved into a master's degree program, to the great benefit of the community. She was also involved in a gerontology program. As well as helping her own children develop in their individual ways, she has taken a vital interest in her husband John Wolff's grown children and their spouses. As Professor Emerita, she has remained active in her church and other community organizations. At the Mother of the Year competition she was inspired by the life stories of the winner and all the state representatives, each State Mother of the Year finding a balance among life's challenges of work and family.

**Andrea Vincent, EX, Evanston, Illinois,** award-winning international artist, has been elected to “Signature” membership in the American Watercolor Society. In order to qualify, applicants must have three separate works accepted in the exhibition within a 10-year period. Vincent's painting, titled “Opening Incision,” was selected to be exhibited in the 143rd Annual International Exhibition, April 6-May 2, 2010, in New York.

Andrea is also a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Allied Artists of America, Inc, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, Taos Society of Watercolorists, and Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club. Her art studio is located at the Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago, Illinois.

**Katie Marsh, DT, Salem, Illinois,** has earned a National Board Certified Teacher designation. National

Board Certified Teachers are highly accomplished educators who meet high and rigorous standards. Like board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. Only about 2 percent of teachers in the nation are National Board Certified. Katie is the media center director at Nashville Community High School in Nashville, Illinois. She recently earned her master's degree in instructional technology but said earning the National Board Certification was more difficult. Her work to earn the certification centered on research, including the ethical and legal uses of online databases. Katie and her husband Bill have three grown children and several grandchildren. She enjoys sewing, jogging and gardening.

### Angela Martinez, X, Brentwood, Tennessee,



is a country singer and songwriter who has signed an exclusive usage contract with the National Scleroderma Foundation

for her original song “Right There.” Angela composed and recorded the song and has agreed to donate all the proceeds to the Scleroderma Foundation. “Right There” is a song about a person's feelings when dealing with scleroderma. Scleroderma is an autoimmune disease of the connective tissue. Angela and her close friend who suffers from the disease have also designed a jewelry line; profits from the jewelry sales will also go toward the National Scleroderma Foundation. 🌸





Chapter XF "Card Girls"

## "Souper" Game Day

Chapter XF, Roseville, California, recently held a fundraiser called "Souper Saturday Game Day." Tickets to the event were sold for \$35; 140 attendees enjoyed a soup and salad buffet luncheon, which included beverages and desserts as well as chances to win prizes. The event featured a playing card motif with black, red, gold, silver and blue balloons, which designated each game area. Games included bridge, duplicate bridge, Mexican train, Mah Jongg, canasta, hand and foot and more. Chapter XF hostesses dressed as "Card Girls" to greet attendees and emcee the event. Peg Berrie, chairman of the event, reported a net profit of \$1,687 for P.E.O. scholarships.



From the left: Hollis McDonald, Diane Bull, Lorrie Katsimpalis, Julia Reiter, Terri Somme, Sandra Morrison, Barbara Lassiter, Alexandra Garrett, Sharon Simpson

## P.E.O.s Reach Out to Local Animal Shelter

Members of Chapter AB, Daphne, Alabama, are making special efforts to get more involved in their community and to become more visible as volunteers. The chapter recently hosted Terri Somme from The Haven animal shelter of Fairhope, Alabama. Terri discussed the volunteer work that supports the no-kill shelter and invited chapter members to become dog walkers. Some of the chapter members are already active volunteers at the shelter. After the program, Chapter AB presented The Haven with donations of dog treats, beds, towels, and bleach.



P.E.O.s enjoy a lunch outing in Peoria, Arizona

## Snowbird P.E.O.s Connect Away from Home

Sixteen active P.E.O. sisters from 12 different chapters regularly gather at a local Peoria, Arizona, area restaurant for a social lunch. This group of women all live in the Trilogy development and, while active in their own chapters locally or "back home," as the snowbirds call it, feel the sisterly love and need to connect. Monthly activities range from garden walks, speakers and luncheons, to tours or just enjoying a coffee break together. While not a formal P.E.O. chapter, for those away from their own chapter four to seven months of the year, connecting on a regular basis with other P.E.O. sisters is a priority, as seen by the numbers present in the photo!



Chapter VW celebrates their successful fundraiser

## Crab Feed and Auction Fundraiser

In January 2010, P.E.O. Chapter VW, Santa Clara, California, hosted their Second Annual Crab Feed and Auction Fundraising Event at the Almaden Community Center. More than 110 people were in attendance and the event brought in almost \$12,000 in ticket and auction sales. An elegant affair with white table cloths and fresh flowers, it was Chapter VW's most successful event on record. All of the food (except for the crab) was donated to help minimize the cash outlay and maximize profits. Live music was provided by a local band who generously donated their time and talent for the event. Several local businesses donated goods and services for the event and auction. Spearheaded by Janet Romero of Chapter VW's Ways and Means Committee, the event required a lot of planning and work, but the committee had a lot of fun putting it together.



Chapter H, Connecticut, P.E.O.s Judy Nessel and Meg Mack



## Baby Supplies Collected for Christmas Outreach Project

At their December 7 chapter meeting, members of Chapter H, Fairfield, Connecticut, collected 1,950 diapers and 2,778 wipes to be donated to the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, as a Christmas outreach project. Established in 1987, Mercy Learning Center provides basic literacy and life skills to low-income women in the Greater Bridgeport area and childcare for the mothers while they attend class. The chapter really got into sharing the P.E.O. spirit with others during the holiday season!



Bettie Edwards, Dianne Holman, Mary Beth Holman wearing Wild Women pins

## South Carolina Chapter U has Gone Wild!

“Wild Women” have invaded Chapter U in Columbia, South Carolina. Seeking a unique idea for a fundraiser, they contacted jewelry maker Mary Louise Mahoney to discuss creating a Wild Women pin exclusively for Chapter U. They explained that the design should be one that could have special significance for P.E.O.s but would also appeal to anyone. They discussed P.E.O. and its symbols and together created a wonderful, whimsical Wild Woman pin for Chapter U. The Chapter U Wild Woman pin is wearing a white dress with a yellow star in the center, holding a marguerite in her hand, has wonderful crazy gold hair and is wearing yellow high heels!

Members of Chapter U from ages 26-90 are promoting the sales by wearing their pins and telling their friends about them. All ages love the pin and Chapter U believes we are all “Wild Women” at heart! Chapter U hopes that the sale of their Wild Women pins will be a successful ongoing project to continue their commitment to raising money for P.E.O. philanthropies.



Past P.E.O. International President Mary Louise Remy and Lola Archer

## Miniature House Tour Generates Funds for P.E.O.

Chapter KO, Glendale, California, celebrated their 65th anniversary with a “Miniature House Tour” fundraiser at member Lola Archer’s home in January. Lola’s collection of tiny houses was on display, all decorated and furnished by Lola. Sixty-five people paid \$10 each to marvel at Lola’s creations, shared over coffee, tea and homemade cookies prepared by the chapter’s members. The tiny houses are a wonder, inspiring admiration for their artistry in the most meticulous details. Member Marianne Atkinson, owner of Ivy’s Flower Station, donated a lovely floral centerpiece in our colors of yellow and white. Four custom-built doll houses and 10 room vignettes were on display, a showcase of Lola’s skill and patience in creating the “miniature

marvels.” The tour garnered more than \$1,200 in ticket sales and generous contributions.



First row: Amanda Leary Second row: Elizabeth MacDonald, Karin Dahl, Amy Beau, Susan Thacker, Peggy Mangual, Amy Leary

## Flapjack Fundrasier

Women from Chapter GW, Overland Park, Kansas, served a pancake breakfast to friends, family and fellow P.E.O.s on a cold dreary Saturday morning at an Applebee’s restaurant, earning more than \$700 for the chapter—and they didn’t have to cook!

Applebee’s restaurants recently initiated the turnkey fundraiser program to assist community organizations. P.E.O.s sold \$10 advance tickets, with \$2 of each ticket sold returned to Applebee’s to cover food and labor costs. P.E.O. volunteers greeted guests, served pancakes, sausage links and drinks and cleaned up after the event. 🌻

**Kathy Sims, D, Arcadia, Louisiana,** wrote



“Louisiana Potpourri from A to Z.” It is a bilingual book written in French and English that

portrays Louisiana places, symbols and culture in an alphabetical sequence. The book dishes up a potpourri of all things Louisiana from “A is for Alligator” to “Z is for Zydeco.” Young and old readers alike will enjoy a virtual tour of the Bayou State as they learn facts and history about Louisiana places, symbols like the state flower, Mount Natchitoches, the state flag and the Louisiana Purchase.

Kathy is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s in curriculum instruction.

**Jane Glotfelty Rhoads, FM, Wichita, Kansas,** has written “Kansas



Opera Houses, Actors and Community Events 1855-1925.” The book informs readers about

the development of Kansas opera houses, actors who appeared in them and the cultural significance of opera houses to development of Kansas towns. Jane and her husband John, a professional photographer, traveled to more than 400 Kansas communities photographically documenting existing structures that once contained opera houses.

Jane fell in love with theater and opera houses as a small child as she played on the stage of her grandfather’s Eldon, Iowa, opera house. She enjoys writing and history and also wrote a book

about the wives of the Wichita State University presidents called “Presidential Partners: First Ladies of the University.”

**Kelly Langston, C, Charlotte, North Carolina,** has written “Autism’s Hidden

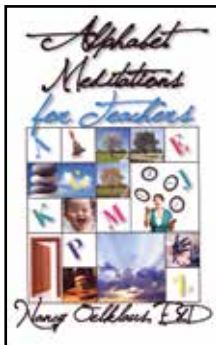


Blessings: Discovering God’s Promises for Autistic Children and Their Families.” Focusing on

the spiritual aspect of autism, Kelly relates concepts like why autism will not limit God from revealing himself to an autistic child; what to do when you are angry with God and how to move on; and why love is the greatest therapy. Kelly shows parents of autistic children how to reclaim their joy, laughter and hope through God’s plan for the entire family.

Kelly is an autism activist and a marketing consultant. She has written professionally since attending Ohio State University for journalism. Kelly also writes “Walking with Alec,” a blog about her journey with an autistic son.

**Nancy Oelklaus, HR, Austin, Texas,**



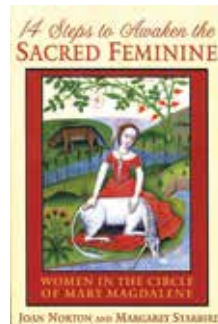
has written “Alphabet Meditations for Teachers: Everyday Wisdom for Educators,” a book containing poems that meditate on topics from A

to Z accompanied by color photographs. The poems may be used by teachers with a guide at the end of the book to sharpen intuitive abilities, learn to let go and watch issues be resolved more easily,

enjoy teaching more and be peaceful regardless of the situation.

Nancy has a bachelor’s degree in speech from Oklahoma Baptist University, a master’s in English from the University of North Texas and a doctorate in educational administration from Texas A&M University in Commerce. She lives on the rim of a canyon with her husband, Harlan and their curly white lap dog, Feathers.

**Margaret Starbird, EM, Steilacoom, Washington,** has co-authored “14



Steps to Awaken the Sacred Feminine: Women in the Circle of Mary Magdalene.” The book provides 14 lessons to help readers understand the

wisdom offered by Mary Magdalene’s story. Magdalene Circles are groups of women who focus on Mary Magdalene to gain insight into the role of the sacred feminine. Lessons in Margaret’s book include prophecies of the bride, Magdalene’s archetypal pattern of descent and how modern women relate to Mary Magdalene.

Margaret has authored several books including the bestselling “The Woman with the Alabaster Jar.” She earned bachelor and master degrees from the University of Maryland where she studied comparative literature, medieval studies and German. Margaret also studied theology at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, and taught German at the University of Maryland and North Carolina State University.

**Susan Meehan, BI, Carlisle, Pennsylvania,** has written three

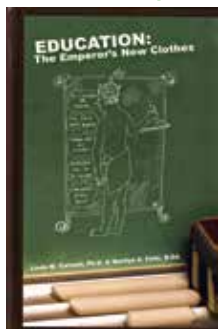


historical books about the Carlisle community. "The New Way, Greeks Come to Carlisle,

Pennsylvania" relates the history of 20th century immigration to Carlisle during the arrival of Greek settlers. "The Carlisle Band, An Ornament to the Community" tells about a town band that was officially organized in 1900 and still performs in Carlisle parades and community events today. "The Carlisle Hospital, The Most Important Building in Town" describes the individuals and organizations that built and supported a hospital to benefit the community.

Susan is a Pennsylvania native and has a graduate degree from Penn State University. She and her husband Frank have two children and in her spare time Susan enjoys hiking, reading and knitting.

**Linda Carlson and Marilyn Felix, DK, Canon City, Colorado,** have



co-authored "Education: The Emperor's New Clothes," a verbal documentary about the troubled American education system. Linda and Marilyn

used world-wide surveys, personal communication and extensive teaching experience to garner information for the book.

They have included fresh ideas and opinions from a wide variety of contributors like H.R.H. Prince Charles and a teacher from Greenland.

Linda holds a doctorate in biochemistry. She helped found Garden Park High School, an alternative school in Colorado, and co-founded a public charter school in 1995. Linda has received numerous humanitarian awards and frequently serves as guest speaker for various education and service related events.

Marilyn holds a bachelor's degree in education and Open University certification in health choices. She served both the U.K. and the U.S. as an art educator and an education administrator. Marilyn was the coordinator for Project SMART, a 21st Century Grant after-school program, and is an award-winning professional artist.

**Benita Moore, MG, Galesburg, Illinois,**



has transcribed and edited a Civil War diary written by First Assistant Surgeon James A. Black, 49th Illinois Infan-

try. "A Civil War Diary: January 1, 1862-December 31, 1865" is a 1,461-day journey through the perspective of a Union soldier. For the first year of his duty Black wrote as an enlisted infantryman while the last three years he viewed the war as a commissioned medical officer.

Benita earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois and taught history at the Galesburg High School for 30 years. She is a native of Southern Illinois from where the 49th Infantry came. Benita worked for more than three years transcribing and editing this diary.

**Elizabeth Blake, EF, Peoria, Arizona,**

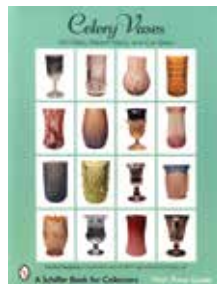


has written a memoir about her experiences as a science teacher in an inner-city high school.

"No Child Left Behind? The True Story of a Teacher's Quest" recounts Elizabeth's trials to encourage and enlighten at-risk inner city students while being overrun by shootings, gangs, drugs, a riot and abusive administrators.

After earning a degree in medical technology and working in a medical laboratory for 20 years performing hospital chemistry and hematology tests, Elizabeth switched careers and turned to teaching science at the high school level in an inner-city school. Currently, Elizabeth writes science materials for homeschoolers.

**Dorothy Daugherty, E, Huntington, West Virginia,** has written "Celery Vases,"



a book born of her passion for collecting vintage glassware, especially celery vases. In her book, Dorothy includes more than 350 images

displaying vintage cut, patterns and art glass celery vases. She details decorative techniques, shapes and motifs and identifies the involved glass manufacturers. Dorothy explains why and how the wealthy people of the 18th and 19th centuries displayed celery, which was difficult to grow and considered an expensive delicacy at the time.

Dorothy taught for 22 years in the department of biological sciences at Marshall University in Huntington. She purchased her first celery vase in 1988. 🌸



# The Question: How did your chapter celebrate Founders' Day?

Chapter DJ, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, held our luncheon on January 18. We hosted the P.E.O. Group from Lake Havasu, EX, Mohave Valley, Arizona, as well as winter visitors in the area. Because we had more than 70 women attending, we set up 12 tables. Each table was decorated for a different month and attendees were asked to sit at the table of their birth month.



Chapter DJ, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Founders' Day

Our luncheon consisted of salads made by the chapter as well as home-made "Marguerite" rolls. But probably the best part of the day was the program, "Hats Off to Our Founders." This program was written by a P.E.O. in 1999. It was a recap of what P.E.O. had done since 1869 (such as the establishment of The P.E.O. Record, Cottey College and ELF.)

After each period through to the present, the audience joined in a sing-a-long of songs popular during that era. To enhance the program, members wore hats of the period which had come from our local museum.

We added a song of inspiration to represent the first decade of the

new century and how much our Founding sisters have meant to us.

*Janet Langerveld, DJ,  
Lake Havasu City, Arizona*

As quoted from the The P.E.O. Record, Founder Ella Stewart might have said, "P.E.O. must be alert to the spirit of progress and respond by endeavoring to promote the ideal sisterhood of woman on behalf of all mankind".

The sisters and guests of Chapter G, Ridgefield, Connecticut, were lucky to have our IPS Designated Scholar, Vandana Sood, speak to those words at our Founders' Day program. In screening her thesis project, "The Taxi Takes on Terror," a documentary shot entirely in Mumbai taxicabs, Vandana explained "in India, the fault lines based on cast, class, education and creed run deep and the taxi acts as a meeting ground for people from a diverse cross-section of society." Vandana was delighted to answer the many questions after the presentation. She expressed her appreciation to all her "aunties" in P.E.O. and plans to spread the word about P.E.O. and its educational opportunities open to women of all backgrounds. Our Founders no doubt were all smiling down that day.

*Pam Rybarczyk, G,  
Ridgefield, Connecticut*

I have been a member of Chapter BS, Chewelah, Washington, since 2007.

This year I was put in charge of the Founders' Day program. I have an extensive background in the theater,

so I decided to use "any right talent we possess" to write a short play about our diverse and intriguing Founders. I used the information available on the P.E.O. website and went to work. It was so much fun and extremely informative bringing these young women to life. The butterscotch party is included in the script and the co-hostess that evening made the butterscotch from the original recipe. Both the play and the butterscotch were a huge hit! I attempted to include any actual words that were used by the women or people that knew them to flesh out the text. It is a very short script at this point, running only five pages long. I am, however, interested in lengthening the script—a possibility for 2011 Founders' Day.

*Jessica Sety, BS,  
Chewelah, Washington*

Great Falls, Montana, Chapter AR, presented the program "Welcome the New, Treasure the Old" for Founders' Day.

As much as we treasure the rich past of P.E.O., we also must welcome and nurture the new. Our goals in the future will be to increase the relevance of P.E.O. for today's woman, in order to attract and retain younger members.

We based our program on one written by Trish Herries and Judy Shafter, which was presented at State Convention in Kalispell, Montana, in June, 2009.

If our Founders had visited Glacier Park in the early 1900s about what, and to whom, would they write their

“postcards from Glacier” during a visit there?

We created a small stage setting so each sister could sit at the desk, reading her postcard aloud after the narrator told of each Founder. We attempted to fit the personality of each Founder with one of our sisters. We had a marvelous time selecting vintage clothing, generously donated by Lindy Eberl.

As for the new, Karlie Abbott, our young treasurer, told of her commitment to P.E.O. and how she manages a career and time for both. Our president, Joyce Ranum, was the narrator and set the scene for each Founder. Our program was well received and we enjoyed every minute of working together.

*Lorraine Deming, AR,  
Great Falls, Montana*

**Bingo was the name of the game at our January Founders' Day meeting for Chapter BF, Rapid City, South Dakota.**

We discovered a fun way for all of our members to participate in this year's event. How did we do this? It was easy, fun and a bit of a learning experience too.

Each member was given a Bingo sheet, a copy of all the answers to the questions to be asked and a pencil. Members filled in each empty square on the Bingo sheet with the answers in any random order they wished. Next, the questions were asked. The questions all pertained to P.E.O. at the local, state and international level. For example, “Who is the state P.E.O. president?” “How many P.E.O. chapters are active in our city?” “Who are our 50 year members?” The answers were then given and the group marked them on their Bingo sheet.

The letters P.E.O. were shouted out when a member had a Bingo. We continued with the game until all questions had been asked—by this time everyone had a Bingo. The members were all rewarded with prizes—small prizes for the first three winners and chocolate pieces to all.

It was fun for all. Many commented that they learned something about our chapter and our state through this game.

*Darlene Alexander, BF,  
Rapid City, South Dakota*

**My chapter celebrated Founders' Day by having a joint meeting with the other chapter in our town (Chapter H).**

We had a cute program, “Walk A Mile in the Shoes of Our Founders,” which shared attributes of our seven Founders, and participants in the program wore a pair of shoes that expressed the personality of each Founder. For several weeks prior to the meeting we had rehearsals for a joint singing group from the two chapters. We performed several musical numbers including a parody of “Sisters,” which is sung by the Hot Springs Village P.E.O. Singers.

*Cathy Brandt, AG,  
Harrison, Arkansas*

**Chapters BO and DN from Findlay, Ohio, along with six other Ohio chapters met for lunch at the Findlay Inn.** The program was vocal music and a quilt I made with pictures of our seven founding sisters in the center with quilt blocks (called Seven Sisters). The pictures were covered and seven sisters uncovered the pictures and gave a brief history of each Founder.

*Lanell English, BO,  
Findlay, Ohio*



*Lanell English with her Seven Sisters quilt*

**Recently organized North Texas Area P.E.O. Council composed of A, Whitesboro; DI, Denison; FI, Sherman; U and ID, Denton; HL, McKinney; and IH, Allen, celebrated Founders' Day 2010 together in Whitesboro.** All chapters participated in providing lunch for approximately 65, printed programs and table decorations. Chapter A's officers, representing the seven original Founders as they visited in Chapter Eternal, presented the program. A history of “How P.E.O. Came to Texas” was also read about the organization of Chapter A in Whitesboro in 1902 and the organization of Texas State Chapter, also in Whitesboro, in 1928.

Following the luncheon, maps were provided for a tour of P.E.O. historical sites: the Texas historical marker house where P.E.O. treasures are stored and displayed; the church where the Texas state chapter was organized; the house where Chapter A was organized with a historic marker for Mary Florence Cowell, “Mother of P.E.O. in Texas,” in the yard; and the cemetery where metal P.E.O. stars mark all P.E.O. graves.

*Neva Pinkston, A,  
Whitesboro, Texas*

**The play's the thing!** It was a pleasure for Chapter TN, Sun City, California, to present an original play to our reciprocity bureau in 2004, and again to our own chapter in 2010.

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With pen in hand, two of our sisters researched “Out of the Heart” along with other information available about our Founders and the cultural times of 1869. Seven sisters took the parts of our Founders. There were four scenes with set and costume changes, the highlight of which were ruffled aprons of black stars on a white background material made from the P.E.O. pattern, brightened with a three-inch gold star pinned to their shoulder. Our Founders were given voices which began with 1869 and concluded with “What would they say if they could see us now?” in our current year. Our narrator set the scenes with historical facts while the behind-the-scenes sisters were busy making sure everyone was in the right place at the right time.



**From the left:** Grace Kodama, Alta Sorrell, Eleanor Sorenson, Cynnie Vannoy, Pat Kaufman, Elizabeth Van Manen, Audrey Keller

To lend authenticity, a sister lent her family Bible from the 1800s and another sister wore her great-aunt’s black dress with matching bonnet from the 1860s. Most special was Elizabeth Van Manen, a descendant of Alice Virginia Coffin, sharing six great-grandfathers, playing the role of Alice Virginia.

At the conclusion, our Founders passed out thumbnail sketches of themselves to all present. The play was so well received, several reciprocity bureau chapters requested

copies to present to their chapters. Being ever mindful of our projects, a nominal fee was agreed upon for use of the script and aprons with the proceeds going to the P.E.O. projects. When six years had passed, our chapter had many new members and the Chapter TN thespians were requested to give a repeat performance. We did indeed fulfill our objects and aims in bringing our Founders to life—and it was great fun too.

*Margaret Hepworth, TN,  
Sun City, California*

**Every year in January, the seven P.E.O. Chapters in Loveland, Colorado, hold a Founders’ Day Brunch.** Chapters take turns hosting the event and putting together a program.

This year, our chapter, GC, hosted the event. The theme was “Quilting Together the Pieces of P.E.O. Love.” We used quilt squares in the center of each table and used sewing baskets filled with sewing supplies as our center pieces. The favors were little fabric pincushions handmade by sisters from our chapter. Members of Chapter GC also brought many beautiful family quilts and displayed them around the room as decoration.

Chapter DR provided the program titled “A Quilt of Dreams.” Ladies from Chapter DR gave a wonderful, original presentation on our Founders, each one telling the



**Chapter DR members in handmade aprons**

story of a different Founder. They wore handmade aprons designed according to the descriptions of what the Founders wore.

Each chapter was asked to submit information about their accomplishments for the year. This information was used to introduce each chapter. The Reciprocity Group asked each chapter to display their fundraising projects from the previous year on tables at the event.

We had more than 100 people register and it was a huge success! It was such a wonderful way to celebrate the Founders and to get better acquainted with P.E.O. sisters from other chapters in our area.

*Pepper Makepeace, GC,  
Loveland, Colorado*



**Chapter CG sisters dressed as angels for Founders’ Day skit**

**On February 15, 2010, Anoka, Minnesota, Chapter CG members enjoyed a 15 minute skit honoring our P.E.O. Founders.** Seven sisters, dressed as angels, portrayed the original Founders looking down from heaven while reflecting over P.E.O.’s long history.

This entertaining 141 year retrospective, set during Ulysses Grant’s presidency, begins by looking back to the origins of P.E.O. at Iowa Wesleyan College. The participants note that education wasn’t encouraged for women at that time. The sisters also dialogue on the development of the star emblem, the Objects and Aims



and the projects. Westward travel of P.E.O.s across the 37 states of the union by wagon train and the transcontinental railroad, the first issue of The P.E.O. Record in 1889 and the 126th anniversary of Cottey College provide additional historic examples from P.E.O.'s heritage. How many of us knew that Bess Truman entertained her chapter at the White House?

*Dawn Sherrick, CG,  
Anoka, Minnesota*

Chapter FS, Fort Myers, Florida, celebrated Founders' Day at our January 12, 2010, meeting. Blanche Koenig, long-time member of Chapter FS, gave the program. She spoke about Alice Bird Babb, one of our original Founders, then divided the attending Sisters into four teams—one team for the head, one for the body, one for the legs and one for the arms. We were to "build" Alice. We did not to peek at what each team was doing so we had any idea what other "parts" looked like.

*Wanda Gebhardt, FS,  
Fort Myers, Florida*



Blanche Koenig with the assembled pieces of the Alice Bird Babb doll



Chapter FF, Oregon, hosted a Western themed Founders' Day event

The four chapters (U, AU, CF and FF) of Klamath Falls, Oregon, take turns hosting our annual Founder's Day event in January. This year it was Chapter FF's turn. We decided to hold a Western theme luncheon. The committee had a ball!

At our Western hoe-down, we pictured our Founders as "Wanted" women and introduced them with western nick names like "Madcap Mary", and "Swingin' Suela." We used checkered table cloths festooned with marguerites in old coffee pots to decorate the tables. Our chuck wagon luncheon was served on tin plates. There were sheriff badges for name tags. We even had a saloon, and a general store. Everyone attending was attired in western clothes, and two Chapter FF members dressed as saloon girls.

As lunch was beginning, a pair of gun totin' robbers (two BIL's) blasted their way into the luncheon intent upon stealing our strong box. The money was saved by the arrival of a local BIL sheriff and his deputy who hand cuffed the robbers and dragged them off! Our guests were sure surprised!

After lunch, a local elementary school choir sang western songs and did a little square dance. At the general store we sold brooms, hobby horses, and raffle tickets for a wonderful western basket full of everything needed for an "Out West Picnic".... even a beautiful handmade western quilt! The profits from the raffle were donated to P.E.O. projects.

*Mary Prange, FF,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon*

We celebrated Founders' Day by using a program I found online, "The Butterscotch Affair" written by Janet Houston, AU, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

But since we have a very musical group of sisters, we added singing and dancing to the program. Janet Carman sang "Weevily Wheat" while Joan Wellman accompanied her on the piano and I played it on the violin. Then the whole chapter joined in singing two songs from the 1869 period, "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "The Beacon Light of Home."

But the best part was, six of us met a few days ahead at our sister Jean Ann Confer's school music room to learn to dance the "Virginia Reel" which was popular with our founders, according to Allie Bird. We performed it at the close of our program and had a great time of it. 🌸

*Louanne Isernhagen, U,  
Saint Francis, Kansas*

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**Chapter AA, South Pasadena, California**  
**Organized: January 12, 1910**  
**Celebrated: January 12 & 28, 2010**

**First row, from the left:** Carol Mark, Betty Ristow, Fran Franzen, Ginny Tormey, Kathy Henrich, Marilyn Stephenson **Second row:** Carol Dekker, Mary Pat Reemtsen, Nancy Logg, Norma Walker, Agnes Olmsted, Betty Longo **Third row:** Pat Schmiedeberg, Betty Steen, Anne Snyder, Maren Kopp, Ellen Beck **Fourth row:** Margo Reeve, Joan Penn, Nydia Beanes, Barbara Vencil, Val Toms, Amy Ryan **Fifth row:** Elizabeth von Bibra, Janet Douglas, Mary Wheeler, Mary Firestone, Anne Green, Sharon Westmoreland, Diana Smith, Gay Redcay



**Chapter AB, Santa Ana, California**  
**Organized: March 10, 1910**  
**Celebrated: March 15, 1910**

**First row, from the left:** Ruth Sanders, Barbara Oldewage, Shan Wilmot (President), Phyrne Sprague, Erin Washington, Arlene Moore, Sue Chonette, Mary Lou Engman **Second row:** Maggie Pohlman, Joyce Rohrbaugh, Julie Welsh, Thelma Hatfield, Shirley Cooper, Penny Winters, Ruth Ann Hudson **Third row:** Barbara McCalla, Barbara Burch, Sharon Janis, Mary Ellen Gausewitz, Nellanne Aschieris, Beverly Curtis, Carol McMillan, Kathi McLean, Jan Martens, Margee Barker, Ginny Zeigler, Jane Johnson **Fourth row:** Mary Butier, Shae Gazzaniga, Lori Gore, Margaret Kraus, Jo Ellen Benson, Marilyn Ward, Jeanne Mengos, Nancy Marshall, Jill Prettyman, Laura Wolff

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## Books

**Founders Day** program or initiate gift! Factual storyline beautifully presented in paper doll form. "Seven Sisters Follow A Star—The P.E.O. Founders" \$15 ppd, Ch DP, Martha Daniel, 5106 91<sup>st</sup>, Lubbock, TX 79424.

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## Celestine Hayes

### Chapter MA, Columbia, Missouri

Initiation date: June 9, 2008



Celestine Hayes with her husband Raymond.

Photo by Carole Patterson

*Celestine Hayes is very active in her community. She has been teaching as an elementary music specialist for grades K-5 for 38 years and teaching Suzuki piano after school for 28 years. Her BIL Raymond is a pastor at Saint Luke United Methodist Church and Celestine is very involved in the church as a music director, certified lay speaker, Sunday school teacher and worship leader. Two years ago Celestine added P.E.O. to her already full plate. She says P.E.O. has fulfilled an important place in her life.*

#### **How were you introduced to P.E.O.?**

Becky Curry and Marie Powell invited me to lunch where they told me about P.E.O. and its goals and purposes. They said they wanted to invite me to join P.E.O. I was blown away by their invitation; I felt very honored. I don't join lots of groups because I don't like to spread myself too thin. I took some literature

about P.E.O., read about it, gave it some thought and accepted their invitation. My decision to join was because of P.E.O.'s purpose of educating women.

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

P.E.O. represents that women are dedicated to making the world a better place, which fits perfectly with my personal beliefs. One of my favorite songs is "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." It speaks to me that I have the ability to make things better and that everyone can help the world be a better place.

When I first joined P.E.O. members of my chapter gave me some P.E.O. history books to read. Reading through them, I found that several women whom I had known through high school and college—women who were very important to me—were in P.E.O. I realized that P.E.O. had been speaking through them.

I have met wonderful people through P.E.O. I enjoy all my sisters and the fellowship; it inspires and motivates me. If one is fortunate to be invited to join, they should seriously consider it because of what we stand for.

#### **Do you have children?**

Yes. We have three sons—one lives in Columbia, one lives in Chicago and one lives in Cleveland.

#### **What are some accomplishments you are especially proud of?**

I received the Columbia Values Diversity Award in 2002—that was quite an exciting time for me.

I am so proud of my partnering with my husband in the church.

I got a lot of enjoyment from singing "Were You There" at different interfaith Good Friday services for 11 years. I really enjoy doing things where I fit in with a larger purpose.

#### **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

I love to read—especially biographies and autobiographies. I get inspiration from reading about the lives of others—seeing the struggles people have gone through to become who they are. I like to read about composers and African American history. I enjoy reading different opinions on things and then forming my own. Learning about a lot of different things feeds my teaching—it's good for me and for my students. I am also a self-taught spirituals specialist.

I love to walk, sing and play piano. My husband and I enjoy traveling, visiting museums and attending concerts and programs at the University of Missouri. 🌸

## P.E.O. Scholar Awards

### Online Nominations Coming this Fall

In order to stay current with modern technology, improve the nomination/application process for the P.E.O. philanthropies, and cut down on use of paper and postage, P.E.O. is moving towards online submission of nominations and applications. The first step in this process will be unveiled this fall when nominations for the P.E.O. Scholar Awards will be required to be submitted online. Scholar Award chairmen should find the online submission of both the nomination form and the accompanying letter of recommendation to be a very simple process. Watch for more information and guidance in coming months, but chapters should start thinking “online” now—and may want to have their chapter tech person ready to assist, if necessary.

### Scholar Award Nominations

Now is the time to start looking for next year’s Scholar Awards candidates!

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