

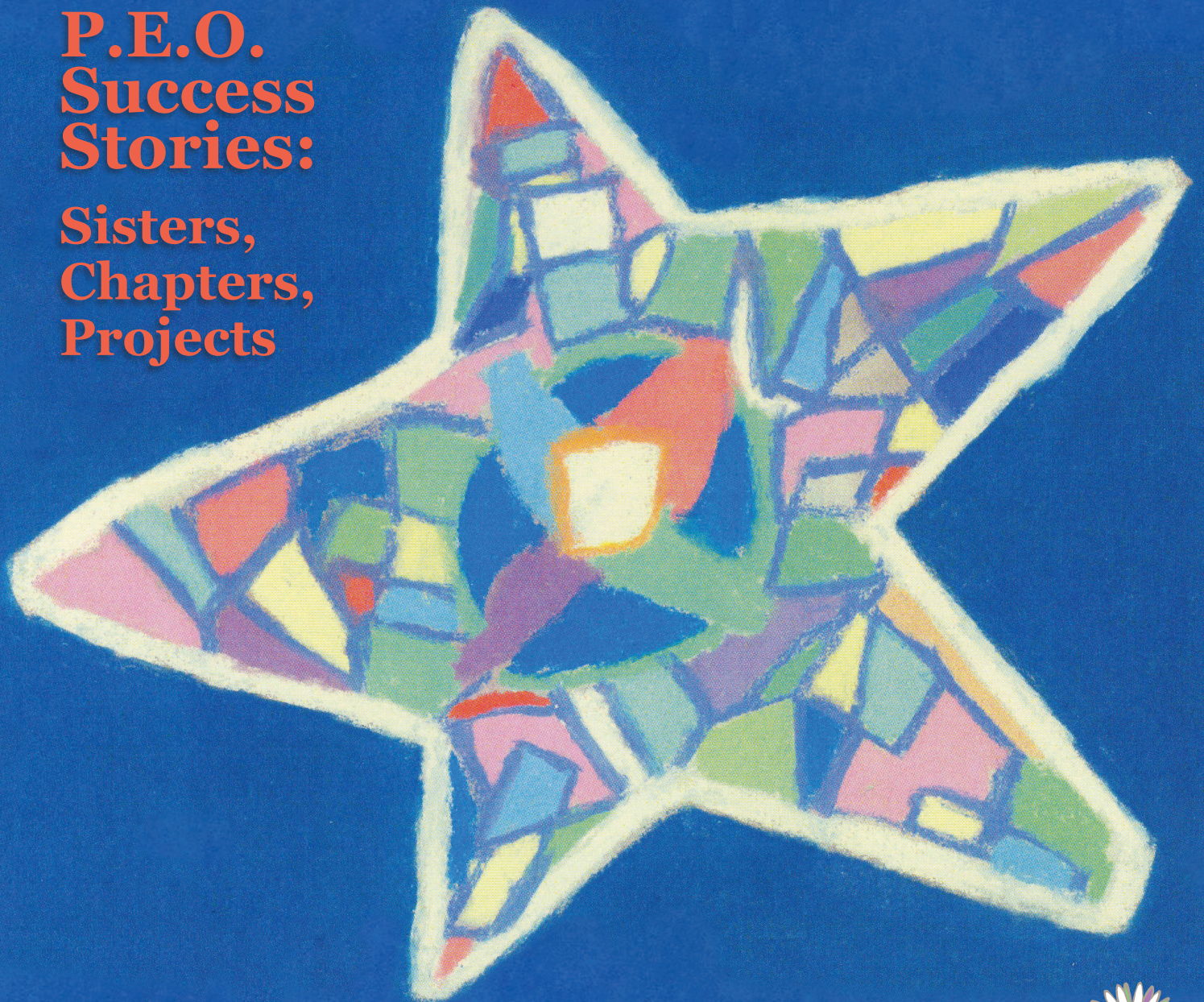
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P.E.O....

a Philanthropic Educational Organization

From the earliest decades of our founding, P.E.O. has been a positive force in the lives of women and society. Although education for women in the late 1800s was considered an unnecessary luxury by some, education was important to the pioneers who joined in the great expansion of the western frontier. How fortuitous that P.E.O. was organized at one of the oldest collegiate institutions west of the Mississippi.

P.E.O. has engaged in educating women for more than 140 years and we have done it through chapter programs that encourage our own self-improvement and by creating opportunities of support for women to attain the education necessary to make a life.

Early on, members searched extensively for a unified endeavor—one that would benefit from the combined efforts of all P.E.O.s. Realization came in 1907 when the Convention of Supreme Grand Chapter voted to adopt P.E.O.'s first great philanthropy, a loan for educational purposes. The first loan of \$300 was made in 1908—a time across North America when Oklahoma had just been named the 46th state in the union, when a woman did not have the universal right to vote and could not obtain a loan on her own merit. So, more than 100 years ago, P.E.O. moved to the fore in assisting women with a simple loan. Today, P.E.O. invests in women's lives through six educational philanthropies—our "projects." We've come a long way haven't we!

Statistics tell us the importance of education will be greater tomorrow than it is today. And today, the less education one has attained increases the likelihood of unemployment or underemployment. You've heard me say many times, "U.R.P.E.O." and as such, you are also our P.E.O. projects. But does your chapter promote and contribute to each of our educational projects? Has your chapter fallen into the habit of contributing the same monetary gift each year? Please know your impact on the projects: we could increase our gift to each project by almost \$60,000 per year if every chapter increased its annual

President's MESSAGE

support to each of the six projects by only \$10. It is every chapter's responsibility to contribute financially to the educational projects of our sisterhood and even a small increase in your support will have significant impact.

P.E.O. members remain clearly dedicated to the support of higher education for women. In the 105 years since that first ELF loan was created, we

have provided nearly \$222 million and assisted more than 87,000 women in achieving higher educations. These accomplishments attest to the fact that each project is accomplishing the purpose for which it was established. It is your continued and increased giving to each project that makes it possible for more money to reach more women to help them attain their educational goals.

We recognize the importance of women's education to our future society, our nation and our world. Our P.E.O. projects always have been and will continue to be outward reflections of our purpose and our contributions to those projects are an investment that will positively impact each generation.

Our philanthropic organization grew from intelligent women who were bound together through friendships. I believe the continued success of our sisterhood can be attributed to our record of educational achievements following that first ELF loan. If we do our part and invest in the future, P.E.O. and our educational projects will continue to grow and prosper.

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

Susan

Susan Reese Sellers,
President, International Chapter



"It is my heart's delight to wish you all joy during this season of giving, and may the holidays cement still closer a friendship that links us, as P.E.O.s, each to the other."

—Effie Hoffman Rogers, December 1917

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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.

A Thank You from an Unsuccessful Candidate

One evening this spring, I came home to a message on my answering machine asking me to please call Karnpreet Sanghera, our STAR Scholarship candidate. Our chapter received a letter stating that she had not won the award so I was not sure how Karnpreet would be feeling as two of our previous candidates, her classmates, had been successful.

Much to my surprise the first words I heard were, "Thank you, Mrs. Thorneycroft! I know I didn't win but the honor of being nominated gave me the courage to try other things." Karnpreet went on to tell me that the TiE Young Entrepreneurs Global Competition was looking for high school students from the Metro Vancouver area to form a team and she applied partly because we had faith in her.

Karnpreet's team won first prize, \$25,000, with their invention of a spray-on cast! All five members of the team each donated \$1,000 of their winnings to the British Columbia Children's Hospital Foundation.

So to all the chapters out there that are unsure if they should proceed with an application, if they feel that the disappointment might be too much, please think it over one more time, it just might end up paying forward somewhere else in your community.

*Cathie Thorneycroft,
Past President, British Columbia
Provincial Chapter*

Going Mobile with The Record

I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate being able to read The Record on my iPad when I am away from home. Our county transit bus has free Wi-Fi, so I make good use of my commute time. I usually read the magazine cover-to-cover when it first arrives in the mail, but it is nice to re-read the articles on the bus later.

*Margaret A. Reinke,
KF, Fortuna, California*

More Than a Club

The July-August (2012) P.E.O. Record is fantastic! I've been a P.E.O. for 62 years and all The Records are done so nicely, but this one really reminds all the sisters that P.E.O. is not a club, but a group of ladies based on sisterly love. You do a beautiful job and I thank you so much for all the work you put into each issue. The state presidents' articles are presented so much better, too. I loved the entire magazine and I thank you again!

*Lucy Geib,
BM, Ainsworth, Nebraska*

Thanks to P.E.O. from a College Vice President

Thank you so much for not only the scholarship fund, but for the care and friendship given to one of our Asbury Seminary students, Juddy Karei. Last week your members took her and her son for a weekend beach outing to Jacksonville. This meant so much to her, and of course a break from her studies is just what she needed. We appreciate the many ways you encourage our students and know that you are doing more than just helping a student through school. You are building caring leaders who will continue helping others when they begin their careers. Thank you for all you are doing.

*Geneva Silvernail,
Vice President,
Asbury Theological Seminary,
Florida, Dunnam campus*



IPS recipient Juddy Karei

An Amazing Group of Women

For as long as I have been a member of P.E.O. I have witnessed the impact our organization has on the educational lives of women.

However, I wish to highlight how P.E.O.s make a difference in the lives of women in another way—that is, to express a loving concern for each sister. During this past year I experienced this first-hand as P.E.O. chapters came to the aid of three generations of my family.

My mother-in-law, Jeanette Nelson, G, Northfield, Minnesota, underwent two surgeries within six months. Both times our local sunshine committee was at work lining up meals for her. What a blessing for someone who lives alone!

My own mother, Joan Houghton, HI, Iowa City, Iowa, fell and broke her hip and shoulder. Her chapter came through with many cards and phone calls.

My daughter, Alissa Nelson Struble, FH, Rochester, Minnesota, experienced a difficult pregnancy recently, requiring bed rest the last two months. Her chapter made sure they had meals delivered to her house every three days. After her baby was born, two more meals were provided. All this and she was just initiated in November, 2011.

Finally, I, too, was a beneficiary. Much to my chagrin, I had two major surgeries in five months. The phone started ringing as soon as I got home from the hospital. Cards, flowers and meals were certainly appreciated during my recovery.

As my son-in-law in Rochester so eloquently stated, "People who have lost faith in society have obviously never met the good people of the P.E.O. That is one amazing group of women!" I couldn't agree more!

*Connie Houghton Nelson,
G, Northfield, Minnesota*

Message from the Editor

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

It's my pleasure to introduce this, the November-December 2012 issue of The P.E.O. Record. We have a great variety of stories to share with you.



Read about cover artist Sarah Raessler on page 8.

Also look for profiles of P.E.O.s Katrina Stark, Lexie Madden and Ann Richardson; Katrina plays ice hockey, Lexie could be the next Miss America and Ann has a unique autograph collection.

The Special Committee to Study P.E.O. Ceremonies and Meeting Procedure's article, on page 10, reveals the results of survey questions regarding the Ceremony of Initiation.

BIL Albert Leffler, Guest Editor, presents a letter he received from fellow BIL Robert Conrad on page 6.

Check out page 7 to find your invitation to the next International Convention in Dallas, Texas, along with an enticing list of Dallas-area attractions and tours.

Turn to page 14 to learn about a fun new resource available on the P.E.O. website—P.E.O. Meeting Reminder E-Cards.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to share a wonderful story about one of our own from the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines. Many readers may recognize the name Steve Elbert; he is senior consultant for the P.E.O. Technical Support Desk. Steve recently participated, for the fifth year in a row, in a large-scale event offering meals, assistance and services to veterans and the homeless in the Des Moines area. Volunteers donate food and time to feed those in need; local businesses offer free goods and services such as haircuts, clothing, showers, medical screenings, employment assistance, counseling and legal services.

Working tirelessly for three days, Steve and his team of eight volunteers prepared 30 cakes, eight different types of salads, corn casserole, hash brown casserole, chicken and noodles, pepper gravy, 48 dozen biscuits, 25 dozen eggs, 50 pounds of ham, 180 potatoes and 200 sandwiches. Approximately 200 volunteers served five complete meals to 3,000 people over the course of three days. Way to go, Steve! 🌸



Steve Elbert

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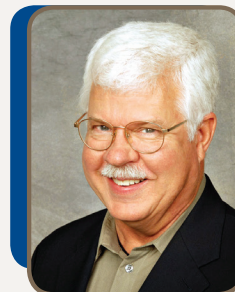
BIL CORNER



I received this letter from Robert Conrad, who is among those fortunate BILs who have attended an International Convention. I'm sure his observations accurately echo those from every BIL who makes it "to International." The experience is awesome as we BILs get to witness firsthand the results of the amazing work done by P.E.O. chapters everywhere. I look forward to attending again and it would be great to meet fellow BILs there in person! It's not too early to start thinking of attending the next International Convention. It's right around a Texas-sized corner—Dallas: September 2013.

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

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Albert Leffler is married to Kathy Leffler, BA, Scottsdale, Arizona

Dear Mr. Leffler,

There were no points made in your "Observations" in the July-August 2012 issue of The P.E.O. Record with which I could disagree. My wife Marilyn was initiated into P.E.O. in Chapter DU, Chardon, Ohio, in 1973. From that time on she was hooked as was I. As a research engineer in the aerospace industry we moved quite often but settled, or so we thought, in Saint Joseph, Michigan. There, she was the president of her local chapter, DG, and then in 1990-1991 she served as president of the Michigan State Chapter after holding each of the other six state board positions. She is now a member of Chapter FF, Frankfort, Michigan.

On most occasions I was able to attend state conventions with her and a number of times we were able to attend International Conventions together. These were really eye openers for me as they were for you, as you most eloquently mentioned. There were always many things for BILs to do. One of the most humorous things occurred at the International Convention held in Denver. A trip

had been planned for us to visit Cheyenne Mountain—home to what was then NORAD. On the trip from Denver to Colorado Springs the lady who was our tour director (a non-P.E.O.) said, "Your wives all belong to P.E.O.—just what does that stand for?" Almost, as if it had been scripted, all the men said in unison "We don't know!"

The truly impressive portion of any International Convention is the program where the recipients of substantial grants and loans explain how they used the money they were given. Some of the Ph.D. candidates went into significant detail outlining their dissertation—some of which I could understand, but most of which went over my head. Whether I understood or not is not the point—the point is the outstanding administration and dispersal of available funds which makes possible the opportunity for these ladies to receive this education.

There is something about P.E.O.s that make them stand apart from others. Frankfort, Michigan, on the

eastern shore of Lake Michigan, is a vacation town of about 1,600 permanent citizens, but in the summer it grows to about 10 times that. I maintain I can walk down the street and point out every P.E.O. Clearly I don't, but I'll bet I am more right than wrong.

I heartily agree with you in stating that if there is an opportunity to attend an International Convention, by all means do so. It gives perspective to things that otherwise are only mentioned in vague terms. 🌸

**Best regards,
Bob Conrad**

To learn about things to do and places to go during the upcoming International Convention in Dallas, Texas, please read the next page.





Start Planning Now for the 2013 Convention of International Chapter September 26-28, 2013 Hilton Anatole Hotel Dallas, Texas

Texas, the “Lone Star State” and home of 10,000+ P.E.O.s, invites y’all to come to the 71st Convention of International Chapter in September 2013.

A glittering city of skyscrapers on the flat Texas prairie, Dallas offers the quintessential Lone Star experience—barbeque and steaks, cowboy boots and live country music. Along with its impressive arts district, Dallas is the city that practically invented high-end department store shopping with Neiman Marcus. Head to the Dallas-Fort Worth area—the home of wide open spaces and even grander dreams—to see the Texas you read about as a kid. But be prepared for grown-up surprises as well!

Best known for being the area where cowboy culture meets high culture, the Dallas-Fort Worth area boasts some world-class attractions including:

- ★ Dallas World Aquarium
- ★ John F. Kennedy Memorial

- ★ Fort Worth Stockyards and Cattle Drive
- ★ Dallas Arboretum
- ★ Fort Worth Zoo
- ★ World-class museums including
 - Dallas Museum of Art
 - Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
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- ★ Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center
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 - Dallas Cowboys (NFL)
 - Texas Rangers (MLB)
 - Dallas Mavericks (NBA)
 - Dallas Stars (NHL)
 - Texas Motor Speedway (NASCAR)
 - Lone Star Park horse racing

- ★ 2013 State Fair of Texas
- ★ Southfork Ranch (home of JR and Bobby Ewing)

The fun starts early and continues through convention! Be sure to sign up for one (or more) of our tours:

- ★ Shopping at North Park and Sam Moon
- ★ George W. Bush Presidential Library and SMU
- ★ JFK and Sixth-Floor Museum
- ★ Dallas Arts District
- ★ Dallas Highlights
- ★ Southfork Ranch Tour
- ★ Dallas Dine Around
- ★ Historic Grapevine, Texas
- ★ Cowboys Stadium VIP Tour
- ★ Victory Park Tour
- ★ Fort Worth and Historic Stockyards
- ★ Southfork Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner
- ★ Dallas Arboretum and Patio Lunch

Mark your calendars now!

2013 Convention of International Chapter
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Dallas, Texas

Deep in the Heart! Y’all come!



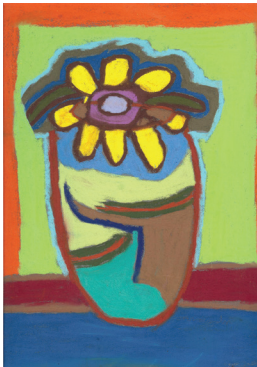
Sarah Raessler works with pastels and says she finds inspiration for her art everywhere

Sarah Raessler: A Standout Star in P.E.O.

by Florence Martin, TO, Newport Beach, California

In every chapter of P.E.O., there are “super sisters”—they are the ones who send cards, have inspiring ideas and make every meeting special.

Sarah Raessler, BI, Lynchburg, Virginia, is a “super sister” for anyone she has met in our sisterhood. Sarah has been cherished by Chapter BI since her birth. Her mother Deborah has been a member of the chapter since 1975. Through the years, Sarah delighted the chapter when she and her mother played piano violin duets. It was with joy



Sunflower

that Sarah became a member of the chapter shortly after her 18th birthday. Since joining P.E.O. Sarah has visited every Virginia Chapter with her mother during her mother’s years as a state officer. Why then is Sarah such a standout star?

Artist

Sarah, now 30 years old, is also a talented artist. Shortly after graduating from high school, she pursued her passion for art and began taking classes for adults at the Lynchburg

Sarah is an active member of her chapter, having served as guard and chaplain as well as having been part of several programs.

Sarah happens to have Down syndrome and with the support of her family, teachers and administrators, was a student in mainstream classes with resource support throughout her school years. She successfully passed all of her classes and graduated from EC Glass High School.

Fine Arts Center. It soon became apparent to the teachers and other artists that Sarah has an extraordinary eye for color. Other artists frequently ask for her suggestions for color combinations. Sarah’s favorite medium is pastels and she finds inspiration for her art everywhere. She says,



Goldfinch



Trees by Pond



Cup of Tea

"Whatever comes into my heart and mind, I put in my paintings."

Sarah has won awards in juried art exhibits, which delights her parents. Sarah has had several solo art shows and her pastels are on display in galleries from Virginia to California. I had the pleasure of attending one of her shows where I saw a charming picture of pink lambs which had already sold. I asked her if she could complete another similar picture for me. Her look of horror surprised me and she explained, "I could not copy one of my works. I am an artist, not a crafts person."

The pastel star painting on the front of this month's Record was created by Sarah for the Virginia State Convention the year that her mother was state president (2009). I have wonderful memories of Sarah's magical personality affecting everyone at that convention. She was embraced repeatedly and always responded with the name of each person who greeted her.

Sarah constantly challenges herself with intellectual pursuits. Along with her painting, she sketches and writes daily. She also has a great knowledge of American history.

Advocate

Sarah is also an advocate on The Arc of Central Virginia's board of directors. The Arc is a national organization which promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sarah is the only self-advocate on The Arc's board. She is held in such esteem by fellow members of the board, that she and Deborah represented The Arc of Central Virginia in Washington, D.C., at a Community Leaders Briefing at the White House in early 2012. Only 150 members, leaders and advocates from across the country were chosen to attend the briefing. Sarah enjoyed the speakers and the opportunity to share ideas with others involved

in The Arc. However, the greatest thrill came when President Barack Obama made a surprise appearance and spoke to the group.

P.E.O.

As members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, we share such precious bonds. Deborah has been happy to have the joy of sharing P.E.O. with Sarah. Sarah is an active member of her chapter, having served as guard and chaplain as well as having been part of several programs. Deborah and Sarah both know that in the years ahead, P.E.O. sisters will be a source of strength and caring for them both.

Maybe you will be lucky enough to receive an email from Sarah. Each one has a special "Sarah sparkle." Here is what Sarah wrote upon learning that she would be featured in The P.E.O. Record, "When my mom told me about this I was completely overwhelmed, and speechless. I didn't know what to say but I did say YES! I am deeply touched that you will be writing something about me and about who I am. You are so kind to do this and will be touching my heart. I love you. And please give yourself a hug for me!"

At each meeting when we recite the Objects and Aims of our sisterhood, I am reminded of Sarah, who challenges herself every day to grow in knowledge through reading and conversation and to exercise her talents as both an artist and a writer. She lives by a loving concern for each sister as she gets ready to give a special hug to any and all sisters. 🌸



Sarah with her self portrait



Field of Flowers

Ceremony of Initiation Survey Results

by Special Committee to Study P.E.O. Ceremonies and Meeting Procedure

The All-Member Survey questions related to the Ceremony of Initiation may be found in the September-October 2011 Record on page 29. The comments and responses to the survey reported in this article follow the pattern of the previous article, Chapter Meeting Procedure Survey Results, found on pages 8 and 9 of the September-October 2012 Record. Additional comments from members responding to the survey and statistical data are available in the Read More section of the Record online.

The Ceremony of Initiation is an important part of the life of each P.E.O. chapter as confirmed by the responses to the survey and the open-ended questions. The survey asked:

Do you believe that officers in all chapters should be dressed uniformly for the Ceremony of Initiation?

Yes was the answer. A solid majority (80.8%) of those who answered the survey agreed as opposed to 19.2 percent who did not feel the need for uniformity of dress. Those age 70+ were slightly more likely to want uniformity of dress than those under 70. As the years of membership increased so did the desire for officers to dress uniformly.

Those who answered yes were asked to rank apparel options: All White; White Blouse/Black Skirt or Pant; and Apparel Agreed upon by Chapter. As a first preference, 64 percent selected the option of officers to be dressed in All White. Members in the Northeast and Canada were less favorable of All White, however, the greatest percentage in each age range in all regions chose All White apparel as first choice. As the years of membership increased, the options other than All White were less favorable. The next most popular choice, the White Blouse/Black Skirt

or Pant option was the first or second preference of 58.2 percent. The Apparel Agreed upon by Chapter was the least favored.

To the question,

Should the Ceremony of Initiation be inclusive of all religious faiths that have a belief in God?

77.8 percent responded yes while 22.2 percent responded no. Members in the South (68%) were less favorable compared to members in Canada (95%), Northeast (86%), West (80%) and the Midwest (79%). As age increased, with 70 percent of respondents in the less-than 30 age range being in favor compared to 80 percent of respondents in the 80+ age range, the favorability to inclusion of all faiths increased. There was no statistical difference based on years of membership.

The following chart outlines the response to the question:

If we were to update the language for the Ceremony of Initiation, would you find the following options acceptable: Modern Usage (easier to read, 21st Century-speak), Gender-neutral, A woman of any religion, who believes in God, can hear the Ceremony and be comfortable with it.

This chart represents the percentage of total membership in each region, the percentage of total responses to the All-Member Survey by region, and the responses to updating language in the Ceremony of Initiation. The chart indicates a favorable response to updating the Ceremony of Initiation to modern usage. A majority (80%)

	All Regions	Canada	N.E.	West	Midwest	South
Proportion of Total P.E.O. Membership by Region	100%	.8%	7.1%	30.4%	42.8%	18.7%
Proportion of Respondents to the All-Member Survey by Region	100%	1.2%	8.2%	30%	39.4%	21%
Responding Yes to question:						
Modern usage, easier to read, 21st Century-speak	60.7%	81%	64%	63%	63%	52%
Gender-neutral language	20.4%	47%	28%	21%	22%	13%
Woman of any religion, who believes in God, can be comfortable with language	61.9%	91%	75%	66%	64%	47%

of members do not want the current language updated to gender-neutral. Response to updating so that a woman of any religion, who believes in God, can be comfortable was favorable.

The analysis of the response by age range to updating the Ceremony of Initiation to modern usage showed the 60-69 age range was most favorable (64%). Members under 30 (53%) and members over 80 (53%) had a less favorable response. As years of membership increased, updating to modern usage was less favored. In response to the question on updating language so that a woman of any religion who believes in God can be comfortable, there was no statistical difference across the age ranges; but as years of membership increased, favorability decreased.

The next question was:

Currently, the chapter Bible is used for the Ceremony of Initiation. Do you believe an initiate should be able to use her own Bible during her initiation?

Responses were 53 percent no and 47 percent yes. By region, respondents who believe an initiate should be able to use her own Bible during initiation were: Canada (70%), West (59%), Northeast (58%), Midwest (48%) and the South (37%). Based on age, those 30-39 (57%) and 60-69 (51%) responded more favorably than other age ranges.

The survey revealed that 59.1 percent responded no and 40.9 percent yes to the question:

Do you believe it should be acceptable for an initiate to use the holy book of her faith during her initiation?

Based on the region of the member the favorability range was quite varied: Canada (77%), Northeast (59%), West (43%), Midwest (41%) and the South (28%). As age and years of membership increased, favorability decreased.

Many responses mentioned the beauty and meaningfulness of the Ceremony of Initiation. The final two questions were open-ended and as noted in previous articles there remains misunderstanding among members. Memorization is no longer a requirement for the Ceremony of Initiation; yet 13.5 percent of those offering comments responded "Eliminate memorization". Although proxy officers have been allowed since 1975, 1.9 percent suggested an initiation team. The ceremony used today, written by a revision committee in 1921 and amended throughout the years, has tenets of the 35-word oath written by Founder, Alice Bird Babb, but 4.8 percent mentioned keeping the ceremony "as the Founders established".

The two open-ended questions provided the opportunity for members to make individual comments and suggestions. To both questions the comments related to the same topics.

What additional suggestions do you have about the Ceremony of Initiation?

There were 42.6 percent of total respondents who offered suggestions about the Ceremony of Initiation. The most frequently mentioned (23.2%) was to keep it as is. As age and years of membership increased, the suggestion to keep the Ceremony of Initiation as is also increased. Christian principles and the Bible were mentioned in 14 percent of the responses. About 12 percent of comments (11.9%) mentioned that the ceremony is good, lovely, beautiful, meaningful or special. There were suggestions for keeping memorization (7.8%), keeping traditions/rituals (6.9%), wearing white, not necessarily robes (6.5%), and shortening the ceremony (3.4%).

The respondents reiterated with greater emphasis the same topics in the replies to the second question.

What would you NOT want to see changed about the Ceremony of Initiation?

Of the total 35,750 members who took the survey, 44.7 percent provided comments to this question. The responses included mention of reluctance to change: overall (29.6%), traditions (22.4%), Christian principles, Bible, and prayer (20.6%), and language (13.2%).

The committee would like to thank all the members who responded to the All-Member Survey. A recurring comment was a deep love of P.E.O. and how the Sisterhood has been a positive influence in members' lives. As the Sisterhood moves forward these responses provide guidance to benefit the future of P.E.O.

Subordinate Territory: The Who, What and Why

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

What is your “intelligence quotient” when it comes to the organizational structure of the P.E.O. Sisterhood? Most of us have a general working knowledge of what we need to know—Part I of our Constitution and Bylaws describes International Chapter and its governance, Part II relates to the state, provincial and district chapter structure and Part III, with which most of us are more familiar, provides the structure and governance for the local chapter. But, are you familiar with the important, though less visible, component of Part III known as Subordinate Territory?

Subordinate Territory consists of those areas where local chapters exist, yet there is no state, provincial or district (s/p/d) chapter organization. Without a s/p/d organization, chapters in Subordinate Territory come under the jurisdiction of the Executive Board of International Chapter, as per the Constitution.

In 1989, Subordinate Territory included Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Saskatchewan and Vermont. In 1990, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont formed the Northeast District (NED) chapter. At the time the four states merged to form a district chapter, there were 29 local chapters among them.

With the organization of the Northeast District, chapters in Subordinate Territory consisted of Alaska, Hawaii and Saskatchewan.

In 2008, Saskatchewan merged with Alberta Provincial Chapter to become Alberta-Saskatchewan Provincial (AB-SK) Chapter. Currently Subordinate Territory consists of 16 chapters in Alaska and 11 chapters in Hawaii.

Chapter life in Alaska and Hawaii is very much the same as in the “lower 48” or “the mainland.” Each chapter has seven officers and meetings follow the same form as other local chapters. Alaska and Hawaii chapters initiate new members, have transfers, inactives and reinstatements in exactly the same way as chapters with state organizations. They fund raise and support International, state and local philanthropies; they have fun; they are P.E.O.s—women helping women reach for the stars! Once each biennium, each chapter is paid an official visit by the organizer of International Chapter or her proxy. When new chapters are organized, they are assisted in that effort by the organizer of International Chapter.

Will there always be Subordinate Territory or will Alaska and Hawaii eventually organize as state chapters? The organizational structure of Subordinate Territory is fluid. Throughout P.E.O. history, the makeup of Subordinate Territory has changed as the areas under Subordinate Territory jurisdiction grew in chapters and strengthened in leadership. Having 16 chapters organized in Alaska with potential new chapter locations on the radar, and 11 chapters organized in Hawaii, including one just a year ago, with possible new chapter locations under consideration, it surely will be

only a matter of time until both Alaska and Hawaii will have that rare opportunity to organize their own state chapter.

Even if state chapters are formed in Alaska and Hawaii, the provision in the Constitution for Subordinate Territory would remain intact as it is conceivable that chapters in Subordinate Territory could evolve elsewhere.

A list of local chapters that constitute Subordinate Territory can be located on the P.E.O. website, along with the chapter presidents, under DIRECTORY OF PRESIDENTS. Headed to Hilo on the Big Island or to Maui? Or possibly Homer, Alaska? Check out the Bed & Breakfast listings online. And by all means, look for the proud delegation from each state at Convention of International Chapter in Dallas next year. They’ll be there! 🌸



Convention Scholarships Spark Enthusiasm for New Initiates

by Patti Cowher, Treasurer, Nebraska State Chapter

Any P. E. O. sister who has ever attended a state/provincial/district convention, or International convention, knows that this is a great way to learn about P. E. O., exchange ideas and especially to generate enthusiasm. But many sisters never attend convention until they have achieved the office of president of their local chapter.

As we focus on membership, we try to generate this knowledge and enthusiasm in new initiates. So how do we do that? This is a question posed by the Executive Board of Nebraska State Chapter in a 2010 goal-setting session. The solution: send new initiates to convention with their meals and lodging paid. As the board discussed the idea, they became so committed to the idea that they pledged to pay half the expenses out of their own pockets. The balance would come out of the state convention fund.

Four initiates were invited to the 2011 Convention of Nebraska State Chapter. They sat in the front, were introduced to convention and were personally greeted by state officers. The initiates all expressed their excitement and thanks.

In 2012 the program was repeated with five new initiates receiving "convention scholarships." Afterward they were asked to comment on the impact of attending convention early in their P. E. O. lives. More than one commented that her favorite part of convention was the philanthropies



From the left: Stephanie Siedschlag, Sherry Polk, Christina Kloch, Jenifer Jost, Vicki Becker

program. It made the mission of P.E.O. more real to them when they heard from recipients of the different philanthropies. It is one thing to know that you are making an impact in women's lives, but it becomes more real when you hear from the women themselves. Vicki Becker, HX, Omaha, Nebraska, wrote, "It put a name, face and story to what we are striving for and made me feel great pride in being a part of the P. E. O. Sisterhood."

Crissy Kloch, AH, Alliance, Nebraska, added, "It can be very overwhelming to try to understand all the projects that P. E. O. does, what they are meant for and how they are used. Attending state convention was a blessing. It helped me to understand all the intricacies of P. E. O. and its projects."

Jenifer Jost, GH, Fremont, Nebraska stated, "It was inspiring to see so many sisters gathered together for a common cause."

Stephanie Siedschlag, FD, Omaha, Nebraska, reported, "The networking was wonderful and my desire to get more involved was definitely sparked. I highly recommend this scholarship opportunity to other states."

Only time will tell exactly how effective this program is in generating enthusiasm in new initiates. The Executive Board of Nebraska State Chapter hopes that it will reduce the number of sisters going inactive by increasing their commitment in their first years as a P. E. O. They are also encouraging local chapters to bring new initiates to state convention.

As the testimonials from these newly initiated Nebraska sisters and many others illustrate, visits to state and International conventions are a great way to learn about P.E.O. and see first-hand how we are "women helping women reach for the stars." 🌸

P.E.O.s—You've Got Email!

by Lori Pratt-Hughes, BY, Portland, Oregon



Original watercolor artwork by Carol Ann Holdhusen

I have always had a passion for making a positive difference in the world. Our P.E.O. Objects and Aims call upon us “to radiate all light possible by conversation, by writing, and by the right exercise of any talent we possess.” So with that calling in mind, I began to wonder what I could do to help advance communications for P.E.O.

While exploring the P.E.O. International members' website for inspiration, I came upon a set of notecards with original artwork of a marguerite in the “Items for Sale.” I ordered a set of the cards and realized I had discovered a treasure of beautiful

watercolor artwork by P.E.O. Carol Ann Holdhusen. I felt in my heart that all P.E.O.s would love to see this artwork and pledged to help make this possible.



Carol Ann's cards feature marguerites, the P.E.O. flower

Carol Ann generously agreed to work with me to share her artwork with all our P.E.O. sisters.

I had the idea to use the beautiful watercolor artwork from Carol Ann's cards to design an electronic card that could be sent out via email, to remind sisters of upcoming meetings or other P.E.O. events. I wanted to honor the tradition of P.E.O.s sending out cards and open the door to new technology so P.E.O. can continue to be a communications leader.

New Resource Available

P.E.O. chapters use many forms of communication to help keep everyone

Lori Pratt-Hughes

Lori Pratt-Hughes, BY, Portland, Oregon, is a third generation P.E.O. who has been a member of Chapter BY in Portland, Oregon, for 27 years and has enjoyed serving as an officer and on various committees.

Lori is a promotion, marketing and communications professional with more than 20 years of experience. Her career includes working as a writer, producer and editor and she has worked with many national companies and non-profit organizations to help them accomplish their development and financial goals. Most recently Lori has been working to support music education in the Tigard-Tualatin School District where she has partnered with Oregon Cultural Trust, VH1 Save the Music Foundation and American Idol.

Lori says, "When I think about the wonderful partnership between P.E.O. sisters that made this project possible and I look at the beautiful watercolor artwork of the marguerite and butterflies, I often think...Imagine the possibilities in P.E.O. Let your dreams take flight!"

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Carol Ann Holdhusen

Carol Ann Holdhusen grew up in Lemmon, South Dakota. She says her earliest memories are of sculpting mud pies, drawing and coloring with crayons and painting the rocks that surrounded her mother's flower bed. She attended the National College of Business in Rapid City, South Dakota, and went on to work as the administrative assistant to the vice president and academic dean of Northern State University in Aberdeen. She retired in 1972 to pursue course work in art.

Carol Ann's P.E.O. journey began in May, 1971 when she was initiated into Chapter AX, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Later she transferred to Chapter BB, Ipswich, South Dakota; Carol served as President of South Dakota State Chapter in 1992-93 and is now a member of Chapter AV, Mesa, Arizona. She says, "P.E.O. has been a centerpiece in my life for 41 years. I have met, and continue to meet, the most amazing women through P.E.O. They are my sisters and best friends. I will forever be a better person for my close friendships with my P.E.O. sisters."

Carol Ann has a studio in her home where she primarily paints with water color. She says, "I paint several times a week and also teach watercolor classes." She added, "I am thrilled and honored to offer the paintings of marguerites to all of my P.E.O. sisters to be used as e-cards or announcements."

Carol Ann can be reached at caholdhusen@hotmail.com.



informed, including announcements at meetings, chapter newsletters (electronic & hard copy) and phone calls. New P.E.O. Meeting Reminder E-cards, now available on the P.E.O. website, will allow sisters to use current communications technology with all the benefits of email.

How it Works

Simply download the e-cards from our P.E.O. International members' website at peointernational.org; under the heading "Resources" click on Communication Tools and look for "P.E.O. Meeting Reminder E-cards." Update the template with your chapter's meeting information and send out the e-cards to your members. It's an easy and fun way to enhance communications within your chapter!

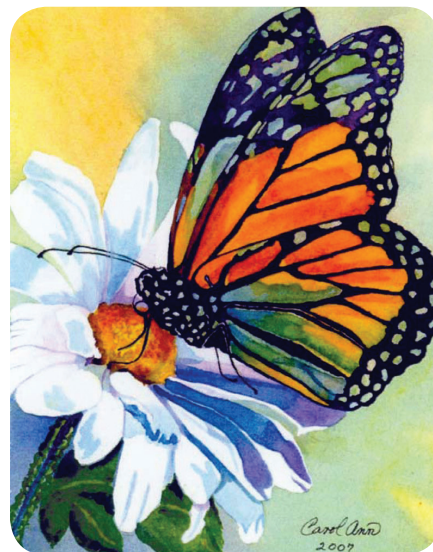
E-cards are easy, efficient and fun to set up. Simply create one email address list, update your e-card templates and send them out! P.E.O.s can reply to emails

to give their RSVPs.

The P.E.O. Meeting Reminder E-cards were designed to feel as special as receiving a personal card via regular mail, incorporating all the beauty and charm of P.E.O.

Original Artwork

Each one of nine different e-cards features original watercolor artwork of butterflies and our marguerite by Carol Ann Holdhusen, AV, Mesa, Arizona. As you rotate through all nine designs, chapter members can look forward to receiving another piece of artwork and a friendly reminder about the next P.E.O. meeting. Future series may include holiday themes such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and Fourth of July, when there are special themes for P.E.O. meetings. 🌸



One of nine e-card designs now available online

FT: The Little Chapter that Could

by Christine Boling, FT, Azusa, California



Christine Boling

Four years ago, Chapter FT was on the verge of disbanding. Last month our chapter gave \$6,000

in support of graduating high school students pursuing higher education and the Cottey College Chapter Challenge. This is the story of the little chapter that could.

Chapter FT, Azusa, was organized on February 4, 1928. Typical members were the wives of prominent citizens: the minister, banker, mayor and judge. Throughout the years, membership went up and down, as did chapter participation in fundraising. When I was initiated in 2002, chapter membership hovered at 25, with average meeting attendance of 12 sisters.

As the newest, youngest member of FT, I was quickly steered into the guard's position. It gave me a chance to serve as an officer without being overwhelmed. All of our other officers had served multiple terms in almost every office. The meetings never deviated from script and there was

almost no new business. We were content to meet, have lunch and fellowship before a sister would give the program (usually a book report on a famous woman or perhaps a poetry reading). As a sister passed into Chapter Eternal, we'd propose and initiate a new sister. Each February we'd send \$250 to support International projects, while the big expense for our chapter was the yearbook.

I'm not saying our meetings were boring or that we didn't derive a great deal of satisfaction from our association. Every few years we'd identify and help a girl obtain a scholarship, and we'd raise funds within the chapter through an annual silent auction and from donations of non-resident sisters. Still, it was "same old, same old," every year. We were slowly puttering out.

By 2008, average attendance at meetings was down to eight sisters—

seven officers and one in the audience. A few sisters were doing all the work. One sister shared that she was “tired” and that we should merge or disband. One wanted to know why we couldn’t just keep going as we were. No one else knew what to do. I (secretly) resolved to help my sisters reach whatever goal was decided, but to transfer as soon as possible to a more “active” chapter. All this negative talk and apathy were bringing me down. The chapter voted to merge or disband. We contacted our state chapter and reached out to other chapters in our area. We received some good advice and made a lot of new friends, but it never gelled. The end was near and everyone knew it.

Then, three things happened. 1) We learned “It’s OK to talk about P.E.O.” 2) several sisters retired from full-time employment and began coming to meetings and 3) A generous benefactor with ties to Azusa had an idea for giving back.

It's OK to Talk About P.E.O.

We never used to talk about P.E.O. It was hard to find prospective members because we couldn’t fully explain our organization to them. Once we learned we could not only talk about P.E.O., but we could SHOUT about it, we embraced the concept. We printed out the Nonmember Brochure from the International website (see Local Chapter Membership Committee Tool Box). We carried the brochure in our cars and purses and we pass it out to any woman we strike up a conversation with. We know it’s not for everyone (and we still take our duties as sponsors seriously) but how can we know if someone is interested if we don’t talk to her? Getting to know each other is the easy part. We meet for



coffee or lunch, we invite them to the program portion of our meeting, and we tell them what we love about P.E.O.

Find Women Who Can Attend

Our real problem wasn’t in identifying women of character and refinement to join with us. Our problem was finding women who could reliably attend our meetings. Most of my contemporaries have children and work. We volunteer at school and church. We are busy ladies, but we can and will make time for something that is important to us. I choose to come in to work early and leave late on meeting days so I can attend during my lunch hour. Sometimes I have to leave after the meeting and before the program, but that’s okay with my sisters. I can still serve as an officer and on committees. When we talk about P.E.O. with a prospective member, we tell them how important it is to attend meetings and participate in the life of the chapter. We might still give the gift of P.E.O. to a nonattender, but it is an important part of our preinvitation routine.

Community Visibility Through Projects

The International STAR Scholarship has done wonders for bringing awareness of P.E.O. to our communities. Similar to STAR, a descendent of the founder of Azusa—who is married to a P.E.O. in another chapter—made a generous donation to our chapter to fund scholarships for graduating high school senior girls to attend college. Through those avenues our chapter now has closer ties to all three high schools in our community, and we have met some outstanding young ladies who have inspired us with their courage. Community visibility has been key to bringing us closer to each other and to the city of Azusa.

We also reached out to some other non-profits in our community, asked

how we could help and scheduled programs to raise awareness. One day the director of the local food pantry came to give a program—each sister brought a bag of canned goods. We were able to fill his truck! At one luncheon social, each sister brought an educational toy, which we arranged in a big basket and took to a local shelter for young women. In one instance, instead of a “program,” we made blankets out of large squares of fleece,



and gave them to the senior citizen’s home. This year we plan to adopt a cottage at a nearby foster home—we might provide schoolbooks for the year, or renovate a bathroom. We are also thinking about starting a mentoring program. We still fundraise for state and International projects—and plan to increase those activities—but we have found a renewed sense of purpose and excitement by working side-by-side in the community.



A sister in another chapter told me she wished that she were a member of FT. She wants to fundraise and fulfill the promise of P.E.O., but can’t do it by herself. Her chapter is where FT was four years ago. Her words have inspired me to write down the story of FT: The Little Chapter That Could. It is my hope her chapter—and any other chapters who are suffering from low attendance and apathy—will gain hope, take courage and make the decision to DO! 🌻

“Inactive” is the status of any member who does not, for whatever reason, pay her dues before March 1 of a given year.

According to our Constitution, an inactive member, “shall forfeit all privileges of the Sisterhood,” which means that a woman may not attend local chapter business meetings or convention business meetings, nor will she receive her copy of The P.E.O. Record.

An inactive member’s name actually stays in the database kept at P.E.O. headquarters. We keep those names in the database because we HOPE that many of our inactive members will reinstate

(reactivate) their membership at some point.

When we see that a member has gone inactive, the immediate question is why? And, more than that...what can we do to reverse this? As CEO, I personally send a letter to each and every sister who lets her membership lapse. The intent is to let each one know that we have noticed, that she will be missed, and....what could we do to bring her back? Would she share her reasons for going inactive? Of course, sometimes there are just situations in life that do not allow for involvement in a cause or organization, no

matter how dear to one’s heart it may be. And that is understood. But...what other reasons may lead to this decision? I ask, “Are there things P.E.O. could do better? Are there things we need to change to keep a member like you? How can P.E.O. better meet your needs and expectations?”

The letters invite each recipient to respond with her thoughts as to why she went inactive, and many have done so. This letter from Tovi Harris is one of the more gratifying responses I have received...and is a wonderful story of sisterly love. 🌸

—Anne Pettygrove, CEO

A P.E.O. Love Story



Dear Anne,

I have in my possession a letter you wrote to Charlotte Oliver Johnson in May 2012 regarding her choice to go inactive. The letter was given to me by her son at her funeral at Saint James, Kent, Washington.

And, do I have a story to tell! It is a P.E.O. love story. Charlotte's chapter, DU, Seattle, Washington, let some of us know that Charlotte, living in a nearby retirement home, had indeed chosen to go inactive as she was no longer "able to contribute anything." My Chapter FB sister Karen Jones and I were dismayed, especially since Charlotte and her mother, Ann Oliver, had held the Charter for the Organization of Chapter FB in 1960 (she transferred to Chapter DU, a daytime chapter, in the 80s when it became more difficult for her to get out at night).

Karen and I planned to visit Charlotte and then we learned that she had just fallen in her apartment and broken both ankles. Karen and I visited Charlotte in the care unit of her retirement home, where she had been relocated because of her ankles. We took her a copy of our chapter cookbook, prepared on the occasion of the 50th birthday of Chapter FB, with a picture of our three remaining charter members (including Charlotte) inside the cover. Charlotte was delighted and said, "Oh those FB gals...how I miss them! Did you know that my mother and I started that chapter?"

Karen said, "Do you want to come back?"

Charlotte said, "Well, I decided to quit P.E.O. because I just couldn't contribute anything anymore."

I said, "Charlotte, you have contributed so much for over 50 years! We want to repay your many kindnesses now. We'd love to have you transfer back to your mother chapter!"

Charlotte said, "I would just love that."

Chapter FB voted to invite Charlotte to transfer back to the chapter, with the understanding that the chapter would pay her reinstatement fee. The corresponding secretary prepared the invitation and I hand-delivered it to Charlotte. Charlotte dictated a beautiful acceptance note for me to write and was able to sign it herself.

Chapter FB sent the notice of reinstatement and transfer of membership to Chapter FB, Kent, from Chapter DU. The day after that notice was sent, Charlotte passed away at age 93. Chapters DU and FB presented a beautiful reception following her funeral at Saint James, Kent, Washington. We displayed the first FB scrapbook with pictures of our charter members—with Charlotte and her mother highlighted—and a copy of the most recent P.E.O. Record for all to view.

Both Chapter FB and DU look forward to hearing Charlotte Oliver Johnson's name read in the Time of Remembrance at the 2013 Convention of Washington State Chapter next spring.

Your letter to Charlotte was wonderful. And yes, we can say "Welcome Back" to Charlotte as well as "Godspeed to Chapter Eternal."

by Tovi Harris,
Past President, Washington State Chapter

Katrina Stark Follows Her Dreams

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



Katrina Stark referees a hockey game

Growing up a girl in Florida in the 1960s, Katrina Stark, I, Great Falls, Montana, dreamed of playing ice hockey, but she found it to be a dream beyond her reach. Obviously the lack of ice was a problem, as was her gender. Katrina said, “That dream, along with a few others, went into the back of my head and was slowly covered with the webs of age.”

Katrina continued to follow hockey and recalls watching the “Miracle on Ice”—the famous hockey game at the 1980 Olympics. She and her dorm mates at Scripps College in Claremont, California, gathered around a TV and cheered as the USA team defeated the Soviet Union. Katrina recalls thinking, “I have to play.” Finally, in 2009, Katrina told herself, “It’s now or never.” She shook off that web that had been

holding her back and joined the Great Falls Women’s Hockey League. At age 53, Katrina is now a left wing with the Great Falls Thunder women’s hockey team. She says, “It is everything I hoped for all those years! I do feel my age, especially after a tournament, but the

are able to do so many things because of the women before them who made their dreams into stories of personal successes. I also help others realize their dreams as a college professor at the University of Great Falls.”

Katrina is a fifth-generation P.E.O.—her mother Barbara Breylinger and her sister Heidi Delle are both members

“The support of our sisters gives us courage to take hold of the dreams and make them our own.”

freedom to live the dream is indescribable.” This season Katrina upped her involvement in the sport and became a USA Hockey Level 1 referee.

Another dream Katrina pursued later in life was earning a doctorate. According to her, this dream was deferred because she has dyslexia. Katrina says, “When I finally decided to dust off

the web of my education dreams and enrolled in the University of Phoenix, my sisters in Chapter I, Great Falls, Montana, supported me. They wrote me notes and emails, encouraging me on my journey. And when I completed my education and earned my doctorate of management in organizational leadership in 2008, my P.E.O. sisters celebrated my success as their own.”

Katrina takes the long view of her accomplishments. She says, “My achievements—in hockey and academics—are important; if one does not achieve her/his own personal goals, one certainly cannot help others to achieve theirs. When I look at a Thunder team photo, I see myself—the lone-gray haired woman surrounded by younger friends. These young women

of Chapter BH, Bigfork, Montana. Katrina’s daughters are also P.E.O.s—Ashley Stark is in Chapter AD, Dickinson, North Dakota, and Jessi Berry is in Chapter EW, Spokane, Washington. Katrina says, “The good work of the Sisterhood inspired us to make a difference. Like those original seven women who stepped out and followed their dreams, each of us has a dream story. The support of our sisters gives us courage to take hold of the dreams and make them our own.” 🌸



Katrina plays left wing for the Great Falls Thunder hockey team



P.E.O. Lexie Madden Crowned Miss Wyoming 2012

Lexie Madden, AU, Torrington, Wyoming, was crowned Miss Wyoming 2012 in June at the WYO Theater in Sheridan, Wyoming. Lexie will be heading to Las Vegas, Nevada, to compete in the Miss America Pageant in January 2013.

Lexie's platform for Miss Wyoming is "Forever Fit"—a program which focuses on informing youth about the importance of physical activity. She is a pianist, singer and song writer. At the Miss Wyoming pageant she performed Canzone Lenta on the piano, an original composition for which she received the talent award for the night. Lexie also received awards in the evening gown and swimwear competitions. After being crowned Miss Wyoming, she was awarded numerous scholarships including a \$3,000 scholarship from the Miss Wyoming Board of Directors.

Since becoming Miss Wyoming, Lexie has been busy traveling throughout the state of Wyoming making public appearances at a variety of community events including county fairs and parades. In addition, she visits schools and senior centers in Wyoming where she presents her "Forever Fit" platform, talking to children and seniors about the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. Lexie is also busy preparing for the Miss America Pageant by working on her talent, physical fitness and interview skills. She has been working with a professional pageant coach in Texas.

You can follow Lexie on the Miss Wyoming Scholarship Foundation Facebook page. You can also visit the Miss Wyoming Scholarship Foundation website for updated information on where Lexie will be and all other information regarding the organization.

Lexie is 21 years old and is currently attending the University of Wyoming where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in kinesiology (the scientific study of human movement) and health sciences. Her parents Lex and Jamie Madden live in Torrington, Wyoming, along with her two younger sisters Addie and Avery. 🌸



Lexie Madden, AU, Torrington, Wyoming

Lexie was initiated into Chapter AU, Torrington, Wyoming, in 2009; her mother Jamie Madden has been a member of that chapter for more than 20 years and her sister Addie was initiated in 2010. Lexie's youngest sister Avery is only 16 years old, but Lexie feels confident that when she's old enough, Avery will join the Sisterhood as well.

Since she's been attending college in Laramie, over two hours away from her home chapter, Lexie has not been as involved in P.E.O. as she would like. "P.E.O. has been a wonderful support system," said Lexie. "Recently they set up a meet-and-greet fundraiser for me. They were awesome and it was great to see so many familiar faces. I'm looking forward to being more involved with P.E.O. after I graduate. It's a wonderful organization."

Lexie plans to enroll in physical therapy school after she graduates from the University of Wyoming and hopes to become a pediatric physical therapist.

In her free time, Lexie enjoys hanging out with her family and friends, playing the piano and working out.

Photos courtesy of Kevin Hoehne; hair and make-up by Gaspar Cruz



From the left: Janet Nelson, Judy Langkamer, Becky Daniel, Vicky Kirkland, Jean Kalberer, Mary Ellen Dearth, Gloria Homolak, Carren Nembhard, Vivian Soltes, Mary Ann Janke, Betty Diebold, Betty Jo Clark, Mae Von Pless, Virginia Robinson

Record Article Inspires New Friendships

by Rebecca Daniel, Chapter Z, Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Janet Spalding, Chapter M, Cleveland, Ohio

All of us know that articles in our P.E.O. Record can be informative, but one this past year has led to new friendships within the Sisterhood.

In June 2010, following the P.E.O. Ohio State Convention, Chapter M, Cleveland, Ohio, took the Boxwood Star that had been used in the Time of Remembrance to Marie Suela Pearson Penfield's grave at Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland. It held one daisy for each sister in Ohio who had entered Chapter Eternal in 2009-2010.

In 2011, Chapter M was one of the hostess chapters for Ohio State Convention. As they reflected on this earlier experience with other members of the planning committee, they decided to offer another visit to Suela's grave as a part of that convention. In an article in the January-February 2012 issue of The P.E.O. Record, Jill West of cohost Chapter AH, Cleveland, Ohio, reported on the successful visit of 32 Ohio sisters to Lakeview Cemetery.

Ironically, however, the sisters of Chapter M, who had suggested the visit, too busy with hostessing the 2011 Convention, were unable to board the trolley for the visit to Suela's grave. Imagine Chapter M's joy when sisters of Chapter Z, Parkersburg, West Virginia, after reading the article in The Record, decided to make a trip of their own to visit Suela, giving them another opportunity to welcome visiting sisters to Cleveland.

Until they read Jill West's article in The Record, the sisters of Chapter Z had not realized how close they live to the gravesite of one of our P.E.O. Founders. Their chapter president, excited by the description of Ohio State Chapter's visit, sent emails to the local Cleveland chapters, asking for advice on planning their own visit. In true P.E.O. fashion, within a single hour she heard back from multiple Cleveland chapters, enthusiastic about a possible visit.

Chapter M was particularly excited, explaining that one of their chapter

goals for 2012 was to meet with sisters from another P.E.O. chapter. They offered to host Chapter Z for a visit to the cemetery, followed by lunch together—an invitation that was eagerly accepted.

With arrangements made by Mary Krohmer, CD, Cleveland, Ohio, Director of Community Relations at Lakeview Cemetery, the visit was a success. Sisters gathered at Suela's grave site, joining hands as they sang "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," and felt emotional bonds of sisterhood, both long past and newly formed.

They concluded the visit with lunch, where the tables were decorated with daisies West Virginia sisters brought to their Ohio hostesses. Now Chapter M is making plans to visit Chapter Z in West Virginia. Their sense of sisterhood has expanded across state lines—thanks to a single article in the P.E.O. Record. 🌸

Full Circle with P.E.O. Pin Guard

by Janet Blake, WN, Temecula, California

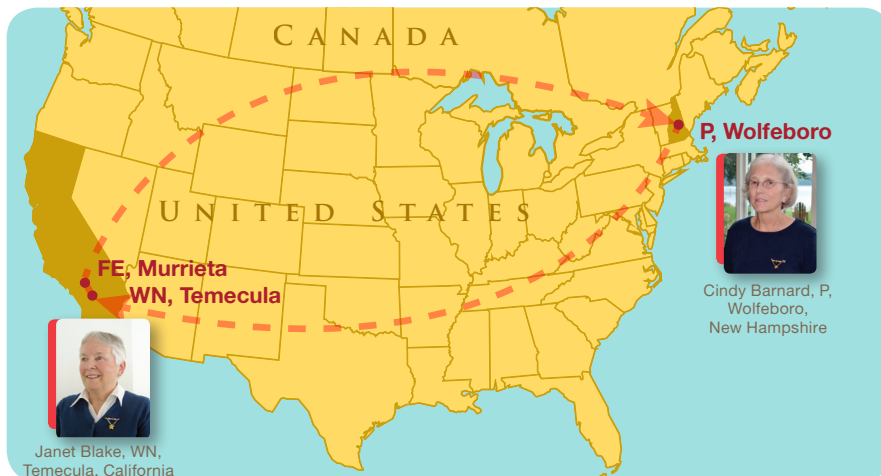
In July of 2007, my husband and I drove out of Melvin Village, New Hampshire, in a packed, 26-foot rental truck. We had spent the past 37 years in that beautiful village on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee and were ready to say farewell to New Hampshire winters. We were headed to Sun City, California, where winter didn't involve snow and ice.

However, saying farewell to family and long-time friends wasn't easy. It was when the last of the empty boxes was cut up for trash and we had put our belongings in order, that I realized how deeply I missed our family and friends in New Hampshire and how much harder it would be to re-establish ourselves so far from "home."

One of my New Hampshire friends, Cindy Barnard, knew of the problem I was having adjusting to my new life. One day she called to tell me about an organization to which she belonged in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire....P.E.O. Cindy explained the objects and aims that were the base for the group, but she also talked about the like-minded women who are caring, loyal and committed to the principles and values of P.E.O. and to each other.

I was very interested. So Cindy sent an FR form (Now called the Introduction of a Woman Not a P.E.O.) to presidents of chapters in the Sun City area. After visiting with each of the chapters, it was the women of Chapter WN in Temecula, California, with whom I felt most comfortable.

On May 18, 2010, I was initiated into Chapter WN. After the initiation ceremony, our president presented me with a box and asked me to open it. Inside was a beautiful pin guard made with gold and crystal beads and a note from Cindy that read, "So, this makes us official sisters! Here is my pin guard which I am passing on to you, with love. Hang your star from the chain. Welcome



to the club, dear friend. Much love, C." This was the pin guard that Cindy had purchased for herself from a chapter in Rhode Island several years before. There were lots of tears, as you can imagine, and which Cindy said was her goal!

At my first reciprocity meeting in 2010, a few sisters from Chapter FE in Murrieta, California, noticed my pin guard and one of them drew a sketch of it and took notes. Chapter FE immediately decided that they could duplicate my pin guard and make some for a fundraiser. Chapter FE has been selling those decorative pin guards ever since.

Later in 2010, Cindy contacted the chapter in Rhode Island to purchase a new pin guard for herself. She discovered that they were no longer making them. However, a search on the P.E.O. website led Cindy to Chapter FE, Murrieta, California, and Jill Gipson. Chapter FE was making pin guards that looked a lot like the one she had before. Cindy bought one for herself and her mother, having no idea of the connection.

Fast forward to spring 2012 when Cindy retired from her job and began attending P.E.O. meetings more regularly. Several of her chapter sisters expressed an interest in purchasing

pin guards. Cindy volunteered to take care of the ordering for all interested. She reconnected with Jill Gipson of Chapter FE and purchased the pin guards in early June.

In July 2012, I went to New Hampshire to visit family and friends. Cindy and I made plans to have breakfast together and catch up. As luck would have it, Cindy went to her mailbox before picking me up and found the package from Jill containing the pin guards she had ordered for her Chapter P sisters. Cindy dropped it on the passenger's seat and then picked me up. I saw the package and recognized the name on the return address, but didn't connect the dots. However, over a long and wonderful breakfast, the story came out and together we connected the dots. The lines ran from a chapter in Rhode Island to Cindy in Chapter P, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; to me in Chapter WN, Temecula, California; to Jill in Chapter FE, Murrieta, California, and back to Cindy in Chapter P, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Cindy says that P.E.O. has touched her heart deeply. She expected we would always be good friends despite the distance between us but the added connection of now being sisters in heart and in spirit makes our friendship even more dear. 🌸

When P.E.O.s Persevere, Possibilities Prevail

by Betty Seltsam Cleland, Past President, Kansas State Chapter

Last January, Ann Richardson, Q, Nickerson, Kansas, came to Topeka to present "Signatures of History," a program featuring her vintage collection of more than 5,000 autographed handkerchiefs and their histories.

Ann's collection began with 3,000 handkerchiefs from her grandmother Cordah Hogan. In 1986 Ann discovered the secret passage her grandmother built between the walls to hide the collection which, at the time, was insured for \$25,000 by Lloyds of London. Ann paid \$1 and signed a contract promising that the handkerchiefs would remain in the family and never be sold. Subsequently, Ann has enlarged the collection—mainly through mailed requests.

The autographed handkerchief collection includes signatures from such notables as Itzak Rabin, Indira Gandhi, Kurt Waldheim, Nelson Mandela, Hosni Mubarak, Orville Wright, Babe Ruth, Jonas Salk, Judy Garland and Toto, too. Helen Keller printed her name on one. Cordah saw Amelia Earhart land her plane, greeted her and captured her autograph the year before Earhart disappeared. This collection of hankies is definitely nothing to sneeze at!

In 1993, a basement flood ruined many of Ann's hankies. William Holden's signature washed away; Yoko Ono's name couldn't be read anymore and Corazon Aquino, John Glenn and Sally Ride's autographs smeared like

mascara. Ann's insurance company paid only \$1 for each ruined hanky. Since then, her oldest, most precious handkerchiefs are stored in a large basement safe.

Trying to insure this rare collection has been frustrating as valuing the material and authenticating the signatures is difficult. An historical hanky, like the one carried into battle by Dwight Eisenhower, could only be priced at auction.

There are remarkable stories about collecting signatures from such notable figures, but the hanky most valuable to Ann is signed by her grandmother—she wears it when she presents programs. Ann loves giving programs about her collection because she feels her grandmother is with her as she speaks. Someone offered her a million dollars for the collection, but she feels it is priceless!

During the program she presented in Topeka, Ann mentioned her seven fruitless requests for Hillary Clinton's autograph. In attendance at the program was Elaine Saffels, DV, Topeka, Kansas, who recalled a possible connection that her P.E.O. sister, Cindy Rogers, might have to Mrs. Clinton. With this new information, Ann was encouraged to try again and sent another handkerchief to the east coast. Hillary Clinton signed the hanky and returned it to Elaine!

Elaine, Cindy and I drove to Salina to hand-deliver the prize to Ann. Hillary Rodham Clinton's autographed handkerchief was added to Ann's unique collection, which includes other first ladies Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Howard Taft, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Teddy Roosevelt. Elaine, Cindy and I are so excited to have helped with Ann's amazing autograph collection. 🌸



Handkerchief signed by Hillary Rodham Clinton

Ann Richardson, Q, Nickerson, Kansas

Ann Richardson, a 37-year P.E.O., joined the Sisterhood because of her grandmother, Cordah Hogan. Cordah, who passed away in 1989, was a gracious, loving and generous member of Chapter O, Mc Leansboro, Illinois, for 66 years.

Ann lives in Hutchinson, Kansas, with husband Stan and their two sons. She gives programs to P.E.O. chapters, nursing homes, elementary schools, church groups, civic and social gatherings, traveling Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Her collection has been featured in newspapers and on television shows.



From the left: Elaine Saffels, Betty Seltsam Cleland, Ann Richardson, Cindy Rogers



P.E.O.s in Germany met for a tour of Ramstein Air Force Base in May. From the left: Mary Grace Gerstner, JK, Kansas City, Missouri; Melinda Vail, FY Omaha, Nebraska; Amy Griffin, IR, Bellevue, Nebraska; Sandy Paige, B, Hampton, Virginia; Tina Fenimore, IQ, Littleton, Colorado

Sisterhood Alive and Well in Germany

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

There are P.E.O.s living in at least 34 different countries around the world—some sisters are living abroad for work or study, others are in the military or foreign service (or have spouses who are), while some have chosen to spend their retirement as expatriates. Many P.E.O.s who live overseas make an effort to get together with other sisters in their area—while away from their home chapters, spending an afternoon with P.E.O. sisters

is the next best thing to being at a regular P.E.O. meeting.

A handful of P.E.O. sisters in the Frankfurt, Germany, area and near Ramstein Air Force Base make an effort to gather every three months or so to socialize and keep the bonds of sisterhood alive. This May, the group met for a grand tour of the air force base which included bowling and a trip to the PX, followed by a picnic lunch.

Previous outings for the group have included a high tea at the home of Sandy Paige, B, Hampton, Virginia, in

Weilerbach, Germany, and a trip to Mannheim, Germany, for shopping, visiting churches and lunch.

Melinda Vail, FY, Omaha, Nebraska, a military spouse stationed near Ramstein, Germany, says, "It's been a true treat to chat and see the various cities. We have invited many more P.E.O.s but it seems people are traveling or just out-right busy."

The group encourages sisters living in or visiting Germany to join them on their adventures. 🌸

P.E.O. Overseas Contacts

Several P.E.O.s have volunteered to serve as an "Overseas Contact" for the Sisterhood. As Overseas Contacts, these women make their contact information available to P.E.O.s who are visiting or moving to their countries. A list of Overseas Contacts can be found on the P.E.O. website peointernational.org, on the members' side under the heading "Reciprocity Listings" and go to "Overseas Contact;" contacts are searchable by country.



ELF

ELF Loans for Distance Learning

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

Victoria Lidzbarski describes herself as a lifelong student who cannot imagine living a life that isn't full of curiosity with a desire to learn more. To enhance her professional career in 2009, she needed a Master of Education in school counseling degree and “felt it was important to enroll in an accredited, reputable program so ‘just any place’ wouldn’t do.” Victoria’s **dream** was to attain this degree through the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston.

The **reality** was that Victoria was married and employed full-time in a good job with generous benefits near her home in Walla Walla, Washington—a job she needed to repay her undergraduate loans.

A very rigorous, well-ranked, accredited online program through UMass Boston was the **solution**. It allowed her to keep working and eliminated the costs of having to move her family across the country. Chapter AP, Milton-Freewater, Oregon, embraced Victoria and her dream. Aware that she had the

potential to achieve her lofty goals, Chapter AP recommended her for an ELF loan. These funds helped pay for tuition and books even as Victoria worked two jobs and her husband worked over-time.

There is the misconception that distance learning is easy and takes less effort than traditional learning. Victoria disputes this saying, “Online learning requires motivation, drive and lots of time management—and just forces you to work harder. Skipping class, relying on discussion alone or failing to do the reading is not an option. There’s no faking it. You can’t rest on your laurels or copy off the person next to you. You must be confident to speak, more willing to ask questions and more resourceful about finding information.



Victoria now lives in Izmir, Turkey, with her husband Pete and two-year-old daughter Reese. She is an International University Counselor at a private Turkish high school helping students who want to go to college in the United States, Canada or the UK.

You also (inevitably) have to step out of your comfort zone. I had to become more technologically savvy than I even imagined I could and I became more of a leader than I’d expected.”

Victoria graduated with her master’s degree in May 2011. 🌸

Invest in ELF—Reap Dividends!

Victoria Lidzbarski, ELF loan recipient, discovered that, “Distance learning provides an intense challenge to the student as well as immense opportunities for those who can’t move from their current location.”

ELF loans are available for online programs at accredited institutions!





A Message from the Cottey President Seeing is Believing

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



I wish every P.E.O. and every potential Cottey student could visit Cottey College, because they would be pleased and impressed by the beauty of the buildings, grounds and the well-equipped learning facilities. Seeing is believing.

significant to her education. The tradition honors women supporting women.



Organic Gardening

Faculty, staff and students are learning about raised bed construction, soil preparation, plant selection and future produce through the organic garden project that is directed by Dr. Sylvio Mannel, professor of environmental studies, and Professor Karen Polon, the coordinator of the college-sponsored wellness program. This organic gardening project was made possible by the Lillian Corley Faculty Development Fund.

Please visit, and please help a high school student visit our College. We have increased the number of visit days, as you will read on the back cover. Summer programs also provide great opportunities to sample Cottey life. You are welcome on campus at any time. Seeing is believing! 🌻



George and Helen Washburn Center for Women's Leadership

The Center for Women's Leadership provides excellent physical space for leadership workshops and classes. There are guest rooms for leaders-in-residence.



Laboratory

Cottey encourages undergraduate research and our small class size and exceptional laboratories support these learning experiences. Our associate-degree graduates tell us they are able to use equipment here that generally is reserved for upper division students in other schools. We have prepared chemistry interns to conduct major research projects during the summer for the past three years. Some have already produced publishable results.



Haidee and Wild Center for the Arts

The spacious auditorium and the acoustically remarkable recital hall provide settings for both student and professional performances. These enrichment events benefit Cottey and the surrounding communities.

Main Hall

Cottey honors traditions. Capping is one of the oldest traditions and is closely identified with Main Hall, our iconic building. A graduating student is capped by a woman who has been





IPS

Divya Dhar—Humanitarian, Doctor, Visionary in Global Health

by Linda Spence, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees



Divya Dhar

A twin born in Kashmir, IPS recipient Divya Dhar is destined for remarkable accomplishments. Her childhood was defined by the 1989 Kashmiri Hindu exodus, causing many in her extended family to be displaced to New Delhi. Her family later moved

Hague International Model United Nations. In addition to strong humanitarian interests, Divya pursued a path in medicine; in 2009 she graduated with bachelor's degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Auckland.

While in medical school, she undertook an optional period of research in climate policy at the School of Population Health, had significant involvement in the Medical Students for Global Awareness organization, helped with housing for impoverished communities in Costa Rica and was the local manager for the Global Poverty Project.

As a junior doctor, she became committed to working at the intersection of environmental sustainability, health equity and public policy. Divya attended conferences around the world on humanitarian, economic and environmental issues, and in 2010

eradication. She was awarded the prestigious inaugural Young New Zealander of the Year 2010 for her extensive accomplishments and leadership.

After winning a Fulbright Scholarship and the Governor General's Emerging Leaders Award, in 2011 Divya entered Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in a Master of Public Administration program. Her passion is global health policies and business, especially medical technologies useful in emerging markets.

With collaborative leadership abilities, Divya was soon elected vice president of the Graduate Council, the overarching governing body of all Harvard graduate schools. With her interest in global health entrepreneurship, she helped found Harvard Health Innovation Group, bringing together students from multiple disciplines interested in healthcare innovation. She also helped develop a global immersion program with the Harvard Engineering School, a multi-disciplinary team of students seeking possible engineering solutions to global health problems. Remarkably, she maintained a GPA of 3.7!

Divya's current goal is to lead public-private partnerships in global health medical devices or health IT infrastructure. She is now studying at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and should receive her combined MBA and MPA from Wharton and Harvard in 2014. Watch for global impact from this remarkable young woman in the years ahead! 🌸

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to New Zealand where Divya's strong interest in social justice led her to leadership in the United Nations Youth Association of New Zealand, representing her country at The

was a keynote speaker at the World Healthcare Networks conference. She helped found and was CEO of P3 Foundation, to educate and mobilize young people for global poverty



Bringing Life Into Focus

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

“Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them.”

—Henry S. Commager

For nearly 40 years, the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education has made it possible for women to take that important next step toward reaching their full potential. Supporting a candidate for a PCE grant goes beyond submitting an application for a grant in aid. It is the beginning of a special partnership for change. The P.E.O. Sisterhood, through this philanthropic project and the additional caring and encouragement given by its members, helps bring life into focus for our grant recipients. A part of their journey can be discerned through reading the heartfelt thank you notes they send:

“Enclosed is a check for the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education. Though no dollar amount could ever equal the value of the encouragement I received from the members of my sponsoring chapter, it feels good to be able to repay P.E.O. in part for its timely support of my continuing education. Without P.E.O.’s help, I probably wouldn’t have stayed in school after the fire that destroyed our home. It was not just the money, but the fact that someone cared. That’s what kept me going.”

“Three years ago, I had no idea how I was going to support my children. Following my divorce, I had little work history and no education to speak of. Today I am a graduate of the very best nursing program in the state and so many opportunities are now available to me. I feel so very blessed and know I was able to reach this milestone because of the financial support and encouragement offered me by P.E.O. The results of your support will go far beyond this moment. My children will have a more stable future and new doors will open to us. Soon I will have no problem paying our bills, providing health insurance for my family and might even be able to splurge on extras for my children like music lessons and soccer league! I just needed to tell you how much your grant meant to us and how much my new degree will continue to change our lives.”

“Life is hard when you need an education to provide for your family, but providing for your family leaves no room for an education. I am grateful for the financial help your grant afforded me, but I am also grateful for the feeling of worthiness

it gave me. For much of my life I was an underachiever who never finished anything. It is good to do something worthwhile. It is even better to be recognized for it.”

Congratulations to all the chapters sponsoring PCE grant recipients. While the fiscal year’s grant budget is finite, the number of applications submitted each year is infinite. The trustees must balance requests for assistance against available resources. As more women enter or re-enter the workforce, as more women find themselves responsible for supporting their families, as more women find it necessary to acquire new skills to maintain or advance in their current place of employment, the challenge of PCE is to meet the increased financial needs of an ever-increasing number of women.

We are so thankful you’ve sent us your applicants! The generosity of your donations to PCE determines the support we can provide to tomorrow’s applicants. We know you won’t let them down! 🌸



Where Are They Now?

by Harriet Fagan, J, Valparaiso, Indiana

Counting professors among chapter members is not so unusual in a university town, but Chapter J in Valparaiso, Indiana, lays claim to not one but two young professors who are also former recipients of the P.E.O. Scholar Award.

Kelly Jabbusch and Lara Pudwell share the distinction of being Scholar Award recipients and having positions on Valparaiso University's mathematics and computer science faculty. A Valparaiso University (VU) graduate, Lara is in her fourth year as assistant professor. Kelly arrived at VU in the fall of 2011 to serve as a visiting assistant professor.

"I was on the math department search committee," Lara explains, "when Kelly's application came under review. I commented favorably to the other members, explaining what being a P.E.O. Scholar meant on Kelly's CV."

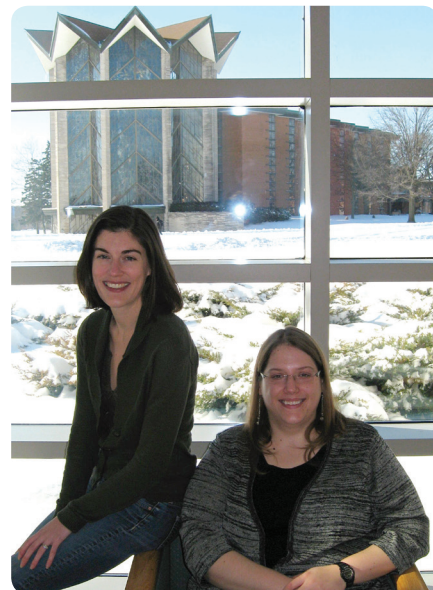
Lara, who became a P.E.O. in 2010, had never heard of P.E.O. until she met Ellen Crawford and her committee from Chapter AD, Ridgewood, New Jersey, in the fall of 2005 while she was studying at Rutgers University. Determined to find a Scholar Award winner in New Jersey, Ellen contacted numerous graduate school deans to find appropriate women Ph.D. students. As a result, Lara became the first of several successful Rutgers nominees and learned a good bit about P.E.O. as she presented programs to local chapters and spoke at the New Jersey state convention.

"I got a lot of encouragement from P.E.O.s during my time as a

Scholar in 2006-2007," says Lara. "At least one older relative of mine wasn't very excited about my earning a Ph.D. and spending so much time in school. It was affirming to meet women of her generation who did encourage me. And the surprise notes I received from various chapters seemed to appear just when I most needed an encouraging word. Sisters should never underestimate the good they do with kind words. The Scholar Award works differently from any other award I've received because of the added personal touch. That's something every sister can take pride in being a part of."

Having received numerous other awards, fellowships, and honors, Lara certainly knows this first-hand. She continues to receive recognition for her research in enumerative combinatorics and related areas, having already done presentations in Italy, Canada, New Zealand, the Czech Republic, Scotland and Iceland.

Kelly was nominated for the award before her final year of graduate school at the University of Washington by her mother's chapter, FL, Bellevue, Washington; she became a sister in 2007. Kelly, too, has an established presence in international settings. After completing her Ph.D., she and her husband moved to Germany to begin her post-doctoral fellowship in algebraic geometry at the University of Cologne. The second year of the fellowship was spent in Berkeley, California, at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute and in Freiburg, Germany. A second



Math professors and former P.E.O. Scholar Award Winners Kelly Jabbusch and Lara Pudwell. The Valparaiso University Chapel of the Resurrection is in the background.

research position followed, taking her to the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. While in Europe, she remained active in P.E.O. through the P.E.O. Abroad Listserve.

"The thing about the Scholar Award that probably most affected my life was the incredible support I received from chapters all over the country," reflects Kelly. "Certainly the monetary value was great, but I was so encouraged by the cards and notes women sent me. The personal touch of the award was certainly something I'd never received from a scholarship."

Both women agree that the encouragement and support of women who value education as much as they do is what makes P.E.O. special. 🌸



Celebrate Our Named STAR Scholarships and Recipients

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

2011 "Tiz" Callihan Named STAR Scholarship Awarded to Chelsea Kennedy

At the 2011 North Carolina State Convention, Chapter CC, Cornelius, North Carolina, honored outgoing state president, "Tiz" Callihan, for her efforts and years of dedication on behalf of Chapter CC and the Sisterhood with the Elizabeth "Tiz" Callihan Named STAR Scholarship. The scholarship was presented by chapter members Charlotte Craig and Sarah Wilson.

Chelsea Kennedy, recommended by Chapter AC, Asheville, North Carolina, was a Rotary International exchange student in Izmir, Turkey, her senior year of high school. She attended a Turkish high school, lived with a Turkish host family and became fluent in Turkish. Chelsea is currently a sophomore studying political science and economics in the Lloyd International Honors College at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Chelsea spent her second freshman semester in Wroclaw, Poland, taking courses in political science, negotiations, European union law and Polish. She is preparing for diplomatic service and hopes someday to be an ambassador. Chelsea writes, "I can't thank P.E.O. enough for giving me the opportunity to attend university."



Tiz Callihan presents certificate to Chelsea Kennedy

2012 Ruby Elson Named STAR Scholarship Awarded to Blythe Graham

Ruby Elson's daughters, Martha and Mary Elson, G, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, gave a donation in memory of their mother to Chapter G. Knowing that Ruby was very passionate about education for young women, the members voted to send the funds received to the P.E.O. Executive Office for the Ruby Elson Named STAR Scholarship. Ruby was born in Kansas, initiated into Chapter G, Tennessee, in 1955, was devoted to P.E.O. for more than 50 years and served as chapter president. Ruby entered Chapter Eternal December, 2009.

Blythe Graham, recommended by Chapter AZ, Crossville, Tennessee, was exceedingly involved in 4H and FFA areas of public speaking, debate, livestock showmanship and judging in high school. Blythe is currently attending Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas, and is majoring in animal science. After two years, she plans to transfer to a university with a nationally ranked livestock judging team. Following her undergraduate studies, Blythe plans to attend law school.



Patty Cook, Chapter G, with Blythe Graham

You or Your Chapter Can Have a Named STAR Recipient. It's Easy!

Individuals: A single donation of \$2,500 or donations from multiple individuals totaling \$2,500 sent in one envelope. Send your check(s) payable to P.E.O. STAR Scholarship to the P.E.O. Executive Office with the P.E.O. Giving Opportunities form or a letter of explanation for whom the donation is in honor or in memory. A single donation can be made online.

Chapters: A donation of \$2,500 is sent through your state/provincial/district chapter.

Donations received no later than December 1 will be awarded during the ensuing academic year. Recipients for Named STAR Scholarships are selected in the same manner as all STAR recipients and the recipient may or may not be an applicant from the state/province/district from which the donation comes, although efforts are made for that connection.

Another Option: Endowed STAR Scholarships

For further information, contact the P.E.O. Foundation at 515-255-3153 or visit the STAR page on the members' side of the P.E.O. website peointernational.org. Look for "Named and Endowed Scholarships" under General Information. 🌸



Chapter KK-NI, Des Plaines, Illinois Merged: February 25, 2012

First row, from the left: Roberta Skelton, Julie Coburn, Anne Evans, Barb Pfaff, Kris Dahlstrom, Patricia Moe **Second row:** Mary Margaret Reed, Marion Mott-Dodge, Dee Vihnanek, June Meshes, Judy Riordan, Susan Greene, Christine Price **Third row:** Grace Hansen, Marian Mesenbrink, Katherine Gans, Audrey Nankervis



Chapter P-LK, Schaumburg, Illinois Merged: April 14, 2012

First row, from the left: Deanna Skog, Ruth Jones, Sarah Calderwood, Sue Martin, Arlene Barnard, Angela Pun, Beverly McIntyre, Dawn Amos **Second row:** Linda Baran, Ruth Wedekind, Ann Moorman, Karen Droste, Lisa Garig, Jane Walters, Sally Hedenberg, Sharon Schneider **Third row:** Freda Nelson, Beverly Jelen, Jo Malone, Lynn Jessee, Marcy Schilling, Amy Jo Steinbrucker, Mary Hengels **Fourth row:** Rita Tweed, Robbin Twedt, Melissa Ramoley, Judy Carney, Kimberly Martin, Mary Thrasher, Karen Willden



Chapter I-EW, Wichita, Kansas Merged: April 28, 2012

First row, from the left: Meribel Cockerill, LaVerne Gates, Ruth Lance, Phyllis Gibbons, Deb Anderson **Second row:** Phyllis Cockerill, Bettie Newby, Ruth Evans, Ardis Sowards, Judy Norton, Sharon Pedroja, Cindy Farnham, Nancy Wandling, Banny Orme, Linda Zogleman, Donna Duke **Third row:** Judy Miller, Bonnie Bookless, Janice Bailey, Gay Ladwig, Carolyn Rosile, Betty Moats, Pat Standiford, Barbara Kaufman **Fourth row:** Emily Rude, Betty Schultz, Linda Williams, Mary Chase, Phyllis MacKay, Debbie Farnham, Christie Reynolds, Jeanne Urban, Jane Taylor, Sally Hayes



Chapter A-B, Montclair, New Jersey Merged: March 6, 2012

First row, from the left: Phyllis Weber, Janet Spoerl, Tricia Smythe, Diane Jackson, and Cathrine Gritman **Second row:** Linda Woodbury, Maureen Wojtal, Nancy McKeen, Christine Kriedt, Maud Werner, Felicity Freund, Carol Hyde, Julia Dawson, Nancy Canavan, Charlotte Cunningham, Barbara Burgess, Suzanne Smith, Nora Brenneis



Chapter OJ, Grayslake, Illinois

Organized: April 28, 2012

First row, from the left: Courtney Hancock, Theresa Brue, Carolyn Korell, Heather Chorazy, Susan King, Jennifer Perez, Julie Moreland
Second row: Sarah Thellefson, Erika Nicketakis, Joyce Latz, Lori Sizelove, Mary Metscaviz
Third row: Maryann Sharifi, Rachel Nichols, Diane Rarick, Jill Bartlett, Kara DeGraff, Jori Shea



Chapter XU, Chula Vista, California

Organized: September 17, 2011

First row, from the left: Marlene Giles, Lou Ellen Gipson, Nancy Hedge, Terry Cleary, Donna Ciolli, Cindy Ciolli, Jo Anne Hammond
Second row: Robyn Phelps, Elin Buchanan, Jackie McMahon, Karen Myers, Janet Booth, Barbara Rensink, Marta Valenzuela, Sally Dexter-Smith, Sue Sallee, Peggy Oman, Sherry Randles, Michelle Trujillo, Esther Williams, Nancy Casteneda, Janet Bower



Chapter BF, Johnson City, Tennessee

Organized: March 31, 2012

First row, from the left: Deidre Pendley, Teresa Jackson, Lisa Pierson, Tami Bennington, Tina Patrick
Second row: Ramona Tevis, Ambre Torbett, Shannon Colby, Linda Wallace, Nina Hancock, Jan Goodsell
Third row: Jamie Goodsell, Lorri Looney, Brenda Shelton, Julie Marler, Krystal Weir



Chapter JD, Fredericksburg, Texas

Organized: August, 21, 2012

First row, from the left: Patti Kibler, Susie McCormack, Kathy Lux, Susan Penrod, state organizer Kathie Marlow, Janice Christofferson
Second row: Kathy McNeill, Peggy Janssen, Cydney Mickelson, Barbara Gainer, Janie Trantham, Becky Reeves, Pam Spruiell, Liz Althaus, Evelyn Burns, Cheryl Hill, Marilyn McPhillips, Ginny Higdon, Maria Robertson, Dianna Green

Centennial CHAPTERS



Chapter AJ, Topeka, Kansas

Organized: June 3, 1912

Celebrated: June 15, 2012

First row, from the left: Betty Jo Marling, Scottie Johnson, Carol Ann Turner, state president Gracie Bryant, Norma Pettijohn, Lisa Lai, Jacque Stroud **Second row:** Kathy Johnson, Penny Carter, Edith Chandler, Marilyn Brown, Barbara Harris, Lynette Hunter, Debra Stufflebean, Julie McIver, Char Taggart **Third row:** Betty Lippe, Frankie Parman, Karen Geier, Noell Memmott, Cindy Giessel, Bev Morris, June Windscheffel, Judy Coder **Fourth row:** Gail Frakes, Margaret Corwin, Julie Reeves, Jill Gilliland, Pamela Lutz, Anne Haflich



Chapter A, Phoenix, Arizona

Organized: June 10, 1912

Celebrated: May 19, 2012

First row, from the left: Maggie Snodgrass, Sylvia Keith, Harriett Odom, Kathryn Jenkins, Doris Mason, Dora Scott **Second row:** Marcia Leggett, Natalie Parker, Harriett Johnson, Loretta Walker **Third row:** Judy Hogan, Joan Palumbo, Debby Johnson, Lisa Johnson **Fourth row:** Debby Veazey, Doris Srsen, Heather Walker **Fifth row:** Kathryn Sullivan Graf, Judy Edlund



Chapter B, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Organized: March 30, 1912

Celebrated: May 5, 2012

First row, from the left: Terry Northcutt, Trudy Grotzinger, Diane Tung, Kathy Hill Bakkila, Kaye Childs Fleming, Elizabeth Hobbs, Elaine Flinn, Janet Camel, Mary Anne Koch **Second row:** Kristen McMahon, Kim Power, Connie Phillips, Zelene Hutchison, Nancy Courtney, Susan Kendall, Lucia Lloyd, Norma Roylance, Marge Bakkila, Jill Christian, Carol Haeussner, Jan Koehler, Tami Osborne Pederson **Third row:** Diane Wei, Catherine Garrison, Carla Zorub, Jill Rowland, Sandy Howard, Betty Jolly, Susan Harter, Barbara Strohm



Chapter BG, Franklin, Nebraska

Organized: May 8, 1912

Celebrated: May 19, 2012

First row, from the left: Janet Guge, Charline Gerdes, Paula Jacobsen, Velma Siel, Betty Marcellus, Dixie Mauch **Second row:** Brenda Carpenter, Phyllis Wentling, Sheri Rasmussen, Sylvia Hamilton, Windy Ingram, Susan Kahrs **Third row:** Theresa Olson, Ashley Tuma, Karen Duncan, Margaret Dyer



What Does Homelessness Look Like?

by Priscilla Northenscold, Becky Carlson, Beverly Atkinson and Piyali Nath Dalal, DO, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Maybe you imagine an older white man in ragged clothes or a young pregnant woman holding a sign beside the freeway. Despite these images, for every 100 homeless people in the state of Minnesota, 40 are children. Homelessness is not only the single man by the bus stop; it's most often young children of all races, struggling to build community at their schools while their family lives are fractured.

In spring 2011, as part of a social meeting, 12 sisters of Chapter DO, Minneapolis, Minnesota, attended a homeless shelter tour in Minneapolis as an exercise in looking at homelessness differently. Monica Nilsson, a street and community outreach advocate from Saint Stephen's human services, took us to a family shelter called People Serving People in downtown Minneapolis. We witnessed families who arrived at the shelter in a cab, carrying all their belongings in a few trash bags. Children did homework in crowded lounges. On our way out, we saw a staff member rationing baby formula for the night.

Then we visited Simpson Housing in South Minneapolis, seeing a women's shelter, a men's shelter and the weekly lottery for 28-day beds for men. When a man's name was called, he could choose among three shelters for his temporary home for the next month. Monica explained that homeless shelters receive a bulk of their donations during November through January. Although the donations of clothing, bedding and hygiene supplies are generous, they dwindle in less than a year.

Our final stop, Salvation Army—Secure Waiting Place, “Safe Bay” provides for both women and men. To maximize the number of people served, bed mats are crammed together. And the women's sleeping

floor has several women sleeping on mats in the hallway under bright fluorescent lights.

We left the evening exhausted—physically, emotionally and mentally. Filled with new information, much of it challenging our preconceptions about homelessness, we returned to our homes and stumbled into our beds.

In a debriefing session, six sisters generated ideas of how to continue the conversation about homelessness and move to action. Many DO sisters already act to alleviate homelessness—by offering meals to the homeless through their churches, working with Nicaraguan refugees in Costa Rica or homeless victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Ike, or providing gently used clothing to families in need who shop for free.

Twelve sisters became committed to help change the situation and suggested that Chapter DO sisters move beyond individual action and work as a chapter to address homelessness. They have done so—first through discussion, then through actions such as collecting much-needed feminine hygiene and clothing supplies for area shelters and engaging in legislative advocacy.

Chapter DO has continued to deepen their relationship with Saint Stephen's Homeless Shelter. Members organized a drive to collect bras, underwear and hygiene supplies for local women's shelters. The chapter hosted a successful social meeting where

sisters created and modeled costumes accented with the to-be-donated bras and underwear. These items were then donated to women at area shelters.

Such philanthropic service in the local community is one way Chapter DO can “strengthen P.E.O.'s visible influence in the community,” especially by mentoring individual homeless women who could become potential candidates



Members of Chapter DO modeled items collected for a local women's shelter

for PCE grants or ELF loans. Monica Nilsson will identify women living in supportive Minneapolis housing for young adults transitioning from foster care or long-term homelessness. These women's futures surely include the possibility of education.

Many unanswered questions remain: How do we strengthen the connection between homelessness and P.E.O.'s “educational endeavors?” The face of homelessness DOES include women with potential for higher education, including the young women who no longer have homes with parents and siblings. We encourage other chapters to consider getting similarly involved—it's a great way to benefit both the Sisterhood and our communities. 🌸

Kisses from Chapter AN

Chapter AN, Menomonie, Wisconsin, hosted this year's Tri-Chapter Luncheon with guests attending from chapters AN, DD and DX. The event's theme was the "History of the Kiss" and the party began with ladies being photographed with movie stars including John Wayne, James Dean and Marilyn Monroe. After enjoying punch, nuts and lively social time, the guests were seated in an elegant dining room and invited to play a game that involved answering movie and classical art trivia pertaining to "kissing scenes." After awarding chocolate kisses in lip-shaped containers and lots of laughter, the P.E.O. sisters were served a catered lunch of chicken salad, fruit and fresh-baked rolls. The women were surprised with big red wax lips, reminiscent of their childhood, and were asked to pose for a group picture. Everyone was such a great sport, showing off their new lips. A chocolate torte with raspberry sauce was served and the luncheon concluded with goodie bags being given out that contained lip-shaped homemade cookies, lip-designed stickers and band-aids, original greeting cards printed with famous "kiss" quotes, a heart-shaped felt ornament and chocolate candies. All three chapters enjoyed the event.



Menomonie, Wisconsin's tri-chapter group wore wax lips for "History of the Kiss" event

It Pays to Advertise

Chapter CH, Southampton, New York's major fundraiser is a biennial yard sale at the home of one of the sisters. They

always mention in their ads that the sale is a fundraiser for the P.E.O. Foundation, so members are asked about the organization by those attending the sale. Anticipating these questions, this year they used a framed copy of the back cover of the May-June issue of the The P.E.O. Record which listed the amounts donated to P.E.O. philanthropies over the years. They also framed an abbreviated description of the mission of P.E.O. These items were prominently displayed at the checkout desk—along with a donation jar. Many buyers had the opportunity to read about P.E.O. while waiting to check out, and were so impressed by our efforts that instead of taking their change, they dropped it into the donation jar. A significant portion of the sale profits came from these donations. Most shoppers at yard sales are women and the mission and goals of P.E.O. clearly resonate with them. At Chapter CH's sale, buyers had the opportunity to get bargains and do a good deed at the same time—a winning combination.

Women Helping Women Yields Big Money for Projects

Chapter JA, Berkeley, California, achieved the greatest fundraising success of its 74-year history in May with their "For What It's Worth, An Antiques Appraisal Extravaganza," raising more than \$7,500 for P.E.O. projects.

"For What It's Worth" was an "Antiques Roadshow" type event. Clars, a local auction gallery, supported the fundraiser by providing the venue, catered appetizers and the skills and expertise of their appraisal staff, all free of charge.

The chapter created a "Save the Date" postcard that was distributed. They publicized the event and sold tickets at a reciprocity event. They also notified all of the Bay Area chapters about the event, and sent press releases to local newspapers, online forums and community bulletin boards.

An event website, flyers and information sheets were created to assist in selling tickets. Each member was asked to sell eight tickets; some sold fewer, and some sold many more. The \$25 entry fee entitled each guest to have two items evaluated and included an appetizer buffet, a glass of wine or a soft drink.

To increase fundraising potential, a raffle was added to the event. JA sisters solicited a wide variety of raffle prizes, including hotel stays, spa treatments, restaurant gift certificates, gourmet gift baskets, gourmet chocolates, wine tastings and wine gift packs. They also solicited donations of beverages to be served at the event, receiving support from Trader Joe's and Costco.

During the event, chapter sisters and BILs assisted at the appraisal stations, manned two bars, passed through the galleries with trays of food, sold raffle tickets and manned a secure item check area to enable guests to leave their items in safety while they wandered the galleries. Guests enjoyed strolling the rooms filled with statues, furniture, artwork and jewelry consigned to the weekend auction.

Eclectic Event Raises Money for Cottey

Chapters AT, CZ and EX in Bemidji, Minnesota, combined their ideas, talents and energy to create an "Eclectic Event," which blended fine art, a craft boutique and a silent auction netting more than \$4,000 for Cottey College.

About 200 P.E.O. sisters, BILs and even a few Cottey students and graduates attended. The affair featured paintings, photographs, sculptures and furniture created by local artists who generously donated a portion of sales to the Cottey project. Guests had opportunities to view a slideshow tracing the histories of all three chapters, to purchase boutique treasures and to bid on items, which ranged from jars of homemade pickles

to a catered dinner on a pontoon boat. Strolling P.E.O. singers provided entertainment and there were tables full of treats and garden bouquets. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks tempted guests, who had a wonderful time mingling in the home or sitting outside on the patio overlooking Lake Bemidji.

From initial planning to final setup and cleanup, the event was a collaborative effort between chapters. Working together gave these sisters the opportunity not only to raise money for a worthy cause, but also to build new friendships.



Three chapters in Bemidji, Minnesota, hosted an "Eclectic Event" fundraiser. From the left: Lorie Yourd, Chapter CZ; Pat Shough, Chapter EX; Dee Najjar, Chapter AT

Feeding South Dakota

Chapter CJ, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, invited all 17 P.E.O. chapters in the Sioux Falls Reciprocity Group to help Feeding South Dakota fill food sacks. This program benefits children who receive free or reduced cost meals and are in need of food to fill the hunger gap during the weekends. Local teachers, counselors and principals determine which children are most in need. The food is packaged for the children to carry home in their backpack each Friday after school during the school year and food bags are also available for distribution each Friday during the summer. All items may be safely prepared by the child without adult help.



Chapter CJ, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, gathered to pack food for hungry children in their community


Chapter CJ's Margaret Geertsema organized two teams of sisters, BILs and families to pack food sacks for 45 schools in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. Fifty-four volunteers worked on an assembly line packing items. The group's efforts fed 3,120 area children.

Some of the volunteers had participated in the Feeding South Dakota program before, but it was new to many. All involved came away with a heightened sense of the need for basic food items and how gratifying it felt to be able to play even a small part in ensuring a child didn't go hungry.

Fundraiser Suits Older Chapter to a "Tea"

Chapter GM, Shawnee, Mission, Kansas, hosted a "Triple-Crown Celebration" comprised of a fundraiser, a social and the introduction of potential new members to P.E.O. The theme of the celebration was a high tea in honor of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Formal invitations were presented at a meeting and included a royal napkin and a crown-shaped tea cookie. Twenty-three P.E.O. sisters attended the event wearing their Sunday best, many wearing hats. Each member was encouraged to bring a guest who was interested in learning more about P.E.O. Attendees were greeted by the social committee; in the foyer were crown-shaped balloons and a framed poster of the quote "Keep Calm and Carry On."

From food to decorations, guests were given the royal treatment. During the luncheon, a member of the social committee read interesting facts about Queen Elizabeth's life. Six ladies won prizes that varied from a toy tiara to a bone china teapot.

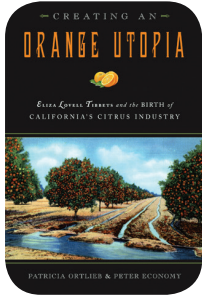
Contributions to P.E.O. were given voluntarily by attendees (members and guests). In addition to raising more than \$500 for P.E.O. philanthropies, the event created camaraderie among sisters and at least one potential new member. 



Hostesses of Chapter GM's high tea Kathy Halstead, Chris Fain, Cathy Dunmire



Patricia Ortlieb, FR, San Diego, California, wrote "Creating an

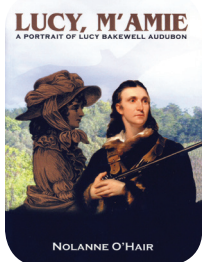


Orange Utopia: Eliza Lovell Tibbets and the Birth of California's Citrus Industry." Readers learn the history of Riverside, California, and how citizens struggled to ensure the town's survival,

which was precarious until Eliza Tibbets, the author's great-great-grandmother, nurtured two cuttings of a navel orange tree from Washington D.C.'s Experimental Gardens into an industry that financially outpaced the Gold Rush.

Patricia, a licensed family therapist and artist, earned her bachelor's degree in education and art history and her master's in social science. She has volunteered as a docent at the San Diego Museum of Art for the past 10 years, and worked for more than 20 years as a psychological therapist, building a successful private practice in marriage and individual counseling and personal effectiveness training.

Sheila Nolan Kee-Hemstreet, D, Hampstead, New Hampshire,



published "Lucy M'Amie," a historical book about Lucy Audubon written during the 1940s by Nollanne O'Hair and typed into manuscript form by Genevieve Nolan O'Hair Kee,

Sheila's grandmother and mother, respectively. Nollanne died in 1955 before the manuscript could be published. Resurfacing more than 50 years later, Sheila and the rest of her family agreed that the manuscript should be published. The book is not only a glimpse into the life of Lucy Bakewell Audubon, resourceful wife

of famous naturalist and bird artist, John James Audubon, but also a reflection of the author's pioneering spirit and the legacy she left for brilliant, unsung women everywhere. The book illuminates Lucy Audubon, who died in the shadow of her talented, yet eccentric husband, and the crucial role Lucy played in the accomplishment and realization of her husband's work.

Nollanne was a P.E.O. for nearly 32 years until her death in 1955. Nollanne's daughter, Genevieve, became a P.E.O. at age 20, and has been an active member for 75 years. Sheila, also a P.E.O., published "Lucy M'Amie" as a tribute to her grandmother Nollanne, mother Genevieve and to Lucy Audubon.

Jaci Conrad Pearson, Y, Deadwood, South Dakota, wrote "Adams A to Z,"



a fun, 52-page children's book following the alphabet as it explores artifacts of the Adams Museum and relates facts about Deadwood and its historical figures,

including Wild Bill Hickok, from a child's perspective. The Lead-Deadwood Elementary fourth grade students were involved in the book from its beginning by selecting featured artifacts and drawing their favorite Adams objects.

Jaci has a bachelor's degree in journalism and is an award-winning journalist who has spent more than 20 years in writing-related fields. Though much of Jaci's career involved financial and newspaper management and marketing, she has been a full-time freelance reporter for the past five years. Jaci and her husband Bill live just outside of Deadwood with their son Will, daughter Alex and several animals.

Patricia Reardon, AW, Murrieta California, wrote "Corridors," a book



Corridors
selected poems of
Patricia C. Reardon

of selected poems that leads readers through the many corridors of her life, as a wife of 69 years, mother of seven children, friend, social worker and observer of the world and its happenings.

The corridors of Patricia's life have been walked mostly in Iowa, Illinois and California. Her great-grandmother and great-aunt were P.E.O. members in the early 20th century in Des Moines so P.E.O. seems like home to her. In P.E.O., surrounded by brilliant and dedicated women, she is passionate about helping to empower women through education. In mid-life Patricia went back to college to prepare for her 30-year career in social services. Now, in retirement, her time is spent writing, reading with the Murrieta Library Book Club, and supporting the Friends of the Murrieta Library. She loves visits from her 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Liz Moore, DA, Independence, Kansas, self published her first novel,



"Making it Home: My year as a middle-aged runaway." Turning 50, Liz acted on her dream, loaded up her car and left home for a year to randomly find a nice town far

away, move in, get a job and live life without a plan, away from all things familiar. After one or two months, she left for the next town and a new set of adventures, until she had completed a tour of America.

Liz grew up in Independence, Kansas, and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications at Kansas State University. A former

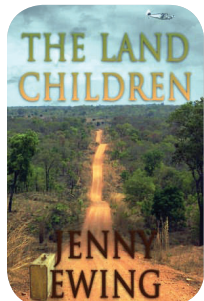
newspaper reporter and editor, Liz was also the national communications director for the Association for Retarded Citizens of the U.S. in Arlington, Texas, and an information specialist for federal projects of Easter Seals Inc. in Washington, D.C. After moving back to Independence, Liz became the site director for the Little House on the Prairie Museum and the New Independence Main Street Executive Director.

Christine Williams, PD, Claremont, California, wrote "The Eleventh Commandment: Caring for Creation," a collection of sermons. Christine, a life-long Methodist, began the book focusing on what can be done through faith to live more sustainably. Originally writing from a Christian perspective, Christine realized an interfaith approach revealed spiritual commonalities among religions that united efforts to save the earth. The book includes Christian, Jewish and Islamic sermons and informs readers to consider their spiritual connection to our fragile planet.



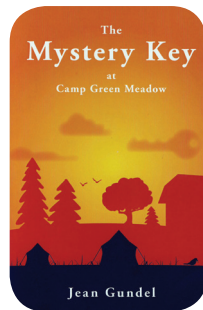
With her master's degree in social welfare, Christine worked with children and families for more than 30 years. She has three daughters in college and enjoys giving talks about her book at church and civic organizations throughout southern California.

Jennifer Ewing, AQ, Scottsdale, Arizona, wrote "The Land Children," a historical novel covering World War II from 1935 to 1953. The story begins in Indore, India, where the Maharaja's 16-year-old daughter Sakima seeks adventure at her aunt's home in



Amristar, a northern city. The heroine is soon married and sent with her husband to live in the English army outpost at Lahore, what will later become Pakistan. In 1940, Sakima is evacuated back to India and becomes separated from her five-year-old daughter Anna Rose, who is taken on a trainload of children to York, England, to avoid the German blitz.

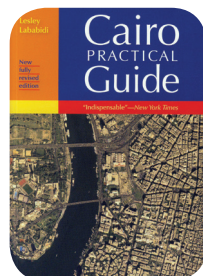
Jean Gundel, V, Williamsville, New York, wrote "The Mystery Key at Camp Green Meadow," a middle-reader children's book. The story begins as main characters Reggie and his sister Cindy prepare to spend two weeks in summer camp at Camp Green



Meadow. Reggie is afraid of what might happen to ruin his time at camp after enduring one mishap after another last summer. Cindy remains optimistic, telling her brother they will have a great time, but will they? The children encounter everything from a black shadow and lost horses to the police and a mysterious key, but the biggest surprise of all is what Reggie discovers at the end of camp.

Jean, a former elementary school teacher, enjoys spending time with her three daughters and five grandchildren, traveling, gardening and playing bridge.

Lesley Lababidi, GJ, Estes Park, Colorado, wrote "Cairo, The Practical Guide." Described by The New York Times as "indispensable," Lesley's book provides readers with the basics of daily life like how to find flats, transport personal goods, investigate school options for children,



navigate Egypt's bureaucracy and the intricacies of how to feed and clothe oneself and one's family from the local market. Advice gathered from Cairo insiders, both native and foreign, gives readers current facts on prices, neighborhoods, products availability and work and business opportunities as well as the cultural and leisure pursuits for which Cairo is famous. Lesley's book is the key to deciphering the complexities of living, working and enjoying life in one of the world's most exciting and dauntingly complex mega-cities.

Lesley has also written "Paddle Your Own Canoe, An American Woman's Passage into Nigeria," "Cairo's Street Stories," "Cairo: The Family Guide" and "Silent No More: Special Needs People in Egypt."

Nancy Sprowell Geise, HG, Topeka, Kansas, wrote "The Eighth Sea," a love story filled with adventure.

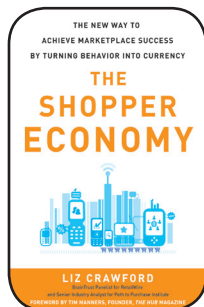


In 1769, on the shores of Saint Christopher in the West Indies, Weston and Emily Emerson are devastated by the sight of their infant daughter's

blanket floating among the splintered remains of a lifeboat. The voyage that began with promise of a new beginning in America ends in tragedy when a violent storm separates them from their child. Believing their daughter has perished, the heartbroken Emersons continue their voyage to the Colonies, not knowing Brenna was rescued.

Nineteen years later, Brenna, unaware of her true identity, begins an odyssey that will take her far from her dismal existence on Saint Christopher. A chance encounter with a stranger will forever change the course of her life. In the old Roman city of Bath, England, that man begins an unrelenting search for Brenna that sweeps across England, involving romance, murder and intrigue.

Liz Crawford, P, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania,

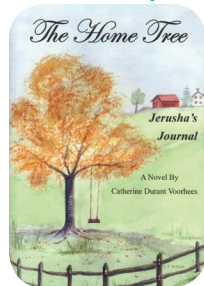


wrote "The Shopper Economy." The book reveals ways in which readers may use consumer behavior to their benefit in the marketplace.

Liz has more than 20 years of brand management and consulting experience with a concentration in strategic innovation. She won the Edison Award for New Products, developed integrated Shopper Marketing strategies for Fortune 500 clients, worked for several popular brand-name clients and has consulted and conducted focus groups internationally. Liz has written for business magazines, television and the Internet as well as having taught adjunct classes at Emory University's Goizueta Business School and New York University's Stern MBA program. Liz has an MBA from New York University and a BA in English from Barnard College, Columbia University, and has been quoted as a marketing strategy and innovation expert by The Associated Press, US News & World Report, Barron's and ABC News.

Liz is a third generation P.E.O.

Catherine Durant Voorhees, O, Newton Square, Pennsylvania,



wrote "The Home Tree," a story of her great-great-grandmother's life. The plot follows life in the textile mills for a young girl in Lowell, Massachusetts, during the 1830s.

Jerusha Shurtleff and her sister Orrillia are separated from their family. For a year, they did not know whether their father was alive or dead. In the mills, they face the challenges of long hours, perilous conditions, wage cuts, strikes

and Irish immigrants willing to work for any wage. After six years the girls set out on their own to find their family.

Catherine, a retired nursing educator, was initiated into Chapter O in 1965. She has a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and bachelor and master degrees in nursing. Catherine enjoys researching family history. Her daughter Carolyn Voorhees Scherer, also a member of Chapter O, painted the cover design for the book.

Lee Hanson, GQ, Shelton, Washington,



wrote "And Busy Days They Were," a chronicle of the Muir-Corey-Hanson family. Through letters and journals, the book portrays the family's adventures spanning three continents and more

than 107 years. Readers learn about interesting careers and what it is like living in several foreign countries through the memoirs of the author's mother, father, self and husband.

Lee worked for the U.S. Embassies in South Africa, Libya and Kenya, after her career as a young radio actress. Following her exciting jobs and travels, Lee married and studied anthropology at the graduate level. Lee and her husband William led the family's migration to Washington after his retirement.

Jerri Haussler, G, Hastings, Nebraska,



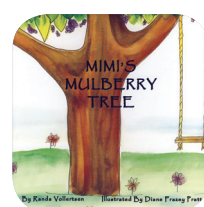
wrote "Simple Faith, Mighty Faith: A 40-Lesson Devotional and Memoir." The book details the many ways that God has been present in Jerri's life and covers a multitude of topics meant to give hope and inspiration to

readers. The book contains 40 chapters, 191 pages, and over 40 photos, (many

taken by Jerri). Several churches have used the devotional in Bible studies.

Jerri was associate dean of students at Hastings College for 15 years and is now a freelance writer and photographer. Jerri has also written 14 daily devotions and the book "Entrepreneurs of Hastings: Short Sketches of Some Nebraska Risktakers."

Randa Vollertsen, AA, Norton, Kansas,



"Mimi's Mulberry Tree," a children's book about abilities and challenges. The mulberry tree is a symbol of mistaken assumptions often made by looking only at the surface

of a situation. This book is a true story that came to life for a grandmother who spent her life working with children with disabilities and special needs. She watched right in her back yard as a world of nature duplicated the growth and change that she sees daily with the children that have enriched her life. A messy mulberry tree and a surprise raccoon share a lesson about how things just aren't always what they seem.

Randa has been a pediatric physical therapist for 30 years in Kansas and has six grandchildren. She also loves gardening and finds nature and outdoor life the perfect environment for reflections about life's perceptions.

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Texan sisters and those anticipating a trip to Texas soon (perhaps for the upcoming P.E.O. International Convention in Dallas September, 2013) take note: **Valerie Jarvie, BZ-GC, Dallas, Texas,** authored the Dallas/Fort Worth section of

"Zagat Texas Restaurants 2012." Based upon survey responses from more than 3,500 consumers, the book provides succinct reviews of 1,400-plus restaurants in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and San Antonio. Included in the book are easy-to-use indexes to find dining options by neighborhood, cuisine and special features.

Valerie holds a BBA in finance from the University of Texas (UT) at Austin, with additional coursework in entrepreneurship from UT's Graduate School of Business. As a stay-at-home mom to three young children, a dozen years ago she began penning a regular local newspaper column based upon her favorite creative outlet—cooking for family meals and entertaining. Valerie now regularly writes food and lifestyle-related articles for print and online publications, including Zagat.com.

Kate Ward, GB, Boulder, Colorado,



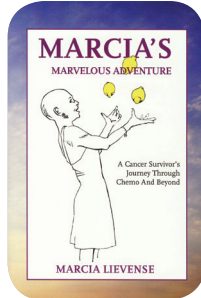
has written her first book, "Personality Style at Work: The Secret to Working with (Almost) Anyone." This book is based on an established personality style model used by more than a million

people. The book outlines four principal personality styles—direct, spirited, considerate and systematic. It explains how to determine which one describes you and shows how to use this knowledge to interact more successfully with others. According to Kate, "As an author and seasoned training consultant—not to mention parent, friend and spouse—I speak from experience when I say that I've tapped into this model more times than I can count."

Kate graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Michigan State University and has more than 20 years of experience in training development. Currently, Kate is running her own

company, working to create innovative training solutions for today's business needs. She lives in Louisville, Colorado, with her husband and two teenage boys.

Marcia Lievense, BW, Holland, Michigan,



wrote "Marcia's Marvelous Adventure: A Cancer Survivor's Journey Through Chemo and Beyond." After her second cancer diagnosis, Marcia decided instead of letting cancer get her down and control her life,

to turn lemons into lemonade, use her situation to fuel her passion for writing and prove that living well is all about attitude. Marcia began blogging about her "marvelous adventure." In her book, based on her blog, Marcia is frank, funny and optimistic about her cancer experience, gracefully sharing details about her treatment and its side effects with readers.

Marcia, who views herself as "one of the lucky ones," says, "I try to see the humor in things and not take life so seriously." Marcia enjoys life with her husband Rich and their Tibetan terrier Pearl, whom she snuggled with after chemo treatments. Marcia's two grown daughters, Jill and Anne, live nearby in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ruth Ada Clark, IP, Dubuque, Iowa,



wrote "Prescriptions for Boredom," a collection of 36 short stories, 20 of which are historically accurate; 16 are fiction. In her book, Ruth captures the essence of oral storytelling. Topics

include family history as well as Indian tales.

A retired classroom and special education teacher educated at the University of Dubuque, Loras College and the University of Iowa, Ruth has written numerous short stories, an operetta, songs for motion pictures and "Beauty in Bent Grass," a memoir about her younger son. Her third book "Tribal Wisdom of the Old Testament" is due in bookstores soon. A 68-year member of P.E.O., having held all offices multiple times, Ruth continues to be a vital member of her chapter.

Paula Scanland, AW, Fairplay, Colorado,



wrote "A Suffering Heart," a novel about Meryl, who lives in a small Colorado town after the death of her husband of 40 years. After finding herself unable to move on from her husband's death,

Meryl experiences several bizarre events. During her quest for answers to the oddities, she lets go of the past to enjoy a new life.

Paula, born in Indiana, attended college in Colorado, earned an English degree, fell in love with the mountains and made Colorado her permanent home with her husband Don. The life she had imagined as a journalist or English teacher was replaced by a 40-year career in various accounting and financial jobs followed by a master's degree in finance. After the sudden loss of her husband to a rare disease and a move from Denver to the mountains, Paula began writing this novel inspired by her environment. 🌸

P.E.O.s in the SPOTLIGHT

Cathy Whittlesey, GS, Fort Collins, Colorado, was elected as public



member to the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). Cathy recently retired as executive director of the Larimer County Medical

Society in Windsor, Colorado, where she worked with representatives of physician specialties to formulate their diverse opinions into shared policies that could be disseminated into their community.

Cathy is former executive vice president of the Rock Island and Scott County medical societies and past board member of the Quad City Health Initiative. She has previously served as a public member on the Grievance Commission of the Iowa Supreme Court. Cathy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Denver in Colorado.

Janis Stephens, T, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was appointed as a national



technical official (steward) for the jumping discipline at the 2012 summer Olympics in London. Jan was one of approximately 20 individuals worldwide who

formed the stewarding team. She attended the Olympics from July 30-August 10, where she and the other officials had the responsibility of protecting the welfare of the horses and ensuring that rules were interpreted with honesty and integrity and that the intent of the rules were upheld.

Jan has had a passion for riding since early childhood. At present she is the Steward General for Jumping, Eventing and Reining in Canada. Her position

has resulted in extensive travel in North America and Costa Rica. Jan has been married to husband Dennis for 42 years and is blessed with three children and six grandchildren. Dogs, horses and family are a constant source of joy and fulfillment for Jan.

Rosemary Stipe, DF, Plattsburg, Missouri, was recently invited to



Dublin, Ireland, where she received recognition by the Minister of State for Tourism and Sport and the Minister of State for Agriculture. She also enjoyed a special

tour of the Dail, which is the equivalent of the U.S. House of Representatives. Rosemary specializes in individual and group travel to both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. She began her travels to Ireland in 1979 and has crossed the Atlantic Ocean 73 times to visit Ireland.

Returning from this meeting, Rosemary was contacted by Tourism Ireland to come to Ellis Island, New York City, to help plan a special event to be held in Ireland called Gathering 2013, which is meant to bring visitors "home to Ireland," whether they have ancestral connections or just a love of the country.

Rosemary said, "Even though these are grave economic times for Ireland, the government realizes that what Ireland does best is tourism! They are reaching out to people like me to not only recognize our work, but also ask what ideas we might have to increase tourism. This was truly an honor to meet the Ministers of State and an experience I will never forget."

Sharon Kissel, U, Washington, D.C.,



a third-generation P.E.O., was honored by the United States Congress for her service as a librarian at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). A state-

ment about her was read into the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012, by the ACLU. The statement reads, in part, "In her role as the Legislative Librarian, Sharon is one of the unsung heroines in the ACLU's efforts to achieve equal justice, freedom and fairness for all. Over the past 15 years, Sharon's work has been critical to a wide range of issues, including the ACLU's advancement of the Fair Sentencing Act, the Violence Against Women Act and the ACLU's national security advocacy."

Sharon graduated from Syracuse University and earned her Master of Library Science from the University of Maryland. She has worked as a librarian for more than 40 years including for the White House, the World Bank, the Federal Reserve, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia and Shea & Gardner.


Sharon and her husband Peter have been married for more than 40 years. In her free time, Sharon enjoys spending time with her family and dogs, traveling, gardening, art and music. 🌸

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Lapel pin!—Small, circular monogram, cutout letters, 24K gold plate on post w/spring back. We also have monogram as CHARM for bracelet or neck chain (chain not included). Either LAPEL PIN or CHARM sells for \$8. (MN res. add \$.50 sales tax per pin/charm.) Write check to Ch. AA c/o Norma Bloomquist, 7250 Lewis Ridge Pky #106, Edina, MN 55439. Write on check - LAPEL PIN or CHARM.

 **Marguerite pin guard**—for P.E.O. pin; sold by Chapter LJ since 1981; remove chain to wear as lapel pin. 18K gold plate, 3/8" diameter, with enameled white petals. \$20 ppd. Make check payable to Chapter LJ. Mail to Marge Steenson, 1235 11th St #307, West Des Moines, IA 50265-2100. 515-225-2731.

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 **P.E.O. recognition pin**—the familiar block letters on the slant, our project since 1959, in 14K gold plate at \$12+\$1.50 shipping. Ch. ES, 10905 176th Circle NE Redmond, WA 98052. Kbarbcat@aol.com


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 **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.

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 **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 pendent**—\$15 ppd. also available 20" SS chain - \$15 ppd. Ch. CK c/o Sue Ann Graves, 501-821-5303, sagraves@comcast.net.

White gavel block or paperweight with the star and letters P.E.O. in center. \$10 ppd. Ch. CV c/o Ann Buck, 3048 Locust Camp Rd, Kettering, OH 45419.


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 **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**—60" white vinyl bags decorated w/marguerite. \$90 ppd. for 7 bags sent to street address only. Include phone #. 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.

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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.


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 **Marguerite's mail—**8 full-color note cards and envelopes from original watercolor; \$4.50 plus \$.75 P&H per pkg. To Ch. NQ c/o Glenda Drennen, 401 N Lynn, LeMars, IA 51031.

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

 **Marguerite note cards—**Two full-color illustrations by P.E.O. artist, 8 blank notes w/env \$6.50 ppd. Ch AO, Pat Ballard, 22228 Kimberly Rd, Kimberly, ID 83341 or ballard@safelink.net.

 **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.


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 **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.

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 **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.

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

P.E.O. scarves. Beautifully imprinted with metallic P.E.O. letters and stars, 14" x 60". Black/silver print, ivory, red, yellow, navy/gold print. \$15 + \$2 s/h. Check to Ch. IO, c/o Fredda Harmon, 10413 Stonehill Dr, Benbrook, TX 76126-4546. 682-224-5360. iotexas@hotmail.com.

Sisters of love blanket. Wrap a sister up in love! Perfect raffle item! Elegant, oversized. 100% cotton blanket. \$65 ppd. To Ch. XI c/o Elizabeth Baker, P.O. Box 181410, Coronado, CA 92178. 619-437-0400. ebaker@ebi-ltd.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 handmade by our Ch L sisters w/ pewter, glass & Swarovski crystal beads w/ heart & angel charm. For order form & color chart: go to AZ Daisy Trading Post website www.azpeo.org or email kwunchbox@cox.net. Bracelet \$22; bracelet 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—45¢ stamps for \$21.95 ppd per sheet. Ten sheets or more \$18.95ppd per sheet. Please send orders to P.E.O. Ch. O, c/o Marie Kall, P.O. Box 6504, Helena, MT 59604-6504. Questions? kallmt@earthlink.net.

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

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

Portable podium: see @ www.peomeridian.org or www.peomississippi.org \$50 plus \$20 S&H. Folds flat, 6-7 lbs, painted white. Add \$25 for artwork and letters. 601-656-9006 for Joyce Ernst Dansby.

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@brighttok.net

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

P.E.O. beverage napkins! Luxuriously soft 3-ply paper napkins boast P.E.O. in stunning black on pure white. For your next meeting, gift or to sell among sisters! Buy the Two-Meeting Pack, 100 for \$23, the Chapter Pack, 400 for \$70, the Savings Pack, 800 for \$110. Shipping & 7-10 day delivery INCLUDED! Chapter CS c/o Marilyn Milton, 3520 NE 113th, Seattle, WA, 98125, Twiga44@comcast.net.

Whimsical notecards sister-designed, "Thanks A Bunch/Note to My Sister". 8 for \$10 ppd. Ch. JA, Kristin Hersh, 1335 Casson Ct, Co Springs, CO 80919 educate83@yahoo.com.

No sticky residue! P.E.O. Euro Oval car magnets for sale for \$6 each, S&H free! Send check to Ch Z, 11324 Oakcroft Dr, Raleigh, NC 27614

Spread the word! P.E.O. women star! Folded, pastel note cards w/env. Original design featuring a STAR, P.E.O. and the unique qualities of a P.E.O. sister. Eight cards for \$10, ppd. Chapter AC c/ Rita Patton, 4743 Holladay Wood Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Daisy magnets for car, mailbox and frig! 7" round white & yellow daisy w/ P.E.O. in center. \$11 ea + \$5.15 shipping for 1-10 magnets. Ch AN, c/o L. Black 220 Holly Dr. Easley, SC 29640, lblack220@gmail.com

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


Beautiful canvas tote bags—Black with stars and yellow lettering "P.E.O.—Educating Women". 16Hx18Wx6"D. Very versatile and sturdy! \$12 each, Ch DK Annette Richards, 1823 NE 17th Place, Renton, WA 98056, arichards9999@yahoo.com


Items for SALE


 **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.


 **Shine P.E.O. shine!** TEE SHIRTS WITH SPARKLING P.E.O. LOGOS. Available—¾ sleeve with scoop or V-neck (\$26 plus shipping) or short sleeve with scoop neck (\$25 plus shipping). Sizes small–3X. Colors—black, white or yellow. \$25–\$26. Shipping \$3 per shirt. Extra charge of \$2 for 1X, 2X or 3X. Beautiful 100% cotton tees with crystal and gold P.E.O. logo. Contact Nancy Locke @ nancylocke@cox.net or 702-293-7336 to order or for more information. Send check with order of size, style and color payable to Chapter K, c/o Nancy Locke, 105 Stone Canyon Rd., Boulder City, NV 89005.


 **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.


 **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.


 **Beveled glass 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 Viki Powell, 2420 Snead, LHC, AZ 86406. 928-854-6039 or email bristygir@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 (\$40) and blk canvas tote bags (\$30 & \$32). Monogrammed daisy, ch, st. Send order to Ch E, S. Wilson, 4820 Rapidan Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70817 225-964-7227

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


 **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.


 **Wine glass**—P.E.O. & marguerite in yellow \$10 each with a minimum of 2 plus \$10 S/H. Contact if more desired for S/H prices. Ch N c/o Jane Richards 733 W. Bonanza Dr, Carson City, NV 89706 or tweety8491@sbcglobal.net.


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

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

Daisy bracelet watch—silver daisy watch face with decorative yellow, white and silver beads. \$35 ppd. Ch BC, Pam Ostdahl, PO Box 326, Rock Springs, WY 82902. Order form or photo: twelsh@minershospital.org.

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


 **Nature note cards**—Set of 6 blank note cards in floral and outdoor scenes. The purpose of P.E.O. is on the back of cards. \$10 for set of six plus \$1 s/h. Ch CG, c/o Ann Woody, 6202 S. Schooner Place, Boise, ID 83716 or ann.jw1@gmail.com


 **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.

2012 yearbook calendars by the month to fit purse-size 6-ring binders, \$3.50 ppd. Send checks payable to Ch.BS, c/o Joanne Ploskunak, 51516 Herak, Charlo, MT 59824. 406-261-6604. 2013 calendars available in November.

 **Star keychains** — Quality silver metal, star-shaped keychains engraved with P.E.O. are available for a low price of just \$10 each ppd. Please make check to: Chapter DO, C/O Lenore Jones, 10820 Nutmeg Meadows Drive, Plymouth, IN 46563. Wear as a necklace too! Be creative! Contact Lenore@ancoofficeproducts.com for any questions.

 **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

Get P.E.O. magnetism! 4" square car magnet spreads word about P.E.O. Black backgrd, large lovely daisy w/ letters P.E.O. \$6 ppd to Ch AJ c/o Bev Shaw, 83A Grouse Hill Rd. Glastonbury, CT 06033 bevshaw@cox.net. Order 5 or more – only \$5 each! (free ship).

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

Join hands with your P.E.O. sisters 16 oz travel tumbler, created for us by Suzy Toronto. \$17 check to Ch BN, Millie Bergman, 2802 Cane Field Dr, SugarLand, TX 77479. mbergz@aol.com. Discounts for orders of 5 or 10.

Unique handcrafted brighter future jewelry: Seven piece sterling silver collection of pendants and earrings. Original designs created by members of Ch DM, Hayward, WI. Handcrafted by silversmith and P.E.O. Mary Covelli. Proceeds support P.E.O. projects. Details about the collection & artists at www.brighterfuturejewelry.com.

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 PEOFQPINS@hotmail.com

Scarf—silk P.E.O. "Power of Our Words" in butterscotch yellow, black and white. 10" x 60". Please mail \$26 check, plus details to: Chapter KQ, c/o Connie Funk, 4779 Dryden Ct., Iowa City, IA 52245

Seven heavenly Founders—15 min DVD gives origin of sisterhood and detailed biographies of each founder. Cottey College Tour – 10 min DVD highlights campus, colonial architecture and student activities. Both DVDs are great for programs/new members. \$15 ppd each or 2 for \$25 ppd, Ch BF, Phyllis Sandmann, 9301 Lansbrooke Ln, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

Marguerite nametags—w/Chapter ID, magnet, 1 1/2 x 3" plstc. \$13 + S&H Ch JB c/o Jaima DiMartino, 720-690-7499, divajoy77@gmail.com

P.E.O. engraved silver star letter opener. Chapter FQ \$25.00 + \$6 S.H. ppd. Lovely for gifts. Gift-boxed. c/o Heidi deLisser 3470 NW 7th St., Miami, FL 33125, hdelisser@aol.com

P.E.O. gift bags! Perfect for new members & guest speakers. "P.E.O." in gold on white paper bags w/ handles and gold star tissue. Set of 5 w/shp \$20. Ch NL, LA, CA, dschererpeo@gmail.com.

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Best bag for your bucks! Yellow embroidered P.E.O., daisy, ch, city, st, on durable 600 denier polyester, zippered, large front pocket, adjustable web handles, 2 pen loops, 2 side bottle pockets. 15x13x5. \$25+shipping, payable to Ch FS, Sue Mechem, 729 Maple Lane, Clarion, IA 50525. 515-532-2228 or mikesuemechem@gmail.com

Free: 5 officers' initiation polyester/type lovely gowns. Pay shipping. Contact Connie Baughman at edconnieb@msn.com.

P.E.O. black nylon garment bag (\$40) and blk canvas tote bags (\$30 & \$32). Monogrammed daisy, ch, st. Send order Ch E, S. Wilson, 4820 Rapidan Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70817 225-964-7227

Counted cross-stitch redesigned collage with all six projects. Mail check for \$10 to Ch. DU, c/o Mrs. John (Kitty) Schirm, 11180 Brentwood Ln., Chardon, OH 44024

Express your pride in being a P.E.O. & a Cottey College supporter. This window decal is the perfect way to do just that. Volume discounts. Order form & add'l info at www.peoagga.com (Ch. AG, GA)

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Homes

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

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

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

Books

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

Recipe book—enjoy a 40-page comb-bound collection for \$8 ppd. Check payable to Ch AK, Sally Gilreath, 2300 N Wilson Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073-4271.

Eva Parsons Chapter DR, Costa Mesa, California Initiated: March 10, 1975



Eva Parsons

Eva Parsons celebrated her 104th birthday in July 2012. She maintains an active life and made headlines in 2008 when she walked a marathon at 100 years of age. Eva still hosts a chapter meeting once a year and she can't recall ever missing a P.E.O. meeting. Her Chapter DR sister Joyce Donnelly says, "Eva is an excellent example of what a P.E.O. stands for. She greets each sister with a twinkle in her blue eyes and makes everyone feel special."

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Lansing, Michigan, then our family moved to Rockford, Illinois. In 1925, we moved to Compton, California. I was the second oldest of six kids—two brothers and three sisters. After I graduated from high

school I went to work at the Edison Company. I worked there for two years, until I got married.

Tell us about your family.

I was married for 65 years to my husband Lewis. He passed away about 20 years ago in a car accident. I have two sons—Richard and Del—and two grandsons.

When did you start walking?

I've always been very active—when we were kids, our parents wanted us to take piano lessons, but I hated practicing—I'd rather be out playing baseball.

I've walked in several 5Ks and walked in my last marathon when I was 100. I walk to a nearby senior center two days a week to take an exercise class.

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

It's a wonderful organization and I'm proud to be an active member. Now I'm the eldest member in my chapter. It's a wonderful group of women. They've all been wonderful to me. We love each other very much.

What's one of your favorite P.E.O. memories?

I was president of our chapter when I was about 80. I went to the California state convention that year and we had a fashion show—I modeled some of the clothes that were shown. That was a lot of fun.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I live in a house with my son Richard in Corona Del Mar. We really enjoy our house—I love living here; I'm totally able to take care of myself. I still cook—I can still eat anything I want. I used to bake, but don't do that much anymore. I listen to a lot of books on tape.

What's your secret to longevity?

I think the Lord's just not ready for me yet. I must be living here for a purpose. When I go to my exercise class, people say I inspire them so I think that's why I'm here. 🌸

To The POINT

2013 International Convention

The 2013 Convention of International Chapter will be held September 26-28 in Dallas, Texas.

Amendments, registration and tour information will be included in the March-April 2013 issue of The P.E.O. Record.

Continue to watch the members' side of the P.E.O. website for more information.



Leading Your Delegation

A PowerPoint presentation will be posted for s/p/d officers with information and tips on leading and registering your delegation to International Convention. The online presentation will include a timeline for communicating with the local chapters eligible to send delegates and with International Chapter.

Mailings from the P.E.O. Executive Office

Annual Reports for Corresponding Secretary

In January the membership department will send the chapter membership summary, annual report of corresponding secretary, annual report cover letter and instructions, and the sample chapter membership records to each local chapter president unless otherwise designated.



Annual Reports for Treasurer

These will be mailed to s/p/d treasurers or paid assistants in late November or early December. In turn they will send the report forms to your local chapter presidents.

Annual Reports for Chapter in Subordinate Territory

In January the treasurer's annual reports along with membership annual reports will be mailed from the executive office to presidents of chapters in subordinate territory.

Winter Mailing

This mailing to all local chapter presidents and s/p/d officers will be sent in January 2013.

Dues are Payable



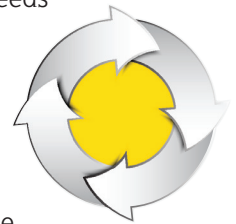
Don't forget to pay your dues to your local chapter treasurer by the end of February. If you are away from home during the winter months, please give your check to your treasurer **before** you leave. To ensure that all annual reports are filed by the local chapter officers in a timely manner, and to count you as an active member of P.E.O., your chapter treasurer must receive your dues by February 28, 2013.

Circularization—Including Email Circularization

The online Directory of Presidents may not be used for Circularization. Our membership publications and listings (Bed and Breakfast, Rx:TLC,

Reciprocity Reference), are not to be used to compile mailing lists or send mass emails for one's personal and/or business use. Emails are only intended for official P.E.O. business and/or approved communications. Our members provide us with their email addresses with the understanding they will not receive "spam" emails from P.E.O. members or mass emails. Chapter presidents and state officers have allowed us to publish their email addresses for your convenience. Please respect their trust in us.

Each P.E.O. needs to be aware of the provisions of Standing Rule #2 of the International Chapter, found on page 83 of the Constitution. Standing Rule #2 requires state and/or International executive board authorization for circularization among members, local chapters, reciprocity groups or P.E.O. Groups. Circularization is defined as the circulation of letters or canvassing members and/or chapters. ANY CIRCULARIZATION beyond the state chapter ON ANY SUBJECT must be authorized in advance by the Executive Board of International Chapter.



A Scholar Awards Friendly Reminder

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