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## 'Tis the Season to ...

### **Give, Be thankful, Have fun together!**

Every season has something special to enjoy. At this time of year many increase their generosity to others, express appreciation for good fortunes, and look forward to celebrating the season with family and friends.

What a wonderful time to reflect on the special gifts we can offer in P.E.O. to our members, project recipients and Cottey students/alumnae—not just now, but throughout the year. The most important gift we can offer is to let them know we care and that they're important to us. So, how can we express these feelings?

**Invite all members—active, non-participating, inactive—and project recipients as well as Cottey students/alumnae to your special events during this festive time of year.** Let them join in the fun social time that you enjoy together. Reinforce that we don't just 'efficiently conduct P.E.O. business'...P.E.O.s have a lot of fun together, too! Enable your project recipients and Cottey students to experience the spirit of P.E.O. through the emotional support we offer—to them and to our members. Additionally, why not invite family, friends, colleagues and acquaintances to share in your fun times?

**Reach out to your non-participating members to understand their circumstances and assess what may enable them to become more actively engaged with your chapter.** Offer a ride to your members who need help getting to meetings—especially those living in retirement communities. Arrange for babysitting services to make it easier for members with young children to enjoy chapter meetings. Perhaps these and other ideas will make it possible for them to once again enjoy chapter life.

**Remind your chapter's inactive members that they're in your thoughts and are welcome to return to active status.** Stay in touch with them by sending birthday wishes, holiday greetings and invitations to your social meetings and activities. Extending this personal touch to them would make a tremendous difference and will be a welcoming reminder when they're ready to reinstate!

**Enable all members to stay connected with P.E.O.** Encourage them to "Like" and follow our new P.E.O. International Facebook page. Purchase a 1-year Record subscription for your inactive members to help them stay current on P.E.O. news—it's only \$5. If you're an inactive member reading this issue, please consider directly connecting with your local chapter to reinstate or enabling us to introduce you to a chapter in your area through our "No Place Like P.E.O." program. (see details for 'Staying Connected' in To The Point, page 49)

Sharing the holidays together and reaching out to our non-participating and inactive members, project recipients and Cottey students/alumnae adds even more to a season typically known for a feeling of thankfulness. In P.E.O., we experience

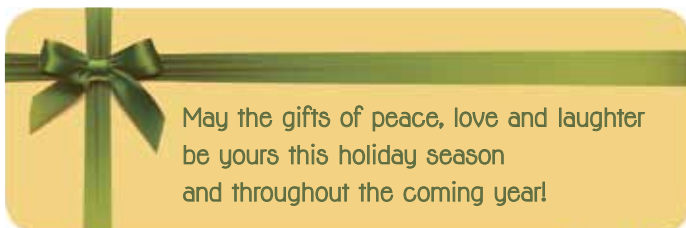
a fellowship unmatched by other organizations. We help young women attending our college develop into strong leaders. We empower women of all ages and backgrounds to make a difference in this world by achieving their educational pursuits. What other organization can make these claims?

I hope, during this special time of year, you'll celebrate your chapter's accomplishments and your generosity to our project recipients and Cottey students. Remember, it's not just about working together, it's about having fun together, too! Could that be your chapter's "Power of 1"?...to work efficiently so you have more time to enjoy fun activities together while strengthening the bonds of fellowship?

**Celebrate your "1" during this festive season!**



Maria T. Baseggio,  
President, International Chapter





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



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Barbara Boger and Barbara Shirley

## Finding “Lost” Sisters

You never know when or where you might meet a “lost” P.E.O. sister. These are my two stories of chance meetings with unaffiliated P.E.O.s we welcomed into our chapter.

### Ginger Dugger

While leaving my local post office in Dallas, my P.E.O. Record was on top of my pile of mail. A woman in line saw my Record and exclaimed, “I have a P.E.O. Record too!” We chatted a bit and I learned her name was Ginger Dugger and she had recently moved to Dallas from Oklahoma. It turned out she lived less than two miles from me, worked out at the same fitness center and knew one of my sisters in Chapter ET. Ginger, a member of Chapter BD, Wagoner, Oklahoma, had not had the opportunity to attend any P.E.O. meetings since moving to Dallas; I invited her to my chapter’s next meeting where she quickly fit in and transferred shortly thereafter.

### Barbara Shirley

Several of my P.E.O. sisters and I attended a violin concert together. We were gathered afterwards when a new resident, Barbara Shirley, stopped by to say hello. I introduced Barbara to my P.E.O. sisters and she said, “I’m a P.E.O. too!”

Barbara was initiated into her mother’s chapter, DD, Chanute, Kansas, in 1945. When she moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, she transferred to Chapter DC. After that chapter disbanded,

she didn’t find a new P.E.O. home. Learning this, I invited her to our next meeting and soon after we completed the paperwork so she could join our chapter. In June 2014, she celebrated 69 years of P.E.O. sisterhood.

*Barbara Brooks Boger, ET,  
Dallas, Texas*

## P.E.O. Hospitality—Above and Beyond

My husband and I went on a cruise to Alaska to celebrate our 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. We flew from Florida to Vancouver, a city we had never visited before, so I contacted Penny Dyer, president of Chapter A, Vancouver, to obtain information on the city before we arrived. She responded immediately with helpful tips for our visit. In addition, she gave my name to Esther White, a member of their chapter who works in tourism for Vancouver. Esther sent us a packet full of brochures helpful in planning our trip and graciously

offered to meet us at the airport and transport us to our hotel. Our flight arrived late at night and when we walked through the gate, there stood Esther holding a sign that said “P.E.O.,” while Gail, another sister from their chapter, waited outside in the car. I have been a member of P.E.O. for 10 years and have never been more proud to be a part of such an amazing organization. We were so blessed by their kind hospitality and enjoyed meeting new friends.

*Renee Magnuson, Z,  
Titusville, Florida*

## A Round of Applause for Online Resources!

I just want to say a big thank you! It’s so great that the forms for the local officers are on the website! It was so nice to be able to sit at my dining room table at 5:30 a.m. and get some P.E.O. chapter work done. I know the art of the letter and postal messaging is still very necessary but being able to do updates and changes via the website is fantastic! Thank you!

*Charlot Sanders, Past President,  
Delaware State Chapter*

## Ready to Try QR Codes!

I recently took a giant leap forward technologically...I gave up my prepaid TracFone and purchased a basic model Samsung Galaxy. I am slowly learning how to use it and continue to be amazed at what it can do. I’m writing to say “THANK YOU!!!” for the article on page six of the September-October Record. I have downloaded the QR DROID and look forward to using it. My husband and I leave soon for a trip that is sure to take us to museums where I’m certain we will see QR Codes beside displays.

*Jan Davenport, BQ,  
Tucson, Arizona*

# Check Out the Fresh New Look of the P.E.O. Website

**YOU VOTED!**  
**The Dark Blue**  
**Color Theme Won!**

Everything on the public side of the P.E.O. website has been revamped and reorganized for your ease of use. While you're there, pick up tips for navigating the redesigned site in the tutorial link on the homepage.

The screenshot shows the P.E.O. website homepage. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains links for Member Login, Online Ordering, Giving Opportunities, and Contact P.E.O. Below this is a banner with the P.E.O. logo and the tagline "Women helping women reach for the stars". A secondary navigation bar lists "About P.E.O.", "P.E.O. Projects", "P.E.O. Foundation", "Membership", "P.E.O. Record", and "Member Login". The "Member Login" link is circled in green. Below the navigation is a large rotating image carousel with the text "P.E.O. Projects" in large yellow letters. A callout box points to the "Member Login" link with the text "Click Here to Log In as a P.E.O. Member". Another callout box points to the rotating images with the text "Rotating images will feature latest news about P.E.O.". Below the carousel is a scrolling image carousel with three images: "October 25 is P.E.O. Visit Day at Cottey College", "Helping Women Reach for the Stars video", and "Members Only: Check out the Membership Begins with Me videos!". A callout box points to the scrolling images with the text "These scrolling images will highlight P.E.O. activities and information on the website". At the bottom, a footer contains the P.E.O. logo, copyright information, and contact details.

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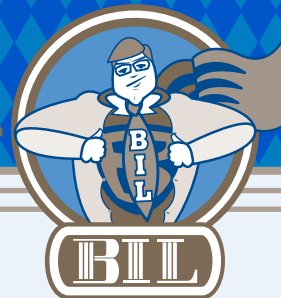
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## BIL Answering Service

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

**Karin Condon, EP, Verona, Wisconsin, recently recounted her experiences in organizing a new P.E.O. chapter in Verona. As part of that effort, she had been referencing a lengthy list of unaffiliated members in the Madison area with names and phone numbers. In some instances when calling, Karin had to leave messages on answering machines, but in other cases she was able to speak directly with the P.E.O. or her BIL. In most cases when the message was left with a BIL, Karin received a return call from the P.E.O. about joining the new chapter. However, there was one P.E.O. who never returned Karin's calls.**

With the deadline approaching for reaching the required number of members needed to charter a new chapter, Karin made repeated attempts to reach a P.E.O. named Mary who had relocated to the area from Missouri. Each time Don, Mary's BIL, answered the phone. They had pleasant conversations with Don always promising to deliver the messages to Mary. After several months, Karin was perplexed at the lack of response and decided to give it one last try. Don again answered the phone and said he would leave the message. Within a few minutes Mary called, much to Karin's surprise, as she assumed Mary had not been interested. However, after learning about the chance to become a charter member of a new chapter, Mary enthusiastically jumped at the opportunity.

Two years passed before Karin found out the reason for Mary's delay in calling. Don, the engaging conversationalist, was not always good at taking down messages and except for the last one, Mary never knew about the calls from Karin. After that last call, Mary had walked in the door just after Don hung up, and he told



**First row:** Mary and Don Moran **Second row:** Karin Condon and Ken Ruppert

Mary he had just gotten off the phone with "a lady who wants to talk about P.E.O." Don had not written down any contact information so Mary had to check caller ID. How fortunate she did, because not only did she become a charter member of Chapter EP, but over the years Don and Mary, Karin and her BIL Ken, have become the best of friends.

It was only recently that Karin shared with Mary the difficulty in connecting with her. Laughs were had by all—and it was unanimously agreed that Don is the worst message-taker ever. But, Karin admits, he is one of the sweetest BILs she has known in her 28 years as a P.E.O. 🌸

### TLC for BILs

There are countless stories of how P.E.O.s and their BILs have "helped each other in time of need." Perhaps that greatest "time of need" is when someone loses a spouse. For the P.E.O. who loses her BIL, members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood provide comfort and support both initially and through the transition of grieving.

But what of the BIL who loses his wife? In talking to a few widowed BILs, there is almost a double loss. There are certainly initial invitations to social events, but without the anchor of his P.E.O., it may be difficult for some men to continue. And it may be awkward for P.E.O.s to reach out to a widowed BIL. There are no definitive answers or guidelines. Certainly each chapter handles the solo BIL in its own special manner. I would love to learn the ways in which BILs reach out to other BILs to provide their support and opportunities to socialize. However the means, I have no doubt support for the solo BIL is graciously given with lots of TLC.



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**Mark your calendars and start your engines!**

Watch for more details in upcoming issues of The P.E.O. Record and  
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# It's That Time of Year **Dues are Due**

**Don't forget  
to pay your dues  
before March 1  
to maintain your  
active status!**





# PHONE EVERY ONE DAY



## Reach out to our Unaffiliate Sisters on Founders' Day

*by Ellen Knox, Western Regional Membership Representative*

**The boxes are unpacked, pictures are hung on the walls, a new hair salon is located. The hard physical work of moving is finished and yet, you still feel so unsettled. How long will it take to make some new friends? And then the phone rings. It's a P.E.O. sister calling to welcome you to town and invite you to a chapter function. Oh, the power of that one phone call!**

January 21, 2015—Founders' Day—our entire sisterhood will participate in an exciting activity, Phone Every One day. Together, sisters across Canada and the United States plan to phone every one of our unaffiliated members, welcome them to the area and invite them to attend a P.E.O. function.

Did you know that we have more than 30,000 active P.E.O. sisters who have moved too far away from their chapters to conveniently attend their meetings? These sisters are called unaffiliates because they have not yet "affiliated" or transferred their membership to a chapter in the new area where they are now living. These sisters are already P.E.O.s; they are

loved members of a chapter. They are someone's mother, daughter or best friend and they haven't yet found a new P.E.O. home. Phone Every One day is an opportunity to reach out to our unaffiliated sisters and help them reconnect with P.E.O.s in the community so they will again feel the loving concern and support of chapter members.

Your state, province or district membership committee will soon provide information about Phone Every One day. They'll give you names of the unaffiliates in your area to call and a sample script you may use when you make your calls. Even if your state, province or district is not participating as a group in this sisterhood-wide opportunity to Phone Every One, you can still be a part of the action! There are resources and sample conversations for contacting unaffiliated sisters in the Local Chapter Membership Committee tool box on the P.E.O. International website. Your state, provincial or district membership committee can share information on the unaffiliated sisters living in your area. All you have to do is contact them for helpful suggestions.

Your chapter may want to organize an impromptu social to participate. Choose a time mid-morning to meet and make your phone calls, then head out to lunch together. If you wear your emblems, your chapter will also be participating in the annual Wear Your Pin day activity that we celebrate in honor of our Founders!

We grow and strengthen our sisterhood when we nurture our current members, no matter where they reside. How can we help an unaffiliated sister get the most out of her P.E.O. membership? President Maria Baseggio has challenged all of us to consider what we might achieve with the "Power of One." "What is your one?" she asks us each issue in her president's message. Just imagine what we can accomplish when each of us chooses to reach out and phone an unaffiliated sister in our area—even if it's just to leave a cheery "Happy Founders' Day" voicemail. Phone Every One day is a great opportunity to realize your "power of one" so get ready to Phone Every One on January 21, 2015. It might just be the call your unaffiliated sister has been waiting for! 🌸



P. Buckley Moss is one of America's most prized living artists. An alumna of New York's prestigious Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Pat Moss is a formally educated and accomplished artist, highly regarded by academics and collectors alike. Her art is represented in over 200 galleries worldwide.

## P. Buckley Moss Brings her Passion for Philanthropy to P.E.O.

by Jerry Osborne, AB, Radford, Virginia

**March 12, 2014, was an exciting day for the members of Chapter AB in Radford, Virginia, when four new sisters were initiated. One of these new sisters is a world-famous American artist—perhaps you have a piece of her art hanging in your home or business. Pat Moss, better known as P. Buckley Moss, is the third woman in her family to join P.E.O., although not in the usual progression. First, her daughter**

Mary Donnelly was initiated in 1993; her granddaughter Sarah Donnelly joined the Sisterhood in 2011. Both members of Chapter AB, Mary and Sarah encouraged Pat, who recently bought a home in the Radford area, to join their chapter too.

During Pat's preacceptance counseling, she stated that she decided to accept the invitation to become a P.E.O. because of her strong feelings about the mission of our sisterhood. She has strong feelings about the arts,



Having achieved success, Pat devotes a great deal of her time and effort to helping others. Donations of P. Buckley Moss art have raised over four million dollars for worthy charities.



education, women and philanthropy—all are important in her life.

True to her convictions, Pat recently made a \$10 million donation toward the construction of an arts center at Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Virginia, which was been named in her honor. Pat said, "I was lucky enough to find the arts at a young age, and they opened up so many learning avenues and professional opportunities for me. That is why I am so excited about the impact this wonderful facility will make on thousands of people, young and old, across this entire region of our state...The arts can change people's hearts, change their minds, and change their lives."

This did not surprise anyone who knows Pat, as she is not only known for her artistic talents, but she has a history of generosity. You will find her art in Ronald McDonald Houses, public schools and colleges and

universities. She has donated art for charity fundraisers and illustrations in books written by grade school children. For many years, she sent Christmas ornaments to our chapter, which we sold as a successful fundraiser. You will also find her traveling to speak with students and teachers about art...the list goes on and on as to her altruism.

Donations of Pat's art work have raised more than \$4 million for worthy charitable organizations. Contributing to these causes is The Moss Society, consisting of more than 8,000 collector-members. She has also established the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education, which encourages schools to use art in their curricula and as a vehicle to help children with learning differences. 🌸

*Portions of the information for this article are from the Virginia Tech Impact Magazine written by Albert Raboteau.*



P. Buckley Moss' newest gallery opened in October in Blacksburg, Virginia



Three generations of P.E.O.s in Chapter AB: Sarah Donnelly, Mary Donnelly and Pat Moss





Members of Chapter OQ, Des Moines, Iowa, are proud of all the project recipients they sponsor

## Successful Chapter Spreads the Word, Shares the Gifts of P.E.O.

by Kristi O'Connor, OQ, Des Moines, Iowa

**There's energy and vitality growing in the living rooms of suburban Des Moines. Chapter OQ has had a successful run of sponsoring six candidates for P.E.O. projects in the last three years. Why the rush of successful recipients? Is there something special about our chapter? Do we have the magic touch? Is our area needier than others? Of course the answer to those questions is no! All P.E.O. chapters have this gift to share with others!**

Our chapter sponsored two women working toward their doctoral degrees with the Educational Loan Fund three years ago. Both women were friends living in a different state and one was the sister-in-law of one of our chapter members.

The following year, we helped a local high school student earn a STAR

scholarship. We met her through a chapter member's co-worker whose daughter impressed us with her academic and service resume. With pride in helping this student work toward her undergraduate degree, our committee cochairs started spreading the word about P.E.O. as they visited with friends at BBQs and attended school functions with their children. These successes inspired our chapter to think about other ways to find candidates.

While sitting on the bleachers of a youth basketball game, one of our members began talking about our projects. A fellow basketball mom overheard her and seemed intrigued



Sponsored by Chapter OQ, IPS student Renata Pinedo recently spoke with the chapter via Skype

about how it could help her achieve her goal of going back to school. As a single mom with two young sons, her dream was to finish her degree in social work and better the lives of her children. Leigh was our first in a series of project recipients who then shared her story with another basketball mom, Laurie. Laurie met with our chapter's project committee and we walked her through the application process and literally sat with her as she filled out the financial forms. The paperwork can seem daunting, so we found it important to help our candidates through that process. Laurie received partial funds from both the Iowa P.E.O. Project Fund and the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE). It was rewarding to be able to personally present those checks to Leigh and Laurie! They both attended a summer chapter meeting so our members met them and encouraged their efforts.

In the meantime, another basketball mom, Jackie, heard about P.E.O. and contacted our chapter. Through the willing hearts and time of our projects committee, we were able to secure the full PCE grant for this woman's education.

## So what is the moral of the story? Share! Share! Share! Make P.E.O. a part of your daily life. Share how our sisterhood is impacting families' lives on a local level.

Through an outstanding fundraising event, our chapter was able to donate \$500 to the P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund (IPS) and sponsor a student from Mexico who was studying in California. Though we were never able to meet Renata in person, we mailed her care packages and photographs of our chapter. During a recent monthly meeting, we devoted our International projects program to "virtually meeting" Renata through Skype. This

outstanding student shared about her studies and vision to give back to her country. It was humbling to learn about her experiences, the impact of P.E.O. on her ability to attend graduate school and her appreciation of P.E.O. It's safe to say we all felt more empowered

and determined to continue our chapter's efforts to support women through our projects.

As you can see, our efforts have focused on the educational aspects of P.E.O.'s projects. But there is more to offer women, and even men, in times of need.

It took just one project to give our chapter the confidence that we could indeed help other women. And word traveled fast! Our project cochairs' understanding of the process, paper-

work and letters of introduction was integral to our success. The P.E.O. website provides training tools that are available to all of us.

So what is the moral of the story? Share! Share! Share! Make P.E.O. a part of your daily life. Share how our sisterhood is impacting families' lives on a local level. That may spark a conversation about a need, or pique a woman's interest in going back to school if she knew she could apply for support from P.E.O. Sometimes candidates are right next door or a woman we pass every day. Only by sharing stories and listening to others can we find out if a P.E.O. project might be the answer to a neighbor's need.

No, Chapter OQ does not have the magic potion or special sauce. But our chapter does have an intentional attitude to seek out candidates and a willingness to meet with them and hold their hands through the process. Don't we all want someone to care for us? We can all offer this confidence to other women through the projects of P.E.O.! 🌸



PCE recipient Laurie Walsh with Chapter OQ member Amy Templeton





P.E.O. Lori Ortiz (far left) participated in a Casting for Recovery event in Alaska this summer. photo by Hallie Burnett

**According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second most common cancer among American women. About one in eight women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer during her lifetime. There are currently more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. (This includes women still being treated and those who have completed treatment.)**

**Chances are you, a woman in your family or one of your P.E.O. sisters has been somehow affected by this disease. The following two stories are exceptional illustrations of how P.E.O.s have reached out to help women battling breast cancer and conversely, how P.E.O.s have been on the receiving end of sisterly love and support while facing the disease themselves.**

## A Passion for Casting for Recovery

*by Bonnie Arielly and Mary Turney, L, Anderson, South Carolina*

When Mary Turney, L, Anderson, South Carolina, gets passionate about something, she does it with gusto. In 1998, she learned to fly-fish with a group of female friends. After that introduction, she was hooked. She took lessons, connected with a fly-fishing mentor and joined fishing conservation organizations. She and her husband Rick even bought a house in Wyoming to pursue their love of fly-fishing.

Through a Trout Unlimited magazine, Mary learned about Casting for Recovery (CFR) and her passion expanded! Casting for Recovery is a nonprofit organization whose mission



P.E.O. Mary Turney is instrumental in organizing Casting for Recovery events in South Carolina and Wyoming

is to enhance the quality of life of breast cancer survivors by providing fly-fishing retreats to promote and support mental and physical healing. Casting for Recovery provides retreats to address survivorship issues for breast cancer survivors of any age and at any stage of treatment. The retreats include counseling, medical education and fly-fishing instruction.

Since retiring from the telecommunications industry, Mary and Rick have split their time between their homes on the Wind River in Wyoming and Lake Hartwell in South Carolina. In 2008, they volunteered with the Carolinas CFR program. They served as "river helpers," assisting and guiding the retreat participants during a one-on-one fishing experience.

Mary presented an enthusiastic program about Casting for Recovery to Chapter L, after which several members provided monetary support and personal gifts for the program.

When asked by the national CFR organization if she would help launch the program in Wyoming, Mary enthusiastically said yes. In 2011, the first CFR Retreat in Wyoming was held at the Absaroka Ranch. Since then, CFR has continued to help women across Wyoming find renewal and empowerment on the stream, around the campfire and in the circle of other survivors.

There are 34 CFR programs across the U.S. and more than 6,000 women



Mary showing off her catch—an impressive brown trout



have attended CFR retreats. The social interactions at the retreats offer women a chance to share, laugh, vent and rejuvenate. Participants develop not only strength, joy and confidence in their own abilities, but lasting bonds of friendship.

The two-and-a-half day retreats are offered at no cost to the participants, who are chosen at random. Past participants have varied backgrounds—

from ranch workers to accountants and artists to oncology nurses, from remission for more than 10 years to those currently in treatment. Mary recently learned that one of the women who attended a retreat and now serves as a volunteer with the program is also a P.E.O.

Each retreat ends with hugs, tears, exchanged addresses and renewal of hope, inspiration and self-confidence.

Mary is very grateful to her P.E.O. sisters for their support as well as for all of those who support this life-changing program. At the end of 2013, Mary was invited to join the CFR National Board of Trustees and she was honored to again say “yes” to Casting for Recovery.

A second generation P.E.O., Mary is grateful for opportunities to spread the word about this program that helps so many women. 🌻

## Lori Ortiz, A, Ketchikan, Alaska

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

Lori Ortiz, A, Ketchikan, Alaska, was diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2009, right before her oldest daughter graduated from high school. Now five years cancer-free, when Lori learned about the Casting for Recovery (CFR) event being organized in her area in August, she jumped at the chance to get involved.

Lori said, “I always like to spend time outdoors so that part appealed to me right away and I thought this program would help me appreciate the outdoors in another way.” The Ketchikan CFR program took place in a rustic and beautiful setting—a place called Orton Ranch on the Naha River. Lori described it as, “A complete retreat from daily life. With limited cell phone service and no computers, it was quite enjoyable to get away from it all.” She continued, “It was wonderful to get to be with a group of women, some of whom I knew—all with whom I could identify.”

Lori explained, “Even after being in remission, it takes a while to not think about cancer every day. Even though I’m very healthy now there is still a ghost—a specter of that—it lingers behind my

consciousness. I’m aware of it and try to acknowledge it in order to look forward with optimism for my future. I think that specter keeps you appreciating each moment. As I planned to go to CFR, I knew there would be women there in an earlier part of the journey whom I could support and likewise, women there who were further out in their journey who would also provide hope for me.”

When Lori moved to Alaska at the age of 23, she only intended to stay for a year, but she met her husband Dan and has lived there ever since. She said, “His family became my family. It’s been a great journey.” Part of that journey was joining P.E.O.—Lori’s mother-in-law, Margaret Ortiz, has been a member of Chapter A in Ketchikan since 1973. Lori joined the same chapter in 1988 and says, “P.E.O. is the strength of more than friends—it’s a sisterhood. It’s a very parallel feeling you get with those also on a journey with breast cancer.”

In true P.E.O. fashion, Lori’s Chapter A sisters stepped up with loving support as she battled breast cancer. There was no radiation treatment available in her rural area so she had to



Lori Ortiz fly-fishing on the Naha River in Alaska  
photo by Hallie Burnett

relocate to Seattle for six weeks; there a P.E.O. rented her a condo for an exceptionally reasonable rate. “While I was gone my P.E.O. sisters provided meals for my family,” recalled Lori. “And several of them got together to make a comfort quilt for me.” Particularly special to Lori was that when she returned to Ketchikan from treatment she found that her friends and P.E.O. sisters had gathered plants from their own gardens to plant a garden in Lori’s yard. 🌻

# P.E.O. Gems Shine Through My Breast Cancer Journey

by Laura Connor Blight, IN, Southlake, Texas

More than two years ago, within 52 weeks, my family and I lived in three different houses in three different cities. It was crazy and exhausting, but was the right thing for us at the time. Luckily, I had wonderful support from my P.E.O. sisters during our transitions. In the final move, we found ourselves in a new community when we were surprised at my yearly oncology follow-up exam.

Eighteen years and two weeks—that's how long I was a breast cancer survivor. On November 29, 2012, I started my counter over. During my mammogram, they found a tumor and I was diagnosed with a new cancer in the same breast that was treated in the past—this was a very aggressive type of breast cancer that would take at least 18 months to navigate.

My first journey with breast cancer was at the age of 32. I was a young patient at the time and a few P.E.O. sisters were actually with me when I was told of my diagnosis. Over the course of 35 weeks, I was treated with surgeries and aggressive chemo. Being single, my P.E.O. sisters were instrumental in my journey. One dear sister opened her home to me for weeks after surgery! Meals were constant and the loving concern made a huge difference in my recovery. Over the years, the ladies in Chapter HH in Houston remain part of my heart although I've moved to a few other chapters along the way.

We presented my new diagnosis as a "bump in the road" to our four children (now age 10, 11, 11, and 12). They understood and we've tried not to stop, spending countless hours at the ball park, soccer fields, school events and more. Through nausea, baldness and recuperation, we have

tried to continue but we've had our moments! In the last many months, I have endured six surgeries, eight rounds of high-dose chemo and 18 rounds of additional chemo.

We couldn't have made it through these last many months without the support of my new sisters in Chapter IN, Southlake, Texas. Each has provided

us support in so many ways—dinners, rides, cards, flowers, snacks, babysitting and help decorating for the holidays. If you can think of it, my sisters have provided it for us. The most amazing gift was the avalanche of gifts they put under our Christmas tree. I simply don't have the words to describe the levels of delight, number of smiles, or sounds of squeals and screams heard on Christmas morning!

I don't yet understand why I've had the opportunity to go through this journey again and perhaps I never will. However, I do think I'm meant to learn something from this. I've been blessed with a wealth of relationships during my life, and I've learned that they're a good barometer of how things are during times like this. As I've learned helping with fifth grade geologic homework this year, pressure and stress over time can create anything from fossils to fuel to diamonds. Some relationships I thought would provide fuel for us have been fossilized, left only as an impression in our history. Other relationships have been fueled,



Laura Connor Blight (second row, far right, in hot pink shirt) with her sisters in Chapter IN, Texas

growing warmer and deeper. They have continued to touch our hearts and keep my family and me going through tough times. Further, I have discovered new relationships that never existed before and have become precious gems that I've come to treasure deeply. It's been incredibly humbling to experience. Never did I anticipate what precious gems would be found in my P.E.O. sisters.

My great-grandmother, grandmother, mother and aunt were all P.E.O.s and they would be so thankful for the daily support my Chapter IN sisters have provided for my family. Another aunt is currently a P.E.O. and her entire family has provided wonderful ongoing assistance. For now, it's been my turn to be the recipient of such kindness and loving concern. I'm blessed beyond words. While I don't know what my future journey will bring, I plan to become cancer free, make new memories and be grateful for all of the love! 🌸







Members of Chapter IZ gathered to share more P.E.O. knowledge with sisters, both old and new

# A Membership Learning Opportunity

by Barbara Kinder, IZ, Sarasota, Florida

**On October 29, 2014, Chapter IZ, Sarasota, Florida, celebrated its three-year anniversary. Since our organization we have initiated 11 new sisters. In the midst of making plans for the year, we began hearing comments from our newer members that made us realize our preacceptance counseling sessions had not been a complete success.**

Here are some of the questions we were hearing:

- What is reciprocity?
- What do you meant by philanthropy?
- What is a project?
- Can anyone find candidates for loans and grants?
- Why do we own a college? What does this mean to us?
- How can I tell others about P.E.O. when I don't understand it myself?
- Why are we called an "international" organization?

We started planning an unscheduled meeting to provide more P.E.O. knowledge to our members. It was a meeting open to all of our members, publicized as a P.E.O. informational meeting for sisters, old and new. We gathered materials from our organizational days as well as some new materials that we ordered from the P.E.O. Supply Department. We decorated the house with P.E.O. posters and flags. The dining room table was full of pamphlets, creeds, constitutions, state and international convention programs, the book "Out of the Heart," yearbooks, information on the Founders, emblems and P.E.O. jewelry.

As we ate snacks and sipped wine and soft drinks, we browsed the written information and had an informal question and answer period. Then we moved to the family room, where we were able to show the preinitiation and postacceptance power point presentations, downloaded from the P.E.O. international website, on our TV. We moved through the slides slowly to give everyone an opportunity to ask questions and get answers. It was great! And many commented on how fun it was. The entire event only took two hours and we now believe our chapter members are informed sisters! 🌸



A variety of informational material was on display for sisters to review





P.E.O.s Alisa and Dina Johnson visited 51 capitals in 51 days. This map shows the route they took.

# P.E.O.s Visit 51 Capitals in 51 Days

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

**In early 2014, P.E.O. Alisa Johnson, HI, Federal Way, Washington, wrote in her blog, “I woke up on January 5...with a dream that I loaded my boys in the van and we took off to visit the 51 capitals in 51 days. I thought about it all morning so, after church, I went to Google Maps and took my first stab at an itinerary. That initial planning showed me that it could be done, including flying to Hawaii and Alaska within the 51 day time frame.**

“Over the next few days I told family, friends and co-workers about the crazy dream I had...I couldn’t stop thinking about it and the thought that my guys would be able to say for the rest of their lives...‘When I was a teenager my mom and I did this crazy thing...’”

It really was a crazy thing, especially for Alisa, who was laid off from her job in April. With an estimated budget of more than \$10,000 there were lots of questions swirling around about the feasibility of taking this trip. While contemplating all this, Alisa,

a truly spiritual person, wrote, “I’m experiencing a deep sense of peace that it’s all okay.”

And it was OK...Alisa turned to friends, family and neighbors to raise funds for their trip. She also shared her idea online, where she used crowdfunding to help raise money. Alisa’s faith in the generosity of people paid off. She explained, “I think we as humans want to be involved in things that are special, unique and fun. Donating money was a way for people to be involved in this crazy thing we were doing.”

Part of Alisa’s plan included having her sister Dina Johnson, HI, Federal Way, Washington, join them on their journey. Dina celebrated her 51<sup>st</sup> birthday this fall so it seemed fitting that she should be along for their “51 in 51” trip. When I asked Dina what she thought when Alisa approached her with this idea she said, “I thought she was crazy, I wondered how she was going to pull it off and I wanted to go!” Dina got the necessary time off work and was in!



The minivan Alisa and Dina drove. Decals on the back showed links to their website and tracked their progress

Alisa’s sons, Nicholas, 13 and Tristan, 15, were on board right from the start too. When it became obvious that she was serious about trying it Nicholas told her, “Mom, if you think we can do it, we can do it!”

Starting in Salem, Oregon, on June 28, they trekked across the United States, ending up in Olympia, Washington, on August 17. They drove everywhere except for their 49th and 50th stops in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Juneau, Alaska, where they flew. Alisa and Dina’s mother, Elizabeth Strandberg Johnson, also a member of Chapter HI, joined the family for the first and last stops on their trip.

Alisa documented the trip on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and on her blog. Many news stations picked up the story and the family gained a loyal group of followers who kept tabs on them as they traveled, but as Alisa wrote in one of her earliest blog posts, “The last thing I want is for anyone to think that we’re in this for recognition or the ‘fans’ we might attract...”



Dina, Tristin, Nicholas and Alisa Johnson in New York City, in The Today Show audience on the Rockefeller Center concourse

Browsing through Alisa’s “51 in 51” Facebook page, it’s easy to see how and why their story garnered so much attention and interest. In 51 days Alisa and her family saw and did things many would be lucky to experience in a whole lifetime of vacations. Their trip certainly wasn’t just about visiting each state’s capitol building to say “been there, done that.” The Johnsons took time in every capital to get to know more about the people and culture of each place.

The family got to go inside about half of the capitol buildings on their tour; the other half—due to very early morning or weekend visits—they walked the grounds and posed for photos outside. They also took time to visit historic sites and cultural landmarks of every ilk along the way. Among their many sightseeing excursions were national parks, Times Square, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Ben and Jerry’s ice cream factory and a minor league baseball park. Alisa and Dina even

made time to stop by the P.E.O. Executive office during their visit to Des Moines—we were honored to be included in their very busy itinerary!

People everywhere were excited to meet the travelers, having heard about their “51 in 51” challenge. Alisa said, “The most significant memories we’ll take away from our trip are the people we met. Some people were so excited to meet us—and we were just as excited to meet them!”

Just as she hoped from the beginning, Tristan and Nicholas CAN say they did this crazy thing their mom literally dreamed up. Alisa wrote in her blog, “I really want the guys to know that they can go after their dreams, too. They can turn any ‘I can’t’ into ‘I CAN!’” This is a valuable lesson highlighted by the wonderful memories her sons will certainly carry with them throughout their lives.

### Cotter Grads & P.E.O.s

Alisa and Dina are two of nine Cotter College graduates in their family. They both joined the Sisterhood in 1982. Their mother, Elizabeth, also a Cotter grad, has been a P.E.O. since 1958. All three women signed the charter for Chapter HI in Federal Way, Washington.

Alisa, Cotter class of ‘82, continued her education at Western Washington University where she majored in secondary education and biology. Dina, Cotter class of ‘83, went on to earn her BA in history from Western Washington University. She then moved to Japan, where she taught English for five and a half years. Upon her return she attended the University of Washington, Tacoma, where she earned a degree in liberal studies. For the last 14 years Dina has worked at the University of Washington as office manager for the international and English language program.

What Alisa values most about belonging to P.E.O. are the ongoing friendships. She said, “With P.E.O.s, it doesn’t matter how long it’s been since you’ve been together, we can always pick up wherever we left off.”



Dina, Tristin, Nicholas and Alisa Johnson at Mount Rushmore

Like many busy mothers, Alisa was not as involved in P.E.O. when her kids were young but now that her kids are older and more self-sufficient, she’s become active in her chapter again. She’s served as president, secretary, chaplain, guard, Cotter representative and reciprocity representative. She’s also been in charge of the yearbook since “forever”—even at times when she couldn’t attend meetings on a regular basis.

Dina also enjoys P.E.O. because of the people. She added, “I like that we support women’s education and the variety of opportunities that it brings to people from all over the world.” Dina has been actively involved in Chapter HI, serving as president, vice president, treasurer, guard and chaplain.



The Johnsons toured Honolulu, the 50th capital on their trip, in a convertible

Alisa and Dina presented a program to their chapter about the “51 in 51” quest before they set out. The sisters in Chapter HI were supportive and followed along with their journey on Facebook. Once they returned, their P.E.O. sisters were anxious to hear all about the trip and were extremely proud of them for their accomplishment. 🌸





# A Need for Elegant Solutions

by Joye Dickens, FM, Fort Collins, Colorado

Joye (on the right) with one of the “gogos” (grandmothers) in South Africa

**The summer I was about six, my parents announced that we’d have to cancel our vacation plans because we had 10 new puppies, in addition to their mother. I loved the puppies, but wasn’t about to miss out on our trip because of them. I snuck down to the basement in search of a solution, grabbed the two orange crates that served as my doll house, and put them behind the front seats of our car. Excitedly, I showed my parents how each crate could comfortably house the puppies and announced, “Now we can go.” And we did!**

Fast forward to age 75, where I still operate in the belief that, “For every real problem there is an elegant solution.” I’m now in the midst of my second trip to Paarl, South Africa, to volunteer with Tremendous Hearts, whose mission is to provide long-term, skilled volunteers to build the capacity of South African children’s homes and other agencies that care for orphaned, abandoned, abused and neglected children.

For the next 12 months, I’ll be working beside the “gogos” (“gogo” is the Zulu word for grandmother) in the nearby township of Mbekweni in Paarl to develop a sustainable soup kitchen to feed some of these children. In Paarl, there is a need for many elegant solutions. This small town, which is an hour’s drive outside of Cape Town, is known for the delicious wine it makes. Yet, the township has an HIV/AIDS infection rate of more than 20 percent and, as a result, many orphaned and abandoned children. Almost 30 percent of the children are HIV positive. With a very high unemployment rate, children go hungry every day so Tremendous Hearts partnered with the gogos to set up a soup kitchen two years ago.

## Head and Heart Working Together

Two years ago, the summer of 2012, I was in Paarl for two months to help establish the soup kitchen. When I arrived, the refrigerator and stove were still in boxes outside the old shipping container that was to house the kitchen. There was no power, no running water, and no drainage system to use—if we were actually able to find a water source. The shipping container



Go, grandmas go! With Joye’s help, these grandmothers are empowered to make a difference in the lives of the people in their village



is located in an alley, so it doesn't even have an address. But it has a roof and a door, and sits beside a church. I wasn't deterred and promised myself that I would not leave South Africa until the soup kitchen was up and running.

I was referred to a willing contractor and an architect who helped me create a plan. Remember, this is South Africa, so I won't even get into the complications of identifying the true owner of the property that the soup kitchen container sits on, or the obstacles in pulling together the various resources we needed to accomplish our goal. The main point is that by the time I left Paarl, we had found our way forward.

A clerk in a hardware store assembled all of the parts for a power cord that the contractor advised me to buy. I personally strung his concoction between the kitchen and the church

next door—relieved that I didn't have to figure out how to assemble the parts. We had electricity! Water? We bought a big coffee pot to hold hot water for dishwashing. It worked just fine. And drainage? For the interim, we would throw the gray water out into the street, as the rest of the community does.

Our solution was elegant enough to provide a hot meal for 150-300 children every day—making the Masazane Soup Kitchen official.

Now all we needed to do was pick up the donated food, a task I delegated to Martha, one of the gogos. As I handed her the money to travel into town, she gave me an intensely thoughtful look, punctuating her amazement that someone from the outside understood both her community's needs and her dreams

of resolving them—and, more, was willing to help. Martha put one hand on her heart and one hand on mine. She didn't say a word, but we both knew that our hearts were in the same place.

While the soup kitchen has been operating for two years now, more work needs to be done. Over the next year, my task is to help stabilize the project and create more sustainability for future children in need in Mbekweni. I will be helping to develop partnerships, coordinating a move to a permanent location with water and electric facilities, secure new public funding, and create a succession plan that allows the gogos (aged 63-75) to retire and pass on their legacy to the next generation.

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## “Gogo” is the Zulu word for **grandmother**.

### Gogos Do Good

Paarl, South Africa, has an AIDS/HIV infection rate of **more than 20 percent**, resulting in many **orphaned and abandoned children**. **Six grandmothers** whose own children have died have **stepped up to care for** the township's children. Joye makes seven gogos.



## You Can Create Small Miracles Every Day at Any Age

Who would have guessed (least of all me) that my 25 years' experience as a psychotherapist specializing in family systems and grief counseling, and then certification as a household manager, would qualify me to build a soup kitchen in a South African township! What I've found, now that I'm here, is that we need to broaden the concept of what our gifts are in life, and understand that, as Americans, our basic life skills can offer much to people in less developed countries. If we change our thinking, we can make significant contributions in the world—as long as we don't let our personal fears interfere with our heads and hearts.

Fear that you're inadequate, fear of the unknown, fear of things going

wrong, fear of what people will think of you, fear that you can't afford it ... the list is endless. I know! What helped me make my decision to follow my heart was refusing to listen to people who said, "You can't do it," and believing that, actually, I can do it. And, of course, my love of problem solving helped, which begins by asking, "why not?" instead of "why?" Why not bring the puppies on vacation? Why not move to South Africa and start a soup kitchen?

A big part of my life has been championing women; and I've always believed that it's not age that defines you, but how you spend your life. So it seems entirely natural that I, a grandmother myself, should be here working alongside the gogos in my mid-70s. There's a freedom in not letting age and circumstance define you—along with not owning a lot of material "stuff."

South Africa is in a state of trauma. It's not surprising that it is six grandmothers whose own children have died, often of AIDS, who have stepped up to care for the township's children. I've noticed that it's usually women who fill the gaps in life, wherever and whatever the need is. Now, there are seven grandmothers. I count myself lucky that I found a way to use my hands, mind and heart to make a difference in the lives of the people in Mbekweni alongside these wonderful, caring women who are now my friends.

Working with small miracles every day, I'm reminded of what Nelson Mandela once said, "A good head and a good heart are a formidable combination." I know that it's true. 🌸

## Joye Dickens—A Reinstated P.E.O. You Should Know!

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

Joye Dickens was introduced to P.E.O. by her mother, Lou Doris Waters Dickens. Joye recalled, "Some of my mother's closest and life-long friends were from her P.E.O. chapter and by extension, I thought of them as second moms." Joye joined her mother in sisterhood in 1961, when she was initiated into Chapter GE, Saint Louis, Missouri. Joye's mother was an active member until she died at the age of 93.

P.E.O. remains a legacy in the Dickens family—Joye's sister, Dee Ann Dickens Felter, was initiated into Chapter GE in 1960 and is now a member of chapter



IO in Pittsburg, Kansas. Joye's daughter, Marilyn Elizabeth Votaw, joined Chapter AE, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1998. Her nieces, Allison Wessel Felter and Amy Felter Striker are both members of Chapter GE, Saint Louis, Missouri. Her aunt, Ruth Whitcomb Waters, chapter eternal, was a 49-year member of the Sisterhood.

As is often the case in the lives of many women, Joye got busy with raising her family and P.E.O. was one of the commitments that got pushed off her very full plate for a time. She went inactive in 1978 and then in 1999, after what she described as a "reinventing" of herself, which included earning a master's degree, she found the time and energy to rejoin the Sisterhood. Joye explained, "There was always a place in my heart for my P.E.O. sisters,

especially in their support of women's education. It became increasingly important for me to be with other women who actively and sincerely supported and loved each other."

Joye says, "The women in P.E.O. are a blessing to me. I have moved from place to place and found it wonderful to 'plug in' immediately to a social network through P.E.O. Before I left the United States to spend a year in South Africa I looked for P.E.O.s in Cape Town but didn't find any—it would have been wonderful to get together with a P.E.O. sister while here!"

To other inactive P.E.O.s who are considering reinstating their membership, Joye has these words of encouragement, "You will be welcomed and embraced as if you never left."

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Miriam Carr is a 60-year member of P.E.O. Chapter BE, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. This dedicated member of the Sisterhood played a role in a project that changed the course of world history. The following is excerpted from an article that appeared in the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram on August 23, 2014.

# Eau Claire Woman Recalls Her Work on the Manhattan Project

by Eric Lindquist, Eau Claire Leader-Telegram



P.E.O. Miriam Carr worked on the top-secret Manhattan Project in the 1940s  
photo courtesy of the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

## Miriam Carr of Eau Claire

When Miriam Carr graduated from Wellesley College in May 1944, she weighed job offers from Standard Oil, DuPont and the U.S. government. With World War II raging in Europe and the Pacific and patriotic fervor sweeping the country, the choice was easy for the Eau Claire native. It was Uncle Sam all the way. Carr, then 21-year-old Miriam Arnold, took her new chemistry degree and immediately went to work for the U.S. Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. Her task: to find the best way to separate uranium from other kinds of ore. Little did Carr or her colleagues realize their work was part of a massive military research effort that would change the planet forever.

Carr, now 91 and still living in Eau Claire, recalled...her role as one of hundreds of thousands of Americans involved in the Manhattan Project to develop the world's first atomic bomb. Her five-person team devoted its time to trying to find ways to chemically extract uranium 235—the fissionable material needed to generate a nuclear reaction—from impurities that occur in nature. That work included testing domestic sources of material for their level of uranium.

Carr remembers, for instance, drying sludge from Colorado oil fields and then running tests that determined its uranium level was too tiny to be useful. “It was exciting to know we were working for the war effort, but the actual work in the chemistry lab got to be routine,”

said Carr, who earned \$10,500 a year for her efforts. "We just kind of did what we did. There wasn't any big sense of accomplishment."

The top-secret nature of the project didn't help, with employees subjected to occasional car searches and under orders not to talk about their work with anybody. "And nobody did," Carr said, recalling propaganda posters scattered around the workplace declaring what has now become a cliché: "Loose lips sink ships."

### Women Step Up

Carr was part of a massive home front mobilization of women, fueled by patriotism, who stepped into roles normally reserved for men, many of

whom eagerly enlisted in the military to serve their country overseas, said UW[University of Wisconsin]-Eau Claire military historian Selika Ducksworth-Lawton. "War broke down a lot of barriers," Ducksworth-Lawton said, adding that Midwestern women from Norwegian, Swedish and German farm culture were accustomed to doing whatever needed to be done out of necessity.

Carr, too, said women at the time were inspired to do whatever their country needed them to do. "Rosie the Riveter and all of the women who entered the workforce for the first time; that was a real big deal," she said.

What the women didn't know, however, is they were part of a high-stakes race with Nazi Germany to develop an atomic bomb. Helping the U.S. cause, Ducksworth-Lawton said, is that Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler ran several top Jewish scientists out of the country. "I shudder to think what would have happened if Hitler had had his hands on the bomb," Ducksworth-Lawton said, speculating that he likely would have dropped it on London. "It would have been an entirely different war."

### Realization Strikes

Carr's limited understanding of the Manhattan Project's mission changed in a flash. After 15 months of working on the mystery project, she married Capt. Frank Carr on July 28, 1945. The newlyweds were on board a train bound for a honeymoon in Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains nine days later—69 years ago this month—when news broke that U.S. forces had dropped the first of

two atomic bombs on Japan. Just like that, the government's aim for the research conducted by Miriam Carr's group became clear. "I turned to Frank and said, 'Now I can tell you what we were doing,' " said Carr, who previously suspected her work with the Bureau of Standards involved energy production in support of the war effort.

Though the devastation caused by the atomic bombs now is well-documented—BBC reports that 60,000 to 80,000 people were killed instantly in Hiroshima and 40,000 met the same fate in Nagasaki, with a final death toll from the two explosions of at least 185,000 after factoring in the effects of long-term radiation sickness—Carr recalled her initial reaction was one of jubilation. "We were glad (President Harry Truman) chose to use it because it meant Frank didn't have to go overseas again and instead he was discharged," Carr said, noting that her husband, a member of Gen. George Patton's Third Army, had trained to be part of a beachhead landing force in Japan.

### Ending a War

Most Americans were relieved to hear about the atomic bombs being dropped, she said, because they remembered the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and believed the bombs would hasten the end of a devastating war that affected a huge number of families across the country. "It seems like nearly every family had somebody who was killed or wounded or at least served in World War II," Carr said.

More than 400,000 American troops were killed and nearly 700,000 were wounded in World War II, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the toll likely would have climbed much higher if ground troops had been forced to invade Japan. Indeed, Ducksworth-Lawton estimated that, given the rate of casualties in



Miriam with her husband Frank in 1945

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the Pacific, a ground campaign likely would have resulted in the deaths of 600,000 more people, including 150,000 Americans. "I think (Carr) was involved in a project that was good for America and good for the world at the time," she said.

### Newfound Interest

In 1948, Carr, the daughter of prominent Eau Claire contractor Louis G. Arnold, returned to her hometown, where she has remained ever since, raising five children and later working at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

Like many Americans, Carr was eager to return to normal life after the war. She rarely talked about her time with the Manhattan Project. That changed recently when several local book clubs, reading the popular 2013 book "The Girls of Atomic City," got wind of her background and asked her to talk about her experiences.

While Carr worked in the nation's capital instead of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the secretive Manhattan Project city that is the subject of the book and didn't even appear on maps until 1949 despite being home to more than 75,000 people, local

readers were fascinated that she was involved in a different aspect of the race to create the atomic bomb. Just as Carr did, the thousands of women who worked in the so-called "Atomic City" worked hard, tried to do a good job and kept their mouths shut.

Carr said she has made presentations about her work with the Bureau of Standards to several groups, including four book clubs and Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement, in the past year. "This has been quite a revelation that everybody cares about what we did," Carr said in her humble way. 🌸

## Miriam Carr, BE, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

by Barbara Arnold, BE, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Miriam Carr of Chapter BE in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, celebrates her 60th year in P.E.O. this year. She joined in 1954 when Eileen Van Gordon, a friend from the Altar Guild at Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire, invited her. Many of Miriam's friends were also P.E.O.s. She said, "My family valued higher education and I love that P.E.O. promotes women pursuing higher education. We are a group of women who belong to something that is worthwhile, and what we do for others who want to pursue additional education is very good."

The P.E.O. Sisterhood has meant a great deal to Miriam in the last 40 years, especially after her mother and her two sisters passed away in the late 1970s. She has served on just about every committee and office in her chapter. Her involvement with the courtesy committee has been the most meaningful to her. She said, "Taking a yellow rose to a sister who is ill or recuperating

from surgery, or preparing a meal for family members after the death of a loved one, or sitting in their home keeping watch during the funeral, truly taught me the value of sisterhood."

Miriam has also been involved with countless P.E.O. fundraisers, including the organization's citrus fruit sale in the fall, flower sale in the spring, and more recently thrift sales, as older members downsize their homes. Besides presenting a program on her work with the Manhattan Project in spring 2014, Miriam also presented a program on "The Book of Genesis" by "J," who might have been an educated woman in King Solomon's court. "J" is considered the most original of the four creation stories in Genesis.

Miriam loves her P.E.O. book club—she loves to read, share the books she's reading and learn about what her P.E.O. sisters are reading. Everyone chooses her own book for discussion, unlike other book clubs, where everyone

reads the same book. "I learn about things I normally might not know about," she shared.

In Miriam's 50th year of being a P.E.O., the state convention was held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and at the ceremony honoring 50-year members, she reconnected with a childhood friend, Peggy Hancock Siggins, from Amery, Wisconsin. "To reconnect with a childhood friend and to know that we shared the P.E.O. Sisterhood even though we were apart was extremely meaningful," she said.

While Miriam's daughters pursued other organizations where they live in Minnesota and Nebraska, her niece Barbara Arnold, who relocated to Eau Claire 10 years ago, joined P.E.O. Chapter BE, in 2006.

"I'm very proud of everything my aunt accomplished," said Barbara. "I never knew about her work with the Manhattan Project; so learning about her involvement with history is fascinating."

# P.E.O. Connections

by Joyce C. Barron, AO, El Paso, Texas

**The gift of P.E.O. has enriched my life for more than 50 years; I'm amazed by how joining the Sisterhood has had ripple effects that are truly surprising and remarkable.**

I was invited to P.E.O. by a fellow Sunday school teacher in Salt Lake City, Nancy Waldo, H, Utah. I was initiated into Chapter H in January 1963 even though my new sisters knew I would soon be moving with my husband's job to El Paso, Texas.



Joyce and Claude Barron

Having been born and raised in the El Paso Lower Valley, I knew a few people in the city, one of whom was Marjorie Martin, the wife of our family's physician when I was a child. Marjorie was a member of Chapter AO, Texas, and I was honored to transfer to this warm, loving group of remarkable ladies.

Another sister in Chapter AO, Mary Black, was adamant that any unaffiliated sister who came to El Paso needed and deserved a P.E.O. home. As a young bride in New York City with her physician husband as he prepared to go overseas during World War II, she knew many lonely hours, so she had a special place in her heart for military spouses—

many who joined and enriched our chapter.

One of these military spouses was Susan Brettell, the wife of a military physician-in-training. Susan became friends with one of the few women in her husband's medical school class, Pam Hill. Susan felt Pam possessed the virtues of a P.E.O.

and invited her to speak to our chapter about women's health issues. We were delighted to find out Pam had attended medical school with help of the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund.

## My Friendship with Pam

Pam was initiated into our chapter in 1983. Shortly after, she was scheduled for a three-month rotation at the hospital that would require her to live nearby. Her home was across town—many miles from the hospital. My husband Claude and I lived just two miles from the hospital. When I learned of Pam's predicament, I talked to Claude and he suggested I invite her over so we could become better acquainted. We had an enjoyable visit and offered Pam the vacant bedroom in our basement for her use during those three months. We became good friends and that year I made her a Christmas stocking to match ours—she was deeply touched, to the point of tears, as the eldest of 12 children, she had never had a stocking with her name on it.

In 1984 Pam married Joe Llewellyn, a surgeon in the military. Together they moved to Kansas, Korea and back to El Paso, where Claude and



From the left: Pam Llewellyn, Claude Barron and Joe Llewellyn

I were happy to spend time with them and get to know them as a couple. Joe and Claude, our BILs with a 40-year age gap, developed close friendships with other P.E.O.s, BILs and each other. Joe coined a phrase to attach to special women he met—he would say, "You know, she is the P.E.O. type," and mean it as the highest compliment. Pam and Joe moved to Palmer, Alaska, where they are in private medical practice and still live today. We exchange emails on a weekly basis.

In 1990 the Army recognized Pam with the Order of Military Merit. She was the youngest physician to receive this high honor. Over the years, Pam has been such a source of information and loving friendship to Claude and me throughout many trials, including Claude's battle with cancer when Pam returned to El Paso and spent two weeks with us.

Connections radiate out to touch others in so many different circumstances where there is a need another can address. We just stand back and marvel at how life develops and how our needs are met providentially, especially when it involves a "P.E.O. type"! 🌸





## Help a Woman “Bundle Up” with ELF

by Paula Rueb, Chairman, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees

Nowadays we bundle our phone service with our internet service or our television provider with our cell service in order to save money. Most women attending college must assemble a financial aid bundle to cover the costs of their education. A low interest loan from the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) can be a smart, money-saving addition to any bundle of educational loans.

Women within 24 months of graduation, seeking educational loans for technical, associate, bachelor's or master's degrees, qualify for a maximum \$12,000 loan at **2 percent** simple interest. (See Policies Governing Loans on the ELF page of the International website for complete details.) Doctoral students may borrow up to \$20,000 at the same low interest rate.

### How does an ELF loan compare to federal loans?

- ELF's low 2 percent simple interest is **less than half** the lowest federal rate of 4.66 percent. Some federal loans for graduate level students start at 7.21 percent.
- ELF charges simple interest. All federal loans charge compound interest, which is interest charged on the interest already owed.
- ELF never charges loan origination fees. Federal loans assess loan origination fees

between 1.72 - 4.288 percent of the total amount borrowed.

- A woman who is approved for an ELF loan will receive the full amount for which she is approved. Federal loan fees are deducted from the amount borrowed, so the money received is less than the amount borrowed. However, a student is responsible for repaying the entire borrowed amount.
- ELF sends the loaned money directly to the student so it can be used for housing, transportation or other educational expenses. Federal loans are paid to the college and the college decides how to apply the money.
- ELF loans never charge a penalty for paying the loan in full before the final due date.
- ELF loans come with the loving support of a P.E.O. chapter. Women who receive ELF loans often become special friends and sometimes chapter members. Someone in your chapter knows of a woman who is endeavoring to improve her life through higher education. Seek her out and share with her the advantages of an affordable educational loan from ELF. Download the ELF Flyer from the ELF page of the International website and post it on campus to help women find your chapter. An ELF loan is a bundle of P.E.O. love just waiting to be shared! 🌸

It's fall and the interest rate on **ELF loans** has fallen to **2 percent**, effective **October 1, 2014.**

All Chapter Recommendations received after that date qualify the applicants for the new rate. Visit the ELF page of the International website for complete information. Help a woman Reach New Heights with an affordable educational loan from ELF.

### Note:

The new rate is **NOT** retroactive to Chapter Recommendations received or loans in process before October 1, 2014. Loans issued or approved prior to October 1 will remain at the previous interest rate.



# A Message from the Cottey President

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

**Just days before the fall semester opened, Cottey hosted the Cottey Seminar for P.E.O.s.** The



seminar was an immersion experience to give participants information about their College, but more than that, to give them the opportunity to experience their College. There is no substitute for seeing the campus, for sharing meals in the dining room, just as students do, and for hearing about the curriculum and campus life from faculty and staff.

A clear message was communicated throughout seminar: Cottey provides an exceptional four-year educational experience but too few prospective students and those who influence them know about Cottey. For Cottey to reach full potential, we must promote, market and simply talk about our College.

When you talk about Cottey, please remember to say that, at Cottey, leadership opportunities are available to every student. The inequality of women in the workplace and the necessity of empowering women and girls are evidenced convincingly by many sources. On October 11, we celebrated the United Nation's International Day of the Girl. This significant day reminds us that girls around the world must combat gender inequality. Through the work of the Serenbetz Institute, we are making progress toward infusing leadership learning throughout our academic programs. We are providing instruction that includes the role of women leaders in various disciplines and opportunities to interact with women role models.

The Institute is just one resource for learning leadership. At Cottey, we know that leadership is essential for women.

Therefore, we guarantee experiences that build leadership knowledge and skills, but not in a vacuum. We are weaving the threads of leadership through our majors to provide students a context for leadership learning. We provide discipline-related internships, service projects and travel experiences. We provide experiences that challenge students to think

current job market. Cottey can provide this education.

At Cottey, we believe strongly in experiential learning. This is the reason we provide an international trip experience. This is the reason we are requiring internships in certain of our majors. This is why faculty members encourage dialogue and team work in classes.

I invite you to talk about Cottey to prospective students and their families to raise the visibility of the College. When you find a student who expresses interest, refer her

**We are weaving the threads of leadership through our majors to provide students a context for leadership learning.**

critically in a global context. Our interdisciplinary majors coupled with activities and experiences encourage students to integrate new information.

We know that today's employers want a workforce with the ability to solve complex problems, the ability to think creatively and critically. We believe that our small classes, the dialogue our small, single-gender classes encourage, the experiences provided through internships, research, and service, will educate such a workforce. Of course, students identify "getting a job" as the single most important reason to go to college, and you can't fault them for making this a priority in the

to Cottey. Students who are referred by P.E.O.s are eight times more likely to attend than others. I ask you to help parents and students understand that Cottey is affordable and that they should not allow "sticker shock" to keep them from considering Cottey.

Cottey is poised for growth, but we need each of you to help Cottey grow. 🌸







# INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

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## International Peace Scholarship Named Scholars

*by Glynda Samford, International Peace Scholarship Board of Trustees*

**For the 2014-2015 academic year we are fortunate to have three Named International Peace Scholars. A Named Scholarship can be made as a one-time gift or as an endowment. It is a remarkable way to honor or memorialize a friend, chapter member or loved one. The IPS trustees are delighted to introduce to you our three outstanding named scholars.**

### **Ventura Neale International Peace Scholarship**

**Maria Zambrano, Ecuador**  
Master of Science in Plant Pathology – University of Florida  
Chapter M, Miami, Florida

Agriculture in Ecuador is the second largest source of income. However, the fields of crop protection and disease management are underdeveloped which leads to the over use of traditional methods of control, such as spraying chemical pesticides. These methods are devastating to both the environment and human health. The focus of Maria's study is plant pathogens and the mechanisms they use to infect plants. The understanding she gains will help in the development of anti-pathogenic strategies. Maria believes that sharing new perspectives, technology and experience with future professionals in the agronomy fields is the best way to effect meaningful change. She plans to teach



and continue her research when she returns to Ecuador. Her long-term goal is to contribute to plant disease management so that the use of toxic pesticides will no longer be the norm.

### **Jean Negus Malmo International Peace Scholarship**

**Najla Sabri, Afghanistan**  
Master of Arts in International Studies, Development and Gender – University of Oregon  
Chapter BL, Seattle, Washington

Najla was born in Kabul, but fled with her family to Pakistan when political conditions were no longer favorable to female education. She lived and studied there from 1994-2002. In addition to her studies Najla, as her family's only Urdu speaker, supported them by working as a dental assistant. Upon their return to Afghanistan and the completion of her university degree in language and literature, Najla worked in the office of the European Union Special Representative to Afghanistan, for the World Bank as an operations analyst and gender focal person, and as a coach for the UNITAR – Hiroshima Fellowship on organization and human resource development. Against the dominant traditions of Afghanistan, her parents not only encouraged their four daughters to attend available schools, but to also go abroad to study. She now attends the University of Oregon with the support of her IPS and



Fulbright Scholarships. Upon her return to Afghanistan, Najla plans to work with government ministers to establish gender sensitive policies as well as to establish gender studies at the University of Kabul.

### **Gladys Knowles International Peace Scholarship**

**Karolina Fierro-Calderon, Colombia**  
Ph.D. in Fish and Wildlife Biology – University of Montana  
Chapter Y, Billings, Montana  
Since 2004

Karolina has worked as a professional field biologist. She is passionate about preserving the richness of the flora and fauna of the world. Birds are the focus of her work. She has worked on population ecology of endemic and endangered birds in Colombia and Venezuela and the results of these projects have been used in regional management plans for species and habitats. During her studies in Montana, Karolina has done fieldwork in the Coconino National Forest near Flagstaff, Arizona. As a published scholar, recognized by her peers, she is called upon to read and review journal articles before publication. Karolina hopes to teach and train students in fieldwork and science as well as continue her research on projects in Colombian national parks. 🌸





## Designing a New Career

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

**Life is rarely lived in straight lines, but it is often the twists and turns experienced along the way that makes reaching a long-term goal all the sweeter.**

**As an 8-year-old, Kim Durante was on a family trip to Walt Disney World when a behind the scenes tour provided her with an opportunity to see Disney animators at work. That experience, coupled with the encouraging words of a loving father who told her she could be anything she wanted to be, forever changed Kim's view of art as a medium and set the course for a future career.**



Kim demonstrated her flair for art and design throughout her elementary, middle and high school years but she was unsure how to turn what she loved into a viable career. The sudden loss of her father during the summer of 1996, two months before beginning her freshman year at University of Miami, cemented Kim's plans to major in marketing, a more stable field and career.

After completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in 2000, Kim was employed in a series of marketing and administrative positions which provided a good income and allowed her to pay off a large portion of her undergraduate student loan debt. However, in 2009, in the midst of the economic downturn, Kim was laid off.

Kim recalls, "I had come to a major crossroads. Do I continue

the relentless job search in a time where there are no jobs to be had in my field, or do I follow a new career path?" Unable to secure another position and with her savings quickly dwindling, Kim turned to her mother, Donna Finch, for advice. Not only did she help Kim realize that her talents and passions still leaned toward the arts, Donna, a member of Chapter CV, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, also told Kim about P.E.O.'s Program for Continuing Education (PCE).

Receiving a grant from PCE gave Kim the extra push she needed. She subsequently enrolled in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), a renowned fine arts college consistently rated among the top art schools in the world. She moved to Chicago, a city Kim now calls home and a place that continues to serve as an inspiration for her art work.

Through her education at SAIC, Kim was able to expand her talent and discover a new business endeavor; designing a line of women's golf clothes. A golfer herself, Kim formed Durante Design, Inc. and her clothing line was launched in the summer of 2013. Her line is also sold in retail stores in California and Wisconsin, as well as through an online shop in Great Britain. In recognition of her first golf lessons and tribute to her late father, a dandelion marks the image of Durante Design.

Involved in volunteer and philanthropic work throughout her teen years and beyond, Kim continues

in helping others reach their potential. She currently volunteers as a tutor for Chicago Hopes, a nonprofit organization that pairs homeless children with an after-school tutor to encourage and support their educational needs.

Though Kim never forgot the encouraging words of her father, shared during that long ago trip to Disney World, she credits her PCE grant as being the significant piece of the puzzle which provided her with the encouragement, the means and the determination to follow a different path. She said, "P.E.O. is a wonderful philanthropic organization which helps women like me to stop thinking about a new beginning and start doing it, to take the plunge and follow their dreams." 🌻



A golf clothing design by PCE recipient Kim Durante

Photos by Karen Rettig Photography





## Our Scholars, Our Future

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

**P.E.O.s can be very proud of the role we play in making the world a better place! Through your support of the P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA), amazing women in a wide range of fields are aided on their paths of discovery and commitment, sharing their talents and caring for others—with the achievement of their doctoral degree being a significant milestone in their respective journeys.**

As we review their applications, the PSA Board of Trustees is privileged to feel the passion these women have for their studies and their chosen professions. What unifies this diverse group of women is the positive influence they will have on the future for all of us. Indeed, the PSA “Policies, Procedures and General Information” note that the potential to make significant contributions in the applicants’ varied fields of endeavor or for a positive impact on society is a key element of the basis for evaluation. Here is a sampling of how our Scholars will be significantly improving our future:

### Medicine:

- engineering tumors in an artificial environment to simulate conditions that foster their growth, thereby learning how to impede their growth and ultimately eliminate them
- researching new ways to address the physical and mental healthcare of returning war veterans, particularly those with post-traumatic stress syndrome
- developing novel techniques to stimulate wound healing and tissue regeneration

### The Arts:

- teaching art and art history to expand appreciation of art in all its forms
- determining the sources of inspiration for musical composition, music education and social reform, and identity formation through music
- stimulating interest in and preserving the works of art and music from around the world

### Education:

- assessing how educational policies affect girls and women, particularly in developing democracies
- determining how political agendas affect educational policy-making process and the role non-governmental organizations play in advocating and providing educational opportunities for marginalized groups
- researching speech therapy practices in schools, identifying effective intervention strategies, as well as child-level and classroom-level variables affecting academic progress for preschoolers and early elementary students with language disorders

### Human Rights:

- providing legal representation to traditionally disadvantaged communities in the U.S. and abroad to address poverty, rights abuses and underdevelopment
- researching human rights violations, as well as methods to prevent violence against civilians during civil wars and genocides
- influencing the politics of forced migration and, more specifically, refugee policy

### The Environment:

- developing and evaluating sustainable water reuse technologies in emerging countries and addressing disaster response preparedness for water systems
- studying how environmental stress and global climate change are impacting the world’s oceans, to include an understanding of the stability of the coral reef ecosystem through past climate changes to improve our predictions of coral reef resilience during future global climate change
- improving biofuel production and developing technologies for energy production

### Conservation:

- evaluating how land management choices impact wildlife, and how choices made can help recover threatened wildlife species
- determining the genetics, extinction risks and conservation of animals threatened by loss of habitat and invasive species
- evaluating the wildlife trade in the context of the risk of disease transmission and providing insights concerning the illegal trade of wild animals as pets for domestic consumers in developing countries

Our Scholars truly are shaping every aspect of our lives to create a better life for future generations! 🌸

**P.E.O. Scholar Awards Supporting Women ... Changing the World**





## Our Northern Sky is Bright with P.E.O. STARS!

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

**Six Canadian provinces have recommended 54 P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipients since 2009. We extend grateful appreciation to the provincial and chapter STAR chairmen who submitted information to highlight a recipient from their province.**

**Rebecca Ansems, 2014-2015, recommended by Chapter B, Toronto, Ontario**

Rebecca has been creating her own computer programs since age 12. In high school, she took first prize in the technical category for her computer-animated film at the Atlantic Film Festival. Rebecca explored the internet for scholarships and pursued our STAR Scholarship because of P.E.O.'s focus on educating women. This fall, Rebecca began her studies toward a Bachelor of Computer Science degree at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.



**Manisha Bharadia, 2014-2015, recommended by Chapter F, Calgary, Alberta**

Manisha has been involved in leadership programs and volunteering outside of school. She is certified to work with children and adults with disabilities helping them to overcome adversity and limitations to pursue their dreams. Manisha began her studies in biological sciences at the University of Calgary in September. She plans to transfer to Dalhousie University in Nova



Scotia to continue her education in medicine specializing in pediatrics.

**Sarah Kay, 2013-2014, recommended by Chapter M, London, Ontario**

For three years in high school, Sarah was a nursing home volunteer for an Alzheimer's outreach program. She is in her second year at the University of Guelph, Ontario, majoring in biomedical science with a minor in neuroscience. This past summer she worked in the university's behavioral neuroscience laboratory researching different transgenic mouse models of Alzheimer's disease. Sarah writes, "It is through the support of organizations such as P.E.O. that students like myself have the educational experiences which will allow us to fulfill our potential and be the leaders of today and tomorrow."



**Maysa Haque, 2012-2013, recommended by Chapter C, Edmonton, Alberta**

For two years Maysa has been working on a General Arts degree at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. This year she is an exchange student in Lyon, France, studying humanities at Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University to solidify her knowledge of the French language. Next year she plans to study Arabic in preparation to enter a master's program in Islamic studies and women/gender studies.



**Sarah Adamson, 2012-2013, recommended by Chapter N, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Sarah has been a volunteer camp counselor at many children's events at the Fort Whyte Nature Center and Assiniboine Zoo. She is currently in her third year at the University of Manitoba majoring in biochemistry to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. She is a President's Scholar and on the Dean's List. She is working toward her life-long dream of combining biology and the joy of helping children by specializing in pediatrics.



**Prianka Dhir, 2009-2010, recommended by Chapter BI, Richmond, British Columbia**

Prianka majored in marketing with a concentration in entrepreneurship at the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia and graduated May 2013. Internships in marketing, business management and brand development gave her experience in growing her own business. Prianka is cofounder of Socialettes Media Inc. specializing in marketing strategies for businesses from start-ups to public companies. She is also creator and cofounder of Xpocity, Vancouver's first women's shopping social exposition. 🌸





# P.E.O.s in the SPOTLIGHT

Fifty years after her initiation into Mortar Board as a collegiate member, **Martha (Marty) Lewis Starling, DM, Roseville, Minnesota**, now leads this prominent national honor society for college seniors.



After a two-year term as president-elect, Marty assumed the role of national president and leads the National Council, the 10-member board of directors of Mortar Board, Inc. As national president, Marty recently presided over the Mortar Board National Conference in Atlanta. Her duties include installation of new chapters, traveling as an official representative and influencing the long-term future of the Society.

"Dr. Starling brings a blend of university experience, fundraising acumen and good common sense to her role as national president. She is skilled and dedicated. All of our volunteers and staff look to her for exceptional guidance and unwavering support," explains Mortar Board Executive Director Jane Hamblin.

Marty retired as director of development for The Pennsylvania State University's College of Health and Human Development in 1996. She holds her baccalaureate degree from Kansas State University and both a master's degree and Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University. An active community volunteer, Starling was the founding chair of the Discover Space of Central Pennsylvania and past chair of the boards of the Centre County Community Foundation and Centre County United Way. She is married to Dr. James Starling, and they live in Roseville, Minnesota.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

**Katy Wolf Bode, CT, North Bend, Nebraska**, has been honored

by NorthWestern Financial Review as a Rising Star in Banking for 2014. Katy is a fourth-generation banker at Platte Valley Bank, North Bend, Nebraska, a community family-owned bank since 1910. Katy began bank work at the age of 16, working summers and holidays as a teller and in the bookkeeping department. Following graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting, she worked for six years in Chicago at Smith Bucklin, an association management and services company.

Katy returned to Platte Valley Bank in December 2004, beginning as assistant vice president. Katy now serves as vice president and helps run the bank's operations, finance, compliance and technology.



**Donna Beckman, IM, Lodi, California**, won the prestigious

Nursing Excellence GEM (Giving Excellence Meaning) award from Nurse. Com. In June, Donna was chosen as one of six regional winners in the category of Home, Community, and Ambulatory Care. Donna is now eligible for the National Nurse of the year in her category.

Donna works full time as coordinator of health services for the San Joaquin County Office of Education and uses her nursing expertise for case management of 350 special education students.

Family is central in Donna's life. She is a loving wife, mother of four, caring daughter-in-law of another P.E.O. and a doting grandmother of one. In her free time Donna likes to be creative making soaps, lotions and baby booties and canning and baking.



Donna became a P.E.O. in 2012 and jumped right in to all of our philanthropic endeavors. Her P.E.O. sisters describe her as genuine, caring and humble.

**Ann Fort, CW, Denver, Colorado**, humanitarian par excellence, was honored as "Hero

of the Year" by the Center for the Church and Global AIDS at a brunch on April 12, 2014. Ann was honored for her 15 trips to Kenya, raising thousands of dollars to combat AIDS, build schools, sewers and gardens.



Ann helped put in a sewer system to get clean water for 2,000 people. In addition, she and her mission teams planted gardens at a school so the children, who walked many miles to study, could be well nourished. The children now get porridge when they arrive at school and have greens with their afternoon meal. Under Ann and the team's guidance, parents, teachers and students worked together to plant a high-yield garden. In Kenya, where there are two growing seasons, a high-yield garden on a 4' X 10' plot of land can feed a family of four for one year when properly planted and maintained. The following year the parents and students formed a Young Farmers Club and have learned how to plant acres of vegetables and market them. The profits go to improving programs such as the school feeding program.

Last year Ann focused on the AIDS pandemic. The Carepack Program was an incentive for people to be tested. A carepack contained a water filter, a mosquito net and condoms. Ann and her team held eight clinics in five days and distributed almost 1,000 carepacks.

For the last four years Ann and her team worked at Rwarera primary school, a rural elementary school with no water or electricity with dirt floors, located in a drought area. The team has concreted the floors, plastered and painted the walls and built a

greenhouse; last summer electricity was installed.

Ann keeps returning because she loves Kenya and its people. This year at age 89, still a ball of energy, she is going to Kenya again!

**Dorothy Caldwell, I, Raleigh, North Carolina,** was recently honored

by the national School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) in an event at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. Dorothy was one of five people selected from more than 55,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA) to be named School Nutrition Heroes, in celebration of SNF's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Dorothy served both SNA and SNF as president and was cochair of Invest in US, the Foundation's major endowment campaign. The \$3 million

goal was achieved and the endowment income continues to support SNA's public education function.

As SNA president, Dorothy was instrumental in the development of the Association's nutrition integrity standards and keys to excellence benchmarks that laid the groundwork for the national nutrition standards legislated in 2012. Her passion for strong nutrition programs in schools was also recognized by the American Dietetic Association that presented her its Medallion Award in 1996.

Dorothy began her career as school nutrition director for the Lee County, Arkansas School District. She later served 10 years as state director of child nutrition in Arkansas, before being named special assistant to the undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1999, she was named USDA deputy administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service, where she coordinated health and

education partnerships in support of improvements in school meals.

In 2001, Dorothy moved to North Carolina where she was coordinator of Moving our Children Toward a Healthy Weight, an obesity prevention initiative for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. In retirement she continues to volunteer in support of healthy eating at home, in schools, and in other away-from-home venues. She is an avid supporter of school and community gardens, farm-to-table initiatives, and sustainable agriculture.

Dorothy became a P.E.O. in Marianna, Arkansas' Chapter AW. She is a Golden Girl and is currently a member of Chapter I in Raleigh, North Carolina. She holds a B.S. in home economics from the University of Arkansas and an M.S. in food systems administration from the University of Tennessee. She became a registered dietitian in 1979. 🌸



I want to include P.E.O. in my year-end giving. Can this be done online?

Yes! In addition to writing checks to the P.E.O. Foundation or any of the International P.E.O. educational projects, donations may also be made online by using your credit card. It is as simple as clicking on the Giving Opportunities link on the [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) website.



My husband and I will be meeting with our financial planner to discuss options for planned giving. Where do I find information about including P.E.O.?

Glad to be of help! The P.E.O. Foundation's brochure, Annual & Planned Giving Options, may be found on the [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) website under the P.E.O. Foundation and Planned Giving link.

**For more information, contact the P.E.O. Foundation office at 515-255-3153 or [fdn@peodsm.org](mailto:fdn@peodsm.org)**





**Karen Nichols, DY, Florence, Oregon,** wrote "The Unexpected Gift," an inspirational novel about a Marine returning to civilian life after two tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Karen relocated to Oregon from southern California, where she was a teacher and artist. She's written and illustrated a number of children's books. Her first adult novel, "Thornton House," is a mystery set on the Oregon Coast.

Karen lives in Oregon with her husband and Buddy, her King Charles Spaniel.



**Barbara Otis, RI, San Anselmo, California,** wrote "101 Ways to Lose a Great Employee: A Manager's Guide to Saying and Doing the Right Thing."

Barbara is a training and organizational development professional with nearly 20 years of experience in the field. In those 20 years of witnessing problematic interactions between managers and members of their staffs and dealing with the fallout, Barbara observed how frequently inattention to good management practices resulted in devastating effects on those involved in the exchanges—as well as on those around them. Because so many people were suffering from managerial misbehaviors and because so many organizations were being damaged, Barbara wanted to call attention to these issues and the huge negative impact they have on productivity.

Barbara has a BA in business management from Dominican University of California and an MA in human resources and organizational development from the University of



San Francisco. She develops training strategies and approaches, designs and develops training curricula, performs training needs assessments, maps workflow processes and is experienced in workplace interventions and group facilitation.

Barbara lives in Marin County, California, with her husband Peter.

**Joyce Story, DM, Litchfield Park, Arizona,** wrote "Tales of the Sonoran Desert." In the style of folk tales, these stories give voice to the plants and animals of the unique desert that lies in the southwestern United States and in Mexico. As a storyteller, Joyce regularly shares the tales in numerous venues in Arizona, and the stories have proven to intrigue audiences with their vibrant characters, spellbinding narratives and unexpected twists. A sense of both wonder and humor accompanies listeners and readers as they journey through a land of such marvels as an ocotillo whose flowers of flame are a tribute to its compassion, a guilt-stricken coyote who pleads for forgiveness with the moon and an ironwood tree whose acceptance of the whole of life brings with it the gift of tears. The subtle lessons to be learned and the factual information to be gained are an added plus in these stories that enhance understanding and respect for the Sonoran Desert and its inhabitants.

**Rebecca (Becky) Gibby-Dembo, AC, Chatham, New Jersey,** wrote a young adult/middle grade historical novel, "Forged in Philadelphia." The year is 1792 and although American independence has been secured,

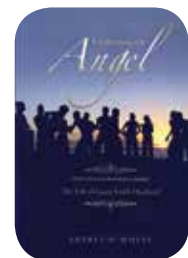


individual freedoms are still elusive for many. Adam Eckfeldt is an apprentice to his father's blacksmith business. For his father Jacob, there is no question the young man will someday replace him, but Adam has other aspirations. The Eckfeldt family slave has his own dreams. Christian yearns for emancipation.

This yearning only increases when he falls in love with Ona Judge, maid to Lady Martha Washington. In post-revolutionary Philadelphia, Adam and Christian must forge the pathway to their dreams. These friends navigate the unfamiliar territory of the early abolitionist movement as well as the ins and outs of the Washington household. Their unlikely friendship and their loyalties are tested as they each face dilemmas that will alter the course of their young lives.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Rebecca is a descendent of Adam Eckfeldt. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in theological studies from Drew University. She is a retired executive in the nonprofit field. "Forged in Philadelphia" is her first novel. She is currently working on her second; the story of a Women's Army Corp flyer in WW II.

**Sheryl D. White, F, Pratt, Kansas,** wrote "Underground Angel: A Slave of Love on the Railway to Freedom," a historical fiction novel which tells the story of Laura Smith Haviland. Haviland was a Quaker and a Methodist who tirelessly aided slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad, hiding them in her home as well as leading many personally through these secret passages from the Northeastern States into Canada.



None of the facts of Haviland's life have been altered in this novel—fictional stories have been woven together to bring her character alive and to emphasize her substantial contributions to serve others.

Sheryl has served as the director of lay ministries at the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, Kansas, for eight years. She received her doctorate of ministry degree in 2004 from Houston Graduate School of Theology. Sheryl lived and served the community of Haviland, Kansas, for more than 12 years, serving as an instructor at Barclay College and Minister of Christian Education at the Haviland Friends Church. She is a graduate of Anderson University School of Theology, Anderson, Indiana, earning two degrees—a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology and Ethics.

### **Millie Lindell, Jr, Gig Harbor, Washington,**

and her six grandchildren, ages three to 16, wrote "Cooking Around the World with Grandma."

The projects grew out of Millie's desire to do a fun activity with all of her grandchildren, spend time with her family, teach them how to cook and make memories to last a lifetime.

Cooking offers a lifetime skill—kids who cook can see the results of their labors and creativity immediately in a tangible way. Cooking is an engaging interactive way to reinforce math literacy, fractions, scientific concepts, advanced vocabulary, comparison and contrast, cause and effect, reading, following directions, good nutrition and healthy habits.

The cookbook features three-course dinners (appetizer, main dish, dessert). It is lavishly illustrated and contains interesting descriptions about each country accompanying easy-to-follow recipes.

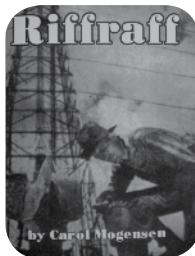


Millie grew up in eastern Montana on an Indian reservation from which her parents leased land to farm. She went to an all Native American school through high school. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Montana State University, followed by a master's degree in reading and later a Ph.D. in educational administration from Northern Arizona University. She was a teacher and principal.

Millie enjoys sailing, travel and reading. She has lived in Washington for 22 years.

### **Carol Mogensen, ES, Roseburg, Oregon,**

wrote "Riffraff," a chronicle of her nomadic life describing her family's wanderings from one Texas oil boom town to another during the 1940s. These wanderings over the dry Texas plains instilled in her a thirst for adventure and led to living in Puerto Rico and, ultimately, on a small island in Alaska. She titles her book "Riffraff" as that is the way many residents of the small Texas farming towns where cotton fields sat atop oil fields viewed the influx of nomadic oilfield workers into their communities. Her stories follow her family's trek from Oklahoma City and Shawnee, down to San Benito in south Texas, then into the west Texas towns of Post, Odessa, Midland, Langtry and Amarillo. Although some may consider her early years a hardscrabble existence, she uses humor to describe a childhood of being led into mischief by an older brother. Other stories describe the experiences of being the first woman to parachute with sky divers in Potter County in 1960, a car trip through Mexico in 1961 with her college roommate, an unpleasant incident at the notorious Jack Ruby's nightclub in



Dallas, the pathos of loss of a loved one to suicide and starting a new life with a new love in southeast Alaska.

Carol graduated from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) with a major in journalism. She worked as a newspaper reporter in Midland and Big Springs, as an editor in Amarillo and a writer/editor for the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska and Washington state. She and her husband, Clarence, are retired and live in Yoncalla, Oregon. Carol has been a member of P.E.O. since 2006.

### **Marti C. Sprinkle, OU, Bakersfield, California,**

wrote "Water Wonder Works...A Guide to Therapeutic Water Exercises." The book contains basic exercises that can be performed in a home spa, pool or even a full bathtub. Throughout the book are testimonials from Marti's clients reporting how the exercises have improved their well-being.

Water aerobics is wonderful exercise for all ages. It is a low-impact exercise that improves balance, decreases fatigue and helps to improve circulation and blood pressure. It also increases endurance, strength and flexibility.

It is Marti's goal to share her training and experience with a wide audience so more people can improve their physical status. Marti is American Exercise Association certified and a member of the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitation Institute. She has specialty certificates in rheumatology, total joint replacement, back-hab and integrated core. 🌸





## Membership Revitalization Social

Chapter X, Harwich, Massachusetts, offered a cooking and tasting demonstration as part of its membership revitalization effort. More than 50 Cape Cod women attended the program in the parish hall of the First Congregational Church in Harwich. It was a fun afternoon for everyone as Paris, France, Cordon Bleu chef Nancy Mathieu, AK, Duxbury, produced an appetizer, main course and dessert for the fascinated guests. Afterward, all enjoyed coffee, tea and goodies while chatting and looking over the project displays from the 2014 State Convention in Hyannis. Each guest left with a smile and a daisy bag full of P.E.O. information and gifts.



Cordon Bleu Paris chef Nancy Mathieu demonstrated her culinary skills at Chapter X's membership revitalization social

## P.E.O.s Send Duck Greetings to Cottey

Representatives from California P.E.O. chapters H, Redondo Beach; MP, Los Angeles, and QB, Los Angeles, used the occasion of the west coast



P.E.O.s in the Los Angeles area staged a photo greeting with the world's largest rubber duck for Cottey students

debut of the world's largest rubber duck as an opportunity to stage a photo greeting for the students of Cottey College. According to school lore, senior students rescued a duck from an icy pond and adopted it as a class mascot. "The Duck" in various iterations, including the rubber ducky, has continued to play a role in school traditions and friendly rivalries over the years at Cottey.

"Rubber Duck," an inflatable art sculpture created by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman, has been touring port cities around the world since 2007.

## Plant Sale

Since Iowa had a late spring this year, Chapter HU in Burlington held a plant/garage sale the last weekend in May. Members, BILs and friends dug, potted and cared for more than 180 perennials two weeks before the sale. A member who lives in an easily accessible location generously opened her yard



Chapter HU, Iowa, held a successful garage and plant sale

and garage for the sale as members brought the plants and other items to be sold.

Several Master Gardener members were constantly on hand to help organize the plants before the sale and advise customers during the two-day event. As a result, more than \$1,040 was raised for P.E.O. projects.

As with all fundraising events such as this, the intangible benefit was

priceless. Sisters had the chance to get to know each other better and share the joy of knowing their work was going to help many deserving women reach for the stars.

## Piano Divas Fundraiser a Rousing Success

The sun was shining on a lovely late August Sunday afternoon on the shores of Lake Champlain—an absolutely perfect setting for a piano concert by two very talented women, long-time P.E.O. member Jan Van Mynen and her dear friend Ann Rowell. The concert was a fundraiser presented by P.E.O. Chapter C, Burlington, Vermont.

The Van Mynens graciously opened their home to some 50 guests who would enjoy good wine, delicious hors d'oeuvres and conversation. With a glistening lake as a backdrop, the room was soon filled with beautiful music as the Piano Divas, each an accomplished musician in her own right, took her place at a baby grand.

The program opened with "The Impossible Dream," followed by a lively "Spanish Folk Dance." The next two pieces, Sonatina No. 3 and Sonatina No. 6, both in two movements, were written by Muzio Clementi and although each is a challenging piece, the Divas' fingers just flew over the keyboards to the delight of all.

During a brief intermission, chapter president Kathy Stockman gave an overview of the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE), the beneficiary of the fundraiser. And then it was back to the keyboards with a charming rendition of "Moonlight In Vermont."

To celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of one of the most beloved movies of all times, "The Wizard of Oz," the Divas played a rendition of "Over the Rainbow;" Eugenie Rocherolle's "Waltz for Two Pianos" brought the program to a close.

The Piano Divas fundraiser was the brainchild of P.E.O. sister Flora Bell. The event netted over \$2,000 for PCE.



The Piano Divas, Ann Rowell (left) and Jan Van Mynen (right) spent countless hours rehearsing for the summer concert. Ann is the music director at the Shelburne Methodist Church (SMC) and lives in Middlebury, Vermont. Jan, a long-time P.E.O. sister, is a frequent guest soloist at SMC and lives in Shelburne.

### Minnesota Safari

Chapter DQ, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, hosted a fun summer fundraiser called The River Safari. Sixty members, BILS and guests boarded seven pontoon boats at the hostess' dock for a cruise down the river and around both Big and Little Detroit Lakes. After returning to the launch site everyone enjoyed fabulous picnic fare while seated amidst the host's beautiful and award-winning flower gardens.

The event received rave reviews and raised \$2,200 for P.E.O. projects.



Chapter DQ's Minnesota Safari

### Visiting Mr. Lincoln

Chapter LH, Davenport, Iowa, sponsored a one-day bus trip to Springfield, Illinois, in April. Attendees included LH sisters, BILs and friends as well as other P.E.O. sisters and their guests. The group visited Abraham Lincoln's Presidential Library and Museum, his home and tomb. Chapter members donated items for breakfast and coffee on the trip to Springfield and appetizers and beverages for the trip home. A group lunch at a local restaurant was included with the tour.

This is the fifth bus trip Chapter LH has sponsored. They have found events like this are a good way to introduce potential new P.E.O.s and transfers to chapter members, a way to get better acquainted with sisters from other local chapters and a way to raise substantial funds for P.E.O. projects.

As guests departed after the trip, Chapter LH sisters heard many thank yous and requests to be included in future trips.



Chapter LH, Iowa, visited Abraham Lincoln's Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois

### Connections for Chapter EB

Members of Chapter EB, Ontario, Oregon, recently gathered for an afternoon social to meet the newest additions to their chapter—two P.E.O. babies—the very well-behaved Brianna (a future P.E.O.) and Noah (a BIL in training). The mothers, Sarah Poole Holland and Lisa Poole Reeser, have been members of Chapter EB for



Members of Chapter EB, Oregon, bonded while celebrating the arrival of babies Noah and Brianna

several years. Their grandmother Nancy Poole has been a member since 1981 and their great-grandmother Marolyn Poole was one of the charter members of Chapter EB in 1971. It seemed fitting that the newest members of their family were instrumental in helping everyone bond.

The baby celebration was hosted by Gretchen Kolb, Chapter EB, her daughter Karen Kolb Schoeningh, Chapter CG, and granddaughter, Morgan. The chapter had a delightful lunch and conversation with a striking view in the foothills of Boise. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with nonresident sisters, brought together by younger members.

The social fit in well with the chapter's current goals of even more active support and appreciation of sisters. The resulting increased confidence level of Chapter EB has culminated in four new members and one reinstated member since last November. The chapter's education committee recently sponsored a PCE candidate who has received an award and the finance committee is working on a new fundraising activity. Chapter EB hopes these trends will continue. 🌸





Gay McIndoe with her friend and P.E.O. sister Anne Haberer

**It was a busy P.E.O. meeting with members of Chapter AD, Ridgewood, New Jersey, reviewing the next year's agenda, reviewing the program and filling in the names of who would be the hostess of each meeting. As we worked someone said to me, "I remember how your mother loved to entertain P.E.O.s at her house in Ridgewood." My sister and I thanked her for sharing a great memory and we got to thinking about the possibility of our mother hosting a meeting at her nursing home. After a few phone calls we were delighted**

## Care Giving with Laughter

by Carrie McIndoe and Mamie McIndoe, AD, Ridgewood, New Jersey

**to learn that we were welcome to have our meeting in a lovely meeting room at our mom's facility.**

Setting the agenda, we gladly offered a meeting at the nursing home and conducted a program called "Care Giving with Laughter."

You can imagine the excitement as our mother, Gay McIndoe, prepared for the meeting, getting dressed up, putting on her jewelry and lipstick. While she has difficulty speaking and is wheelchair bound we were so pleased to see her spring to life, having the opportunity to entertain her P.E.O.s! Then we witnessed a small miracle. As the meeting started we were surprised to see Mother stand up and recite, by heart, the P.E.O. Opening Ode and Objects and Aims! Knowing that her mind comes and goes, our hearts filled with love as God's gift of P.E.O.'s ritual and ceremony motivated her to actively participate.

We then led a discussion about the fact that each P.E.O. needs to have the

hard conversations with their families about what their desires are as they age. We stressed that this shouldn't be left for families to decide because planning ahead helps ease the path for everyone involved. State your wishes, put them in writing and have a financial plan in place well before you need it. Include your wishes as to end-of-life, including instructions about what to do with the P.E.O. emblem that is the property of the Sisterhood and should be returned, buried or cremated with a member.

As the meeting came to an end, we saw our mother sitting in her wheelchair with a big smile gazing at all her sisters who have shared the love of P.E.O. for almost 40 years. As we watched everyone leave, there was a brief moment of sadness that quickly passed as we recognized the joy of the meeting and the special moments we witnessed as sisters. Having a meeting at a nursing home is a great option not to be overlooked! 🌸

## The P.E.O. Wish and Your Emblem Options

by Joyce Perkins, P.E.O. Director of Communications

In accordance with our Constitution, our emblem is loaned to us at the time of our initiation. At the time of our death, or if a member has been declared inactive for three years, the emblem is returned to the P.E.O. Sisterhood at the executive office in Des Moines, Iowa.

A sister may choose to be buried with her emblem, or it may be included in cremation if desired.

**The P.E.O. Wish form is on the members' side of the website under local chapter forms and then president.** The document has been designed for members to complete and is meant to assist family and friends at the time of death. Many times family members do not realize that an emblem should be returned to the Sisterhood or they do not know of the burial option.

The P.E.O. Wish allows you to make your wishes known to your family and to your chapter.

The official P.E.O. emblem may be used on a headstone, a grave marker or a cremation urn and The P.E.O. Wish has a place to request this.

Feel free to print copies of The P.E.O. Wish and distribute to your chapter members or just fill one out yourself and give to your chapter president and also to a family member. You'll be doing your chapter and your family a service by helping them know what to do during a difficult time when there are many decisions they need to make.

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## Chapter GH, Sisters, Oregon, Organized on June 7, 2014

**First row, from the left:** Sonia Lamoreaux, Linda Cox, state organizer Judith Audley, Winnie St. John, Judy Mackey, Jill Wilder **Second row:** Susan Windell, Jean Thurber, Carol Schroeder, Ellen Wood, Jan Failing, Carol Zosel, Diedra Thompson, Kathy Wilson, Judy Troike, Cathy Marshall, Pat Woollard, Linda Patterson, Karla Jones



## Chapter BZ, Fredericksburg, Virginia Organized: June 28, 2014

**First row, from the left:** Barbara Newport, Carolyn Upshaw, Jean Bunting, Ann Terrenoire, Judy Smith, Diane Vogel, Joan Hamb, Carol Wisotzki, Anne Barge, Shelly Lomax **Second row:** Jean Edwards, Susie Davis, Debbie Shaffer, Jean Billings, Phyllis Hobson, state organizer Beverly Prewitt, Marie Johnson, Kathleen Brock, Kristy Warnke, Gail Mittiga, Debbie Risseuw



## Chapter GI, Creswell, Oregon Organized: July 21, 2014

**First row, from the left:** Florence Edwards, Jennifer Heiss, Elizabeth Mitchell, Tricia Clarke **Second row:** Jacque Robertson, Chris Smythe, Sandi Scaife, Sunny Kennedy **Third row:** Mary Jean Thomas, Toni Broadwater, Linda Fleischli **Fourth row:** Mary Wilson, Jenny Carmichael, Sue Harmen, Judy Anderson





# Centennial CHAPTERS



**Chapter BI, Shelton, Nebraska**  
**Organized: February 28, 1914**  
**Celebrated: July 12, 2014**

**First row, from the left:** Pam Webben, Helen Smith, Gayle Knoll-Bruner, Betty Hall, Peggy Westberg **Second row:** Renita Landell, Ruth Landell, Dena Woodman, Marsha Fairbanks, Edith Wicht, Charlotte Pesek, Joann Hulme, Kim Hannon, Vicki Lewis, Jennifer Mayfield, Krista Cullen, Chris Lewis



**Chapter AS, Hemet, California**  
**Organized: May 12, 1914**  
**Celebrated: May 13, 2014**

**First row, from the left:** Ann Wind, Nancy Mathis, Jackie Hamblin, Carolyn Ashley, Imogene Fee, Norma Zollinger, Heidi Eidem **Second row:** Dodi Clark, Marilyn Wyss, Nancy McDonald, Eileen Kirk, Aggie Johnson, Edie Sweeten, Dorace Williams, Pam Cutter, Dorothy Unland, Lola Pinder, Doris Mathers **Third row:** Cheryl Steffen, Patty Werley, Nancy Jackson, Cherri Fields, Kristy Gorski, Martha Vieten, Leatrice Thurston, Sylvia Karcher, Opal Swick, Doris Silva, Lou Jolliff, Judi Phares, Robin Lowe



**Chapter EL, Webster City, Iowa**  
**Organized: April 16, 1914**  
**Celebrated: June 7, 2014**

**First row, from the left:** Faith McDowell, Ginny Veach, Dorothy Stearns, Charlene McKee **Second row:** Kathy Swon, Donna Ryherd, Carol Nelson, Yvonne Johnson, Judy McLaughlin, **Third row:** Marty Kelly (former EL) Shelley Clausen, Marilyn Krauss **Fourth row:** Jan Essig, Lisa Miller, Annette Louk, Dalene Schlitter **Fifth row:** Pam Doolittle, Jana Reints, Gretchen Bruner Barb Stearns, Nancy Whaley, Adra Ann Goettsch **Sixth row:** Lori Wilaby, Karin Yungclas, Adele Bowden, Linda Christianson, Rosemary Spratt **Seventh row:** Crystal Gordon, Joylyn Cobb, Marilyn Middleton, Holly Martin, Linda Singer **Eighth row:** Pat Noller, Loween Getter, Annette Doolittle, Abby Sturtevant Sharp, Barb Wollan, Deb Leksell



**Chapter BW, Jefferson City, Missouri**  
**Organized: March 27, 1914**  
**Celebrated: March 28, 2014**

**Front to back, from the left:** Ann VanConia, Diane Boyer, Maxine Farber, Ann Kutscher, Dianne Newell, Gloria Overfelt, Mardelle Gensky, Ruth Roberts, Anne Lock, Judy Naught, Laura Bennett-Smith, Cindy Graves, Jo Ann Mohler, Paula Hartsfield, Betty Weber, Barbara Weaver, Anne Turnbaugh, Mary R. Russell, Elizabeth Hawkins, Tony Weldon, Kathy Bish, Irene Tergin, Georgeanne Folkins, Kay Finch, Jo Storey, Rosemary Palmer, Helen Jobe, Nancy Shank, Jo Donnelly, Pat Sanders, Gloria Leslie

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


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


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


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 **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.


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 **Travel tumblers** 16 oz insulated travel tumbler created for us by Suzy Toronto. \$17 check to Ch BN, Millie Bergman, 2802 Cane Field Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479. mbergz@aol.com. Discounts for orders of 5 or 10.

 **Recognition pin**—1-1/4", burgundy cloisonné w/daisy. Tie-tack fastener. \$10 ppd. Great gift. Checks to: P.E.O. Ch FQ, PO Box 75, Florence, OR 97439. PEOFQPINs@hotmail.com

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

 **Nametags**—beautiful custom marguerite artwork, 1 1/2x3" white acrylic, magnet fastener, name + ch ID, \$13 + S&H, Ch JB, c/o Heidi, 719-528-5313, heidi@cburnett.net

 **Silver star letter opener**—P.E.O. engraved. Lovely for gifts. Gift-boxed. Chapter FQ \$25 + \$6 S.H. ppd. c/o Heidi deLisser 3470 NW 7th St., Miami, FL 33125, hdelisser@aol.com


 **P.E.O. logo bridge** cards—Our high quality boxed sets are a lovely gift or recognition. 1 black & 1 yellow deck each include the P.E.O. letters & marguerite. \$20+ shipping, Chapter HB FL. peocards@gmail.com or 772-567-0287

 **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. \$40 ppd, payable to Ch FS, Sue Mechem, 1009 2nd Ave NE, Clarion, IA 50525. 515-532-2228 or mikesuemechem@gmail.com


 **Cottey decal** \$2 ea or 3/\$5. www.peoagga.com Ch AG, GA


 **Newsletter template** Incl images/ logos www.peoagga.com Ch AG, GA

**P.E.O. chapter garden** flag—waterproof 14x20" flag with your chapter letters! \$25 ppd. Check payable to Ch JP, mail to: Melinda Fish, 1105 Williamsburg Pl, Lawrence, KS 66049.

 **Classy 3x1" namebadge** gold laminate pin/magnet, st, chap, polkadot ribbon, etc! yrbk pg pin storage; 337-280-5779; srodemacher@gmail.com \$14 or \$15+s/h, Ch AT.


**Insider's Guide to London**—this 70+ page guide has been lovingly created by the UK P.E.O. Group sharing our most useful tips for those travelling to London. To download your copy of the London Guide for Sisters by Sisters for only \$10, visit <http://cognitusuk.com/uk-peo-group>


 **Play Daisy Bingo**—Facts about our Founders instead of #s, \$22 ppd. Also, Bee Smart about the P.E.O. Constitution and CA state bylaws, \$22 ppd. Each set has 100 cards. Great for programs! Check to Ch. DO, 12214 Heacock St, Moreno Valley, CA 92557. 951-809-3673


 **Necklace/purse fob:** puzzle piece I am P.E.O. with star, daisy & sisters charms. \$20+\$2.50 S/H. Chapter FP, c/o Marj Lubben, 18774 Stonebridge Rd, Monticello, IA 52310


 **Embroidered kitchen towel**—100% cotton flour sack w/ original P.E.O. design. Bright set (pink, turquoise, green), \$25 ppd. White, \$8 each ppd. Ch FL, c/o Joan P, 15604 Acacia Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73170 kitchen towels4sisters@yahoo.com

**CD of piano solos** honors Founders. Composer, performer Jill Kremer BL/WA. Contact Sandy Keefe ph 425-582-7146 sandygocoastal@gmail.com \$15+3.50 S&H. Checks payable to Ch. BL.

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


 **P.E.O. garden flag!** Beautiful 12x18" garden flag features the letters P.E.O. & watercolor marguerites. Artwork is by P.E.O. member & well-known artist, Ellen Diederich. Printed on both sides of heavy vinyl, flag is to be used with your own flag stand. Photo can be viewed at [www.sgofargo.com](http://www.sgofargo.com). \$20, plus \$3.95 postage. Send check to Chapter AE, PO Box 8, Christine, ND 58015.


 **Portable president's lectern** Folds flat, featherweight, only 8.5 oz, made from durable foam core—sturdy! Lovingly crafted. \$45 ppd. Includes sturdy storage box. Make check payable to: Chapter CP, c/o Mary Lou Troyer, 249 E Woodland Rd, Lake Bluff, IL 60044


 **P.E.O. inspirational stones** & tokens—Gifts for P.E.O. sisters, friends, and family. Six polished custom-engraved river stones: star logo with P.E.O. in center, Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth. \$20 per set or \$4 ea. Trinket dish (yellow) \$8. Eight pocket tokens or blessing coins including Friend, Sister, Love, and Loyalty. \$22 per set or \$3 ea. Small trinket dish \$6 - large one \$7. Order form/shipping info at [www.peochapterhouse.org](http://www.peochapterhouse.org) (Fundraising). Sponsored by Chapter C-CO. Janet 719-473-7670 or colopeo@msn.com

**Our seven sisters**—as told in a beautiful paper doll book for Founders' Day program or gift. \$17 ppd to Ch DP c/o Maureen Davis, 3412 61st St, Lubbock, TX 79413.


 **Luggage strap** with I.D., yellow nylon, adjustable. \$12 + S/H. Cks to Ch OH c/o Mary Jo Losey, 207 S. Prospect, Galena, IL 61036. Maryjo918@gmail.com


 **Beveled glass frame**, clear—holds 4x6 photo w/P.E.O. printed between 2 marguerites \$24 ppd. Chapter ET/MI. jennifer.catron@comcast.net 586-677-2381

 **Star key ring** – or pendant! Back engraveable for special sister gifts. \$10 includes postage & gauze gift bag. Ch T – OR. mkengel@charter.net


 **Black washable plush** vest in a variety of sizes: S, M, L, XL at \$35; XXL & XXXL at \$37. Vests have generous inside pockets and convertible collar. Unique P.E.O. logo for special gifts and to wear about town. Request order form and info from Chapter BG AZ peovests@gmail.com 928-445-5614.


 **Ornaments**–bronzed brass w/color; custom designs with limited editions. Great for anyone, especially a P.E.O. \$10 + sh. NEW 2013 silhouette girl with daisies; 2012 gift w/ marguerite; 2011 Christmas tree with daisies; 2010 sold out; Ch L, Marilyn Wittlinger, Box 306, Pennington, NJ 08534 marilyn@wittlinger.com


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

 **Yearbook caddy**—organize your P.E.O. materials in blue, purple, red or burgundy with embroidered daisy on front. Pockets are 4" high. Pen and notepad included. \$20 per caddy (include S/H). State desired color. Name can also be embroidered for additional \$5. Check to Ch II, Kim Dickelman, 1193 Wyndemere Cir, Longmont, CO 80504. grandmadickelman@comcast.net.


**P.E.O. Mobius scarf** Beautiful washable, silky, large daisy print, Infinity scarf in black, gray, white, lime green, and turquoise. \$15 pre-paid check payable to Chapter KQ, Jodell Larkin, 70 Coppergate Ct. St. Peters, MO 63376, 636-688-5925, jlarkin70@charter.net


 **Field of daisies bookmark**—Dimensions are 2" x 8 1/2". \$2 ea. or 6 for \$10. Make checks to: P.E.O. Chapter IP, send to Mary Cunliffe, 12442 Barony Dr., Dubuque, IA 52001

 **P.E.O. polo shirt.** Short sleeve, 100% preshrunk cotton. Marguerite emblem on upper left chest. Available in white or yellow. S-XXXL \$34.50 + 5.15 shipping. Checks to Chapter CP, 975 Briarwood Dr. E. Wenatchee, WA 98802 allem@nwi.net.

 **Sterling P.E.O. necklace**—dainty. Measures 3/4 by 1/4 inch. 16 or 18" long. Specify length. Sterling. \$ 49.95. + 1.95 shipping. Check to Ch. K, c/o CJ Gray, 325 Eagles Walk, Gastonia, NC 28056

**P.E.O. blank note** cards \$13 ppd for 10 cards with envelopes. Checks to Ch. HZ, c/o Carolyn Hull, 312 Ute Lane, Estes Park, CO 80517 chullep@bajabb.com

 **Beautiful Faberge style** egg pendant with gold tone rope 18 OR 20" necklace. Custom made with seven marguerites in yellow & white & P.E.O. star with crystal center. Pendant only \$65, with necklace \$85 (S&H included). Specify length when ordering. Chapter EF, Denise Kunkle, 6148 Kingsley Ct, Brighton, MI 48116, 810-355-1233 icanmosaicthat@att.net.

 **BIL Pins** All metal, die-struck 1/2" square with polished raised letters and military clutch back. \$5.85ppd. Check to Ch. L, 1400 Cedar Point Rd, Lagrange, KY 40031. marthahe23@hotmail.com

**White initiation gowns**, one size fits all but various lengths, seven total. Inquiries to Bonney Moody, Chapter FU/CO, 970-453-5521 or moody@colorado.net.


 **Fold-up totes**, embroidered pocket, \$28. Info/order at <http://bit.ly/ftxtotes>. FX/KS

 **Daisy magnets** for car, mailbox and frig! Round, 7" white & yellow daisy w/ P.E.O. in center. \$11 ea + \$5.60 for shipping 1-10 magnets. Ch AN, c/o Monica Johnson, 107 Glenn Burnie Dr. Easley, SC 29642, buffjohns@aol.com

**P.E.O. songs** by Peggy Peppers for chapter, reciprocity, or convention programs; 12 full print songs in binder, \$20 ppd: Ch. AW, Dottie VanHoesen, 4611 Arcola Pl. Lakeland, FL 33801; 863-665-5796


## Homes


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

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

 **Independent retirement living** in a P.E.O. community. Explore the Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House at [www.peochapterhouseidaho.org](http://www.peochapterhouseidaho.org) or call 208-459-3552.

## Books

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

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

**400+ Recipes!** Classy gift, cookbook of sisters' favorites. Hard cover, 3-ring, indexed, OR coast Ch. GB \$15 ppd [nanjfitz@gmail.com](mailto:nanjfitz@gmail.com).



# TECH TIP

## Screenshots

A screenshot is an image capturing what you are looking at on your computer monitor, laptop screen, tablet or smartphone. Screenshots are very helpful for showing others exactly what you're talking about. It can be a very useful tool when giving instructions or if requesting help on computer issues. Because there are so many different systems and programs available, we'll just cover a few basics.



you take a photo with your phone. If you are using a Samsung Android phone (Galaxy S3 or Note 2 and newer), you can take a screenshot using the **swipe motion** or by pressing and holding the **Home** and **Power** buttons at the same time.

### How to take a screenshot

On a Windows-based system, most standard keyboards have a key called **Print Screen**, sometimes labeled **PrtScn** or **PrtScrn**. When you press that key, whatever is currently on your screen will be captured and saved to the virtual clipboard. It won't seem like anything has happened, but it has. On some keyboards, such as laptop keyboards, the Print Screen key is combined with another key. If the Print Screen label is in a colored text, you might need to also press the **Function** or **Fn** key for this to work.

On a Mac, on the keyboard press **Control + Command + Shift + 3**. The image of your screen will then be saved to the virtual clipboard.

On an Android tablet or phone, running Ice Cream Sandwich 4.0 and above, press and hold the **power** and **volume down** button at the same time for 1 to 2 seconds. The image will be saved to your Gallery app, just like when

On an iPhone or iPad, press the **Home** and **Sleep/Wake** buttons at the same time. You will hear the camera shutter sound and the image will be saved to your Photos app, just like when you take a photo.

### Selecting part of the screen

On a Windows-based system, you can use the **Alt** key with the **Print Screen** key to take a screen shot of only the active window. For example, if a screenshot of this document is needed, while the document is open, press **Alt + PrtScrn**. Systems using Windows Vista or newer also have a program called **Snipping Tool**. The program can be found by clicking on the **Start** button, then search for Snipping Tool. This tool allows users to select the area of their screen that they want copied.

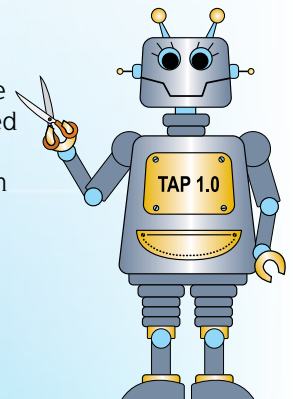
On a Mac, using **Control + Command + Shift + 4** will also allow the user to select the area to be copied.

## TAP's Tech Tip:

You can use screenshots by emailing them as an attachment or pasting them into a document. To create a step-by-step manual, use screenshots with the instructions to give the reader a clear picture of how to successfully complete the task. After the image is saved to the clipboard, open a Word document and paste (Ctrl + V or Command + V) the image into the document. You might need to adjust the image so it's easier to view—changes can be made using the Pictures Toolbar.

If you have a tech tip to share or a tech question to ask, let us know. Email [ahargens@peodsm.org](mailto:ahargens@peodsm.org).

Until next time,  
Ahn Hargens and TAP  
(Technology Assistant for P.E.O.)



# To The POINT

## Time to Pay Dues

Local chapter dues are payable February 1 for 2015-16. If you are going to be out of town and unable to attend meetings, please remember to mail your check to your local chapter treasurer. Although dues are not considered delinquent until March 1, as a courtesy to the treasurer, please pay them as soon as possible. This will ensure that all annual reports are filed by the local chapter officers in a timely manner and that you continue to be counted as an active member of P.E.O.



## Sale of P.E.O. Related Items

All "official" P.E.O. related items are sold through chapter fundraisers or through the official P.E.O. website. Private or commercial websites selling items specific to P.E.O. or Cottey are not sponsored or endorsed by P.E.O. and could create legal and/or tax concerns. Solicitation of such websites or products has not been approved for circularization among our members.

## Twitter

Coming soon – P.E.O. Sisterhood Twitter! Be sure to follow us and get the latest Tweets from P.E.O. @PEOSisterhood.



## Staying Connected

Let inactive sisters in your chapter know they're in your thoughts and are welcome to return to active status. Consider these easy, thoughtful ways to reach out to them:

- Tell them about our new P.E.O. International Facebook page to help them get reconnected.  
**[www.facebook.com/peointernational](http://www.facebook.com/peointernational)**
- Send them a one-year subscription to The P.E.O. Record. Subscriptions may be purchased for a mere \$5; it's a wonderful way to share P.E.O. news. Simply complete the online subscription form at **[donations.peointernational.org/record](http://donations.peointernational.org/record)**
- If you're an inactive member reading this issue, please consider directly connecting with your local chapter to reinstate or complete the form provided on **[www.NoPlaceLikePEO.com](http://www.NoPlaceLikePEO.com)** to enable us to introduce you to a local chapter in your area.

## Reference Listings

In the members' side of the website click on Reference Listings to find listings to find the following information:

- Bed and Breakfast
- Gatherings Away from Home
- Honor Roll
- Reciprocity and Group Contacts
- State/Provincial/District Chapter Conventions Schedule
- Rx:TLC

Check the website for updates which are made regularly.

## Optional Attire for Ceremony of Initiation

As announced at the 2013 Convention of International Chapter, there is now optional attire for officers to wear for the Ceremony of Initiation. They may continue to wear all white or now have the option of wearing plain white tops and black skirts/pants and black shoes. Please refer to Appendix 8 in the President's Book.

## Mailings from the P.E.O. Executive Office



## Annual Reports for Local Chapters

In January the treasurer's annual reports, along with membership annual reports, will be mailed from the executive office to presidents of local chapters. Local chapter presidents should promptly forward the respective annual reports to their chapter's treasurer and corresponding secretary.

## Winter Mailing

This mailing to all local chapter presidents and s/p/d officers will be sent in January 2015.

## Estate Planning for P.E.O.

When considering a gift to P.E.O. through a will or trust, exact wording must be carefully chosen in order to ensure the donor's wishes are properly communicated. Sample wording is included in Information for Wills, available on the P.E.O. website under the P.E.O. Foundation link. Suggested language is included for gifts to all P.E.O. projects and/or P.E.O. Foundation. For specific questions, please contact the executive office or Cottey College. As always, discuss any planned giving strategies with your attorney or financial planner to take advantage of the opportunities that are right for you. 🌸



Send completed form including your former address printed in the upper right corner (or give address at which magazine was last received) six weeks in advance of your move.

**Mail:** Membership Dept., P.E.O. Executive Office  
3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312-2899  
**Fax:** The P.E.O. Record, 515-255-3820  
**Call:** 800-343-4921 (automated line available 24 hours  
a day. May not be available in all areas of Canada.)  
**Email:** membership@peodsm.org  
**Web:** peointernational.org (click on address change form)

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## Address or Name Change (please print)

**Chapter letter(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date address effective** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street or box address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province/District** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal code** \_\_\_\_\_

## P.E.O. SCHOLAR AWARDS



# It's not too late to become a Scholar Awards Laureate Chapter for this year!

### There are two ways to become a Laureate Chapter:

- Your chapter can make a \$500 or more lump-sum contribution to Scholar Awards or
- Nominate a successful Scholar

Your chapter could join the list of hundreds of chapters who are listed as Laureate Chapters on the PSA website.

Your chapter will also receive a certificate at next year's s/p/d Convention



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