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P.E.O.—for a Lifetime

Does commitment conflict with instant gratification? Is it mandatory? We live today in a world of instant gratification. “It’s my way or the highway” is a popular phrase among those who demand their gratification come quickly and easily. But that attitude makes it easy—way too easy—to walk away from a commitment.

The choices we make and the commitments we either keep or discard influence the lives we lead. We can join P.E.O. at any time in our lives and it may take time to really appreciate and become a contributing member, but it can also require effort to uphold our commitment to P.E.O. throughout our lifespan. The efforts we put forth have positive influences on the world around us and sustain us as we continue to invest in the future of our sisterhood.

I was a freshman in college when I received my invitation to membership. At that time, five women who knew me well believed I had the potential to become a P.E.O. I trust I have not disappointed.

In the early days of my membership, I wasn’t able to attend many meetings and yes, my mother paid my dues for several years. But as I became more familiar with P.E.O. and our mission, I began to truly understand the importance of the opportunities our sisterhood was offering me, other women across North America and the world and P.E.O. took on a more significant meaning in my life.

As early career challenges required, I crisscrossed the United States, and I transferred to chapters whose meetings I could attend and be a participating member. I became an officer, met friends I’ve had for decades and was even a charter member of a new chapter. Each time it was a new and unique experience—so much alike, yet so different.

During those times in my life when I wasn’t a regular participant, I never considered “going inactive.” I paid my dues in order to remain an active member so that I could participate when my schedule allowed, continue to support the operations of my chapter as well as the other levels of our sisterhood and most importantly, I didn’t

want to return my P.E.O. pin. The thought didn’t occur to me that I might be a burden to my chapter. Why would it? I paid my dues because I believed in the purpose and values of P.E.O. and the advantages afforded the women who were the beneficiaries of our educational philanthropies. It was a measure of my commitment.

There have been many changes in our sisterhood since my initiation—even in the last 10 years—for example, our meeting procedures, the text of our ceremonies and the Record layout. We’ve caught the technology wave, convention participation is growing and financial support remains strong, upholding our grants, loans and scholarships to the number of recipients that continues to multiply. These are all positive indicators that we are doing a lot of things very right!

I continue to believe in the importance of our organization and the influence we have world-wide to improve the lives of women and their families through education. P.E.O. has been for me a life-long bond of learning, growth, amazing experiences and opportunities. It can also be for you—but it takes commitment.

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

Susan

Susan Reese Sellers,
President, International Chapter



“I look back with profound admiration to you who have followed in our plans, laid down in that happy yesterday so long ago, and trust each succeeding year may find you recording a living monument to be handed down to our daughters throughout all time.”

—Suela Pearson Penfield
June 1900

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

For the Love of a Sister

In November 2011, my mother-in-law and P.E.O. sister Kay Ferguson was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). It was an incredibly difficult year but lightened by the love we both felt from our P.E.O. sisters. One sister in particular expressed her love and care in a way that will never be forgotten by our family, especially my daughter Elyse.



Elyse with her stocking and Kathy Fritchie

When Elyse was born seven years ago, her nana Kay began a Christmas stocking cross stitch project that she would work on each year. After Kay became sick and lost the ability to use her hands, I took the stocking and stared at the half finished work. Overwhelmed, I shared my sadness with my mother, who's also a P.E.O. She suggested that I ask some of my sisters if they might be able to help. At our November P.E.O. meeting, I approached one of my sisters, Kathy Fritchie, and asked if she knew how to cross stitch and if she would be willing to teach me. She lit up with delight and told me she loved to cross stitch and was willing to take on the project. With easily hours of work left to do, I assured Kathy there was no rush to finish the stocking before Christmas and we would be so grateful just to have it for Elyse one day.

In December, Kay passed away. During her passing, I was able to share with her Kathy's endeavors with the stocking and assured her

that someday Elyse would have her nana's lovingly made stocking hanging on the mantel.

On Christmas Eve, I received a call from Kathy to say that she had finished the stocking and would like to bring it by. When I told Elyse, she beamed and said, "Mom, don't you think Nana is smiling in heaven right now?" And I knew she was.

*Marla Williams, FI,
Lewis Center, Ohio*

Distance is No Obstacle for P.E.O.

When my son Karl announced he and his family would be relocating to Boulder, Colorado, I immediately thought to seek suggestions for residential areas and the best schools for our grandchildren from sisters in Boulder. I sent emails to four sisters in the Boulder area. What an amazing response I got! These sisters I have never met responded within one day with personal phone calls and emails—they sent several names and addresses for housing possibilities, business connections and even communicated directly with Karl. I was sincerely touched! It is the spirit of P.E.O. exemplified; it is the expression of loving concern for each sister made apparent.

My son sent me the following note: "Mom, thanks for the help with your P.E.O. connections. It is excellent that you are part of such a great organization!" This is so true, I am proud to be a P.E.O. Janet Andrews, Jo Ann Jocelyn, Ellyn Todd, Peggy Fristchel and Kathy Pollicita are terrific sisters!

*Luz Whittenbarger, KO,
Charleston, Illinois*

Never Underestimate the P.E.O. Connection

Last summer my daughter Emily, AS, Gillette, Wyoming, who is now a third-year veterinary student at Colorado State University, arranged for a seven-week externship at a veterinary clinic in Reno, Nevada. She was to start work in Reno in May; as mid-April approached, she still hadn't been able to find a place in Reno to live.

Never having been to Reno, her father and I were concerned about her finding a safe place to stay. We didn't know anyone in Reno and were at a loss as to how to help her make living arrangements.

My chapter sister Janis Price, past president, Wyoming State Chapter, is our "go-to" member for any questions relating to P.E.O. I called her and told her my problem. Amazingly Jan has a friend, Jackie Starkweather, past president, Nevada State Chapter, who lives in Reno! Jan immediately contacted Jackie who then contacted me. We visited about Emily, where she would be working and how long she would be staying. Jackie said she would ask her Chapter J sisters if anyone could help.

In no time at all Jackie found a place for Emily to live. Marjorie Uhalde, J, Reno, Nevada, and her husband John Lopez volunteered to take Emily into their home. We offered to pay Marjorie and John for room and board, but they did not charge Emily anything to live with them.



Marjorie Uhalde and John Lopez with Emily Winter

We were privileged to meet John and Marjorie when we flew to Reno to drive home with Emily. What lovely, kind, generous people! But who would expect anything else from a P.E.O. sister and her BIL? We will be forever grateful to them for their wonderful expression of P.E.O. love.

*Sue Winter, AS,
Gillette, Wyoming*

Slate of Officers for Election to the Executive Board of International Chapter 2013-2015

The Nominating Committee of International Chapter met April 4-7, 2013, to select a slate of nominees for the 2013-2015 biennium as directed in the Constitution, Part I, Article V, Section 4. The following slate of nominees was selected by majority vote of the committee for presentation at the Convention of International Chapter in Dallas, Texas, September 26-28, 2013: 🌸

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First Vice President	Beth Ledbetter, Past President, Tennessee State Chapter
Second Vice President	Sue Baker, Past President, Ohio State Chapter
Organizer	Brenda Atchison, Past President, California State Chapter
Recording Secretary	Patricia L. Brolin-Ribi, Past President, Idaho State Chapter

Nominating Committee, International Chapter



First row: Sandy Booth, chairman **Second row, from the left:** Kay Duffield, Diane Todd, Cathy Moss, Kathie Herkelmann

Patricia L. Brolin-Ribi



Patricia L. Brolin-Ribi, Past President of Idaho State Chapter, is the Nominee for the office of Recording Secretary of International Chapter.

Born in western Montana, Patti was raised in Anaconda, where Chapter T gave her the gift of P.E.O. membership in 1977. She later transferred to Chapter AF, Hamilton, Montana, and then in 1988 to Chapter AM, Hailey, Idaho. She is thankful for the support of her Chapter AM sisters. Patti

shared P.E.O. with her mother, Carra Brolin, who was a past president of Montana State Chapter. They had the pleasure of serving as pages for each other when they presided at their respective state conventions, 29 years apart.

Patti was vice chairman of the 1993 Idaho State Convention and served on and chaired the Idaho Cottey College Committee. She was elected to the Idaho state board in 2000. As president, her theme was "Let's Raise the Bar—Up to the Stars." In 2007, Patti was appointed and elected to a six-year term as a member of the board of trustees for the P.E.O. Foundation, of which she is currently chairman.

Patti has been an attorney in private practice for 28 years. In recent years, she has practiced part-time and been fortunate to have clients who understand that she has a "P.E.O. life" which takes her away from the office during certain times of the year.

A graduate of the University of Montana (UM), Patti earned a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communications and a Juris Doctor degree in law. She met her BIL, Nils Ribi, at UM and they married in 1979. After living in Hamilton for a number of years they moved to Sun Valley in 1988. Nils is president of a private investment firm. He is also serving a second term as a city councilman and is an avid photographer.

Active in numerous community groups, Patti especially enjoys volunteering with the Sun Valley Summer Symphony and the Boulder Mountain Tour. She is a Trustee Emeritus of the University of Montana Foundation. Patti and Nils enjoy time at their cabin in the mountains, travel and many outdoor activities in all seasons of the year. Patti's highlights have included climbing to the summit of Mount Rainier and attaining advanced certification in scuba diving.

Message from the Editor

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

Greetings from the office of The P.E.O. Record! It's finally starting to feel like spring in Iowa but most of us in the Executive Office already have our attention

turned to fall as we prepare for the 71st Convention of International Chapter in Dallas, Texas, September 26-28, 2013.

The March-April 2013 special edition of The Record featured Convention information including details about meals and housing, a schedule of events, descriptions of presentations



and seminars and the official registration form.

The March-April Record is also where you will find proposed amendments that will be voted on at Convention. **Please note two proposed amendments were mistakenly left out of that issue—you can find them in THIS issue on page 7.**

If you're attending Convention you will want to be sure to sign up for some of the wonderful tours being offered by our hostess state. Descriptions of the tours were published in the March-April Record—the most current **Tour Order Forms are found online and in THIS issue on pages 20-21.**

This edition of The Record also features the first series of 2013

state president biographies and a column by guest editor BIL Albert Leffler. In addition, you will find compelling articles about P.E.O. sisters and project recipients—from a 91-year-old member reminiscing about her time in Hollywood in the 1940s, to a young IPS recipient from Uruguay who is working to maintain the country's unique wool textile traditions.

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

Thanks for reading! 🌸

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Proposed AMENDMENTS

**WE REGRET THE FOLLOWING TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
WERE OMITTED IN THE MARCH/APRIL ISSUE OF THE RECORD.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

(Page numbers refer to the 2011 Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.)

Underlined print = insert or add; ~~Line through words~~ = strike out.



THE FOLLOWING TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE WITH A SINGLE VOTE

Submitted by the Executive Board of International Chapter

(page 44) Amend Part III, Article VI, MEMBERS BY INITIATION, Sec. 3 – SPONSOR FORM, by striking out sentence 1 and inserting a new sentence 1.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, IT WILL READ
Sec. 3 – SPONSOR FORM. An official form for presentation of the name of a woman for membership shall be adopted by the Sisterhood. The form shall contain a statement of personal acquaintance and recommendation.	Sec. 3 – SPONSOR FORM. An official form for presentation of the name of a woman for membership shall be adopted by the Sisterhood. <u>An official form shall be used to present the name of a woman for membership.</u> The form shall contain a statement of personal acquaintance and recommendation.	Sec. 3 – SPONSOR FORM. An official form shall be used to present the name of a woman for membership. The form shall contain a statement of personal acquaintance and recommendation.

EXPLANATION: Would remove the requirement that the Sisterhood adopt the official sponsor form for membership.

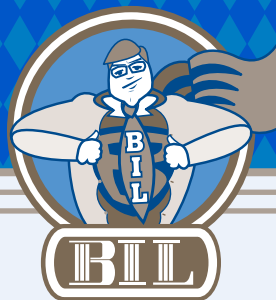
Submitted by the Executive Board of International Chapter

(page 45) Amend Part III, Article VI, MEMBERS BY INITIATION, Sec. 7 – INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP, by striking out the section and inserting a new section.

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Sec. 7 – INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP. The Invitation to Membership shall be the official form adopted by the Sisterhood.	Sec. 7 – INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP. The Invitation to Membership shall be the official form adopted by the Sisterhood. Sec. 7 – INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP. <u>An official form shall be used to extend the Invitation to Membership.</u>	Sec. 7 – INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP. An official form shall be used to extend the Invitation to Membership.

EXPLANATION: Would remove the requirement that the Sisterhood adopt the official form used for an invitation to membership.





Crossing Paths with My Favorite BIL

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

As a BIL, just about the only BILs I know are those I see twice a year at social gatherings of Chapter BA, Scottsdale, Arizona, to which my wife



Dr. Glenn Rogers

Kathy has belonged for more than 30 years. Boasting an active BIL roster, this chapter has fostered long-lasting and deep friendships, undoubtedly similar to those throughout all P.E.O. chapters.

One of the goals of the BIL Corner is to connect BILs with other BILs across all chapters. That goal has been wonderfully successful as I have had the good fortune, via email and letters, of meeting BILs from across North America. They have shared endearing stories of recruitment, assistance and even recipes! And to my great surprise, I have heard from almost as many P.E.O.s with their wonderful stories and suggestions. I look forward to recapping those in a future BIL Corner.

There are few opportunities to meet BILs outside of P.E.O. chapter events. However, the many awareness events for Cottey College's A Defining Moment campaign have created an unexpected opportunity for BILs from across chapters to meet. It was at one of the early awareness events where I first met Dr. Glenn Rogers who was accompanying his wife Dr. Judy Rogers, President of Cottey. I was impressed with this amazing duo from our first meeting.

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend International Convention in Saint Louis with Kathy, and it was great to spend a little time with Glenn. I was even privileged to hear one of his sell-out presentations on a favorite female author. I left Saint Louis energized with a new and lasting impression of P.E.O. and the great

after wrapping up several awareness events in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. There was no time for coffee under the circumstances, and we laughingly wondered where we might unexpectedly meet next time. After hugs and wishes for safe travels, the concourse echoed with "See you in Dallas!"

I hope to see many BILs in Dallas at International Convention, and if you haven't met him before, I will enjoy introducing you to my favorite BIL, Dr. Glenn Rogers.

value P.E.O. brings to educating women. I look forward to that experience once again at International Convention next fall in Dallas.

Last spring I was at a conference in Portland, Oregon, and as I was coming down the escalator on a quest for coffee, I saw two familiar faces about to step onto the escalator. The Rogers were as surprised as I was, and we took advantage of the serendipitous event to sit down and chat over coffee. It was a rare opportunity to catch up with just the two of them.

Fast forward to early March of this year: I had flown from Phoenix to Albuquerque for a little weekend R&R working on a steam locomotive restoration project. I am a member of an Albuquerque group restoring a great locomotive that will steam again: ex-Santa Fe Railway 4-8-4 No. 2926. I had just walked off the plane and who did I run into but the Rogers on their way to Chicago

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Reserve Deputy Sheriff Wendy with Moe, ready for duty

More Than a Little Horse Sense Meet Wendy Gentry, Chapter AE, Monroe, Louisiana

by Georgiann Potts, AE, Monroe, Louisiana

The first thing most people notice when they meet Wendy Gentry is her size. At barely 5' tall and weighing less than 100 pounds, it is easy—at first—to underestimate her. That would be a mistake.

Though small in stature, Wendy is a dynamo of energy. She devotes her time to those she loves—her family, her church, her horses and P.E.O. Wendy was initiated in 2007 into Chapter AE, Monroe, Louisiana, the same chapter her mother-in-law, Barbara Gentry, had joined years before. When Barbara experienced a terminal illness, Wendy noticed the attentiveness of Barbara's P.E.O. sisters. That made joining Chapter AE even more meaningful when her invitation came years later.

Volunteering for others is second nature to Wendy. Since her high school days, she has found ways to serve. A devoted wife (to husband Stewart)

and mother of two (John, 21 and Mary Elizabeth, 18), Wendy has done her share of tennis coaching, room-mothering and concession stand operating. "Stewart and I have always felt that our first and most important job was to rear productive, self-motivated, community-minded adults," she says. By example, they have instilled the importance of family and community involvement in their children.

There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.

~Winston Churchill

A singular focus throughout Wendy's life has been her love for horses. "I think that 'horse' must have been my first word," she laughingly says. She briefly majored in equine science at Louisiana Tech, but changed to business/marketing when she realized that she wanted to have her own business and horses rather than work for others.

Today Wendy is a successful horse breeder and trainer who has found some novel ways to incorporate her love of horses with her desire to serve. Early on, she used horses to create a special bond with her daughter in competitions. By training, grooming and showing their jumpers together, the two shared many happy times.

To accommodate Wendy's "horse habit," the Gentrys recently built a

unique home with attached stable nestled in the rolling hills of Ouachita Parish. Designed by Wendy and built by Stewart, the ranch is also home to six horses, two donkeys and three rescue dogs. Surrounded by woodlands and pastures, the site also features a regulation riding arena in which Wendy can train her horses.

Shortly after moving in, Wendy and Stewart hosted Chapter AE's old-fashioned barbeque auction. Arriving guests were greeted by the stable pups at sunset. The horses and donkeys pressed against the pasture fencing, curious about who was "borrowing" their stable for the night. Daisy-topped tables draped in white linen were set in the stable with the barbeque buffet just a step away inside the adjoining main house. Because of their hospitality, the Gentrys helped Chapter AE exceed their fundraising goals for that event.

Several years ago, Wendy began training with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. She was training a colt at the time and thought this experience might help desensitize the animal. Impressed with the work that these experienced horsemen did, Wendy applied to become a member of the reserve unit. After undergoing rigorous training in tactical defense and firearms for herself as well as



Wendy, seen here with Chapter AE sister Laura Staub, serves her chapter as corresponding secretary

***No hour of life
is wasted that is spent
in the saddle.***

~Winston Churchill

training for her horse, Wendy was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol Unit.

Because of this volunteer commitment, the newest member of the Gentry stable is Bentley, a Percheron-Thoroughbred cross that Wendy is training for her law



Wendy is an advocate for H.A.T.S. which uses horses to help the disabled

enforcement work. As a Reserve Deputy, Wendy can be called out at any time, day or night, on emergencies that require mounted deputies. She works ballgames in the summers, football games in the fall, retail parking lots during holidays and municipal parades. To keep herself sharp on the details, Wendy trains twice a month.

Recently Wendy brought a very special program to her Chapter AE sisters concerning Horse Assisted Therapy Services of North Louisiana (H.A.T.S.). A member of the H.A.T.S. board of directors, Wendy is passionate about this use of the horse to help people dealing with a variety of disabilities. Of particular concern is the work that is being done with children. These youngsters learn to love and trust the horses and experience a rare sense of freedom through their interactions with them.

Even though Wendy has held leadership positions in a number of civic organizations including the Junior League of Monroe, the Children's Coalition, the Monroe Garden Club, and the Monroe Garden Study League, her P.E.O. involvement is, she says, one of the best organizations in which she is involved.

"We are devoted to each other and to helping other women," she explains. "I do

love the women in Chapter AE, and feel the love from my sisters as well. One of the wonderful things about AE is the age difference among us. We have such wisdom, kindness,

Horses and children, I often think, have a lot of the good sense there is in the world.

~J. D. Robinson

love, and diverse interests—all in one group!" She adds, "I never want to miss a meeting so that I can find out what is going on with these women who are such a blessing in my life."

Well said, dear P.E.O. Sister. Well said. 🌸



Wendy and her BIL Stewart hosted a successful P.E.O. barbeque and auction at their barn

Gallery of PRESIDENTS



Earline Tripp

Arkansas

Pause to Embrace the Opportunities

Earline Tripp has been an active member of P.E.O. since 1999 when she was initiated into her mother's chapter, BQ, Batesville, Arkansas. One of Earline's greatest joys was to share P.E.O. with her daughter, Katie Driver, BQ, initiated in January 2008.

Earline is vice president of Tripp Supply, Inc., a hardware retail store specializing in plumbing and electrical supplies. Tripp Supply is a family-owned business where Earline has the pleasure of working with her father, son, daughter and son-in-law.

Earline earned an Associate of Applied Science in medical laboratory technology from the University of Alaska in Anchorage, a Bachelor of Science in education from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, and a Master of Science in special education from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Her educational experience spanned 17 years while she worked full time, attended college part time and enjoyed all the activities of growing children.

Earline served on the board of Main Street Batesville from 2007-09. She enjoys assisting with vacation Bible school, sewing, quilting and most of all being "mamaw" to five beautiful grandchildren.



Kathleen Demke Schmidt

Georgia

P.E.O.—Share the Joy!

Kathy Schmidt lived in Western Springs, Illinois; Bethel Park, Pennsylvania; Marion, Ohio and Carol Stream, Illinois, before P.E.O. found her in Dothan, Alabama, in 1987. She was initiated into newly formed Chapter W where she enjoyed serving as chaplain. In 1999, she transferred to Chapter AY, Lawrenceville, Georgia, and has served as corresponding secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. Kathy served as treasurer for the 2003 Convention of Georgia State Chapter (GSC) and on the GSC finance committee for three years before her board service.

With a love of education, Kathy chose teaching and graduated from Miami University (Ohio) with a B.S. in elementary education. However, Kathy's "career" includes retail management (Marshall Field's), banking (loan servicing for S&L), accounting (administrative assistant/reception for CPA firms), and currently medical (administrative assistant to anesthesiology group).

Her "Miami Merger" spouse is Donald Schmidt of Amherst, Ohio. They have a son, Carl. As her son was growing up, Kathy volunteered within her church by assisting in organizing children's church (K-2), Bible study (grades 3-5) and a puppet ministry (grades 4-12). When Carl left for college, Kathy became involved with adult Disciple Bible Study and has facilitated short and long term studies. She has participated in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis programs.

Her spare time is spent reading, antiques, crafting, researching genealogy and avoiding exercise, cooking and cleaning.



Joyce Biddinger Gilliam Hutchins

Maryland

Rejoice in P.E.O. A Basket Full of Stars!

Joyce Hutchins always knew about P.E.O. because her grandmother Anne Troyer Lynch was initiated into Chapter P, Holton, Kansas, in 1907. Joyce's mother Eleanor Lynch Biddinger was a charter member of Chapter BC, Indianapolis, Indiana. Joyce was initiated into Chapter P, Bowie, Maryland, in 1970. It was not until much later that Joyce discovered that she is a fourth-generation P.E.O. Her grandfather's mother was Belle Brooks Lynch. Belle Brooks was the 10th sister to be initiated in P.E.O. in 1869, the first year of P.E.O. Joyce's daughter Jeanne Fain is a member of Chapter AG, Franklin, Tennessee, and her sister Ann Mills is in Chapter AG, Foley, Alabama.

Joyce graduated from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Arizona, with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education in June of 1965. She taught first grade for several years. Her first husband's job brought them to Maryland where she became a full-time mother. She had twins, Julie and Jeanne, and 18 months later son Frank was born. She worked as a Home and Hospital teacher for 10 years. She attended the local community college and received a computer programming certificate in 1983. Joyce has been involved with software development for the Geo Synchronous and Polar Orbiting Weather Satellites as a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA) contractor. She was the Lead Programmer for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) supporting the ground systems for the Polar



Orbiting Weather Satellites. One of her most favorite moments is when she was able to walk on the platform of a future spacecraft and receive first-hand knowledge of the instruments on board. She is presently employed by Aerospace Corporation as a senior project engineer with the status of retired casual. Her job at Aerospace has been working with NOAA on updating and acquiring new systems for the Polar Orbiting Weather Satellites. For the last four years Joyce has been a Longaberger consultant because of her love of baskets.

Joyce remarried in June of 1991 and her family increased by two more adult children, Noelle and Reid. She has three grandchildren, Brittany, Gavin and Camden. She volunteers for Back Pack for Buddies and Meals on Wheels. She completed a 60-mile, three-day breast cancer walk in 1992 and has completed several 5K walks for breast cancer since then. She has taught Sunday school and Bible school. She is a member of the Bay Ridge Home and Garden Club and enjoys working in her garden. Joyce enjoys sewing, using her embroidery machine, knitting and crafts. She also enjoys kayaking, sailing, and swimming in Chesapeake Bay.

Joy Breslin **Mississippi** **The Key to P.E.O.**

Joy Breslin was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, where she graduated from high school. She met her husband Pete while visiting her sister in South Carolina. They were married in 1970 and moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where he was stationed with the U.S. Navy.

Joy was initiated into Chapter E, Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1998 and held several officer positions. In 2007 she was elected to the Mississippi State



Executive Board. After moving, she transferred to Chapter F, Jackson, Mississippi, in 2010. In 2012 she organized and was a charter member of Chapter Y, Madison, Mississippi.

Joy retired in 2008 after 34 years of federal service as a civilian employee, having worked with the Army in Virginia and the Navy and Air Force in Mississippi. While in Mississippi she graduated from William Carey College in 1997.

Joy is a member of the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church, Madison, Mississippi, where she serves on the alter guild, hospitality committee and other teams.

She is secretary for the STAR motorcycle chapter in Ridgeland, Mississippi, and enjoys riding with her husband. Over the years they have traveled on his motorcycle from Gulfport, Mississippi, to Portland, Maine. She also enjoys gardening, reading and visiting family.

JoDee Pettine **New Jersey** **Bloom and Grow in P.E.O.—** **A Garden of Possibilities**

JoDee Pettine was born and raised in Long Beach, California. She received her B.A. from Whittier College in PE/Psychology, taught elementary school in California for two years and traveled to Germany to teach American children of the men stationed in Germany. There she met and married her husband Tony. They returned to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, Tony's home state. JoDee continued teaching and completed her master's degree in education with a specialty in reading from West Chester University. She and Tony raised three children—two sons and a daughter—and have been blessed with six grandchildren.



After moving to New Jersey, JoDee and Tony started their family leasing business. Following Tony's death in 1994 she chose to continue the business and is now "semi" retired. Her youngest son, Marc, has assumed the reins and heads the company. Her oldest son, Tony IV, works in the movie business and is currently working on the TV show "Person of Interest." Tony and his partner developed and marketed a computer program designed for script supervisors. Samantha is a mom, married to a pastor and has opened her own law firm.

JoDee, a third generation P.E.O., was initiated into Chapter FQ, Long Beach, California, in 1962. She was a member of Chapter AU, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, before moving to New Jersey and joining Chapter W, Haddonfield. Her daughter Samantha is also a member of Chapter W.

JoDee often says "I grew up in a P.E.O. family and do understand what it means to belong to this special family of loving, caring and supportive sisters. I feel it is imperative we meet and discover the passions of young women and help them recognize there is a parallel with their desires and the goals of P.E.O. These women will provide the vitality and enthusiasm we need to strengthen P.E.O."

Ann Travelstead **New Mexico** **All I Really Need to Know** **I Learned in P.E.O.**

Born and raised in a small southern Illinois town, Ann Travelstead was interested in working in the medical field from the time she was in middle school. High school summers were spent working in the local hospital laboratory. Ann graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in biology and interned one year in a large



Saint Louis hospital before becoming a registered medical technologist.

After graduation from her med tech internship, Ann married her high school sweetheart, Chuck. Chuck's career in mining engineering took them to many different areas of the U.S. and eventually to Gillette, Wyoming, where Ann was initiated into Chapter AS in 1987. Their two sons, Christopher and Benjamin, were born in Wyoming; with their youngest son only three months old, the family accepted a transfer to Australia, where they lived for four years. Upon returning to the U.S., Chuck and Ann settled in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they have lived for the past 20 years. To accommodate her growing family's schedule, Ann returned to school and earned a second degree in accounting, a profession which she still practices.

P.E.O. again became an important part of Ann's life when she transferred into Chapter X in Albuquerque. She served as her local chapter president, Albuquerque Reciprocity president, and state unaffiliate chair before joining the New Mexico state executive board in 2007. Other community and civic activities have included serving as Sunday School teacher, church council financial

secretary, president of her church's preschool board, serving on the board of the local area United Way in Wyoming and acting as board treasurer of a military support group raising funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. In her spare time, Ann loves to be with her family, garden, read and hike in the nearby foothills of the Sandia Mountains.

Joanne Boulton **Ontario-Quebec** **Powerful Sevens**

Joanne Boulton was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec. She left Montreal to pursue an education at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, in 1967 where she obtained a B.A. in 1971.

She met and married her husband shortly afterward and together they had three daughters—Tara, Shelley and Ginger. They now have six grandchildren. They spent their married life in Ottawa. Unfortunately, their marriage didn't last and they divorced in 2009.



Joanne worked for the Canadian federal government for 32 years as an executive assistant and analyst. She retired in 2008.

Joanne's P.E.O. life began in 2002 when she was introduced to P.E.O. by Janet Erdeg into Chapter O, Ottawa, Ontario-Quebec. Their husbands had worked together and they got together socially while their children were growing up. It was during a period of unrest (2006-2007) that Joanne became interested in serving on the P.E.O. board. She was asked to come on the board in 2007 and has been enjoying it ever since. She has been dating, too! Her friend Harry has been around for three years and has come to two international conventions.

For hobbies, Joanne loves to keep busy and is also a volunteer on her condo board. She loves to read, cook, do crafts and go to her trailer park in the summer. 🌸

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Why I Am a P.E.O.

by Carol Jones, CH, Sun City, Arizona

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 ½ inches by 3 ¼ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth—not a bond, not a check, not a receipt for valuables. It is my dues card from my P.E.O. chapter.

It reminds me that I have entered into a special relationship which makes me an owner of an excellent college, a philanthropist who gives millions of dollars to women seeking to better themselves and their families through education. It makes me responsible for an informative magazine that reaches all members worldwide. With this card I have access to a network of bed and breakfast facilities that guarantee a warm and personal welcome at very reasonable rates. This card assures me that wherever I may be in this country (and in many other countries) I will find sisters ready to welcome me—sisters who come from all walks of life. As a newcomer in a community I am assured a loving welcome. Should I be overtaken by adversity or misfortune whether at home or away, I know that the hands of my sisters will be outstretched to assist me.

This card also reminds me that I have a responsibility to my sisters as well as for my influence in my community. It encourages me to look for opportunities to serve and to grow in knowledge and in culture. It often prompts me to say “yes” when I really want to say “no” to a request to take on “one more thing.”

P.E.O. can be life-changing if we let it. It can open doors to experiences and ideas we might otherwise never realize. It can ease pain, relieve depression, educate and inform. It is a way of life. From our emblematic star to the meaning of our letters, it guides and protects us. From the base of friendship to the stronger bond of sisterhood, this little card makes me proud, yet humble that I possess this passport into a society of sisters that number a quarter of a million. 🌸

Women Helping Women... Recover from a Natural Disaster

P.E.O.s know that the loving support of their sisters can make a world of difference when faced with hardship and tragedy. Recently, many of our members were affected by the destruction of Hurricane Sandy as it swept up the east coast. Following are two stories that exemplify the true meaning of sisterhood as P.E.O.s near and far reached out to help these sisters in their time of need.

Massapequa, New York

by Carol Hartzell, Chapter F

Hurricane Sandy had a great impact on many sisters of Chapter F in Massapequa, New York. Out of our 29 members, only one made it through with no damage or power outage. Members closest to the water received the greatest devastation.

After many days, as power was restored, I was blessed to be the recipient of correspondence from P.E.O. sisters. Our New York State Board sent emails of concern and shared our emails with others. Long Island chapters sent their concerns and offered help; we heard from Chapter T, Schenectady, and Chapter CH, Long Island, offering us respite in their B&Bs. Our upstate sisters from Chapter BH, Oneonta, sent \$400 worth of gift cards that were disbursed to members trying to rebuild.

One morning I was sitting contemplating this disaster when my phone rang. It was a P.E.O. sister, Judy Anderly, president of Chapter NX, Sacramento, California. She told me of their concern for our chapter and that they wanted to adopt Chapter F as their Christmas project! We chatted for a long time and have since shared many emails and phone conversations about P.E.O., life and family. I can honestly say Judy has become a treasured friend. Just before Christmas I received a check in the mail from Chapter NX for \$1,000! I called Judy and we discussed how the money would be used.

Along with a Christmas letter, I delivered to six P.E.O. sisters, one potential sister and three relatives of

our sisters, a check for \$100. They were to use the money as they wanted: sheetrock, building supplies or a dinner out to escape for an evening. I was blessed with being the Christmas elf, compliments of our sisters in California!

In the holiday mail, I received greetings and support from Chapter AY, Slidell, Louisiana, and Chapter BN, Cumming, Georgia, sent a beautiful letter of love and concern.

Yes, Sandy was able to destroy, but P.E.O. sisters have made the recovery process much easier. Thank you to friends and sisters for all you have done. We are truly blessed to be a part of the P.E.O. Sisterhood!

Fairfield, Connecticut

by Roni Widmer, Chapter H

In October 2012, Fairfield, Connecticut, was hit by Hurricane Sandy. It was estimated that 95 percent of the town was without power and heat—some for more than a week. Within a five-mile radius of Fairfield's beach area, homes were flooded; there were mandatory evacuations and the National Guard was called in. People who wanted to see their homes had to canoe or kayak down streets and when they got there, they simply saw devastation.

Fairfield P.E.O. Chapter H member Janet Wahnquist and her husband Harvey lived within a mile of Fairfield's Penfield Beach. Their home was one that was hit hard. They were told it was unlivable and would have to be totally redone. They were also told that in order to start the process they

needed to have everything out of their house within 24 hours.

How do you remove all damaged items, save anything that wasn't ruined, get it all out of your house and also find a place to live within 24 hours? You make one phone call and send out one email to your P.E.O. sisters.

The Saturday after the storm, at 11 a.m., Janet enlisted the help of P.E.O. Judy Nessel who got the word out to all their other sisters. By 1 p.m., Janet and Harvey had a mini army helping them at their house—there were Chapter H sisters, BILs, sisters from other Fairfield chapters and some of their kids—all pitching in to lend a hand. Janet met each and every person who came to help with a huge smile and hug and said, "It's all just stuff. You people are what matters and I'm so appreciative."

With all the help, it only took three hours to get the house cleaned out and ready for construction. It was a tribute to being ready to help a sister in need at any time. At the next P.E.O. meeting a few weeks later, Janet said they were underway with construction which would take six months. As she started to get choked up she repeated what she had said on that post-storm Saturday—that it's all just stuff and they'll be okay. She also said she was overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of help from all her sisters and she thanked us all.

Janet and the rest of Fairfield are on the road to rebuilding, but this is just one wonderful example of how truly amazing our P.E.O. sisterhood is, especially when we need each other most. 🌸

Convention 2013 AT-A-GLANCE

All events are held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel unless otherwise noted.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013					
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Tech Talk–How to use your P.E.O. mobile website in Dallas!				
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Tech Talk–P.E.O. Online Application FAQ Session				
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Tech Talk–How to use your P.E.O. mobile website in Dallas!				
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Tech Talk–P.E.O Online Application FAQ Session				
Noon–5 p.m.	Registration Opens				
Noon–5 p.m.	Displays Open				
2 p.m.–3 p.m.	Meet Your Executive Board				
Evening	State Delegation Dinners				
7 p.m.–9 p.m.	Cottey Celebration Dance Party				
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013					
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Registration Continues				
8 a.m.–noon	Credentials Registration by State Presidents				
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Displays Open				
8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Required Seminars (delegations attend as assigned) ■ Finance/Budget Workshop: Alabama-Minnesota ■ S&R Amendments Workshop: Mississippi-Wyoming				
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Required Seminars (delegations attend as assigned) ■ Finance/Budget Workshop: Mississippi-Wyoming ■ S&R Amendments Workshop: Alabama-Minnesota				
10:45 a.m.–noon	Presidential Libraries	Texas Wildflowers	Lethal Ladies	GPS Technology and Geocaching	
10:45 a.m.–11:45 p.m.	P.E.O. Foundation Round Table				
Noon–1 p.m.	Boxed Lunch				
1 p.m.–5 p.m.	Credentials Registration by State Presidents continues				
1 p.m.–2 p.m.	Presidential Libraries				
1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	Invest in Yourself	Beyond a Tree PLUS Women, Wealth and Planning	What's Next for You?	Earning Your Leadership Badge	Texas Wildflowers
2 p.m.–3 p.m.	Lethal Ladies				
2:30 p.m.–4 p.m.	Invest in Yourself	Beyond a Tree PLUS Women, Wealth and Planning	What's Next for You?	Earning Your Leadership Badge	
3 p.m.–4 p.m.	GPS Technology and Geocaching				
5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	Opening Night Dinner				
7 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	Opening Night Ceremonies and Projects Night				
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013					
6:30 a.m.–8 a.m.	Breakfast at the Anatole				
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Registration Continues for Visitors				
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Displays Open				
9 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Opening Business Meeting				
Noon–6 p.m.	Closing Banquet Meal Exchange for Table Assignments				
12:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Luncheon				
Noon–1:15 p.m.	International Leadership Team Lunch; for current and former Project trustees and International committee members only				
1:45 p.m.–5 p.m.	Business Meeting				
Evening	On your own				
7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	Past State Presidents Reunion Reception; advance reservation only; ticket required				
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013					
6:30 a.m.–8 a.m.	Breakfast at the Anatole				
8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Closing Banquet Meal Ticket Exchange				
8 a.m.–noon	Registration Continues for Visitors				
8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Displays Open				
8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Celebration of Life				
9:45 a.m.–noon	Business Meeting Resumes				
10 a.m.	BIL Get-Together hosted by Cottey College				
12:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Luncheon				
1:45 p.m.–5 p.m.	Business Meeting				
7:30 p.m.–9 p.m.	Texas Night Closing Banquet				
9 p.m.–10 p.m.	Texas Night Entertainment				

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

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR TOURS #1-12: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

Tour Name/#		Date	Time	Cost	Qty	Total
Shopping: NorthPark & Sam Moon	1A	Tues. 9/24	10:00am-2:00pm	\$45.00		
	1B	Wed. 9/25	10:00am-2:00pm			
George W. Bush Presidential Library & SMU	2A	Tues. 9/24	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$50.00		
	2B	Wed. 9/25	2:00pm-5:00pm			
	2C	Sat. 9/28	2:00pm-5:00pm			
JFK & Sixth Floor Museum	3A	Tues. 9/24	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$50.00		
	3B	Thur. 9/26	2:00pm-5:00pm			
Dallas Arts District	4A	Tues. 9/24	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$40.00		
	4B	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-12:00pm			
Dallas Highlights	5A	Wed. 9/25	9:00am-12:00pm	\$40.00		
	5B	Thur. 9/26	9:00am-12:00pm			
	5C	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-12:00pm			
	5D	Sat. 9/28	9:00am-12:00pm			
	5E	Sun. 9/29	9:00am-12:00pm			
Southfork Ranch	6	Wed. 9/25	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$48.00		
Dallas Dine Around	7	Tues. 9/24	6:00pm-10:00pm	\$77.00		
Historic Grapevine	8A	Thur. 9/26	9:00am-1:00pm	\$45.00		
	8B	Sat. 9/28	2:00pm-6:00pm			
Cowboys Stadium VIP Tour	9	Thur. 9/26	2:00pm-5:00pm	\$60.00		
Victory Park Tour	10A	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-12:00pm	\$54.00		
	10B	Sat. 9/28	2:00pm-5:00pm			
Fort Worth & Historic Stockyards	11A	Fri. 9/27	9:00am-3:00pm	\$55.00		
	11B	Sat. 9/28	8:30am-1:30pm			
Dallas Arboretum & Patio Lunch	12	Sat. 9/28	8:30am-1:30pm	\$74.00		
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Tour Name/#		Date	Time	Cost	Qty	Total
Southfork Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner	13	Fri. 9/27	5:30pm-10:30pm	\$69.00		
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Nora Janik's

Hollywood Memories

by Marie Forrester and Barb Marold, A, Portland, Oregon

P.E.O. Nora Martin Janik, A, Portland, Oregon, says, "I love raising money. No matter what organization I've belonged to—PTA, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes or P.E.O.—raising money is what I love to do...in 1944, when I was 19, I helped raise \$47,000,000 for U.S. War Bonds during a 24-hour radio fundraiser in San Francisco."

Nora, now 91, fondly recalls her life in Hollywood during WWII. She began her career as a western singer in a group called Pals of the Golden West. Nora and the Pals performed in more than eight movies with Gene Autry and Roy Rogers and had a command performance before Martha and the Crown Prince (now King of Norway) Olaf, where Nora was awarded a special pin which she treasures to this day.

When WWII started, the Pals of the Golden West were all drafted while Nora went on to have a successful career as a singer on her own.

Eddie Cantor, a popular radio personality of the era, signed her for five years on his show "It's Time to Smile." He and Nora spent time each year entertaining U.S. troops and touring hospitals, service camps and mess halls. They held fundraisers along with several famous stars of the day including Kate Smith, Bing Crosby and Pat O'Conner.

Nora worked with other stars in the famous Hollywood Canteen, a place where troops came to relax and be entertained during shore leave. Nora and Eddie Cantor are seen in a segment of the movie "Hollywood Canteen," which Nora says is a very true representation of what the establishment was like. Nora says about that period of her life, "It's almost magical to think that a little nobody from Portland, Oregon, was on stage with the likes of Kate Smith, Loretta Young, John Wayne and Bette Davis—and we were all working together for the war effort."

After the war, Nora returned to Portland where she married and had children. She continued to volunteer for many worthy causes, including P.E.O., which she joined in 1987.

For many years, the large disks on which many of Nora's songs were recorded lay stacked in a closet. With the help of a new technology and the diligence of a dear friend, Nora's recordings were recently transferred onto CDs. The result is an album called "Nora Martin Sings"—the proceeds of which Nora has given to P.E.O.

Nora visits P.E.O. chapters in her area, sharing her story of those early Hollywood years where she sang with well-known orchestras of the time such as those led by Paul Whitman, David Rose and Mark Warner. She also sang with renowned guitar innovator Les Paul in the days when his studio was in his garage. Ten songs on the CD are with Les Paul. Nora treasures these songs and her friendship with Les Paul.



Nora Janik (then Nora Martin) graced the cover of the March 1944 issue of Radio Mirror magazine

Nora no longer sings in public but plays selections from her CD during her program, which features photos and memorabilia from those long ago days.

During her talk Nora also reveals a touching story about one visit with a young wounded soldier. She calls it the Eddie Curran story. Before entering a soldier's hospital room, Nora was told the condition of the soldier so she could be prepared for a brief conversation and a song. She was advised before entering his room that Eddie did not want to live. She approached him bravely and entered him into conversation asking where he lived, if he had a girl back home and she sang a couple of songs to him.

Eight months later Nora was performing at the Metropolitan Theatre in New York City when she was told by her manager that at a certain time during her performance she should introduce someone in the audience. Her manager had arranged for that someone to sit in the audience where a spotlight would reach him. That someone was Eddie Curran, who wanted to speak with Nora to thank her for saving his life by encouraging him to live. When Nora introduced Eddie, the entire audience rose to applaud this young, 19-year-old veteran of the U.S. Navy. Eddie served on the carrier Enterprise and was from Providence, Rhode Island.

It still brings tears to Nora's eyes when she talks about Eddie. She and

her manager took Eddie out for dinner. Weeks later she received a thank you note from Eddie and a gift of his Purple Heart. The note read, "To the Purple Heart Girl, a gallant G.I. performer." Nora's fondest wish is that she can return the Purple Heart to Eddie's family. So far that search for Eddie or Eddie's family has been unsuccessful.

Nora has some health issues but she has a remarkable memory and when she has a program to present, she draws strength from within, smiles and very graciously shares a chapter of her life from those Hollywood days.

Chapter A is proud of Nora. Her life through service to others is a wonderful role model for us all. 🌸

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Nora Janik has been a member of Chapter A, Portland, Oregon, for 26 years

Our P.E.O. Road Trip

by Peg Steorts, R, Fairmont, West Virginia

In Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," the line "miles to go before I sleep, miles to go before I sleep" is repeated several times. That is how I've always felt about P.E.O. Even though I have served in many capacities in my chapter (including president) I felt I had "miles to go" before I totally understood the breadth of our sisterhood's origin, altruism and strong connections.

In 2011, I, along with two of my P.E.O. sisters, decided to travel the miles that would bind us closer to our organization and our sisters throughout the world. We began planning our trip in February when my chapter elected me as a delegate to the International P.E.O. Convention. My sister Judy Brand was selected as an alternate delegate. Neither Judy nor I had ever attended an International Convention; our sister Martha Law had been to one and she agreed to travel the miles with us on our P.E.O.



From the left: Martha Law, Judy Brand, Peg Steorts

Saint Louis, where we spent our first night away from home.

The next morning we spontaneously decided to make a short stop to see Iowa Wesleyan College, where P.E.O. began. We toured the P.E.O. Memorial Library and were shown Old Main. What a connection with

arrived in Des Moines, we were given a grand tour of the beautiful P.E.O. headquarters and were very impressed with how organized everything is and the beautiful way donated historical objects are displayed. Several staff members, who were busy getting ready to head to Saint Louis for Convention, took the time to show us around their departments.

After spending the night in Des Moines, we headed to Nevada, Missouri, to visit Cottey College. What a difference

it makes to actually see the faces of the students who attend the college we support! With pride, our tour guide gave us a grand welcome and a comprehensive tour of the school. While we were there, we got to meet Lillian Kardell, a Cottey student from West Virginia. We happily delivered some West Virginia goodies to her. We left Cottey College with a new sense of enthusiasm for and dedication to the college.

The next day, we traveled to the main event of our journey—the P.E.O. International Convention in Saint Louis. It was amazing being at Convention with 3,000 women all working together to make the lives of women better through education. How inspiring it was to have the project recipients share their stories!

After traveling 2,800 miles in eight days, we arrived home safely. We had traveled miles and miles on our P.E.O. journey and were ready to sleep and sleep. 🌸

We toured the P.E.O. Memorial Library and were shown Old Main. What a connection with the past we felt—especially when we saw the Memory Room where those seven young women gathered to create a society of their own!

journey. Since we were going as far as Saint Louis, we decided to travel the extra miles to visit the P.E.O. Executive Office and Cottey College.

At 5:00 on a Sunday morning, the three of us left Fairmont, West Virginia. Our best route from West Virginia to Des Moines was through

the past we felt—especially when we saw the Memory Room where those seven young women gathered to create a society of their own!

We still had "miles to go" before we could sleep so we headed to Des Moines, Iowa, the home of the P.E.O. Executive Office. When we

Dear Founders,

Katie Wilson, X, Diamondhead, Mississippi, is a senior at Millsaps College in Mississippi, and was one of the first P.E.O. STAR scholarship recipients. As part of her chapter's Founders' Day program, Katie read this letter she wrote to our Founders.

Dear Mary, Ella, Alice, Hattie, Franc, Alice and Suela,

Greetings from 2013! I am writing as a member of P.E.O. and a senior at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. I am 22 years old—not more than a year older than any of you when you founded P.E.O. So much has changed since you founded this Sisterhood 144 years ago. Your ideals have affected many people and changed many lives. Though just the seven of you founded P.E.O., there are now almost a quarter of a million members in this country and Canada! These members have been busy and driven to ensure that your visions and dreams for women are thoroughly carried out! Eighty-eight thousand women have received help for their education through grants, loans and awards totaling up to about \$200 million! Not only that, thanks to what you stood for, P.E.O. has been able to fully fund and run its own college, Cotter College, founded in 1884. In short, you should be proud of yourselves.

In many ways, college is vastly different than it was when you were students but I imagine much has stayed the same. I'd bet anything that you stayed up far past your bedtime studying for a test or talking with your friends and I'd also bet each of you was perplexed by a fellow or two in your day. Though my clothes are vastly different than yours, I'm sure a new dress or pair of shoes made your day just a little bit better. And I'm certain you all had moments of feeling utterly hopeless about what to do with your future, but exhilarated to know that the choice was finally yours.

These types of connections are truly my favorite part of belonging to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Though we differ in age, career and background, each of the admirable women in my chapter know what you knew—that despite the worry, the growing pains, the tears and the sleepless nights, the opportunity to make the most of ourselves through education is a gift that should be given to all women, everywhere. One of the reasons I was able to attend Millsaps was through a scholarship from P.E.O.—before I was even a member! And since I have become a member of this fine sisterhood, I have found a group of women dedicated to helping other women in these discoveries as well. I don't know what job I might have in 10 years (or even next year, for that matter), where I will be or who might cross my path. I do know, however, that I will continue to work for education for everyone, in whatever capacity I can. And while I know that in 144 years I won't be receiving a letter from a college student thanking me for founding a sisterhood that numbers a quarter of a million women, I hope to use the educational opportunity I have been given to change my small part of the world for the better—just as you did. In short... thank you!

Love in P.E.O.,

Katie Wilson, X, Diamondhead, Mississippi



Katie Wilson





It's Spring and New Chapters are Growing All Over the Sisterhood!

by Debbie Clason, Coordinator of Membership Development

Check out the Membership Development Map on the P.E.O. international website to see where new chapters are currently organizing as well as locations hoping to organize chapters in the future.

Areas with chapters currently organizing have selected a charter and will be organizing soon. Those listed as potential chapter locations have not selected a charter and are looking for unaffiliates, inactives and potential members who may be interested in organizing a chapter.

Please send Introduction of a Woman Who is Not a P.E.O. and Notice of a Member Moving forms, as well as any questions you may have regarding this information, to the contact listed for each state, province or district.

Visit peointernational.org, log in to the members' side and find the Membership Development Map link in the menu on the left. 🌸



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ELF

Toss those Pebbles!

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

Anita J. Burrous, Chapter CN, Speedway, Indiana, has enjoyed watching the ripples created as a result of the ELF loans made to her three granddaughters—Jessica Reed, Renee Rinehart and Emily Rinehart. Anita knew that by helping these three young women obtain ELF loans to help with their college expenses, she was tossing the pebbles. Jessica, Renee and Emily would create the ripples—those concentric circles that would expand from their lives to touch the lives of so many others!

Jessica Reed received a B.S. in physics in 1997 and a M.F.A. in 2000, both from Purdue University. She has impacted the lives of students throughout her seven years of teaching at Scottsdale Community College, and also through her work for Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth designing courses in science for an academic summer camp as well as online programs. In addition, she is a published essayist and

poet. Now living with her husband in Indiana, she manages a homestead with sustainability in mind and continues to influence others through her writing and the workshops she leads for women learning to write.

Renee Rinehart graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2010 with a B.A. in political science and an M.P.P. from the Peabody College of Education and Human Development, Vanderbilt University, in 2012.

Renee is a program analyst on the Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model (TEAM)—a teacher evaluation system at the Tennessee Department of Education. She recently co-authored a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for nearly three million dollars which will be used to implement a student perception survey in a sample of school districts across Tennessee. She is now traveling across the state working to implement the strategy by giving presentations on the research and benefits of incorporating the



First row: Anita Burrous Second row, from the left: Emily Rinehart, Jessica Reed, Renee Rinehart

surveys and assisting districts with implementation.

Emily Rinehart, Anita's youngest granddaughter, is a junior at Florida Southern College majoring in communications and business. She is preparing for a career in event planning for businesses or nonprofit organizations. Emily works part-time in the admissions department and is president of her Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She hopes to study in London this summer. Emily is reaching out in ever-expanding circles, impacting those around her.

Anita is grateful to have been able to toss those pebbles and to see how her granddaughters are using their education to ripple through the lives of so many others. 🌸

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A Message from the Cottey President

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

Every institution of higher education must be accredited by a regional accreditation association to verify the quality of the educational program offered. Cottey hosted a highly successful accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission. I am pleased to tell you that Cottey was reaccredited for 10 years.



The team especially noted the commitment of the College and our constituencies to our mission to educate women. The report recognizes evidence that this mission is embraced enthusiastically by all stakeholders. The team acknowledged that Cottey is a “teaching” College, noting effective, innovative teaching and faculty-student interactions. These are attributes that we all know are at the core of the Cottey experience.

Cottey was also approved to offer our fifth major, a Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts. This new major allows the students flexibility in choosing an area of focus along with a common core of liberal arts requirements. According to Dr. Angela Firkus who wrote the proposal for the major, “A liberal arts degree provides a student with general knowledge and intellectual skill, rather than focused occupational or professional skills. A liberal arts major can develop skills for an occupation or profession through internship and service learning opportunities.” Students who choose this major may prepare for a career in teaching, law, communications, management and others.

While these two announcements are certainly important steps forward for our College, the greatest stride toward developing an adequate array of Cottey majors is the visiting team’s approval of “general authority” for Cottey to continue developing majors in fields in the humanities and the social sciences without preparing separate change applications and hosting a team for each new major.

This general authority will allow the College to move forward more quickly to address the needs and interests of our students and to use the strengths of our faculty. We will be able to make progress in adding four-year degrees in a much more timely manner.

These positive steps may not have been possible without the support flowing to the College from the Defining Moment campaign. The goals of this comprehensive campaign clearly undergird our growth in curriculum and faculty. We are in the final year of the five-year campaign. There are, in fact, only six months left to complete the campaign.

We have the momentum and the determination we need to complete the \$35 million dollar campaign successfully. However, we should not lose sight of the true purpose of our efforts, the education of women in a learning environment that is most conducive to their intellectual and personal development. Cottey is preparing women for future roles of leadership and influence. We are, indeed, a mission-driven college, and our mission is to educate women for leadership in a global society. 🌸



Technology Meets Tradition in Uruguay's Wool Industry

by Glynda Samford, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees

With a background in graphic and industrial designs, Agustina Bello Decurnex is a textile and fashion designer, a teacher in Uruguay's Design School and an entrepreneur. She is also a 2012-13 International Peace Scholarship Fund recipient and a Fulbright fellow from Uruguay, now pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Agustina's story begins during her childhood summers in remote Villa Serrana with her grandmother. Here, she learned to appreciate traditional textile arts. "During that time", she says, "I was the weird girl in school who enjoyed knitting with her grandmother as much as playing video games, but I was so passionate about it that no one ever made fun of me."

Agustina's vibrant words describe the Uruguayan wool industry: "In Uruguay the textile traditions have never stopped being sustainable, sheep never stopped living freely in the countryside and the lifestyle never lost pace with nature. The exuberant colors of our bulky wool yarns reflect these; they are kettle-dyed in the countryside and dried outside by the sun and the

wind. These hand processes give our yarns a unique color quality because of its subtle tonal changes. Uruguay's traditional knits take full advantage of the material and color features of our yarns. Knitters are exceptionally skilled and known for their intricate patterns."

For centuries Uruguay's wool industry provided work for women in the rural areas. However, with the advent of synthetic fibers and machine-produced products, this cottage industry is endangered. Reversing this trend is one goal of Agustina who hopes to maintain Uruguay's cultural traditions by incorporating handwork and modern processes. She plans to work with Uruguayan wool in traditional cable-crossed knitted patterns and incorporate advanced textile technologies. This will create a bond between traditional sustainable practices of Uruguay and contemporary technology, creating products that can compete in international markets. With her aspiration and vision, Uruguay's unique textile industry will move into the future, providing economic opportunities for the rural women of Uruguay. 🌸



IPS recipient Agustina Bello Decurnex





PCE Grants Make the Difference

by Lucinda Jensen, Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

Behind every PCE grant there is a story of challenge and determination. For the PCE trustees it is especially gratifying when we learn that a grant made the difference in enabling a recipient to realize her goal. As P.E.O.s we often say that when we educate a woman we educate a family, indeed a community. PCE truly lives up to that assertion as exemplified in this snapshot of three recent grant recipients showing a very real picture of the women whose lives can be affected by a PCE grant.

Jennifer Lucas was a young mother of three when she left an abusive relationship and drifted between temp jobs and low paying factory work until she realized the only way she could ever get ahead was through education. Jennifer enrolled in the community college and found a particular aptitude for electronics. Through her own assertive actions she gained a job as an electrician's helper while pursuing an associate's degree in electrical technology. With the assistance of a full PCE grant of \$3,000 and armed with her own persistence, Jennifer completed her course of study and is employed full time as an electrician with an electrical contractor in Mooreville, Mississippi.

Christine Scheibelhut was a divorced mother of three, one of whom has special needs, requiring her to stay home to provide specialized care. Once all her children were enrolled in



Christine Scheibelhut, sponsored by Chapter AL, Duluth, Minnesota

school, Christine also returned to the classroom. She began an accredited bachelor's degree in social work, a program that would allow part of her student loan debt to be forgiven if she agreed to work in a challenged community upon degree completion. An ELF loan along with the \$3,000 PCE grant Christine received made the financial difference in her ability to finish her course of study spring term 2013 and begin her career in social work on the Iron Range near Duluth, Minnesota.

It is especially gratifying when we learn that a grant made the difference in enabling a recipient to realize her goal.

Reaching **LaTonya Jackson's** voice mail, you would hear this inspiring greeting: "I am an achiever. I was born to win. I will stick with it through thick and thin. I will press forward. I will never give in because I am an achiever and I was born to win!" Latonya is a vibrant young

woman, committed to motivating children of an impressionable age. While working part time as a substitute teacher and tutor, LaTonya was also pursuing a master's degree in middle childhood



LaTonya Jackson, sponsored by Chapter DV, Ashtabula, Ohio

education when she was awarded a full PCE grant. With this grant assistance and sustained by her positive attitude, LaTonya completed her advanced degree and is teaching full time.

Three different women united by the partnership that is PCE are now engaged in their careers and able to support their families. They each were mentored by chapters who facilitated a complete and thoughtful application and sustained them with emotional support throughout their course of study. Not to be overlooked are the P.E.O. members whose financial investments in PCE continue to make women's possibilities become reality. 🌸



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Road to the Treasure Chest of P.E.O. Scholar Awards

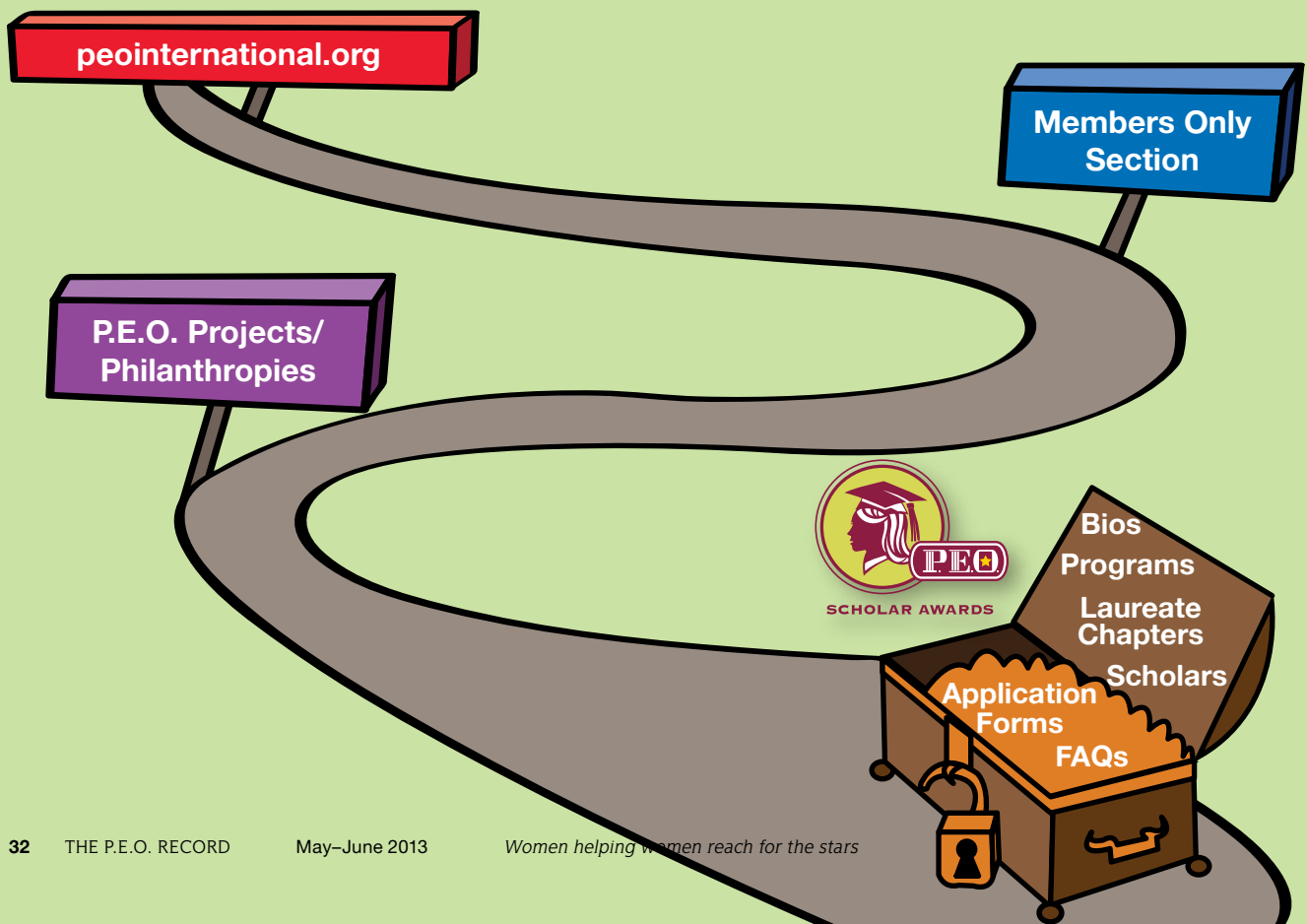
by Linda Davidson, P.E.O. Scholar Awards Board of Trustees

There's a wealth of information contained on the P.E.O. Scholar Awards website! Everything you've ever wanted to know is right there. There are biographies of the current class of scholars (2012-2013) containing both their interesting backgrounds and stories and their photographs...perfect for several quick project reports for

your chapter meeting. Biographies of the new class of scholars will be available later this summer. There are also six extremely entertaining programs ready-made for dazzling your chapter members. The information about our new Laureate Chapter program is available along with the list of those chapters attaining this status.

If your chapter is considering nominating a woman for a Scholar Award, there is everything you need to help you with the process—Policies and Procedures, FAQs, the actual application questions, instructions and a clickable link right into the process (available August 20 – November 20)! 🌸

Follow this treasure map and everything you've always wanted to know about Scholar Awards will be right at your fingertips:





Celebrating Our 2009 STAR Recipients and Their Achievements

by P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees

Elizabeth Cumbest Byrd has been attending the University of South Alabama (USA) since the fall of 2009 and will graduate summer of 2013 with a degree in communications. Her major is public relations with a minor in sociology. She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Honor Society, Phi Mu and has served on the Wesley Foundation leadership council. For the past two years, Elizabeth has led worship at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. She helped start a worship service in a park in downtown Mobile for homeless people and was a delegate from Mississippi to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. She recently married Phillip Byrd, also a USA graduate.

While attending college, Elizabeth has been working for the Bacot McCarty Foundation as director of programs at Merchants & Marine Bank as well as being involved with many non-profits on the Gulf Coast. After graduation, Elizabeth plans to earn a master's in business as she continues her career with the foundation and bank.

Recommended by Chapter H, Gulfport, Mississippi, Elizabeth writes, "It is very important to me that I continue to give back to the community that has put so much effort and faith in me. Because of your generous contribution four years ago I have been and still am able to further my education. Thank you for investing your time and money in students just like me! You truly are making a difference!"

Beth Rouintree received The Charles Bart Houser Memorial Music Award for outstanding performance and the Edna Mae Sila/Alma Turechek Award of Mu Phi Epsilon for the highest grade point average. Currently on the Dean's List, Beth is attending Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and will graduate May 2014 with a B.A. in trombone and voice performance. She has been selected for the Iowa All-Collegiate Band, admitted to the Mendez Brass Festival at Denver University twice and attended two International Trombone Festivals.

Recommended by Chapter ND, Nevada, Missouri, Beth plans to pursue an MFA in trombone performance and pedagogy, with the goal of performing with a symphony and teaching.

Living in Nevada while in high school, Beth was able to take classes at Cottey for credit, participate in the Presidential Mentorship Project with Dr. Judy Rogers, take voice lessons with Dr. Theresa Spencer, as well as participate in the Cottey Jazz Band and Cottey Wind Ensemble.

Hannah Gardner, recommended by Chapter FD, Cape Coral, Florida, attended the University of Rhode Island (URI). She has been a participant in the URI Leadership Institute, a member of Phi Eta Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Varsity Women's Rowing Team. She continues her community commitment begun in high school with the Chariho Task Force for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Hannah participated in the Honors Colloquium during her junior year and with two other students built a model of a sustainable New York City

block, which included the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as it would look 20 years from now. She had an internship at the Meadowbrook Waldorf School during her senior year.

By earning a semester of college credit with high school Advanced Placement classes, Hannah graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history, December 2012. She has been invited to help design a school curriculum in "sustainability and farming" for the MET School in Providence, Rhode Island.

Congratulations to these three outstanding 2009 STAR recipients! 🌟

Beginning with the 2013 fall semester, chapters will have the opportunity to make their online recommendations for the STAR Scholarship **only between September 1 and November 1**. Each applicant will have 30 calendar days from the date she receives the email from the STAR supervisor to complete and electronically submit her portion of the application, including an unofficial transcript (through the 11th grade/junior year). Canadian applicants must also include their Province Conversion Grading Scale. The local chapter contact will be sent an email with the applicant's submission deadline and is encouraged to follow up with the applicant to make sure she submits her information on or before the submission deadline date.



Chapter JC, Abilene, Texas
Organized: August 1, 2012

First row, from the left: Sara Graham, Pat Harper, Ellen Knox, state organizer Susan Penrod, Sandy Pearce **Second row:** Ruth Ann Wheeler, Phyllis Stine, Amanda Watson **Third row:** Phyllis Ewing, Rosemary Hall, Virginia Brogan, Carol Rogers **Fourth row:** Wanda Lock, Ellen Owen, Vicki Ehrie, Ann Hewett



Chapter JF, Waxahachie, Texas
Organized: December 1, 2012

First row, from the left: Elizabeth Wilson, Linda Wood, Bettye Davison, Christina Upchurch **Second row:** Marsha Jennings, Shannon Poarch, Bettye Sharp, Heather West, state organizer Susan Penrod, Deana Haliburton, Amanda Ingram-Rogers, Jaye Potter, Jeanette Underwood, Emily Young, Jane Yeager, Patricia Colvin, Darlyn Davison



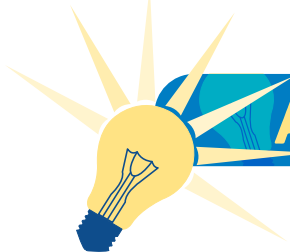
Chapter FH-HL, Ferguson, Missouri
Merged: December 8, 2012

First row, from the left: Patty Albin, Virginia Weber **Second row:** Helen Seper, Marilee Oehling, Carol Minor, Michele Carley, Mary Eaker **Third row:** Anne Cox, Heidi Bethel, Paula Smith, Lori Fahrenholtz, Sue Spellmeyer, Miriam Hallazgo, Lorelei Cromer, Candy Parsons, state president Adelaide Parsons, Danielle Launius, Peggy Lohnes, Carolyn Schneider, Zoe Bollinger, Denise Fahrenholtz **Fourth row:** Annemarie Bethel-Pelton, state organizer Cindy Fulp, Diana Lehmkuhl



Chapter CS, Pinehurst, North Carolina
Organized: October 20, 2012

First row, from the left: Judy Davis, Mary Lou Norberg, Carol Tilton, Nancy Geddes, Linda Burch, Paula Rogers, Ginny Lapins **Second row:** Jakki Whitten, Nancy Schoepfoester, Carol Dillman, Joan Grant, Dee Ann Deet, Claire Marlar **Third row:** Elizabeth Sammons, Carol Westerly, Barbara Blackburn, Jackie Romanker, Cathy Rettig, Betsy Roman, Sheila VanDyke



Angel Groups Watch Over Project Recipients

by Nancy Henrichsen and Carol Thomas, FJ, Sunriver, Oregon

Chapter FJ, Sunriver, Oregon, is filled with “angels!” For many years our chapter has been supporting our chapter’s sponsored project recipients. Over the years, the process has expanded into the Angel Group program. Some years, we’ve had as many as seven recipients of P.E.O. grants, loans or scholarships.

In the fall of each year, volunteers from within the chapter sign up to correspond with one of our students. There is a “head angel” and three or four other members helping.

Each student fills out an information sheet, providing her birthday, her email and mailing address, her favorite foods, colors and her interests. The Angel Group then uses that information to select items to send the student during the school year. Each Angel Group follows guidelines for gift ideas—keeping things simple and meaningful. It is our way of keeping in touch with students on a regular basis.

If the student is in our vicinity, we may meet her for lunch or coffee.

In the summer, the chapter hosts a picnic and invites the women so all members can meet and visit with them. At Christmas time and upon graduation, we give each student a small monetary gift. If possible, we also attend graduation. Keeping in touch is the key. The purpose of the Angel Groups is to reach out and be there for these women who are striving to improve their role in life. 🌸



▲ Recipients Julie O'Neil and Emily Platt



◀ From the left: Dinah Finney, scholarship recipient Jaci Paulson, Louise Wilson, Gail Juranek

Forming an Angel Group in Your Chapter

Select a “head angel” and determine what her role will be. Likely it will include:

- Providing each student a list of her angel group with phone numbers, email and mailing addresses.
- Meeting with angels to decide who will send cards and gifts and when. Duties for sending cards and gifts can be split up as works best for the group.
- Sending email reminders to angels when it’s their turn to send a card or gift; as the year rolls on, it could be forgotten that they signed up.
- Providing a schedule for each angel after the sign-up in case they want to trade duties.

Students can receive a “thinking of you” card once a month or on the months other than a holiday month—the angel group can decide.

Small gifts not exceeding \$25 each can be sent for various special days, such as:

- back-to-school
- holidays
- birthday

Ideas for gifts:

- student’s favorite food/snacks
- coffee shop gift card
- stamps and a box of notecards
- candles
- bath products
- homemade cookies

Year of the Dragon

Chapter HB, Round Rock, Texas, held an Oriental-themed fundraising event called "Year of the Dragon." Tickets were provided for members to give to friends and members were encouraged to bring at least one guest. There were 20 members and 17 guests in attendance. Guests were provided with color handouts which explained the P.E.O. projects.

Members solicited over 30 raffle items, and raffle tickets were sold at the door. An emporium was set up where holiday treats could be purchased. The evening was capped by a live auction for which 25 auction items were provided by members. The highest bid of \$265 went for a quilt which was designed and handmade by one of Chapter HB's members, a beautiful jewel-toned patchwork creation which was appliquéd with dragons, to capture the theme for the evening.



From the left: quilter of the Year of the Dragon quilt Marge Lentricchia, auctioneer Tricia Reid, and winner of the quilt Lori Munson

Members and guests were treated to a delicious array of appetizers, wine and punch. The event raised more than \$3,200, more money than ever before in the 15-year history of the chapter's annual fundraiser.

Benefit Concert for Cottey

Chapter RO, Santa Barbara, California, held a benefit concert on June 24, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Goleta, California, to raise money for Cottey College's A Defining Moment campaign. More than 100 people attended the event which was comprised of seven different musical

acts including musical theater, classical piano, a chamber music group and 15 ladies with ukuleles. In between each musical act, P.E.O. Emily Conway presented facts to the audience about the campaign and Cottey College.



Chapter RO's benefit concert committee, from the left: Janet Evans, Emily Conway, Sue Dachemhaus, Rachil Willig, Karin Durlfanger, Jan Williams, Maria Schonder

A bake sale was held in conjunction with the concert; the event raised \$1,560 which was donated to the Fine Arts Center portion of Cottey's A Defining Moment campaign. Chapter RO was thrilled with the event's success and the awareness created in the community about P.E.O. and Cottey College.

Hats Off to the Founders

Chapter XL, Arcadia, California, celebrated the P.E.O. Sisterhood's birthday by presenting a colorful performance complete with multi-colored floral hats, pictures of our Founders and a script which brought



First row, from the left: Samantha Sears, Vicky Winn, Grace Valentino **Second row:** Sally Sears, Gloria Henderson, Rosemari Annear, Barbara Lampman, Elaine Iverson

to life the personalities of our founding sisters. Colors of the rainbow—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple and violet—were matched with the personalities of each founder. The script was fun, touching and interesting and sisters were able to relate their own traits with those of our Founders. Chapter XL president Sally Sears acted as the narrator. The performance concluded with the chapter members reciting the P.E.O. Creed. This program helped the newest members of the chapter to appreciate our founding sisters' journey through the years. It was a great way to celebrate the history of P.E.O.

Fall Harvest Boutique

Chapter N, Grand Junction, Colorado, held a Fall Harvest Boutique in October. The yard of a sister was transformed into a country market complete with pumpkins, mums and tables of gift items and baked goods. The golden glow of a perfect October day in Western Colorado completed the scene of this successful fundraiser.



Display of items at Chapter N's Fall Harvest Boutique

A boutique team attended craft workshops twice a month for about five months prior to the event. Many Chapter N sisters worked independently on their own projects as well. Several hundred invitations were sent to friends and family members. After expenses, the chapter made \$2,000.

P.E.O. Flash Drives

Chapter Z, Reno, Nevada, has a unique and useful fundraiser to help with P.E.O.'s move into technology—yellow USB flash drives with our P.E.O. daisy logo on one side and the P.E.O. letters on the reverse side. These 4GB flash drives are large enough to save digital photos, files and music.

Chapter Z sold the flash drives at the Northern and Southern Nevada Reciprocity meetings last fall and offers them for sale in The Record's Items for Sale. These yellow flash drives are an easy way to have a P.E.O. personalized USB key.



Chapter Z, Nevada, raises money for P.E.O. philanthropies by selling flash drives with the daisy logo

Walk for Daisies

Chapter J, Medicine Hat, Alberta, was inspired to hold a fundraising walk. The chapter's goal was three-fold—fundraising, fellowship and fresh air. At the same time, a benefit was raising community awareness of the purpose of P.E.O. Prior to the walk, Chapter J members spread the word about the walk and collected pledges. They called the event "Walk for Daisies" and it took place in Kin Coulee Park on a brisk, snowy day in late October 2012. Twenty-four members of Chapter J raised \$3,675.22 (the 22 cents was from the young grandson of one of our members), with 14 sisters participating in the walk. Chapter J's goals were met through newspaper coverage, nearly 300 pledges and a coffee gathering at the end of the walk where participants visited and warmed up.

Women We Admire

Members of Chapter FB, Cannon Beach, Oregon, were asked to attend a recent P.E.O. meeting dressed as a woman (past or present) whom they admired. At the program each participant gave a short description of the person they

chose, then members guessed who they were portraying—some were easy, others were more challenging. Not only did Chapter FB sisters have lots of laughs, but they learned about these women and how each sister related to her choice. Twenty-four members participated. Pictures here are only a few.



From the left:

Nancy Wilcox as Anne Edson
Terri Royse as Franc Rhodes
Nancy Berry as Dolly Parton
Judy Woodmansee as Eleanor Roosevelt
Patsy Kerwin as Bess Truman
Carol Lynch as Amelia Earhart
Nancy Anderson as her grandmother
Lois Larson as her Norwegian mother
CJ Johnson as Gertrude Ederie
Marney Beemer as Katherine Hepburn
Marcia Hartill as P.E.O. sister Patsy Kerwin
Mary Kerwin as Joan Baez

Small Interest Groups Strengthen Bonds of Sisterhood

Sisters in Chapter AC, Asheville, North Carolina, are scattered far and wide, up mountains, hills and into valleys. Unless they attend another organization or the same church, members often only see each other at the 15 P.E.O. meetings a year. Sisters found that social time at meetings didn't allow much time to talk with one another so they decided to try a different approach to socializing and have formed small interest groups. One group, The Chick Flicks, select a movie and those interested meet at the appointed time and place then go out for a treat afterward. There is a Bridge Group, which meets at a sister's home monthly at 10:00 a.m., where drinks and snacks are served. The Out and About Group chooses a place

of interest to visit together, often with lunch and shopping. The Lunch Bunch gathers at a conveniently located restaurant—a page in the yearbook lists several restaurants in each of the four areas of Asheville. All groups are flexible to accommodate the interests and schedules of sisters and through them, members of Chapter AC have become better acquainted with one another and friendships have flourished.

That's Entertainment

Chapter AX, Tellico Village, Tennessee, combined fun and fundraising through a project called "That's Entertainment."

Each sister either hosted a special "That's Entertainment" event or contributed a specified amount to benefit P.E.O. philanthropies. The activities included a variety of events such as breakfast and bridge, a boat cruise and dinner, a pool party, a computer lesson, line dance tutorial and dinner and making Christmas mail box swags. Participants paid a modest fee (\$5-\$15) to join in as many activities as they cared to.



The most productive Chapter AX fundraiser was the Christmas mailbox swag event, organized by (from the left) Jean Sanders, Fran Thompson and Peggy Lethen.

The 21 activities held over eight months generated nearly \$3,000, plus \$1,015 in donations from non-participants. It was also a great way for members to become better acquainted with one another. 🌸

Kathy Cotton, KZ, Carbondale, Illinois, wrote "Deluxe Box of Crayons,"



a diverse and colorful collection of poetry, complemented by her digital collage art.

Kathy's poetry

has also been published in national magazines, literary journals and anthologies and featured in greeting cards and on posters.

Proceeds from this project, her third illustrated book, benefit organizations that assist women in special need, including Bethany Village, a crisis center for homeless women and children in her county.

Now retired, Kathy lives in southern Illinois where she actively uses her editing and design experience to assist non-profit groups. She also facilitates the Illinois State Poetry Society Southern (ISPS) Chapter and serves on the ISPS board.

Lynne Bodry Shuman, BH, Marietta, Ohio, has a new book,



"Travels with Time Share: Extraordinary Adventures by Ordinary People." Twenty-five years of vacations with family and friends in North America and abroad have led

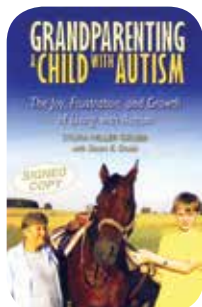
to the compelling stories in this book.

Lynne was raised in New England. Her early years were spent relocating among Army bases with her parents, probably accounting for her love of travel. She now lives in Marietta, Ohio, an historic town on the Ohio River. Her daughter, a theater professional, lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and her son, retired from the military, lives north of Tampa, Florida, and her grandsons also live out of state, giving her more reasons to travel.

Lynne published "A Guidebook for Northeast Indiana," and co-authored the photo research for "Fort Wayne Citiscapes," a history of Fort Wayne, Indiana. She also wrote, directed and narrated two award-winning educational videos for the historic house museum in Ohio which she most recently managed.

After 30 years as a not-for-profit administrator, at 70, Lynne retired. After years of writing at work, she wanted to concentrate on gathering together some of the more interesting chapters of her life.

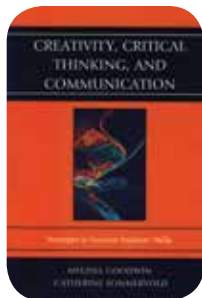
Sylvia Miller Grubb, BJ, Hudson, Wisconsin, wrote "Grandparenting a



Child with Autism: The Joy, Frustration, and Growth of Living with Autism." Sylvia has five grandchildren—her grandson Micah has autism and was the inspiration for this book.

Sylvia attended Saint Olaf College and is a graduate of Valparaiso University with majors in religion and sociology. Now retired from her careers in parish work, Christian education and ownership of a general interest bookstore, her time with husband Hollis is divided between Stillwater, Minnesota, and Tucson, Arizona.

Cate Sommervold, AQ, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, co-authored



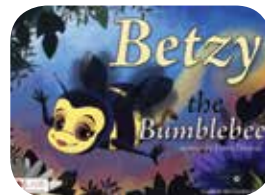
they need to make positive changes

"Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Communication: Strategies to Increase Students' Skills." The book provides teachers with the ideas, strategies and model lesson plans

in their classrooms. It is a practical hands-on guide for developing creativity, critical thinking and communication and is a collection of best practice strategies for increasing these three skills. While initially created for educators (and includes lesson plan templates), it is a great book to have on hand for anyone who wants to increase abilities in these areas.

Cate is a creativity and innovation expert. She writes, speaks and coaches leaders to increase creativity, critical thinking and communication—primarily in education and industry. She received her doctorate in leadership, policy and administration from the University of Saint Thomas where she studied decision-making. Cate is currently vice president of medical affairs and innovation for pharmaCline pharmaceutical company, co-founder of Goodwin & Sommervold Consulting and an adjunct faculty at South University and South Dakota State University. When she is not working Cate attends swim meets, works in her yard, or spends time with her husband and three sons.

Dawn Denton, T, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, wrote "Betzy the



Bumblebee," the third children's book in her garden-themed series called

"Guest in the Garden." Betzy is responsible for helping to pollinate plants so they can produce more flowers, but she gets bored with her work and longs to be a butterfly. She decides to try to be like a butterfly but in the end realizes that she was made with amazing traits that butterflies don't have. "Just the way bumblebees can't do all of the things butterflies can do, butterflies can't do all of the things bumblebees can do."

Dawn is a former elementary teacher who runs her own garden design business, Gardens by You and Me. She is an avid gardener who lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with her husband Dave.

Ruth Lampe, PB, Newport Beach, California, wrote "SURVIVING Mental



Illness," a true story of living through bouts of mental illness with pain and suffering—and a love story of making a marriage work through it all. Ruth's husband of 60 years, Rol, has had a lifetime of suffering with bouts of depression.

Ruth is sharing the life she has lived in this book. Her desire is to set her own life as a record of living that was difficult at times yet full of love and joy. She said, "If I can make a difference in someone else's life that will be reason enough for living this life and surviving."

Ruth and Rol have two adult children; Beth Lampe Elliott and David Lampe.

Carole Knau Williams, NL, Los Angeles, California, wrote



"Poems from Under the Palm Frond Tree", an ebook anthology of 21 poems describing entertaining and thought-provoking situations in playing bridge, jury duty, home remodeling, love, mystical unions, prayer, family lore, attempts at motherhood and much more.

Carole's next book will be a fictional account of her mother's paternal family as they tried to join a wagon train to California but mysterious circumstances forced them to stay in Saint Louis, Missouri. She then plans to write the true story of a hero of the liberation of

Guam from Japanese forces in 1944.

Carole is a former radio station reporter and corporate publicist. She and her husband Dick live in Los Angeles, California.

Sheila Ingle, D, Spartanburg, South Carolina, wrote "Fearless



Martha, A Daughter of the American Revolution," a fictionalized biography for young readers about Martha Bratton, a heroine who defies the British from her home in South Carolina. History books generally describe the American Revolution from the viewpoint of men, but heroic women such as Martha Bratton played an important part in defeating the British and gaining independence for the 13 colonies. Many details about life in the back-country give the reader an insider's look at the struggles and victories of a Scotch-Irish family during the Revolutionary War. Recreated through imagination, public records and traditions, "Fearless Martha" is a powerful story of a brave young wife and mother in a tumultuous time. Sheila's husband John illustrated the book.

Sheila was a teacher for more than 30 years. She taught four- and five-year-olds in a private preschool and secondary English, writing and drama in public schools before becoming an adjunct instructor at the University of South Carolina Upstate where she taught freshmen composition, language arts for elementary teachers, reading for the secondary teacher and world literature.

After Sheila's first book was published, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented her with the Historic Preservation Award.

Clare E. (Ballard) Moussallem, L, Phoenix, Arizona, published the



memoir of her late mother **Virginia Dean Ballard, L, Phoenix, Arizona,** "The Gems of Ginny: Memoirs of an Early Arizona Family." Virginia thoroughly researched her family's history starting with the migration of her ancestors from Europe in the 1700s and ending with her own children and grandchildren. P.E.O. was an important part of Ginny's life and the Sisterhood is mentioned in her historical non-fiction work.

Lila Hoogeveen and Shiona Putnam, GL, Griswold, Iowa, wrote



"Images of America: Cass County." The Images of America series uses vintage photographs and short descriptions to tell the story of the growth of a city and county and the people who developed the area.

Lila and Shiona are curators, officers and board members of the Cass County Historical Museum and have degrees and expertise in art, education, business and history.

Lila is a native of northwest Iowa and a retired teacher. Shiona is a native of Great Britain. Both ladies enjoy doing historical research and are active community members. 🌸

P.E.O.s in the SPOTLIGHT

Cynthia Waddell, BG, Livermore, California, is an internationally-



recognized expert in disability accessibility in the fields of electronic and information technology, employment and construction. She is the Executive Director and Law,

Policy and Technology Subject Matter Expert for the International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI). She also leads ICDRI's Accessibility Oversight Consulting Services for clients in government, academia and the business community to further ICDRI's mission to remove electronic and information technology barriers and promote equal opportunity for all.

Cynthia, who is hearing-impaired, is the author of the first accessible web design standard in the United States and wrote the American Bar Association paper "Applying the Americans with Disabilities Act to the Internet: A Web Accessibility Standard." This standard led to recognition as a best practice by the federal government and contributed to the eventual passage of legislation for Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards.

Cynthia serves as an accessibility expert in the international arena for the U.S. Department of State International Telecommunications Advisory Committee and has worked with the United Nations to advise various countries and help them to implement the Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Cynthia's mantra is "Technology changes, but human rights do not." She and her husband live in Dublin, California.

Madelyn Koontz, GF, Albany, Oregon, was unanimously chosen



as the recipient of the 2011 Council of Renal Nutrition Regional Recognized Renal Dietitian for Region V by the National Kidney Foundation's (NKF) Council on Renal Nutrition. This

award honors a regional dietitian who has demonstrated exceptional abilities of leadership, creativity and public involvement in the pursuit of optimal nutritional care for people with chronic kidney disease. Region V is comprised of Arizona, California, Utah, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming, Asia, Australia, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Alberta and the Middle East.

Madelyn was chosen for her commendable contributions and years of service to patients, the community and renal professionals. She received the award at the 2012 NKF Clinical Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Lila Hill, BZ, Meridian, Idaho, has



been recognized for her more than 25 years of volunteer service as a local historian and community leader. In October 2012, she received the American Association of State &

Local Historians award for individual achievement for continuous support of local history. Lila was honored with other professional or volunteer historians from throughout the United States recognized for their outstanding work in the field of historical endeavor. Awardees were guests of the History Channel at the annual awards banquet.

Lila was honored for her tireless dedication to documenting and

preserving the history of Meridian, Idaho. Her passion for history helped establish the Meridian Historical Society where she has actively volunteered. She was named the first Meridian City Historian and is one of the best sources for information on the area authoring several books and a regular newspaper column for more than 20 years.

In addition, in September 2013, Lila will be honored by the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church with the Ministry of Memory award at the annual United Methodist Historical Meeting.

The Eli Lilly Foundation recognized Lila's book "They Came to Build a Community" (co-authored with Dr. Glen Davidson) as the only church history book that portrayed the influence of the Methodist Episcopal Church & Methodist Church South on a developing community.

Lila has been a member of Chapter BZ since 1989.

Christie Pearson Brandau, AW, Osage, Iowa, was appointed to



the National Museum and Library Services Board by President Barack Obama. The board is the advisory body for the Institute of Museum and Library Services

(IMLS.) Members of the board are selected to serve based on their expertise and commitment to libraries or museums.

IMLS director Susan Hildreth said, "I am delighted to welcome Ms. Christie Brandau to the board. Through her service she will help libraries and museums throughout the United States contribute to the educational, cultural and civic life of our nation. Ms. Brandau is a well-recognized expert and we are looking forward to having her

strategic advice to strengthen IMLS's grant making, research and policy advisory roles."

Christie is an adjunct professor at the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University. She earned her B.A. from Iowa State University and M.A. in Library Science from the University of Iowa.

Beth Nickle, IS, Springfield, Missouri, received a national honor recognizing her commitment to young people and service-learning. The Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award, presented by the National Youth Leadership Council



and sponsored by the UPS Foundation, celebrates those who have equipped young people to lead and serve. The award will be given during the 24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference® on March 13, 2013 in Denver, Colorado.

Beth has been a teacher for 23 years at Bailey Alternative High School in Springfield, Missouri. Through her efforts, service-learning has become systemic and interwoven with the academic and social goals of not only Bailey but the community. Beth spearheaded the Missouri Service-Learning Institute where middle school students from across the state gathered together for intensive service-learning leadership training. She and her students have presented at a variety of state and national conferences and in 2009 she was awarded the Teacher of the Year for Springfield Public Schools. Through her work, students have participated in hundreds of service-learning projects from recycling and water quality to voting and tutoring.

Bailey's principal Justin Dickenson says, "Ms. Nickle makes our school

a better place to learn and work and our community a better place to live. I am constantly amazed by her passion for service-learning and the associated projects. Ms. Nickle has not only proven herself to be one of the best teachers I have ever encountered, but one of the best people."

The Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award is presented to a teacher or community member who has created a living legacy through service-learning practice. The award recognizes practitioners who have equipped young people to lead and serve, both through their direct service-learning instruction with youth and by nurturing other practitioners to expand their service-learning skills and knowledge.

The Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award is presented annually at the National Service-Learning Conference. As the winning practitioner, Beth will receive \$1,000 to maintain and develop service-learning programs at Bailey Alternative High School.

Rebecca Eastham, FF, Midwest City, Oklahoma, was selected as



the Women In Lodging Connect Leader of the Year by the American Hotel & Lodging Association. Rebecca, the Director of Business and Industry Services (BIS) at Meridian Technology Center, was recognized for her leadership and mentoring roles within the hotel industry.

Rebecca's more than 20-year career in the industry has combined hospitality and education at nationally ranked hotels, regional colleges and state universities.

With extensive experience in group facilitation and training, human resource management and general administration and management, Rebecca has applied

her experiences in the hospitality industry to her work with local business and industry partners within the Meridian district. Together she and the BIS team provide comprehensive services to assist businesses and organizations.

Rebecca holds a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant administration from Oklahoma State University (OSU), a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma and is pursuing a doctor of philosophy in human environmental science at OSU.

Julie Seidel, DC, Traverse City, Michigan, was recently named



Holland America Line's seagoing winner of the 2012 Presidential Leadership Award. The presentation was made by the ship's captain aboard the ms Eurodam. Julie

started her career with Holland America Line in 2008 as an event manager and became an on-board human resources manager in 2011.

The person who nominated Julie for the award wrote, "She is an energetic and motivating leader who encourages every crew member to achieve results that they did not think possible. She is a true gem who keeps on inspiring the Holland America fleet."

Working with the crew is a job she loves, Julie says, "I am involved with all the crew and can truly make a positive impact on their experience." In addition to working with and helping to train crew, she teaches leadership workshops for officers.

Julie is a University of Michigan graduate. Between seagoing contracts, Julie enjoys traveling, reading and visiting family and friends. 🌸

Centennial CHAPTERS



Chapter AL, Kansas City, Kansas

Organized: January 4, 1913

Celebrated: April 7, 2013

First row, from the left: Betty Rayl, Elizabeth Mann, Mildred Kepler, Wanda Campbell, Doris Lockhart, Fran Russell, Betty Reese **Second row:** Arlene Straub, Kathy Hammer, Cathy DuBois, MaryAnn Van Dine, Ruth Miller, Ruth Ann Eikermann, Pat Kukuk, Peggy Johnston, Judy Webber, Glenda Sherbon, Betty Rushton, Ruth Majors, Pam Howe, Sarah Backhaus, MaryIn Foundopoulos, Jan Winston, Shirley Howard, Patrice Sollenberger, Diane Polsinelli, Connie Trotter, Jeanette Spencer



Chapter D, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Organized: April 7, 1913

Celebrated: April 2013

First row, from the left: Phyllis Trelfa, Kathy Reid, Eugenie Jensen, Bernice Alderson, Barb Beach, Paula Lee, Angela Cary **Second row:** Delphine Gregoire, Colleen Nygaard, Arline Schubert, Gerri Kraft, Wanda Seyler, Kay Roch, Shaun Seymour, Jane Wischer, Mavis Ness, Joan Reinhardt, Sharon Langehaug, Ann Porter, Brenda Johnson, Diane Cox, Paula Johnson, Debbie Lloyd



Chapter X, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Organized: November 14, 1912

Celebrated: August 5, 2012

First row, from the left: Hattie Yeager, Phyllis Allen, Shari Yeager **Second row:** Alice Lund, Gloria James, Susan Hoffner, Pat Thomas, Pam Ruehle **Third row:** Karen Street, Marcia Kaufman, Kate Nowak **Fourth row:** Pam Graham, Elaine Gilbertson, Elsie Wodnik



Chapter Y, Olympia, Washington

Organized: May 28, 1912

Celebrated: August 22, 2012

First row, from the left: Janey Trapp, Margaret Barney, Loretta Albright, Jean Deller, Marge Halgren **Second row:** Sue Breidenbach, Roxanne Cobb, Audrey Kirsop, Joan Winden, Chris Sabo, Heidi Droll, Ginny Green, Kathy Wilson, Daidre West, Dorothy Gerard, Ann Marie Ratliff, Elizabeth Bachman, Dianne Laslie

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 **Long handled baby spoon** Stainless, engraved w/ P.E.O. including a certificate for further engraving. \$18 ppd. (MN residents add 7.275% tax). Ch. CX c/o Anne Westman, 10712 Garden Cir, Bloomington, MN 55438. Allow 3-4 wks.


 **Permanent yearbook binders** Yellow 2-ring vinyl binder, with informal P.E.O. logo. Visit www.peoyearbookcovers.org for more information. \$7.50 per binder + shipping (1-2 binders \$3; 3-10 \$9; 11-49 \$12; 50+ \$18). IL residents add \$.62 per binder for sales tax. Send checks payable to P.E.O. Yearbook Covers, Ch DE, c/o Lee Haas, 5713 W Roscoe St, Chicago, IL 60634.

Yearbook binders & paper—Since 1981, over 3,000 chapters have used our purse-size, six-ring white vinyl binder, personalized with their chapter letters, city/state, and date organized—now with a choice of traditional star emblem or marguerite logo! Set of four index tabs sold separately. Our prepunched paper fits any copier or printer and allows chapters to print only new pages each year. Approved in all states, this is a project of Ch. AN in Dayton, Ohio. Contact Jenni Allard for brochure/paper sample at P.E.O. YEARBOOKS, 4720 Burnham Lane, Dayton, OH 45429-1104; phone: 937-293-8912; email: info@peoyearbooks.com. Or visit us at our website: www.peoyearbooks.com.


 **P.E.O.s love it!**—Gold Recognition Pin with tie tack closure. Original design by former International P.E.O. president. \$12 ppd., Ch. BC, Carolyn Jacobs, 3128 59th St South #201, Gulfport, FL 33707.

 **Original recognition pin** with BLING! We've updated our 1955 gold classic P.E.O. lapel pin with a crystal stone set inside the "O". \$12 ppd per pin. (IN residents add 7% sales tax.) Make check to Ch. I, Box 390, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Grave marker or garden ornament—Brass 6" star on 24" rod. \$40 ppd. Also avail w/o rod. Ch. HV c/o Pam Hedger, 1 Willow Green Dr, Butler, MO 64730. Pam.hedger@yahoo.com.


 **P.E.O. tiles** feature yellow and white marguerites tied with blue ribbons. Gift-boxed, heatproof, colorfast. 6" x 6" square. \$14 plus \$6 S&H. \$1 postage per each add'l tile to same address. Ch. JK c/o Carolyn Payne, 4829 N Antioch Rd, Kansas City, MO 64119.


CD of newest opening ode—Vocal and piano alone; includes initiation piano background music; also available in cassette. \$12 ppd. Check to Ch. EM c/o Beverly Koch, 2808 Burlwood Dr, Arlington, TX 76016.

 **Sterling star pendant**—\$15 ppd. also available 20" SS chain - \$15 ppd. Ch. CK c/o Sue Ann Graves, 44 Bretagne Cir, Little Rock, AR 72223. 501-821-5303, sagraves@comcast.net.

White gavel block or paperweight with the star and letters P.E.O. in center. \$12 ppd. Ch. CV c/o Ann Buck, 3048 Locust Camp Rd, Kettering, OH 45419.


P.E.O. sticky notes 50-sheet yellow pad w/marguerite & P.E.O. letters. Great gift idea. Ea. pad costs \$2. Min. 6 pads per order. Add \$4 postage to ea order. Checks to Ch GE c/o Carol Wright, 10132 N Highway 54, Weatherford, OK 73096, 580-772-2383.

 **Cross-stitch chart** Daisy-entwined star with P.E.O. in center. Send a SASE with \$5 check to Ch. BL c/o Sue Jobe, 1922 Rosepointe Way, Spring Grove, PA 17362.

 **Protect your robes**—54" white breathable and water-repellent garment bags decorated w/ marguerite. \$80 ppd. for 7 bags sent to street address only. Ch. FR c/o Diann Rockstrom, 211 S 78th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908. diann67@gmail.com.

New, colorful marguerite stickers—perfect for notes, nametags, etc. 1" size. Packaged 30 for \$5.50 ppd. Checks to Ch. GX c/o Jan Peterson, 904 North Lincoln, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

Attractive address folder for purse or pocket. Credit card size; magnetic cover holds it closed. Brushed chrome cover with gold marguerite. Lovely for gifts, \$4 ppd. Ch. BK c/o Fran Ray, 14078 Powder Dr, Carmel, IN 46033.

 **Delicious marguerite mints**—Long time favorites. White "chocolate" with yellow centers (1-5/8", 1/4 oz.). Elegant P.E.O. mints for gifts, B&B or meetings. Gift box of 20 or plain box of 30 mints \$24 ppd. (Add'l boxes to same address \$21.) Pat Alesse, Ch J, 4825 Alderson Rd, Birch Bay, WA 98230. 360-371-2070.

Items for SALE

Hand-colored daisy notes—


Original art folded note cards (5-1/2" x 4 1/4") by Fritz Klopfenstein. Great gift! Package of 8 with envelopes—\$8 ppd—5 packages for \$35. Checks to P.E.O. Ch. P/CT. Send to Betsy Ready, 155 Steephill Rd, Weston, CT 06883.


P.E.O. calendar reminder stickers!

20 yellow 1/2" printed circles/page. \$.50/page plus \$1 s&h/100 pages. Checks to Ch. CV c/o Karen Hendrickson, 1824 Bayview, Albert Lea, MN 56007.


P.E.O. yellow binders


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


 **Walnut pin box**, handmade with star on top. Large with removable top will hold pin back, 3", \$21. Small w/ drawer, 2", \$19 ppd. Ch AL c/o Trine, 82825 559 Ave, Madison, NE 68748. phylmt@yahoo.com


 **Beautiful P.E.O. jewelry**—rings, bracelets, pendants, pins, earrings – many P.E.O. items. Free brochure. MC/Visa. S/H \$4. Ch Y, P.E.O., POB 81410, Las Vegas, NV 89180. 702-341-8641.

 **Marguerite's mail**—8 full-color note cards and envelopes from original watercolor; \$8 per pkg includes P&H. Checks to Ch. NQ c/o Glenda Drennen, 401 N Lynn, LeMars, IA 51031.


 **Fingertip towels** embroidered w/ marguerites. Perfect for gift or guest. White velour. \$12/pair. Ch VG c/o Karen DeSoto, 18050 Mark, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.


 **Pewter P.E.O. star ornament**—3-1/4" handcast pewter star with raised letters P.E.O. in center. Perfect for weddings, Christmas, special occasions; suitable for engraving; \$18 ppd. Ch. AU c/o Kathy Baylor, 427 State Route E, Fayette, MO 65248.

 **Official reciprocity chairman's pin**—14k gold plated gavel on marguerite w/ guard ring. \$95 to Ch. HB, c/o Margaret A. Lamb, 4331 E. Linden Cir, Greenwood Village, CO 80121. 303-771-1452.


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

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


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


 **White pen** for initiation or gift. P.E.O. letters on a star background in the dome. \$25 ppd. Ch. Z c/o Sandy Houpt, 9620 Tai Tr, Dayton, OH 45458.

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


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


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

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


 **New garden/window flag**—11" x 13", 7 marguerites, 7 gold stars on royal blue. \$20 ppd. to Ch. CC c/o L. Lampkin, RFD 3—Box 179, Montrose, MO 64770.


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


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

 **P.E.O. pens** in red, black or blue with letters in gold. \$6 ea. ppd. to Ch. OX c/o Wanda Miller, 805 E Burky Ln, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641. wwmiller@lisco.com.


 **P.E.O. officer's pinafore pattern**—Easy, wrap-around floor length pinafore, \$20 ppd. Ch. CB Jane Swanson, 26115 E Fox St, Mesa, AZ 85213-5334 husker5699@cox.net.


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

 **Elegant suncatchers** now available! Diamond-shaped, beveled glass, 7" x 4" etched marguerite, \$20; etched, hand-painted, \$25; Ch. DS c/o Marilyn Warrens, 2190 North Ave, Chico, CA 95926. 530-342-6731, email: mwarrens@mail.csuchico.edu.

 **Crocheted pin back**—White w/ magnetic back or jewelry clasp. \$11 ppd. Ch AL, c/o Trine, 82825 559 Ave, Madison NE 68748. phylmt@yahoo.com.

 **Radko ornaments** "My P.E.O. Star" and "My Santa is a BIL". Star - 4 3/4" in glistening gold/white daisies. "P.E.O." scripted in center. Santa - roly-poly 5" holds a present wrapped in gold icing/glittered stars. "BIL" embossed on belt buckle. Small "P.E.O." scripted on back. View at www.peotexas.org. Each \$42 + \$6 S/H. TX res. add 8-1/4% tax. ppd. P.E.O., Ch. IN, P.O. Box 92866, Southlake, TX 76092. Info: 817-251-8342 or peointx@gmail.com.

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

 **Recipe cards**—hard-to-find 3x5 cards featuring the new P.E.O. daisy logo in color. 25/pkg, lined front & back, tied in raffia. \$10/pkg ppd. Pay "P.E.O. Chapter FD". Send to 16629 Howard Cir, Omaha, NE 68118. waters.jean@gmail.com.

 **Sparkling P.E.O. bracelets**—Stars, Swarovski crystals and sterling letters/spacers with easy-fasten toggle. \$27 + S/H to Ch. MW. Barbara Turcan, 630-584-3780 or bet1413@aol.com.

Never stick P.E.O. pins through your blouse again. Strong gold or silver plate magnetic clasp holds pins/necklaces/bracelets. \$10 ea or \$8 ea for 5 or more. Contact Ch. SR c/o Betty Breeze, 250 Corte del Cerro, Novato, CA 94949, 415-883-6182 or view photo at denniscrinnion@comcast.net.

Custom name badge with magnetic fastener. Attractive gold laminate, black engraved name & ch. Add your ribbon to hold pin. \$11 ppd. Contact Sheila Barnette, Ch HA for order form. sheilaroodbarnette@gmail.com 904-343-9923

Original art. Full color, 6 different marguerite designs on 6 notecards with envelopes. \$7 per pkg of 6. You pay postage. Choose Dancing with Daisies series or Butterfly series. Send requests to Carol Holdhusen, Chapter AV, 3864 East Vallejo Dr, Gilbert, AZ, 85298. 480-986-2639 or cell 480-250-6546 or caholdhusen@hotmail.com.

Magnetic marguerite pin holder—1 ½" daisy, white petals with yellow center. Holds emblem, no more pinholes in your clothes. \$8 plus \$2 postage for 1-5 holders. Ch. GD c/o Gudrun Gegner, 3040 Pawnee Dr, Bremerton, WA 98310. 360-373-3611

Tervis tumblers w/marguerite. Insulated, shatterproof tumblers for hot or cold drinks. Micro & dishwasher safe; no condensation rings. Lifetime guarantee; made in USA. Several sizes available. For prices, shipping, & order form—email Chapter FE at fchapterfe@yahoo.com.

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

P.E.O. scarves. Beautifully imprinted with metallic P.E.O. letters and stars, 14" x 60". Black/silver print, ivory, red, yellow, navy/gold print. \$15 + \$2 s/h. Check to Ch. IO, Lynn Hooker, 1815 Newport Rd, Weatherford, TX 76086. 405-642-0390. lshooker@aol.com.

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

Sister, forever, friends bracelet by Ch L sisters. Order form w/ color chart: AZ Daisy Trading Post www.azpeo.org or email kwunchbox@cox.net. \$22.00; w/ earrings \$30 + \$1 shipping.

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

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

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

Official USPS postage stamp—Original copyrighted art featuring the P.E.O. star & white marguerites on blue background. One to nine sheets of 20—46¢ stamps for \$21.95 ppd per sheet. Ten sheets or more \$18.95 ppd per sheet. Please send orders to P.E.O. Ch. O, c/o Marie Kall, P.O. Box 6504, Helena, MT 59604-6504. Questions? kallmt@earthlink.net.

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

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

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

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

Exquisite sterling silver bell necklace. Exclusively designed handcrafted sterling silver bell necklace embracing the P.E.O. Sisterhood. A very special gift for that very special P.E.O. \$99 ppd. Checks to Chapter BK c/o Jenny Gehl, 24 Jimmy Green Road, East Helena, MT 59635 mtchapterbk@aol.com

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

Laminated P.E.O. Founders book-marks Artist/Member Betty Hubbard designed this colorful, "one of a kind" bookmark. \$1.25 ea. ppd. Ch. AN c/o Angela Bridge, P.O. Box 541, Chandler, OK 74834 angiegb@brightok.net

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

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

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Classy 1.5" x 1.5" daisy pendant in stainless multi-tone silver/ gold color. Long-lasting luster. Large bale. Nice on any length chain or black cord. \$12 per pendant ppd. Chapter C/NH: Margo Pennock, 11 Earle Drive, Lee, NH 03861; margo.pennock@comcast.net


P.E.O. Byers' choice caroler—custom designed Caroler holding a star, P.E.O. books and marguerites. Allow 4 weeks for shipping. Mail \$80 check payable to P.E.O., Chapter O to Andrea Dolph, PO Box 11, Wayne, PA 19087. Questions to PEOcaroler@gmail.com


P.E.O. nametags—Custom designed, with self-adhesive that "really sticks"! 24 ea \$3.50 ppd, 48 ea \$6 ppd. Ch BB, Barbara Papalia, 3203 Country Club Pkwy, Castle Rock, CO 80108-8300. 3203papalia@comcast.net.


P.E.O. lotion bars are unique gifts for P.E.O.s and friends. Created by a P.E.O. and Cottey alumna, our lotion bars are a solid light-yellow bar of all natural lotion nestled in a decorative tin. The beautiful labels and fragrance were blended exclusively for P.E.O. Choose from Daisy Bouquet fragrance or naturally unscented. \$10 each or 5/\$40 plus \$5 shipping. Chapter MR, Springfield, MO 417-459-9334 or email lotionbars@gmail.com.


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 **Original magnetic daisy** pin holder attaches pin with a strong magnet. Pin your star to our 2 1/2" daisy and never struggle with that tiny fastener again. \$7 plus \$.50 shipping ea on orders less than 10. Checks to Chapter IT, send to Janet Burmeister, 1818 Ohio Parkway, Rockford, IL 61108.


 **Star ornament**—etched with "Wish" accented by a magic wand, surrounded by stars and daisies, tucked in a velveteen pouch. \$17 ppd. Ch. FZ-GR, c/o Rebecca Hutchens, 5649 S New Haven Ave, Tulsa, OK 74135, 918-743-1341, wishornament@gmail.com.


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


 **Pewter ornament** elegant 2.5" heirloom quality, 2-sided ornament with marguerite and P.E.O. in an open-work star. US made. Great gift for out-going officers. \$18 ppd. Chapter FF, PO Box 59, Frankfort, MI 49635. Information or order form: PEOChapterFFMI@charter.net.


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

 **P.E.O. daisy key rings**—Hand-crafted by local forge. \$15.00 ppd. Ch AY, Megan Smith, 506 Oak Hill Dr, Grove City, PA 16127.

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


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


 **P.E.O. blk nylon** garment bag 46 x 22". Monogrammed daisy, ch, st. Send check to Ch E, S. Wilson, 4820 Rapidan Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70817 225-964-7227. \$40 /bag ppd + S&H. Shrn.a.wlsn@gmail.com.


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

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


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

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

 **Swarovski pin guard**—Crystals, beads & pearls, 2 1/4". \$15 ppd to Ch FE, Jill Gipson, 36003 Cortona Ct, Murrieta, CA 92562. See photo and specify "pearl" for guard on left or "gold" for guard on right. Questions: peofE@verizon.net.


 **Delightful marguerite coffee** and tea sugar cubes. Dainty coffee and tea sugar cubes, hand-decorated with our yellow-centered marguerite and green leaves. A touch of elegance for P.E.O. meetings, special occasions and gifts. Box of 24 \$15 ppd. Ch. BH c/o Kam Matray, 0174 Iron Bridge Place, South Fork, CO 81154. 719-849-0349. kmatray@amigo.net

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

 **"Star" keychain**—engraved with P.E.O. for just \$10.00 each (includes S/H). May be worn as a necklace too! Be creative! Check payable to Ch DO, C/O Lenore Jones, 10820 Nutmeg Meadows Dr, Plymouth, IN 46563. Lenore@ancoofficeproducts.com

 **License plate frame**—"Sisters A Gift of P.E.O." blk w/ gold; \$6 ea/\$10 for 2 plus ship; AK(NV); Brenda Miller 702-739-7172 Brenda441@cox.net


 **Sterling silver pin guard** for P.E.O. pin. 1" x 1 1/4" magnetic clasp. Handcrafted, unique piece of wearable art. \$30. Ch IH, Jes Raintree, 15648 Colorado Central Way, Monument, CO 81032. 719-488-8300.


 **New ornament:** Porcelain ornament with 24k gold trim. \$12 ppd. Contact: Karen Ulfers vaappeo@gmail.com or 757-565-5197; 3309 Oxmor Court, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Checks payable to Ch AP.


Silver plated bookmark hook of Swarovski crystals interlaced with pewter P.E.O. letters; finalized with a hand-painted pewter daisy \$9 ea or \$8 ea for 3 or more ppd. Checks to Ch. EK c/o Donna LaValle, 25 Fore Dr, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

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 **New: Informal recognition pin** 1-1/4" wide. Burgundy cloisonné w/ daisy. Tie-tack fastener. \$10 each ppd. Great gift or treat yourself. Wear with pride and promote P.E.O. Send checks to: P.E.O. Chapter FQ; P.O. Box 75, Florence, OR 97439. Email questions to PEOFPINS@hotmail.com

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

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 **The P.E.O. story** on DVD A 30-minute dramatization of the origin of P.E.O. This delightful and entertaining movie is perfect for your Founders' Day program. \$25 plus \$3 S/H to Chapter ET, Joanne Gravelle, 11360 W. 76th Way, Arvada, CO 80005.

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

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

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

Books

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

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

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

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Allison Bautista Chapter DT, DeLand, Florida Initiated: July 14, 2011



Allison Bautista is a senior at the University of Florida. Graduating in May with a degree in linguistics, she is on a pre-med track.

Last summer Allison spent nine weeks in Nancimi, Nicaragua, as an intern for the Foundation for Sustained Development. There she helped start a “casa materna”—a “maternal house,” where pregnant women in the area can go a few weeks before they deliver their baby to receive proper care.

Allison kept a detailed blog of her experiences, which can be found at <http://allisonennica.wordpress.com/>.

What were your duties in Nicaragua?

Since I’m interested in health, I was assigned to work for a clinic and was tasked to develop a project based on the needs in the community. I interviewed patients, nurses and local citizens to determine what was needed—in our first community meeting we came up with the idea for a maternal house. Nancimi is a rural town situated in the mountains with many smaller, surrounding

communities. For patients from outlying communities to get to the health clinic (the only one in the area) to receive care, many of them have to walk or go by horse. Walking from the furthest community can take about three or four hours and there is a mountain one must hike over. In 2011, six infants died before and during birth because of complications that could have been avoided had a skilled birth attendant been present.

There was a house in Nancimi that wasn’t being used. We cleaned it out, tore down walls and put in electricity, a kitchen and a latrine. I was in charge of fundraising and oversaw construction.

On the last full day I was there, we had an opening ceremony for the casa materna. It has all the comforts of home; it’s a place where expectant mothers and their partners can come to spend time in the last week or two of the mother’s final trimester.

There is an established group of people in the community to take care of patients who will utilize the casa materna services; I’m confident it will be supported by the locals.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I hope to go to medical school eventually. I’m taking some time off between undergrad and med school. I’ve been accepted as an alternate for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea, and applied for Teach for America. I’ve also applied for graduate schools at Tulane, the University of Michigan and Boston University; I want to get a master’s degree in public health.

How did you get involved with P.E.O.?

My mom and both my grandmothers are P.E.O.s. My mom, Sandra Bautista, is in my chapter, DT, DeLand, Florida. My paternal grandmother, Daisy Bautista, is in Chapter AK, Moberly, Missouri. My maternal grandmother, Ellen Richardson, was a member of Chapter BD, Salisbury, Missouri—she passed away about 10 years ago.

When we started the casa materna we were trying to decide what to name it—some people wanted to name it after me but I said no—I hadn’t done it all by myself. Then I came up with the idea to name it after my late grandmother. So it’s called Pueblo Indigena Nancimi Casa Materna Intercultural “Ellen Richardson.”

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

I really enjoy all the women who are in P.E.O. I can’t attend the meetings too often, but every time I do, I always really enjoy the company of all the women—they have such good hearts and are so spirited. They are really sweet and were so supportive when I was working in Nicaragua, even sending donations for the casa materna. I appreciate all the support I get from them even though I haven’t been involved as much as I’d like to be.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy the outdoors. I run a lot—I ran my first half marathon about a month ago. I also enjoy cooking, but most of my time these days is spent studying—I am taking the MCAT soon. 🌸

To The POINT

International Convention Updates

Online Registration Forms

Don't forget to check out the online International Convention registration forms on P.E.O.'s website at **peointernational.org**. Go to the member side and click on International Convention; click on



convention registration and continue. All delegates, past state/provincial/district presidents, visitors and volunteers can use the online registration. Submit it with a credit card or print and mail the completed form with a check. Register online and immediately receive confirmation that your registration has been submitted.

Advance registration is open until Friday, August 16. PLEASE NOTE, however, there is a sliding scale for registration fees.

Attendees must submit a registration form in order to make hotel or meal reservations. The final deadline for housing and meal reservations must show a postmark on or before August 16.

Tour Forms

There are now two forms to complete for convention tours. One is for convention tours #1-12 and the other for the Southfork Ranch Chuck-Wagon Dinner (tour #13). These are now updated in the convention registration section of the website.

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As you begin to identify women to nominate for the next cycle of P.E.O. Scholar Awards (nomination window is August 20-November 20, 2013), please remember the following two components of the eligibility requirements:



- The nominee is on track to complete her **doctoral level degree** between April 2015 and August 2016.
- If your nominee is in a Medical Scholars program working on a joint M.D. and Ph.D., she must be scheduled to complete the entire program (both degrees) between April 2015 and August 2016.

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