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The Greatest of These is...

Would you agree that we live in an exciting time? There are so many opportunities in which to connect and engage. With only 24 hours in a day, what is most worthy of our time? What are the most important uses of our funds? Where can we best use our abilities? And who do we most want to satisfy? Do you ever think about it? So many questions!

The question I have been asking myself is, "What do I want my last President's Message to convey?" You, the readers of these messages, have been so kind to tell me when something has hit the mark for you—and so kind **not** to tell me if it didn't! Thank you for both.

What keeps coming to mind for this message is another sign at Rooster Rob's, my aforementioned favorite nearby country restaurant, which admonishes, **"The best things in life are not things."** Full disclosure: while I know that is true I'm shopping for a chaise lounge for one of my porches—a thing that I've convinced myself I deserve after 22 years of P.E.O. board service. I fear that our industrious Founder, Ella Stewart, might not be proud of me for that.

Setting that aside, it seems that what is most important in life can be boiled down to two words: Service and Love. With those two objectives as the basis for what we do, there can be only good and lasting results. Mother Teresa is quoted as saying, **"Give of your hands to serve and your hearts to love."** Who among us doesn't respect the wisdom of Mother Teresa? Albert Schweitzer said, **"The purpose of human life is to serve, to show compassion and the will to help others."** So there it is—Service and Love.

What better avenue to put both Service and Love into action than the P.E.O. Sisterhood? This organization, on the brink of our sesquicentennial anniversary, was built on those two pillars and continues to thrive because of the faithfulness of P.E.O. sisters to their commitment to Service and Love, or to put it another way, to serve with love.

Several years ago while on the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) board of trustees, I spent a lot of time with my dad as we tended each day to my mom whose residence was the Alzheimer's wing of a nursing facility. He became aware of the time I was spending in connection with PCE. One day he just blurted it out: "You mean you spend hours on this work, reading applications, going to conventions and meetings and don't even get paid?" Being a very practical man, that was way beyond making any kind of sense. So I explained P.E.O. to him

and he listened. A while later there was some money left over from an errand I had run for him. He wouldn't take it back; I refused to keep it. So he said, "Well, that organization you work for—if you're willing to spend so much time with it, it must be okay. Just give it to them." He finally realized what my BIL already knew. Thousands of P.E.O.s have found a place of Service because of our Love for each other and for our mission to help other women have the advantages that we can provide. What's better than that?

These two words best describe our Sisterhood—Service and Love. If we boil it down to one word, which would be the greatest? The greatest of these is...you know!



**P.E.O. Service has been an honor
Love to You
See you in Charlotte!**

Beth Ledbetter, President, International Chapter



We are becoming what we are to become

Grateful thanks to every leader who has been a part of this biennium.

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P.E.O.s Priscilla Kastner and Sande Wilcher met while on an Alaskan cruise

There are P.E.O. Sisters All Over the World!

My husband and I were headed toward Victoria, British Columbia, on an Alaskan cruise and seated at a table with a group of people from Alabama and Missouri. Everyone introduced themselves and the woman sitting to my left was from Kansas City, Missouri. Upon learning this I said how much I had enjoyed my experience in Missouri when attending college in Columbia almost 50 years ago. I then asked her if she knew where Nevada, Missouri, was and her response was "P.E.O." I said yes and I learned I was sitting with a P.E.O. sister, Sande Wilcher (Chapter LS, Lees Summit). Her husband immediately asked mine if he was a BIL! The other dining mates were curious about what Sande and I were talking about so I got the opportunity to introduce them to P.E.O. and all the wonderful philanthropies of the Sisterhood along with Cottey College. Just another example that it is definitely **OK to Talk About P.E.O.**

Priscilla Kastner, VA, Irvine, California

PARTNER IN PEACE CHAPTERS Connecting with IPS Recipients

Chapter AK, Portland, Oregon

Chapter AK, Portland, Oregon, has continually supported all P.E.O. projects and has especially enjoyed getting to know recipients of the International Peace Scholarship (IPS) program by becoming a Partner in Peace chapter.



IPS recipient Andrea Matires Avelenda from Uruguay presented with a shawl from Chapter AK corresponding secretary

In 2015, we shared support of IPS recipient Minkyung Song, with Chapter BV, Eugene, Oregon, and Chapter CY, Lake Oswego. In 2016, we were partnered with Andrea Matires Avelenda from Uruguay; she is studying international studies at the University of Denver.

Chapter AK presented both Minkyung and Andrea with knitted shawls to show our care for them.

*Kathryn Beebe, AK,
Portland, Oregon*

Chapter CQ, Minnetonka, Minnesota

Sisters in Chapter CQ, Minnetonka, Minnesota, have enjoyed being part of a Partner in Peace chapter, supporting many International Peace

Scholarship recipients who are studying in Minnesota.

We learned of Jane Adade from Ghana who is studying at the University of Minnesota. We contacted her and found her eager to meet some of the women who are excited about, and supportive of, her education in the United States.

We arranged a meeting with Jane on a Saturday morning. It was a delightful time—both Jane and her roommate, Jacky (also from Ghana) shared their personal stories and told us about the culture and customs of Ghana. They answered our questions and we answered theirs. We enjoyed refreshments and ended up chatting for almost three hours.

One woman at the meeting was a guest—a potential new member who recently accepted the invitation to become a P.E.O. I think this informal gathering which featured one of our projects and a recipient was a deciding factor for her.

*Mary Anne Draayer, CQ,
Minnetonka, Minnesota*



Jane and Jacky from Ghana visited Chapter CQ in Minnesota



IPS recipient Naima Kahn spoke at a tea hosted by Chapter EW in Arizona

Chapter EW, Gilbert, Arizona

Chapter EW, Gilbert, Arizona, hosted a tea where they introduced Naima Kahn, the International Peace Scholarship recipient they were matched with as a Partner in Peace chapter. She gave a nice talk to our group of 150 guests.

Naima Kahn, from Bangladesh, is going to school in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She attends New Mexico State University where she's getting a Ph.D. in water science and management. She expects to graduate in December and then return to her home country.

Naima told everyone how grateful she is for how helpful P.E.O. has been for her.

It was very special to meet and hear this kind woman speak so gratefully to us.

*Susan Cline, EW,
Gilbert, Arizona*

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Charlotte, North Carolina • September 28-30



Packing Checklist

It's time to pack for Convention of International Chapter! If you have these things (plus your essentials like toothpaste and shampoo) you're all set for a successful week at Convention of International Chapter.

- 1 Final P.E.O. Convention Confirmation* ☐
- 2 Comfortable shoes ☐
- 3 A sweater to wear in the cooler convention halls ☐
- 4 An appetite for southern hospitality and cooking ☐
- 5 Shopping money for the Carolinas Boutique & Herff Jones Jewelry ☐
- 6 ID, credit card & travel documents ☐
- 7 Phone & phone charger ☐
- 8 Star & daisy apparel ☐
- 9 Necessary medications & emergency contact information ☐
- 10 Your best P.E.O. smile ☐

* Please watch for your Final Convention Confirmation to be emailed to you in mid-September prior to Convention. It is likely your hotel assignment changed from your original request and the Final Convention Confirmation email will be your only way to know that important information.



P.E.O. Convention app

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Loving Concern for BILs

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

Susan Wolfe's article "100% Loving Concern: Helping a Widowed Sister" that appeared in the May-June P.E.O. Record touched a nerve for many who have lost, or know they will soon lose a loved one. In her article, Susan suggested that P.E.O. chapters might consider developing a care package held in reserve for a sister who either recently has, or will soon lose her spouse. She ended with a touching tribute," I wish you all could have known my Leroy. He was the most loving, caring and down to earth person I ever met. I wish you all peace and love."

A response to Susan Wolfe's article came from Thomas C. Watling who recently lost his wife Nancy, Chapter OQ, Turlock, California. Thomas praised the support he received from Nancy's current P.E.O. chapter as well as notes of condolence and generous tribute gifts coming from all parts of the country. Numerous dinners were delivered to his door and invitations to concerts or a favorite restaurant helped him immeasurably to lessen the "much-too-quiet and empty feeling" when he was alone in their home. Many of those expressions of concern came from P.E.O. members, without doubt, but he noted the need for friendly encouragement continues long after the funeral service. A bereaved spouse generally welcomes a visit or an invitation months, or even a year, later.

Thomas wrote, "I sincerely appreciate being invited to the BIL functions of Nancy's chapter, visiting with the older members who were her good friends and meeting younger members, as well. It was some time after Nancy's death that I realized that I was no longer receiving The P.E.O. Record. I suspect that not all BILs are especially interested in that magazine, but I was—and am. After all, it had been a regular fixture in our house for a lifetime! I would recommend that chapters purchase a subscription to The Record for a bereaved BIL. Chapters should be encouraged to give some thought to providing a 'care package' as Susan Wolfe suggests, not only for their sisters, but for their bereaved BILs as well.

"In addition, I would suggest that chapters regularly invite BILs to contribute to their fundraising activities and perhaps devise a 'Membership Memorial'—an annual contribution in loving memory of the deceased sister. I really believe a BIL would be pleased to continue supporting chapter programs, Cottey College scholarships or other projects. All you need to do is ask him!"

Thomas concluded his letter with, "Nancy's record of achievement in leading a variety of organizations gained her considerable recognition. She was respected by her colleagues, and revered by her students. Her deep and abiding love for her family was clearly evident, and she was very brave. Toward the end of her life, when Parkinson's robbed her of mobility

and independence, never, ever, did she complain or allow anyone to express their sadness at her situation. She was truly a remarkable woman. It was my privilege to have her love and her unconditional support for 63 years. If you had had the opportunity to know her, you would have loved and admired her too."

As guest editor of the BIL Corner for The P.E.O. Record, I've received many submissions, but this one from Thomas Watling is the first with a "call to action" – or at least a suggestion of such. Loving Concern, as used by Susan Wolfe, may have its roots in the official Objects and Aims of P.E.O. that includes, "It shall be the chief duty of each member to consider thoughtfully the full import of P.E.O. This will include a sincere regard for our influence in the community, a careful consideration of feeling when speaking and a determination to do all we can, at all times, and under all circumstances to express a **loving concern** for each sister."

I believe most BILs, without being aware, witness and benefit from the loving concern their spouses receive from P.E.O. Thomas' call to action, or at least his request, is to have that loving concern gently continue to the BIL and in so doing, extend the memory of the departed P.E.O. Sister. Perhaps asking if he wishes to continue receiving The P.E.O. Record is one of the simplest means of expressing that concern. 🌸




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P.E.O. Bed & Breakfast Listings



**As announced earlier this year,
the P.E.O. Bed & Breakfast listing
is now available online only
for use by P.E.O. members.**

The online listing allows for the most up-to-date and accurate listings, including new locations. The listing on our website also protects the privacy of P.E.O. B&B hostesses as the online directory is only accessible by current P.E.O.s. For your convenience, pages from the website can be printed.

The P.E.O. Bed and Breakfast program began in 1981 with a single listing—now there are almost 700 participating chapters across the United States and Canada. This unique program has not only generated a considerable amount of money for our P.E.O. projects, but it has created many lasting friendships as well.

**There are two ways for P.E.O. sisters to enjoy
the P.E.O. Bed and Breakfast program:
stay at one as a guest, or open your home to host sisters.**

Either way, you help finance the P.E.O. projects that help women around the world reach for the stars.

To become a B&B hostess chapter, download the forms and insurance guidelines from the member website. Submit completed forms, along with insurance payment, to the P.E.O. Executive Office.

Questions? Contact commassist@peodsm.org.

Find the B&B listing at members.peointernational.org/bedandbreakfast.



P.E.O. Kathleen Rutter Has Too Many More Mountains to Climb

by Margaret K. Edwards, BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Kathleen Rutter and her daughter Kelley share a love of climbing and hiking

Kathleen D. H. Rutter, BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a second generation P.E.O., a wife, a mother of three adult children and a breast cancer survivor. She recently retired after 35 years as an advance placement anatomy/physiology and chemistry high school teacher. For 42 consecutive years, she has worked as a summer park ranger with the Department of the Interior at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

Raised in Missouri, Kathleen's youth included annual vacation/camping trips. She credits her interest and love of the outdoors to her grandfather, a Baptist deacon from Kansas with an 8th grade education, who was a farmer and naturalist. She recalls him teaching her about the beauty and complexity of trees.

Kathleen earned her bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Arkansas and her master's in biology education from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. She remembers her dad sending her only one letter during college. Enclosed was a three-line newspaper ad from the Joplin Globe. It was for volunteer study park jobs in the U.S. through the Student Conservation Organization. Applicants were to select three choices. Kathleen got her first choice, Rocky Mountain National Park. On a high school mission trip, Kathleen visited the park and fell in love.

Her first volunteer experience at the park included working four days a week at the visitor center desk of the park. She received no stipend, but perks included free housing in a trailer with two other students and 20 dollars a week for food. She met her future husband, Ken, a South Dakota ranch boy, during the second week there. Ken and Kathleen married in 1977 and by 1989, after their second child was born, he became a stay-at-home-dad during summers at the park.

When Kathleen's children were younger the family would load up the car and head to Colorado when school was out. Summers were great for the children, who had jobs in the park and met lifelong friends. All three children have grown up to be adventuresome, fearless, independent and lovers of travel. Kelley, Kathleen's only daughter and youngest child, inherited her mom's love of hiking and mountain climbing. At age eight, Kelley and her mom climbed

Mount Albert in Colorado. Together they have hiked Mount Kilimanjaro and the Inca trail at Machu Picchu.

Kathleen describes herself as a "maniac" for hiking and mountain climbing. She is working on her goal to climb 49 state high points, excluding Alaska, as well as all named points in Rocky Mountain National Park. She has completed 70 of the 112 summits included in her goal.

Although, Ken, Kathleen's BIL, is not a hiker, he strongly supports Kathleen's passion and served the park as a law enforcement ranger until 1989. They recently bought a retirement cabin in Rocky Mountain National Park after many years of renting. They plan to divide their year between the park and their home in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

At age 60, Kathleen is trying to complete the most difficult of the climbs, including Mount Hood in Oregon—a guided two-day rope

ascent. She and Kelley made their third attempt in the summer of 2016 and were successful. It was a difficult climb for Kathleen that pushed her to her physical limits. Kathleen and Kelley took a five-day hike to the San Juans in September 2016 and in January 2017 they took a backpack climbing trip to Patagonia, in the southernmost region of Chile, South America.

As a ranger and a naturalist, Kathleen leads hikes up to four hours a day, leads two-to-three campfire or twilight walks, mans the information desk and works as the “roving ranger,” providing interpretation of nature. She describes these tasks as “serious boot work.” She gets about 1,000 miles from a pair of boots that she replaces every one to three years. Kathleen has also served as a park photographer and leads photo walks, which satisfies her passion of being close to nature. She finds being close to nature and obtaining an education in ecology a true privilege and joy.

Conquering Cancer

In January 2015, Kathleen was diagnosed with breast cancer. When asked how she handled this news and how the ranger, naturalist mentality influenced her battle, she thought for a moment and responded by saying, “I got mad initially because I have always taken good care of my body but then I composed a mantra to live by as I tackled this life challenge. Keeping in mind my mantra ‘Too many more mountains left to climb,’ I forged forward.”

Surgery, treatments and side effects were faced with family support, friends and P.E.O. sisters. Her greatest fear was losing her seasonal job for which she always had to re-apply yearly. She called her boss at Rocky Mountain National Park in March and her response was overwhelmingly positive and supportive. Kathleen could either save her job until the next year or she could work as much as she was able.

This relieved a lot of tension and her oncologist arranged for her to have the last three chemotherapy injections in Denver during the summer. An incredibly strong, committed and tenacious woman, Kathleen missed only 10 hours of work that summer.

The oldest Ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park is 86 years old. Always ready for a challenge, Kathleen also has a longevity goal as a ranger and naturalist. She plans to be the ranger with the most consecutive summers working at the park. Her plan is to work as a ranger until she can no longer walk! With her distinctive mantra of “Too many More Mountains to Climb,” no doubt she will meet all her goals. P.E.O. sisters of Chapter BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico, are proud to call Kathleen Rutter a sister and have a tremendous amount of respect for her courage, resiliency and life goals. She epitomizes the ideals which each of us strive to live out in our lives. 🌻

Kathleen Rutter, BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico

by Margaret K. Edwards, BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico



Kathleen in her ranger uniform at Rocky Mountain State Park in Colorado, with daughter Kelley

Kathleen was initiated into Chapter BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1999.

Her mother was initiated into P.E.O. in Joplin, Missouri. Kathleen remembers as a child the meetings at their home and the veil of secrecy, awe and camaraderie among the sisters. She knew that these women supported each other and had strong bonds of friendship. They served as role models for her. As an adult, P.E.O. membership kept coming into Kathleen's consciousness but the timing was never right with family and work responsibilities. P.E.O. remained a tug on her heart for some time until it bloomed into action. Her mother died of breast cancer at age 57 and an unusual thing happened—Marilyn, her mother's dear friend from her P.E.O. chapter, who had recently been widowed started seeing Kathleen's father. They married five years later and P.E.O. sister Marilyn became her step-mother. She knows that her mother talked to her father before dying about her desire for him to spend time with her dear friend Marilyn after her death.

When life slowed down a bit for Kathleen she called Marilyn and asked if she could help her pursue membership in P.E.O. and the process began. Kathleen was initiated into Chapter BH, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1999 and has been an officer, hostess, co-hostess and has helped with courtesy. Two years ago I had surgery on my shoulder and since I live alone, I asked for help from my P.E.O. sisters; Kathleen and her husband went to the airport

to pick up family members coming to help me out.

Kathleen saw and realized the true meaning of P.E.O. and sisterly support when she faced a breast cancer diagnosis. She was overwhelmed with the amazing outpouring of love and support, in cards, messages and food from Chapter BH. Kathleen plans to become more involved in P.E.O. now that she is retired.



P.E.O.s Monica Horton and Susan Elder at the N.E.W. Life Center in Flint, Michigan. Monica started a book borrowing program for needy children in the community.

One Child...One Book... One Bucket at a Time

by Monica Horton, Arlene Ruhala and Susan Elder, BX, Flint, Michigan

Someone once said, “Teachers never stop teaching.” In Monica Horton’s case, it was so true!

Monica retired from the Flushing Community Schools after teaching 36 years to care for her ailing parents. She was at a loss for a way to be productive and wanted to give back by helping other people.

When Monica, a sister in Chapter BX, Flint, Michigan, learned that the literacy center at the N.E.W. Life Center in Flint needed tutors, she jumped at the chance to put her teaching skills to work. The center is one of several in the city where families go to receive food, clothing, job skills, education and workplace training that empower them to become self-sufficient. Many of these families have been affected by the

water crisis in Flint. Young children are especially vulnerable and to counteract potential developmental problems, early education intervention is essential; centers were set up in the city to address these needs.

Monica’s first visit to the center was eye-opening as the needs of the families were astounding. Not only did Monica become a tutor, but she eventually became a member of the center’s literacy board. This gave her a chance to use her experience and training in education to help develop a literacy program.

Discussions at literacy board meetings centered around the need to educate the children along with fostering a love of reading. Being a mother, grandmother and former teacher, Monica knew the importance

of reading and began to explore how to get books in the hands of the many children who came to the center. She noticed they already had a stockpile of gently-used books but no means to get them to the children.

Beginning in March 2016, the literacy board started to tackle this problem. Their first idea was to place containers of books in restaurants in the area where children could read books while eating then return them when they left. The board soon found that much of the population they were trying to reach didn’t go to restaurants but rather soup kitchens.

While working at the North End Soup Kitchen located in one of the most impoverished areas of Flint, Monica noticed the families with young children. This is when her

idea for Book Buckets was born—she would place buckets filled with free, gently-used or new books in soup kitchens across the city. Monica had found a way to get those books to the children who needed them the most. She took her idea to the literacy board who recognized the opportunity. They began with five areas and filled the buckets weekly. Later two more bucket sites were added. The response was amazing and soon the board realized the demand was so great that the current inventory of books would not be able to support the project.

Keeping the Book Buckets filled became a challenge. Even though they asked that only one book be borrowed at a time, the rule was not enforced. Sometimes the lure of a good book means more than one is needed or wanted. As Monica served meals she saw children come into the soup kitchen head for the Book Bucket before getting food. Occasionally they would read one book while eating then exchange it for another as they left.

The demand forced Monica to begin soliciting books from family and friends. This was not enough. She approached a book store in Flint who helped provide used books and it still wasn't enough.



Sisters in Monica's P.E.O. chapter, BX, have enthusiastically supported her Book Bucket project. From the left: Arlene Ruhala, Monica Horton, Fran Holmes, Wilaine Northway, Mary Delaney

That's when Monica turned to her P.E.O. sisters in Chapter BX. The response was overwhelming. The members were excited and thought of ways they could help. Sisters recognized how the Book Bucket project fit into P.E.O.'s purpose of education for women. They strongly agreed they could continue to support the P.E.O. philanthropies while also supporting this project for their community. Now at chapter meetings, money is donated for P.E.O. philanthropies and books are collected for the Book Buckets program. Sisters donate their own books and scour garage sales and

used book stores to find books for the bucket.

Book Buckets celebrated its one-year anniversary in March 2017. At that time, more than 7,000 books had been distributed throughout Flint. The demand continues to grow and shows no sign of declining.

Monica says, "As educated readers, we know that a good book can take one to magical places. The love of reading fostered at an early age will open doors and transport minds to wonderful places." Book Buckets is doing just that...one child, one book, one bucket at a time! 🌸

About Monica Horton

by Arlene Ruhala, BX, Flint, Michigan



Monica Horton

Monica Horton was born and raised in Michigan. She loved school and always wanted to be a teacher.

Monica earned her B.A. in education from the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, and did graduate work at the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University. She taught third through eighth grades at Flushing Community Schools for 36 years before her retirement.

Monica and her husband, James, have three daughters—Kara Caraballo, Erin Breshears and Lanie McCloskey and two grandchildren—Saiya Caraballo and James Henry Breshears.

Monica was introduced to P.E.O. by her sister-in-law, Marcia Endo, EB, Elk Rapids, Michigan. When she visited chapters in the Flint area, the wonderful women she met attracted Monica to the Sisterhood. She became a member of Chapter BX in 2012. "It's always so much fun to be with my sisters," she said. "I appreciate that our philanthropies support education for women. My P.E.O. sisters also value education and I enjoy their enthusiasm for that."

What did Franc Roads say when Hattie Briggs suggested they form a society of their own?

“Let’s Go
Find the
Others”



October is “Let’s Go Find the Others” month.

Log on to the P.E.O. member website where you will find resources with tips for identifying potential members, introducing them to your chapter and inviting them to become P.E.O.s.

Visit members.peointernational.org/letsgofindtheothers.

P.E.O. Foundation



Remembering P.E.O.

Do you have a will? If you do, when was the last time you reviewed and revised it? If you don't, you can consult a local lawyer for assistance or seek information online. When you create or revise your will, it is the perfect time to think about planning your charitable legacy. Will you support P.E.O.? How will you support P.E.O.? You can support women's education with a gift to the P.E.O. Foundation through either a one-time gift or by establishing a permanently endowed fund. If you want a charitable tax benefit when remembering P.E.O., please note the following:

- **Do** name either a specific P.E.O. International project or the P.E.O. Foundation—all are charitable 501(c)(3) organizations as classified by the IRS.

- **Do not** name the P.E.O. Sisterhood or your local chapter as a beneficiary—neither is classified as a charitable organization.

For more information, contact the P.E.O. Foundation office at 515-255-3153.



My Nonresident is Your Unaffiliate

by Jan Loftin, Regional Membership Representative, Region 4

What happens when your chapter sister moves far enough away that she can no longer attend her chapter meetings regularly?

Of course, the first thing that should happen is your corresponding secretary needs to change her contact information with International using the Change in Membership form (CIM) on the P.E.O. website. She should make sure she has the correct address, new phone number and email address before she completes the form. She should also determine if your sister wants to transfer to a day or night chapter or has no preference so she can indicate that on the form. If she doesn't want to transfer, that should also be noted, indicating the reason. Once that's done, your sister's new information goes into the International database and just like that, she's on the unaffiliate list in her new area.

When chapters in her new location look at their list of unaffiliates, they'll find her information there and can call or email her and invite her to meetings. That's our Sisterhood's unique way of paving the way for sisters in transition to find a new chapter home when she moves. Everywhere you go, there is usually a P.E.O. chapter close by and you don't have to miss out on the love and support that makes our Sisterhood so special. That's why it's so important to keep your nonresident members' information current in the International database. If her phone number or email are incorrect it's difficult for chapters in her new location to contact her.

Another very important second step is to fill out a Notice of Member

in Your Area form. This can be found on the International website in the Corresponding Secretary's forms. Follow the instructions on the form and send it to the presidents in the city/area where the member is moving and to the organizer of the state, province or district. This form can be filled in online and emailed to the presidents. How easy is that? You can check the online directory of presidents to get all their contact information. This is the fastest way to get your sister's information into the hands of the chapters in her new location.

Just to clarify the terms, a **nonresident** member is an active dues-paying member who lives outside the city or town in which her chapter is located at a distance that makes it impractical for her to attend meetings on a regular basis. An **unaffiliate** is an active

one and the same. My nonresident is your unaffiliate.

Let's not forget about the inactive **non** dues-paying members of our chapters who have moved to other areas, either. It's important to keep their contact information current in the International database, too. They are also unaffiliates, although they can no longer attend regular business meetings because they've gone inactive. However, they can still attend your social meetings and small group activities. What a great way to get them interested in P.E.O. again and perhaps reinstate their membership! These sisters might have had a change in their lives and are ready to become active in P.E.O. again. Sometimes all they need is that contact and word of encouragement, letting them know you care about them and would love to have them come back. Your state, provincial

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dues-paying member who has become a **nonresident** in her own chapter by moving outside the city or town in which her chapter is located at a distance that makes it impractical for her to attend meetings on a regular basis. So, you see, they are

or district membership committee can provide a list of these members for your area, but again, the phone numbers and email addresses need to be up to date in order to facilitate making the contact. 🌸

Ring Ching Roadshow Stops at P.E.O. Executive Office

by Fran Becque, KL, Carbondale, Illinois

Pi Beta Phi, a fraternity for women, celebrated its 150th anniversary this year. As part of their celebration, Pi Phi traveled around the United States and Canada in a car named Libbie (named for founder Libbie Brook Gaddis) for what they called the “Ring Ching Roadshow.”



Fran Becque and Daphney Bitanga with Libbie in front of the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines

When I learned that my friend Daphney Bitanga, the driver of the Roadshow car, would be in Des Moines at the same time as me, I asked if we could quickly meet at the P.E.O. Executive Office. After all, Pi Phi and P.E.O.'s beginnings are intertwined.

When Pi Phi was founded in April 1867, no one knew it as Pi Beta Phi. Those Greek letters were the organization's secret motto; the name at that time was I.C. Sorosis.

From the beginning, the I.C.s were intent on expanding to other institutions. And so it was which compelled Libbie Brook, one of the I.C. Sorosis founders, to leave Monmouth College for the 1868-69 school year. She enrolled at Iowa Wesleyan University (IWU). There, on December 21, 1868, the second chapter of I.C. Sorosis made its debut.

Some of the Mount Pleasant women, slightly annoyed at the upstart from across the river who came to IWU and gathered a number of women to form an I.C. chapter, decided to form a society of their own. Franc Roads Elliott, in recollecting the founding of P.E.O., was often less than cordial in her description of Libbie's action, but I usually read those accounts and chuckle a bit. For in that disdain of what happened that fall of 1868, seven young women founded a sisterhood that has helped women reach for the stars for nearly 150 years. P.E.O. was founded exactly a month after the I.C. chapter at Iowa Wesleyan. The P.E.O. Sisterhood will turn 150 on January 21, 2019. Some women, me included, are a part of both Pi Beta Phi and P.E.O. And for that, I feel very lucky and blessed. 🌸



Fran Becque, Pi Phi archivist and historian and serving on P.E.O.'s 2019 book committee, Susan Reese Sellers and Elizabeth E. Garrels

Susan Reese Sellers Becomes Honorary Pi Beta Phi

by Fran Becque, KL, Carbondale, Illinois

On June 24, 2017, at the 71st Biennial Convention of Pi Beta Phi, Susan Reese Sellers, Past President of International Chapter, became an honorary alumna initiate of Iowa Wesleyan University's Iowa Alpha Chapter, Pi Beta Phi.

The beginnings of Pi Beta Phi and P.E.O. are intertwined. Initiating Susan as a member of this chapter was a way to honor the chapter and its role in the founding of our Sisterhood. Had that upstart Libbie Brook not traveled from Monmouth, Illinois, to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in the fall of 1868 intent on chartering a second chapter of I.C. Sorosis, P.E.O. might not exist today. Elizabeth Garrels, who served as International President prior to Susan's tenure, is an Iowa Alpha Pi Beta Phi and she was present for Susan's initiation. Elizabeth wore an arrow made for Anna Crane, a member of the third chapter of I.C. at the Mount Pleasant Female Seminary. Anna was a niece of Hervey Crane, the Mount Pleasant jeweler who made both the first pins—arrows and stars. The Seminary was the home of P.E.O.'s second chapter.

The Faces of the Future— Making a Difference at the Local Level

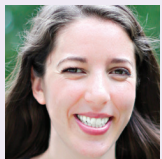


by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Leadership Development Initiative

How do we respond to the challenge that P.E.O.'s future is dependent on the talents and leadership of our younger members? We asked three young local leaders to share their thoughts on the following questions:

1. What was your motivation to take a leadership position at this time?
2. How have you grown and what have you learned?
3. What new skill sets have you developed?
4. Have you used your new skills outside of P.E.O.?

Katie Herman, AH, New York, New York, became



president of her local chapter in New York City in March of 2016 at the age of 29.

"I have always considered myself to be a naturally shy person and have usually felt more comfortable being a quiet observer than an active leader, but P.E.O. has allowed me to take on a leadership role in a safe and nurturing setting.

"One of the most important things I have learned as president of my chapter is how to delegate.

"I have learned a lot about how to plan events, and have been able to apply these skills to my personal and professional life.

"Overall, I feel like I've learned how to be more assertive and confident through P.E.O. I work as a social worker at an alternative-to-incarceration agency with adolescents and adults with mental health issues. The skills I have developed in P.E.O. have helped me professionally as well as personally."

Katy Reif, AL, Portland, Oregon



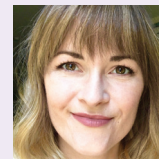
Since joining P.E.O. in 2005, Katy, 31, has been asked to serve in various officer roles. "As a graduate of

Cottey College, I viewed these roles as a way to give back to my chapter and P.E.O. for all that they had done for me as well as an opportunity to grow as a leader. I am also motivated by P.E.O.'s mission of supporting women's educational goals.

"I have learned the importance of delegation, committee work, and running efficient meetings. Trusting committees to get their work done creates meetings that lead to discussion of important issues, and still leaves plenty of time for socializing and spending quality time with sisters.

"My confidence has grown and I feel empowered to think and formulate opinions on things and speak up with those thoughts."

Chelsea Cowher, AL, Portland, Oregon, age 29,



said, "I decided to take a leadership role in committee work to get to know my sisters better in smaller group

settings. Not just being on a committee, but hosting meetings, bringing ideas and following through with them have given me a sense of pride and belonging to my chapter, and I started forming those bonds and memories that had eluded me at first.

"As I got more comfortable with the group, I learned to speak up and started to voice my opinions, and everyone was happy to hear from me. As a younger member, my opinion is new/different, and that's great.

"I have been able to develop skills that I already possess. I enjoy planning events for my co-workers and friends, but my P.E.O. chapter is a lot more diverse so I've had to expand my thinking to events that everyone will be comfortable and happy to attend. I hope to use my new skills to be a better sister as well as using them outside of P.E.O."

Our Sisterhood's future is in good hands. What will happen if every chapter inspires and motivates a young member to leadership? P.E.O., and these young women, will thrive! Do you need some ideas to get you started? We can help! Visit peoleadership.org 🌸

Gallery of Presidents



Debbie Hovatter

Arizona

Recipe for Friendship

Debbie Hovatter joined P.E.O. in 2006 after her husband, Gary, retired from a 30-year career in the U. S. Army and they settled into their “forever” home in Yuma, Arizona. Gary’s mother, Lois Hovatter (chapter eternal), and Debbie’s mother, Barbara Horton, past state president, Arizona, were both instrumental in persuading Debbie to join the Sisterhood. Her only sister, Beth Michael, CP, Chandler, Arizona, is currently serving on the Arizona Philanthropic Projects Committee. Debbie belongs to Chapter BI, Yuma, Arizona.

During her life as an Army wife, Debbie worked many part time jobs and stayed busy volunteering. She graduated from Arizona State University with a nursing degree, which enabled her to move every two years and still keep her hand in the medical profession while raising their son, Blue. She has volunteered with the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, church, Officers’ Wives Clubs and Arizona Game and Fish. In 2016, Blue and his wife, Sarah, blessed Debbie with her only grandchild, Felix.

Debbie is known in Arizona for her antics at the state conventions as a Blue Team Area Ambassador for the Defining Moment campaign. She also served on the state Cottey Committee for three years.



Ellen Johnson

Delaware

P.E.O., Making Women Stars Through Education

After being introduced by a very dear friend to P.E.O. in 2005, Ellen Johnson was initiated into Chapter I, Newark, Delaware, in 2006. Before joining Delaware State Chapter’s executive board in 2013, Ellen served as president of Chapter I, as well as holding other officer positions and committee memberships within the chapter. She also served on the state projects committee.

In 1999, Ellen received a Bachelor’s Degree in business management from Wilmington University in Delaware. She has been employed for over 37 years by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware as executive assistant to the president and board of directors.

As a native Delawarean, Ellen has resided in the First State all of her life and is very proud of her roots.

In her spare time, Ellen loves to read, especially mystery and history novels; cooking; watching classic movies; and traveling, notably to the Delaware beaches and Italy, which are two of her favorite destinations. She also enjoys spending time with family and friends, not to mention her P.E.O. sisters, who have been a constant source of inspiration and love throughout Ellen’s P.E.O. journey!

Ellen values her membership in P.E.O., especially the organization’s bond of sisterhood and mission of helping women become successful through its generous financial support of higher education.



Susan Harber

District of Columbia

P.E.O.—A Legacy of Loving Concern

Although she has resided in the D.C. area for more than 25 years, Susan Harber says her roots are in her native Arizona. Susan, a third generation P.E.O., was initiated into her mother’s chapter, CD, Prescott, Arizona, in 1990, and transferred in to her current Chapter, AE, District of Columbia, in 1991. She is looking forward to sharing the gift of P.E.O. with her daughter, Katie, next year.

Susan was born and raised in Prescott, Arizona, and graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in political science. Days after completing her education, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a legislative assistant to Congressman Bob Stump as an adviser on defense and foreign policy matters. Susan spent 14 years working on Capitol Hill before joining the corporate office of Textron as a Director of Washington Operations where she lobbies Congress and the Executive Branch on behalf of the global aerospace and defense company. Susan lives in Virginia with her son, Hunter, a college student pursuing a degree in nursing, and Katie, who will graduate from high school in 2018 and wants to study physical therapy in college.

Susan enjoys cheering for her children’s lacrosse games. In her free time, she reads, collects cookbooks and elephants, gardens, travels, attends concerts and spends time with family and friends. Susan has been active with the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Avon Breast Cancer Foundation. Susan wants to research her family genealogy in order to join the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Gallery of Presidents

Helen Iverson-Metzger

Idaho

Sisters in Harmony

Helen Iverson-Metzger grew up in Custer, Washington, where she was surrounded by many aunts and cousins. She was initiated by Chapter D of Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1982, where her membership still remains. She has served as chaplain, treasurer, vice president and president of her chapter multiple times. She also served three years on the Idaho State Finance Committee, 2010 – 2013.

Her family consists of her husband, Dale, a retired minister, step-daughters Karen and Kim, and granddaughter Kori, of Boise, and one sister and two brothers and their families who live in Washington.

She received her Bachelor of Education in elementary education, from Western Washington State College in Bellingham, and her Master of Education in special education from the University of Idaho. She taught elementary education in Oak Harbor, Washington, and completed her nearly 40-year career in education teaching middle school special education, social studies and math in Jerome, Idaho.

Music has always been an important part of Helen's life. She serves as a church organist and sings in a local community chorale. Participating in convention music has been a priority for her. She also enjoys reading, walking, traveling, gardening, hiking and watching University of Washington and Seahawks football.



Jenny Sonafrank

Indiana

Reach for the Stars!

Jenny Sonafrank is a member of Chapter DU in New Palestine, Indiana. She and her sister, Sally Lewis, were initiated into their mother's chapter, BP in Indianapolis, in 1985. They are fourth-generation P.E.O.s. In 1986, Jenny became a charter member of Chapter DU, where she has held all chapter officer positions. Before joining the state board, she served as Indiana's website administrator for 12 years. She enjoyed maintaining the site with her father, John Long, a retired computer programmer who was recruited to create the state's original website in 2002. Her mother, Grace Long, served on the Indiana State Board from 2001-2007.

Born and raised in the Indianapolis area, Jenny attended Indiana University (IU) in Bloomington, earning her B.A. in English and religious studies in 1985. She is currently employed as an administrative coordinator at the Indiana University Research & Technology Corporation in Indianapolis.

Jenny is a member of Irvington Presbyterian Church, where she sings alto in the choir and plays the flute and handbells. She was elected to terms as both an elder and a deacon, and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee. She has been a member of the church's worship committee for over 20 years.

Jenny met her husband, Steve, when both were members of IU's Marching Hundred. They lost touch for several years, but were reunited in 1995 and have been married since 1996. They like to travel and spend time with friends and family. Jenny's hobbies include reading, cooking, photography, shopping, card club and music.



Janie Saxon

Louisiana

P.E.O.—Jazzing Up The Lives Of Women

Janie Saxon was born in Mississippi. Her family moved Monroe, Louisiana, when she was in high school. Janie graduated from Neville High School in Monroe, and received a degree in business administration from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. After graduation, she began working for South Central Bell in Jackson, Mississippi, and later transferred to AT&T in Shreveport, Louisiana. Her work moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 2000 where she retired in 2003.

A neighbor introduced Janie to P.E.O. and invited her to become a member. She was initiated into Chapter W, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 2004. Prior to joining the state board, she served as state convention credentials chairman, state convention co-chairman, and finance committee chairman.

In 2002 Janie married Walt, who is now deceased. Janie has one stepson, Scott. Her daughter-in-law, Tara, was initiated into Chapter W, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 2015. Scott and Tara have two sons of whom she is very proud, John and Collin. She often says that the greatest gift Walt ever gave her was making Scott and his family a part of her life.

Janie enjoys gardening, visiting with extended family, watching SEC sports and spending time with her new puppy, Zimmer.



Cheryl Sayman

Maryland

P.E.O. A Gift from the Heart

Cheryl Sayman was initiated into Chapter G, Glen Burnie, Maryland, in 2003 after two dear friends introduced her to the gift of P.E.O. In 2007, Cheryl transferred as a charter member to Chapter AN, Severna Park, Maryland. During her years in P.E.O., she has served in various chapter offices and on many different committees which along with the support of Chapter AN and numerous other dear sisters brought her to the phenomenal venture of being on the Maryland State Board.

Cheryl, who was born in Maryland, graduated from Frostburg State College in 1968 with degrees in Education and psychology. She completed graduate courses through Johns Hopkins University for reading certification. Cheryl spent 43 years, as a general educator and as a reading resource teacher, before retiring in June 2011.

She married her husband, John, in 1969 and they have two grown sons plus two dear grandchildren. At the present time, she is an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators which is dedicated to educational excellence and supporting various non-profit organizations.

In addition to being extremely devoted to P.E.O. and an honorary sorority, Cheryl very much enjoys playing bridge, reading and visiting her grandchildren in Texas.



Rachel McMenamin

Michigan

Growing Our Garden of P.E.O.

Rachel McMenamin was initiated into P.E.O. on October 16, 1991 by Chapter AF, Wyandotte, Michigan.

While going to college part time, she transferred to Chapter BU, Lincoln Park, Michigan. After marrying her husband, Kirk McMenamin, she transferred to Chapter D, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where she received a P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund loan to finish her college degree in speech communication. She is now a member of Chapter BU, Michigan.

Rachel and Kirk have been married for 20 years and have a one daughter, Marie, who will be graduating from high school in June, currently on the varsity tennis team and looking forward to starting her college career at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. They live in Grosse Ile with their two labs (Kora and Katie) and two cats (Muffin and Cupcake). Rachel's mother, Judy Kirsch, was initiated into P.E.O. in Kansas, and is a chapter sister to Rachel and her mother-in-law, JoAnn McMenamin, was initiated into P.E.O. in Iowa, and is now currently a member in North Carolina where she has helped organize a chapter on the Outer Banks.

Rachel received her B.S. in speech communication from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. She has had a varied career experience including working for Ford Motor Company, the State of Michigan and General Motors. She currently works for the Molnar Funeral Homes as a secretary.

For relaxation, Rachel reads, plays Sudoku, does counted cross-stitch and enjoys flying kites on the beach in the Outer Banks when on vacation.



Karen Neylon

Missouri

Many Facets... One Sisterhood

Karen Neylon is a Missouri native and grew up in Saint Charles. Initiated into her mother's chapter, JY, in 1981, she graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism in advertising and an A.B. in graphic design. Upon returning to the Saint Louis area to work in strategic communications, she transferred to Chapter GP, Saint Louis.

In 1988 she married Pat Neylon and they moved to Northeast Pennsylvania. There, Karen transferred to Chapter BR, Wilkes-Barre, and worked for a daily newspaper and monthly business journal.

In 1991 they returned to Missouri and now call Columbia home. Karen started working at Mizzou and has been the program coordinator for the Law School's LLM programs since 1998.

Karen is a member of Chapter KX, Columbia, serves on the board of the house corporation for Alpha Chi Omega sorority and leads the local alumnae chapter of Alpha Chi. She and Pat are avid sports fans and are particularly fond of the Missouri Tigers. Karen enjoys spending time outside her back door on the golf course.



Lisa Helmick Nebraska

The Promises of P.E.O.

Lisa Helmick was born and raised in Humboldt, Nebraska, and would not change her childhood a bit! She was involved in music, drama and speech, attended Girls State and Girls Nation in high school. From a very young age, Lisa wanted to become a teacher and she did. She taught reading, English, creative writing, “core” which included social studies, communications, AP lit and comp before becoming a curriculum specialist for the humanities department at Benson High School in Omaha. Before retirement in June of this year, Lisa enjoyed working with English Language Learners and taught a linguistics class, as an adjunct professor, for those earning an English as a second language endorsement.

Lisa’s mother (Chapter Eternal) and sister are also P.E.O.s. Lisa keeps P.E.O. a priority, and is hopeful about opportunities to come. She is involved at Omaha Bible Church and enjoys reading—which will not include student essays, at least for now. She looks forward to having time to do some U.S. traveling and learning to do genealogical research. She is eager to build more relationships with P.E.O.s from across the country.



Susan Hall Johnson North Dakota

Exercising our Talents for P.E.O.

Born in Minneapolis, Susan Hall Johnson lived in Minnesota and Wisconsin until the age of 10 when her family moved to Japan. After completing her elementary and junior high school years there, she returned to the U.S. to attend high school in her parents’ hometown of Fargo, North Dakota. She has been a North Dakota resident ever since. She and her husband, Stan, met as students at North Dakota State University. They were married the day after their graduation and just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Susan was initiated into Chapter Z in Valley City, North Dakota, in 1971, a few weeks before her first son, Matt, was born. Sons Michael and David followed before she became a charter member of Chapter AZ in Valley City in 1984. After a post-retirement move back to Fargo, she transferred to Chapter Y in 2013.

Susan taught in 17 schools over her 40-year career with students from preschool to college. In the classroom she taught English, speech and journalism; but the majority of her teaching and her greatest joy was in working with children with a variety of special needs as a speech/language/hearing specialist.

In retirement she is fulfilling her bucket list items, chief among those is her service on the North Dakota State Executive Board and traveling with her husband. She has enjoyed leadership roles in church, school and community organizations and now especially enjoys singing in her church choir, her P.E.O. chapter activities, her Bible Study group and her Gold ‘n Fit exercise group. She also loves time at the lakes and following the activities of her five wonderful, busy grandchildren.



Linda Coulles Ohio

P.E.O.—A Sky Full of Stars!

Linda Coulles was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but raised in Kettering from age five. Linda met her husband, Greg, at a high school dance and both attended Miami University, Oxford. They were married a week after graduation. While at Miami, Linda earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in speech and hearing science. Her career spanned 42 years, primarily in the public schools. Her skills were also needed at home when, in 1984, they were blessed with the birth of triplets. The babies, Natalie, Lindsey and Christopher, born prematurely, experienced various degrees of hearing loss. Linda worked part time when the kids were young. She volunteered in their schools, was chief homework helper and always attended their sporting events. The family faced a very difficult challenge when Natalie was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age three. She passed away five years later. Today, both Lindsey and Christopher are married. Lindsey is a special education teacher. Linda volunteers in her classroom when she can. Christopher and his wife are attorneys.

Linda was initiated into Chapter CH, Dayton in 2004. In 2010, she had the special privilege of initiating Lindsey. Linda loves the age diversity of P.E.O. and is grateful for the opportunity to get to know sisters around the state. She is a huge Ohio State Buckeyes fan. Linda and Greg enjoy watching old movies curled up with their cat, Daisy.



Cindy Marsanskis

Ontario-Quebec

**Be Daring
and Bold...
Dream Big**

Cindy Marsanskis was initiated into Chapter N, Ottawa, Ontario, in 1998.

Knowing Cindy wouldn't enjoy being an empty nester when her twin sons graduated from high school, her mother gave her the gift of P.E.O. by sending a letter of introduction to the Ottawa chapters.

Born in Bangor, Maine, the third child of seven, Cindy moved to Ottawa after marrying a young man from Nova Scotia that she met during the summer while attending the University of Maine at Orono. She finished her B.A. degree in sociology/anthropology at Carleton University in Ottawa. All of Cindy's adult life has been in Canada and she became a Canadian citizen shortly after her marriage dissolved. She knew she wanted to stay in Canada for the rest of her life.

Recently retired, Cindy worked with small businesses for 27 years. She describes herself as a Jill of all trades, master of none and has helped build and grow small to medium companies in the Ottawa area. She loves to learn and loves challenges. Walking the entire length of the Camino de Santiago is high on her bucket list. Her greatest joy however, comes from playing with her three grandchildren.



Susan Leding

Oregon

**Bountiful Gifts
Woven with
Ribbons of
Friendship**

Susan Leding was born in Zimbabwe and raised in South Africa and became a naturalized citizen at 16. She met and married her husband, David, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

She graduated with a B.S. degree in general design with an emphasis in fiber arts and a minor in small business from the University of Minnesota. She was store manager of JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for six years before relocating to Marshfield, Wisconsin. It was here that her focus centered on horses.

Chapter DQ, Corvallis, Oregon, is her current chapter. She was initiated into Chapter CF, Klamath Falls, Oregon, in May 1989. She was a charter member of Chapter ED, Marshfield, Wisconsin, in April 1995.

Susan lives on a hobby farm in Corvallis, Oregon, with her husband also shared by two horses, four dogs, two cats and a conure. She is an avid reader, enjoys gardening, cooking and walking her dogs with friends.

Susan's volunteer activities have included mentoring students with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, tutoring second grade students in reading and facilitating transport for a local humane society. She has a special bond with her twin nephews as their nanny for over two years.



Nanci Rosensteel

Pennsylvania

**P.E.O. Then.
Now. Always.**

Nanci Rosensteel is a third generation P.E.O. initiated into Chapter AK, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1998. She followed her mother-in-law (Sharon Palansky, Chapter JB, The Villages, Florida) and late grandmother (Betty Ireland, Chapter AK, Pennsylvania) into P.E.O.

She earned her B.A. in sociology and anthropology from Millersville University where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Honor Society. Professionally, Nanci is a job trainer for the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, serving emotional support, autistic support, life skills and learning support high school students. Working with these students on their transition from school to the "real world," while challenging, provides a great source of joy.

Nanci and her husband, Bob, have lived in Lancaster for more than 30 years where they raised their three sons: Nate, Connor and Benjamin. Benjamin is married to Beth, and father of granddaughter, Beatrice.

In her spare time, Nanci enjoys spending time on the golf course, gardening and wine tasting with friends. Her volunteer interests include: The Water Street Mission, The Mennonite Home Communities, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Goodwill Industries, United Disability Services, Christian Aid Ministries and Free Geek Penn. She is a member of the Meadia Heights Golf Club and golfs in a mixed golf league. During the off season she is a member of the Meadia Heights Bowling League.



Valerie Krupp

South Carolina

P.E.O.: Dream Weavers for Women

Valerie Krupp was given the gift of P.E.O. in 1994 by Marcia Larson, past state president, Virginia, while living in Roanoke, Virginia. Marcia and Chapter P in Roanoke were instrumental in securing Valerie's P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education grant when she was retraining as a mainframe computer programmer and an Educational Loan Fund loan when completing her Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies. Valerie retired in 2014 after 24 years as a programmer/analyst. In retirement, Valerie became a certified life coach specializing in the issues of ADHD in adults and has her own coaching practice, ADDult Life Coaching. Upon her move to South Carolina in 2001, she became an active member of Chapter G, Columbia as well as serving as state convention music director for many years. Valerie brought P.E.O. into her family and now her daughter, Elizabeth and mother, Joan (G, Columbia, South Carolina), sister, Amy, (KF, Barrington, Illinois) are all her sisters. Plus, Valerie's two cousins, Diane (L, Lead, South Dakota) and Candis and her daughter, Anya (FV, Rockford, Illinois) are direct descendants of founder Alice Coffin and they are continuing the work of their Great Aunt Blanche Skiff Ross, benefactor of the Cottey College Campus Library. Valerie happily cares for her 97-year-old mother, Joan, and the home they share. She is also the proud owner of Ruby, a retired AKC champion Pembroke Welsh Corgi.



Sherry Arendt

Virginia

P.E.O. Catch the Waves to Better Futures

Born in Iowa, the home of P.E.O., Sherry Arendt grew up on a family farm not far from Des Moines with her parents, brother and two sisters. After high school, she attended Cornell College and received her B.A. A year later, she graduated from the University of Iowa with a master's degree in library science which led to a rewarding 37-year career as a librarian. Her first professional job was as the reference librarian at the Ames, Iowa, public library. While in Ames, she met and married her late husband, Steven, and moved to Virginia Beach where Steven, a Navy pilot, was stationed. During their 40-year marriage, they loved to travel and entertain friends at their Virginia Beach home preparing many meals from their bountiful vegetable garden.

Sherry has held several offices at the local chapter level since her initiation into Chapter X, Virginia Beach, Virginia, in 2002. Before joining the Virginia State Board, Sherry served on the State Finance Committee for three years and continues to serve on the Tidewater Reciprocity Board. Since retiring as a high school media specialist in 2008, Sherry enjoys travel, reading and walking the beach. She is never happier than when she can combine all three. Spending time with family and friends and entertaining at her beach condo are still some of her favorite ways to spend leisure time.



Nancy Garber

Wyoming

Our Garden of Sisters—Uniquely Different, Equally Important

Nancy Garber was initiated into Chapter T, a mother-daughter chapter in Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1990. She held chapter offices, served on committees and co-chaired the 2012 Wyoming State Convention before joining the state executive board.

Born and raised in Sheridan, Nancy has resided in the small rural agriculture community of Big Horn since marrying her husband, Roy, 42 years ago. Together they operated a feedlot for 30 years and now she is the business manager for their family ranching and construction business. This pioneer family traces their legacy back to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where her husband's great-grandmother, Harriett Clark Willits, graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University in 1869 with classmates Mary Allen Stafford, Alice Bird Babb, Hattie Briggs and Franc Roads Elliott.

Nancy and Roy have three daughters. Jean is a member of Chapter JJ, Littleton, Colorado, and works in marketing and development. She and her husband, Philip, have two children Brynn and Jonah. Kathryn lives in Lander, Wyoming, and is a project coordinator with Central Wyoming College. She and her husband, Paul, have twin boys, Sullivan and Max. Abbey is a member of Chapter E, Laramie, Wyoming, and is a CPA. She and her husband, Dan, have a daughter, Hannah.

When not P.E.O.-ing, Nancy enjoys restoring their 116-year-old home, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. 🌻





ELF Recipient Studies Journalism, is Crowned Miss Pennsylvania

by Jan Keeley, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees

Katie Schreckengast fulfilled her lifelong dream when she was crowned Miss Pennsylvania on Saturday evening, June 17, 2017. She will compete for the title of Miss America in September at the Miss America Pageant to be held in Atlantic City.

A student at Penn State University studying broadcast journalism, Katie received a \$12,000 P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF) loan in 2016, sponsored by Chapter BM, Palmyra, Pennsylvania. Katie views studying journalism as a calling to fulfill a public service, believing each citizen deserves to know what is going on in the world around them. Working at a television network will give her the opportunity to reach as many people as possible in an unbiased way. With the assistance of the ELF loan, Katie believes that she will be able to continue to concentrate on doing her part in changing the world, one semester at a time.

Katie was born in South Korea. She was adopted at the age of six months by Randy and Lori Schreckengast. When she was six years old, she and her Sunday school class started a mini food bank in their church in Palmyra. Four years later, Katie and another child cut the ribbon to open the doors to their town's "Caring Cupboard Food bank." Today it serves 150 families each week. This experience was a catalyst for her passion in helping others who are less fortunate.

A close family friend, whom she fondly calls Uncle Jim, suggested that she compete in her first pageant at Hershey Area Playhouse. Since then he has been her support system as she has continued in pageant programs. It was at the Hershey pageant that Katie became acquainted with many empowered young women from across the state of Pennsylvania. This first experience got her hooked on the

pageants. She competed in Miss America's Teen Program and went on to be crowned "Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen," only the second Miss Pennsylvania to have worn both crowns.

In 2013, after winning the title "Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen" through the Miss America organization, Katie became heavily involved with the Children's Miracle Network and visited pediatric patients. Since then, she has raised \$14,000 for Children's Miracle Network.

For Katie, competing in the pageants did not seem to add any stress to her already busy schedule. She said, "The great part about it is it makes you well-rounded in every single aspect of your life, so it's not necessarily adding an extra layer on top of what I had already been doing with my life. It's just perfecting the things I was doing – making sure that I'm eating healthy, making sure that I'm exercising and making sure that I'm up on current events, which as a broadcast journalism major is something I'm already doing."

Katie competed in the 2017 Miss Pennsylvania pageant as Miss Central Pennsylvania. For her talent portion of the pageant, her favorite competition, she played Beyoncé's "Listen" on her dad's alto saxophone. She is currently a member of Penn State University's distinguished Big 10 Blue Band where she serves as a Blue Band Building Tour Guide. She chose "Building Families Through Adoption" for her personal platform. Katie loves to share her adoption story and says, "I want to share my story so that people understand that just because you're an adopted family doesn't make you any less of a family. Every single adoption story is different and mine has been so positive and wonderful."

Katie was a projects speaker at the Convention of Pennsylvania State Chapter held this past June in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and is going to attend Chapter BM's chapter meeting to share her musical talents. Chapter BM states that it was a privilege to sponsor such a poised, articulate, hard-working and altruistic young lady.



ELF recipient Katie Schreckengast was crowned Miss Pennsylvania in June

"The reality that I'm actually given this chance to achieve what I've been dreaming about my entire life – I get emotional about it because I can't believe that it's actually happening to me", Katie said. "I'm so ready to embrace the opportunity and give 199 percent going in to this competition."

Thanks to the financial support from both the ELF loan and from pageant scholarships, Katie has been able to pursue her college degree in broadcast journalism, a program that helped her to earn the crown of Miss Pennsylvania. P.E.O. sisters will be supporting her from across the country as she competes in the Miss America Pageant. 🌸



We Are Cottey—Together

by Dr. Jann Weitzel, President, Cottey College



Cottey College and the P.E.O. Sisterhood have been partners in the education of young women for 90 years.

We, together, are Cottey. We are our history; we are our present; and we are our future. Let's take a moment and reflect on the beginnings of our amazing relationship.

Virginia Alice Cottey founded her college in 1884 with the goal of providing a quality education to girls and young women. She and two sisters, along with Olive Harrison, music teacher, welcomed the first 12 boarding students to Cottey College on September 7. "Twelve girls and their belongings... can create quite a stir today when girls are more accustomed to leaving home," author Helen Troesch stated in her book, "The Life of Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard" (first printed in 1955), "but in 1884 it was a world-shaking event for all of them." Alice led her school for over 40 years, until, in her late 70s, "she felt that she must make the ownership more secure than it could be in her hands."

In March 1926, Alice became a member of Chapter DW of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in Nevada, Missouri. Troesch writes, "In November DW's educational day program revealed to Alice the extent of the Sisterhood's purpose. She learned of their aid to girls who needed education and it occurred to her that Cottey College might become a real asset [to the Sisterhood]. It came 'almost as a revelation—that is where Cottey College belongs.'"

Alice began corresponding with Ms. Alice Scott, President of Supreme Chapter. Just one week before the biennial meeting, a committee was established to meet with Alice to discuss the possibility of offering Cottey College to the Sisterhood. According to Troesch, the members of the committee "were all enthusiastically in favor of the plan, and they decided to make the offer at the convention." Alice recognized that "in the hands of the Sisterhood with members in every part of the country its power would be unlimited."

Alice stood before the assembly, telling the story of Cottey. Again, from Troesch, she knew that she "must leave [Cottey] in good hands, women's hands that could be counted on when better education for women was at stake...when the votes were counted and she realized the tremendous courage that had made a majority vote for acceptance, Alice felt the tears fill her eyes" as she stated, "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. As I have been sitting here, I have been thinking how strange are the ways of God to man, at the time that the P.E.O. Sisterhood was beginning to foster the education of women, in a little town of Missouri I was struggling toward the same goal. As I looked at this bowl of marguerites tied with the yellow and white, I thought of a



Virginia Alice Cottey (seated) with members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and Marjorie Mitchell, President 1938, standing far right.

Laying of the Cornerstone of P.E.O. Hall, the first building erected after the ownership of the College was given to the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

handful of hopeful, young girls years ago meeting in a plain study hall to vote on the school colors and a flower to respect their school permanently. They decided on the marguerite and the yellow and white."

Thus was launched the 90-year relationship between a women's organization and a women's college, both of which understand that associations made up of women are important to women, understanding also the power and the promise of a community of women respecting, believing in, and supporting one another.

Thank you, P.E.O. Sisterhood. Thank you for believing in and supporting Cottey College and her students. So much has been accomplished in the first 90 years. Just imagine what the next 90 will bring. 🌸



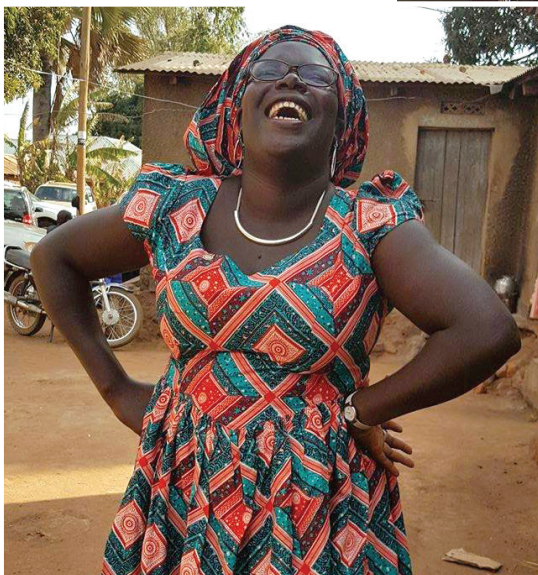
For Love of the Ugandan Children

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

During the late 1980s and early 1990s Uganda was besieged by war. Growing up in the violent environment of war-torn northern Uganda, Shilla Adyero did not develop an attitude of fear, but a zeal to help the children of the area. Shilla created Lutino Adunu (children loved). The foundation's first project was to develop a community library in order to nurture a reading culture and allow children to express themselves not only through reading, but also through writing, drawing and playing soccer. In addition to the community library, the foundation provided parents and caretakers with the ability to start small self-help projects that are fundamental in supporting their children by providing scholastic materials and basic needs.

A simple dinner invitation by Shilla to Rotarians visiting her village changed her life, but not her focus on improving the lives of others. During the African dinner provided by Shilla, she was invited to have dinner in the U.S. A year later, sponsored by one of these Rotarian families, Shilla found herself living with an American family while pursuing a Certificate in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution from Western Washington University. With the help of an International Peace Scholarship and subsequent renewal, Shilla continued her education at the School for International Training's Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont, and in May 2016 she graduated with a Master of Sustainable Development.

Upon returning to Uganda, empowered by her education, Shilla's focus broadened. She notes that while visiting schools and talking to children about why they drop out, she learned



IPS recipient Shilla Adyero established Atek Pad, Restoring Hope and Dignity to Women and Girls in her native Uganda

that a lack of sanitary towels causes a high percentage of dropouts. Due to poverty and lack of education, women and girls use unsanitary materials that cause infection or they bleed through their clothing causing girls to miss about a week of school each month, falling farther behind every year.

For Shilla, this simple lack of dignity is unthinkable. As she continued working to provide funds for the library, Shilla established a new project, called Atek Pad, Restoring



Kevin sews reusable pads for Shilla's Atek project



Joyce sews and packages reusable pads for Shilla's Atek project

Hope and Dignity to Women and Girls. The project is now able to employ three women to sew the reusable pads, providing them a source of income. The pads are sold as kits containing two shields and eight liners. The cost to make each kit is \$5; they are sold for \$6 each. A kit will last the user two to three

years. In addition to the making and sale of kits, an outreach program was designed to educate school aged girls on the benefits of using reusable pads.

As she strives to improve the lives of women and children in Uganda, Shilla faces many obstacles, not the least of which is funding. She is limited in reaching girls in the rural areas (those most in need of her outreach) because of inadequate public transportation. As an educated young woman with new ideas, leaders fear she has political ambitions, but Shilla "just wants to help." She believes returning with an education from the United States has helped her progress. A member of Chapter O, Plymouth, New Hampshire, one of her Partners in Peace Chapters said, "We'll worry about her, but she can make anything work; Shilla has love all around her." 🌸



PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

When a Named Grant Comes Full Circle

by C Jean Wyble, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Board of Trustees

Virginia Rink and Ann Snyder were both good friends and committed sisters in Chapter O, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. When they entered Chapter Eternal within months of each other their Chapter O sisters wanted to commemorate their love of P.E.O. It took no time for the chapter to create a fundraiser that would give thousands of dollars to our P.E.O. projects. A doll they named the Virginia Ann Caroler was created, promoted and sold very well for almost a decade.



Virginia Ann Caroler
(in memory of Virginia Rink and Ann Snyder)

During the course of the last year the sales of Virginia Ann were dwindling. Because the dolls had to be purchased in bulk, the chapter made a decision to end this particular fundraiser and the money, typically held in the chapter treasury for the purchase of the dolls, was designated to be contributed as a Named Grant to the Program for Continuing Education (PCE), something they knew Virginia and Ann would have wanted.

Just a few miles away, in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Chapter AR was in the process of interviewing a candidate for a potential PCE grant. Mary Garofalo had started college at La Salle University after high school. Deciding to marry, she interrupted her education, and children were not far behind. Nine months after the birth of her third child, Mary's husband passed away. In order to support her family, she worked part time and returned to school, receiving her bachelor's degree in 2005. Mary

soon remarried and had a fourth child, however, her husband became abusive and in 2011 she filed for divorce. One morning, while Mary and her youngest children were in bed, her husband came to her home, dragged her downstairs and shot her in the head. Believing he had killed Mary, he then shot and killed himself. Realizing something bad was happening to their mother, Mary's children called 911 and remained upstairs until help arrived.

Mary spent two weeks fighting for her life followed by months of rehabilitation. She continues to receive treatment for severe migraine headaches. After her recovery Mary began working for Oak Lane Day Care Center, becoming director in 2014. Although she enjoyed her work, the income was not enough

stating that Mary had been awarded a grant, they were delighted to learn it was the Named Grant from Chapter O. Their immediate response was to invite Chapter O members to share in the presentation ceremony Chapter AR had planned for Mary. Linda Dowd, the Chapter O member who coordinated the Virginia Ann Caroler fundraiser, represented Chapter O at the presentation of the grant check. But there was one more bonus. Chapter O had only one more Virginia Ann Caroler to sell. How fitting that the fundraiser that provided the chapter an opportunity to give a named grant to PCE would officially end with the last of the carolers being given to Mary.

Although Mary still has shrapnel in her head, the treatment for her headaches has provided some relief. Mary will have to stop working in the



Roberta Peterson (Chapter AR, PCE Chairman), Mary Garofalo (PCE recipient) and Linda Dowd (Chapter O, Virginia Ann Caroler Fundraising Coordinator)

to meet her family's needs. While continuing to work she enrolled in school in 2015 to become a teacher certified to work in the Pennsylvania public schools.

When Chapter AR received a letter from the PCE Board of Trustees

fall of 2017 in order to complete her student teaching requirements. She is on track to complete her degree in May 2018. It's an amazing story that has come full circle. 🌸



Supporting Women...Changing the World

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

2017 – 2018 ENDOWED SCHOLARS



Emily Blythe
Mary Louise Remy P.E.O. Scholar
Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular physics
California Institute of Technology
Chapter M, Monrovia, California

Emily graduated with honors and Phi Beta Kappa with her B.A. degree in biological chemistry from Grinnell College. She earned her Master of Philosophy in the biological sciences (biochemistry) at the University of Cambridge. Emily studies the cellular enzyme p97 and how it functions to rid the cell of proteins that are damaged or no longer needed. Emily's work is significant because mutations to p97 cause amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Emily intends to work in academia, teaching and doing research.

The Mary Louise Remy Endowed P.E.O. Scholar Award was the first endowed award and was established through gifts from California State Chapter in honor of Past President of International Chapter Mary Louise Remy, who presided at the Convention of International Chapter in 1991, the year that Scholar Awards was adopted as the fifth philanthropy of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.



Laura Corlin
Esther Garrett Edgerton Scholar
Ph.D. in environmental engineering
Tufts University
Chapter A, Boston, Massachusetts

Laura is a summa cum laude graduate of Tufts University with a B.S. degree in community health and biopsychology. Laura has continued her graduate studies at Tufts, having earned her M.S. degree in civil and environmental engineering (environmental health) and continuing her Ph.D. degree in the same field. She is researching how traffic-related air pollutants affect cardiovascular, cognitive and respiratory health. She is also evaluating why some populations seem especially vulnerable to the effects of exposure to traffic-related air pollution.

This award was made possible by a generous gift from Esther Garrett Edgerton and her family. Esther became a P.E.O. in Massachusetts in 1929 and was a devoted member of the Sisterhood until her death in 2002.



Cordelia Erickson-Davis
Jane G. Hines Memorial Scholar
M.D./Ph.D. with an emphasis in neurology
Stanford University
Chapter S, Billings, Montana

Cordelia determined she wanted to be a neurologist at the age of 11, after reading Oliver Sacks' book "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat." She is combining neurology and cultural anthropology in order to better understand and improve the experience of individuals who use medical devices to treat their neurological conditions (e.g., bionic eye, deep brain stimulation for Parkinson's disease, vagus nerve stimulation for epilepsy, intravascular devices for aneurysm repair). Cordelia plans to practice as a neurologist in an under-served area.

The Jane G. Hines Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 by Chapter EG, Kansas City, Missouri. Jane was a long-standing member of Chapter EG. In 2004, the chapter determined to use the income from the fund to support the P.E.O. Scholar Awards.



Kaitlyn Faries
Virginia J. Stoker Endowed Scholar
Ph.D. in chemistry
Washington University in Saint Louis
Chapter GG, Alton, Illinois

Kaitlyn is a summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia with a B.S. degree in biological sciences and B.A. degree in chemistry. She is investigating the early stages of photosynthesis, specifically how organisms absorb light energy and convert that into chemical energy. Her work has solar energy and biofuel production applications. She plans to become a professor so she can continue her research on photosynthesis, teaching and science outreach in the community.

This award was made possible by a generous gift from Virginia Stoker's daughter. The fund to support this P.E.O. Endowed Scholar Award was established in 2010.



Christine Fontaine
Juanita M. Davis British Columbia Endowed Scholar
Ph.D. in neuroscience
University of Victoria
Chapter AR, Victoria, British Columbia

Christine was introduced to the prospect of a career in science while in high school by a group of women belonging to Women in Science and Engineering Newfoundland and Labrador. She subsequently earned her B.S. degree with honors in psychology from Memorial University of Newfoundland. Her research examines how fetal alcohol spectrum disorder affects learning and memory in the juvenile brain, specifically how neurons change the way that they communicate with one another during learning and memory formation.

The Juanita M. Davis Endowed P.E.O. Scholar Award was established in 2000 from a legacy from Juanita M. Davis. Juanita was a charter initiate of Chapter AC, Kamloops, British Columbia, in 1953, and transferred to Chapter AJ, Victoria, British Columbia, in 1966. A 45-year member of P.E.O., she served as president of British Columbia Provincial Chapter from 1976 to 1977.



Hailee Yoshizaki-Gibbons
Marian K. Hume Endowed P.E.O. Scholar
Ph.D. in disability studies
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chapter EQ, Oxford, Ohio

Hailee began volunteering in a nursing home at the age of 16. This experience inspired her to seek a career in the fields of aging and disability. She graduated magna cum laude with distinction from Miami University with a Bachelor of Philosophy in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in gerontology, psychology and family studies. She is interested in how the experiences of aging with disability and aging into disability converge and diverge, and how disability and age intertwine to affect people's opportunities and participation in society.

This award was made possible by a generous bequest from Marian K. Hume. A 56-year member of P.E.O. until her death in 1998, Marian served as president of Ohio State Chapter in 1955. She was a great traveler and enjoyed meeting women from different countries and learning about their work. Her legacy to P.E.O. was to continue to bring higher education to women students around the world.



Sabrina Heman-Ackah
Martha Anne Reynolds Endowed P.E.O. Scholar
M.D./Ph.D. in biomedical sciences
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapter L, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Sabrina has had an interest in science from an early age. She attended the University of Pittsburgh on a full scholarship, graduating magna cum laude to earn a B.S. degree in psychology. The focus of her research is neurodegenerative movement disorders and the development of novel genome-engineering based approaches to studying and treating Parkinson's disease. Her clinical career goal is to become a stereotactic/functional neurosurgeon, specializing in deep brain stimulation for treatment of Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

This endowed award was made possible by a generous gift from Martha Anne Reynolds. Martha is a past president of North Carolina State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She served on the P.E.O. Scholar Awards Board of Trustees and chaired the board from 2003-2005.



Emily Panza
Carolyn E. Conway Endowed Scholar
Ph.D. in clinical psychology
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Chapter C, Sparta, New Jersey

Emily graduated summa cum laude with her B.A. degree in psychology from the College of the Holy Cross. Emily's dissertation project examines potential factors that contribute to a higher prevalence of obesity in non-heterosexual (LGB) women. Her research will examine how one social contextual factor, societal discrimination, may increase risk for overeating and binge eating and contribute to obesity. Emily plans to work in a primary care setting conducting research on obesity, eating behavior and primary care-mental health integration.

The Carolyn E. Conway Endowed P.E.O. Scholar Award was established in 1996 by Chapter U, Westfield, New Jersey, from the estate of Carolyn E. Conway. Carolyn was initiated into Chapter Z, New York, New York, in 1946, and she transferred to Chapter U, New Jersey, in 1972, where she remained an active member until her death in 1994.



Rebecca Peer
Annabelle B. Bush Memorial Scholar
Ph.D. in environmental engineering
University of Southern California
Chapter CM, State College, Pennsylvania

Rebecca graduated with honors with her B.S. degree in environmental engineering from Saint Francis University and was a Rhodes Scholar finalist. Her research focus is the impact of electrical generation on water, air and greenhouse gas emissions, seeking to find a way to quantify these impacts in time and space for different power plant configurations and to develop a methodology to assign weighted environmental costs dependent on time and location for each power plant configuration.

The Annabelle B. Bush Memorial Endowed Scholar Award was established in 2006 in memory of Annabelle B. Bush by members of the Bush family. Annabelle Bush was a very dedicated and committed P.E.O. member and served the Sisterhood as the president of California State Chapter in 1982-1983.



Laura Thompson
Betty Cook Karrh Memorial Scholar
Ph.D. in community health services and HIV epidemiology
University of Manitoba
Chapter O, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Laura graduated with an Honors B.Sc. degree with distinction in microbiology and human biology from the University of Toronto. She is investigating HIV sub epidemics in Pakistan with a focus on how different evidence sources may best contribute to decision making for HIV prevention policy. Laura's career goal is to continue to address health inequalities within marginalized populations in Canada and low income countries and to work to develop policy and programming in the field of public health.

This award was made possible by a generous gift in 1997 by Bruce W. Karrh, Sr. in memory of his wife Betty. Betty was a member of Chapter E, Wilmington, Delaware, for only two years before her death in 1997. Bruce wished to recognize her love for P.E.O. in her short time as a sister. A native of Alabama, Betty was an honors student who majored in chemistry. Her lifelong career, however, was being wife and mother and a responsible member of society.



Carly Ziter
Ventura Neale Trust Fund Scholar
Ph.D. in zoology
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Chapter DH, Madison, Wisconsin

Carly graduated with a B.Sc. degree with honors in environmental biology from the University of Guelph. Her research focus is the study of the health and well-being benefits provided to people by nature, and her dissertation addresses how green spaces within urban areas could provide these benefits. She plans to pursue a Liber Ero postdoctoral fellowship in applied conservation at Memorial University in Atlantic Canada and aspires to a career as an ecologist focused on policy relevant to ecosystems and service science.

This award was made possible by a fund established in 2003 from the Ventura Neale Trust. Ventura was initiated into Chapter AE, Madison, Wisconsin, in 1941 and later was a member of Chapter M, Miami, Florida. P.E.O. played an important role in Ventura's life, and she generously designated P.E.O. as the sole beneficiary of this trust. Thus, she continues to help outstanding women achieve their personal and professional goals. 🌸



The 2017-2018 Named and Endowed STAR Scholarships

by Janet Miller Steury, P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees

"The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship has served as a reminder to me that I do not stand alone in my passion and that there are other women who also want to show their strength and to help make the world a better place."

— Erica Brenner, 2017-2018 STAR Scholarship Recipient

The STAR Board of Trustees was honored to select 20 recipients for a Named STAR Scholarship and two recipients for an Endowed STAR Scholarship made up of contributions from individuals and chapters.

NAMED STAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Ann Looyenga STAR Scholarship, Chapter FF, Tucson, Arizona, and Ann Looyenga, donors, in honor of Ann Looyenga

Riley Goldsmith, recommended by Chapter CN, Tucson, Arizona, was active in the Veterans History Project, and her interviews can be found in the Library of Congress. She is

a classical pianist who obtained both an open water scuba diving license and a private pilot's license in high school. She says, "Learning to fly an airplane has taught the value of tenacity and following your dream, regardless of how high the obstacles may appear." Riley attends the University of Arizona Honors College and is majoring in biochemistry. She is a Cambium STEM Scholar, a member of the Physiology Club and is preparing for medical school.

Mary Reams STAR Scholarship, Chapter BL, Scottsdale, Arizona, donor in memory of Mary Reams.

Emily Wood, recommended by Chapter BS, Scottsdale, Arizona, was a student intern at the Barrow Neurological Institute and received many awards in the

category of behavioral science. She was part of the first worldwide study to research how aging affects the autistic brain. She is attending Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri, studying biological science and is planning a career in biological research. She was an organizer for "Girls Have IT Day" for girls from Title 1 Schools in one of the largest events in Arizona. She says, "I want to serve as a role model to young girls in the STEAM field and prove that anyone can develop a passion for science."

Chapter IX, Woodland, California STAR Scholarship, Chapter IX, Woodland, California, donor

Alisha Miller, recommended by Chapter RC, Stockton, California, was a member of the Junior Olympic USA Diving Team and competed on the national level. In addition, she was

on the varsity diving team and the varsity golf team for her high school. Working with her American Sign Language teacher, she founded the Deaf Culture Club to bring awareness both of and to the deaf community. She is attending the University of California Davis on a women's diving scholarship and is pursuing a career as a biomedical engineer.

Chapter LV, San Diego, California STAR Scholarship, Chapter LV, San Diego, California, donor

Miranda Morrison, recommended by Chapter AR, San Diego, California, was a scholar athlete in high school and was a member of both the varsity water polo and varsity

swim teams. She participated in a Rotary Youth Exchange program as a volunteer in India. She then hosted and helped to facilitate the Indian volunteer's visit to San Diego. She is attending San Jose State University and is majoring in international business with a minor in Spanish. She was president of her Rotary Interact club in high school and plans to either join or found a Rotaract Club at San Jose State.

Chapter QV, Newport Beach, California STAR Scholarship, Chapter QV, Newport Beach, California, donor

Taryn Murphy, recommended by Chapter J, Riverside, California, was the STOA National Tournament Champion in speech and debate

and founded her own business entitled Great Communications to assist others with public speaking. She founded "Journals for the Journey" which provides journals for persons in safe houses and shelters. She also worked with the anti-trafficking group "Million Kids" to make an online podcast and was a blogger for Reality Rally, a center for women with breast cancer. She is attending Hillsdale College with a major in politics and a focus in news broadcasting and political news analysis.

Chapter LQ, San Pedro, California STAR Scholarship, Chapter LQ, San Pedro, California, donor

Rachel Priebe, recommended by Chapter HO, Riverside, California, has been a filmmaker since the seventh grade. She was one of seven in the country to be a

World War II Museum Oral Historian and her film interviews of veterans are on file at the museum. She won awards for her participation in Model UN activities, her work as a mock trial attorney and as an intern in the Superior Court. A documentary film that she produced was screened at the Riverside International Film Festival. She is attending the University of Southern California and will also attend the American University of Paris. She is majoring in film and television production.

Maxine B. Wishart & Lisa W. Chaffin STAR Scholarship, Chapter AO, Miami, Florida, donor in memory of Maxine B. Wishart and in honor of Lisa W. Chaffin

Erica Brenner, nominated by Chapter A, Miami, Florida, credits her mission trips for her future career choice. She helped to build houses and volunteered in an orphanage in Nicaragua and founded

two projects to be of assistance— Little Pencils providing much needed school supplies and Little Band-aids to assist the Aproxen pediatric burn unit. While in Jamaica, she worked with Students Offering Smiles to make a difference in a pediatric care center. She is attending the University of North Carolina on a full ride scholarship and is using her STAR Scholarship to buy her books. She is a pre-med major studying global studies with an emphasis on Latin America.

Maxine Brown Wishart STAR Scholarship, Chapter AO, Miami, Florida, donor in memory of Maxine Brown Wishart

Hope Morales, nominated by Chapter K, Coral Gables, Florida, served as president of Knots of Hope, named for the bracelets made with and for patients at

the Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Her mission trips included work with the Lakota Indian tribe in South Dakota as well as volunteering in Haiti. Attendance at seminars at Johns Hopkins and Duke University helped to direct her future course of study following active participation in both volleyball and choral music in high school. She is attending Duke University on a pre-med track and will major in either biology or neuroscience.

Chapter ED, Sarasota, Florida STAR Scholarship, Chapter ED, Sarasota, Florida, donor.

Daphne Waggener, nominated by Chapter ED, Sarasota, Florida, credits the Riverview High School choral music program with her many choral opportunities at home and abroad. She was a member of the Sarasota Young Voices and Youth Orchestra where she was the concertmaster. She studied at the Sarasota Music Conservatory and

was a member of the student string quartet. After playing the violin for a number of years, she changed to the viola and is now studying at Florida State University majoring in viola performance. She aspires to a career as a professional musician.

Alyce Labanics STAR Scholarship, Chapter F, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mr. Charles R. Labanics donors, in honor of Alyce Labanics

Renee K. Lyles, nominated by Chapter F, Shreveport, Louisiana, was an outstanding soccer player on teams both in her high school and throughout Europe. She was an active

member of FAITH, Flyers Aiding the Hungry. Her soccer career acquainted her with the world of the physical therapist and she is attending Baylor University on the pre-physical therapy track. Following graduation, she will attend graduate school for an advanced degree in physical therapy.

Debbie Kotecki STAR Scholarship, Chapter CR, Wake Forest, North Carolina, donor, in honor of Debbie Kotecki.

Natalie Collier, nominated by Chapter Z, Raleigh, North Carolina, was president of the choral music department, student director of the show choir, attended the

North Carolina Governor's School with a vocal music emphasis and has sung in Carnegie Hall. She attended the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy and taught English as a second language in Padina, Serbia. Her hospital volunteering has led her to a career as a pediatrician where she hopes to serve in the group Doctors Without Borders. She is attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh and is majoring in biomedical engineering with a minor in music.

Chapter DP, Cincinnati, Ohio STAR Scholarship, Chapter DP, Cincinnati, Ohio, donor

Athulya Murali, nominated by Chapter DP, Cincinnati, Ohio, is an accomplished violinist and creator of origami objects. She won many science fair prizes and developed an



origami "magicball" to demonstrate how to clean up oil spills. She is fluent in English, Spanish, Tamil and American Sign Language and participated in the TAP MD program. She is attending the B.S./M.D. program at Youngstown State University and the Northeast Ohio Medical University in a six-year program. She says, "I aspire to go into medicine for it has the golden ratio of uniformity to uncertainty."

Pat Day STAR Scholarship, Chapter E, (disbanded) Toronto, Ontario, donor in honor of Pat Day

Jane Jomy, nominated by Chapter B, Toronto, Ontario, received the 2017 Student Volunteer Award from Trillium Health Partners. She was co-president of Glenforest STEM



and was involved with the planning of Canada's largest youth STEM conference. She was a student researcher for a Nobel prize winner and a researcher at the University of Toronto and helped create a computer simulation modeling environmental stressors on the physiology of the brain. She is studying at McMaster University majoring in global health with a minor in political science.

Eleanor Huey STAR Scholarship, Chapter W, Beaufort, South Carolina, donor, in honor of Eleanor Huey, Chairman, Board of Trustees for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Janelle Green, nominated by Chapter Z, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, crafted a bill that mandated Darkness to Light certification for all teachers in South Carolina.



She wrote an award-winning senior thesis, "Hate Crime Legislation: A legal, political and social analysis." Her dedication to public service has shaped her future career decisions. She is studying at Claflin University with a major in political science and sociology with a minor in either Spanish or Mandarin.

Ruby Elson STAR Scholarship, Chapter G, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, donor, in memory of Ruby Elson

Ellie M. Burnett, nominated by Chapter AZ, Crossville, Tennessee, has been active in the theater and attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts with emphasis in



theater performance. In addition to teaching dance, she served as a tutor at the Learning Center. She is attending East Tennessee State University with a major in mathematics and a minor in education and dance. She plans to obtain a master's degree to teach mathematics in high school and go on to earn a doctorate to teach mathematics on the college level.

STAR Scholarship in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Chapter C, Nashville, Tennessee, organized January 21, 1942, Chapter C, Nashville, Tennessee, donor

Anna Grace Cole, nominated by Chapter N, Nashville, Tennessee, was on the rowing team for both her high school and the city of Nashville. She served on mission



trips in Alaska and San Francisco and interned for a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Her school's involvement led her to serve on the Uniform Initiative for the Lwala Community Alliance, Kenya to provide school uniforms for the girls. She attends Fordham University and is on the rowing team. Her major is English with interests in both art history and political science.

Ruby Elson STAR Scholarship, Chapter G, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, donor, in memory of Ruby Elson

Juliana Pulsinelli, nominated by Chapter O, Memphis, Tennessee, was active in the theater program at her school and in the community. She did astrophysics research



at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and was a member of the school robotics team. She attended the Tennessee Governor's School with emphasis in computational physics and the Vanderbilt summer academy with emphasis in nanotechnology. In addition, she won many awards in math competitions. She is studying at Princeton University majoring in astrophysics.

Chapter IC, Lakeway, Texas STAR Scholarship, Chapter IC, Lakeway, Texas, donor

Emily Shoemaker, nominated by Chapter FK, Austin, Texas, attended a summer program at Yale with an emphasis on astrophysics, a science camp at the University of Texas and a summer program at Harvard where she got the idea of a school computer science club. She was the president and founder of the Computer Science Club in her school and the group won many tournaments and awards. She was the only student to complete all six Project Lead the Way courses. She is attending Harvard University and studying computer science.



Elizabeth Morrison, Caroline Sankovich and Laurene Harvey STAR Scholarship, Chapter T, Arlington, Virginia, donor, in their memory

Tania Kazi, nominated by Chapter U, Fairfax, Virginia, attended the Virginia Governor's School of Agriculture. She is fluent in five languages and has taught origami to other students who have joined her in folding 1,000 origami cranes to grant wishes and to honor departed spirits. She participated in Cranes for a Cause in her school and community. She is attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University studying environmental science.



Norma Anderson STAR Scholarship, Chapter BI, La Crosse, Wisconsin, donor, in her memory

Katherine Rhoten, nominated by Chapter CH, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, had a life-changing medical diagnoses at the age of nine and because of the items she received as a patient, founded Katherine's Wish which donates books, stuffed animals and toys to children in hospitals. Donations have reached 70 hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. She has received many recognitions for her project and is studying at Gustavus Adolphus College with emphasis in neuropsychology and dance therapy.



ENDOWED STAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Chapter EP, Houston, Texas STAR Scholarship, Chapter EP, Houston, Texas, donor

Brianna Fuentes, nominated by Chapter DF, Houston, Texas, founded the Best Buddies program at her school. She grew up at Boys and Girls Country and has three siblings and eight additional brothers. Her parents were the house parents in their cottage. She had the opportunity to serve as a youth ambassador in Ecuador as part of Amigos - American Youth Leadership. While attending an engineering camp at Texas A & M University, she created a weather app based on the zip code. She is attending Colorado College on a full ride scholarship and is majoring in chemical engineering and computer science.



Chapter EP, Houston, Texas STAR Scholarship, Chapter EP, Houston, Texas, donor

Grace Lewis, nominated by Chapter FR, Kingwood, Texas, founded LEGS – Living Example of Godly Service in her school. One accomplishment was a cafeteria ministry to befriend students who were alone. Her faith-based clubs were very important to her and to her future career. She is attending the University of Alabama majoring in English. She is affiliated with the Chi Alpha campus ministry and her future plans include getting a doctorate in English and working in the missionary field.



"When you empower women, you not only make an impact on their life, but your life as well. I hope to learn valuable skills in college that will help me continue working with this passion. An education is invaluable, especially when it is given to a young girl."

– Anna Grace Cole, 2017-2018 STAR Scholarship recipient 🌸

Award Winning Ideas



A P.E.O.-themed quilt featured at Chapter KZ's quilt show fundraiser

Quilts of Our Grandmothers and Other Strong Women

In early 2016 at a meeting of P.E.O. Chapter KZ, Carbondale, Illinois, at member Joan Miller's house, one sister noticed the nice collection of quilts nestled in baskets and other places around the home. Several members mentioned that they too had treasured quilts, and the notion of having a quilt show as a fundraiser was born.

Under the leadership of President Laura Basanta, a quilt show committee was formed. A local history museum, named for and housing artifacts from General John A. Logan, a well-known Civil War figure, graciously allowed the use of a large room for the display. The membership delivered an almost overwhelming collection of over 35 quilts for the effort.

Many of the quilts had long been in the member's families, and it was remarkable to learn their histories. One quilt had traveled by covered wagon in a bridal trousseau in the 1860s. Another had been stitched by members of Chapter KZ in 1981. One member's Family Name quilt was made in 1958 and included the names of her children, their spouses

and children and the names of her sister and her children.

Traditional quilt designs included the Lemoyne Star, Double Irish Chain, Postage Stamp, Dresden Plate, six point and eight point star patterns as well as flower-gardens. One Crazy Quilt, showcased a variety of stitching styles and embroidered motifs.

Equally fascinating were the Piecemaker quilts depicting calendar barns, times and seasons and lighthouses.

The successful show earned more than \$500 for P.E.O. philanthropies and was a stunning presentation of variety and colors of quilts by grandmothers and other strong women.

Parade of Costumes

Chapter MB, Bakersfield, California, hosted a Chocolate Tea fundraiser featuring a parade of costumes provided by member Kristina Steinke. Kristina was a dancer in Las Vegas revues and has an extravagant collection of costumes from her days as a performer. More than 140 P.E.O.s, BILs and people from the Bakersfield community paid \$20 to attend the event, which featured tea served from fine china, decadent chocolate desserts and a fashion show. Between ticket sales and the silent auction of gift baskets, Chapter MB earned about \$3,000 for P.E.O. philanthropies.



P.E.O. Kristina Steinke's showgirl costumes on parade for Chapter MB's fundraiser fashion show



Cottey student Betty Fortunate Mafemera was "adopted" by Chapter BW in Missouri

Adopt a Student from Cottey

P.E.O. Chapter BW in Jefferson City, Missouri, decided to participate in the Adopt-a-Student Program through Cottey College. After applying for a student to adopt, they were paired up with an international student from Zimbabwe, Betty Fortunate Mafemera. They were able to meet and visit with Betty personally when she went to Jefferson City to visit during a chapter meeting. Chapter BW was so impressed by this lovely young woman; she was gracious and friendly. During a short program, Betty shared her experiences growing up in Zimbabwe and her aspirations for the future. She then gifted the chapter with nine yards of beautiful material from her native land. Chapter sister Nancy Shank designed and made 18 tote bags from this colorful

material. One of the bags was sent to Betty and the rest were purchased by chapter members. The proceeds of \$200 were then donated to Cottey College.

Play It Forward

Over 100 tennis players (and 15 more on a waiting list) signed up for a morning of fun tennis clinics sponsored by Chapter G in Columbia, South Carolina, in May. Thirteen tennis professionals representing private tennis clubs and public tennis facilities in the area donated their time and talents to assist in the fundraiser for



Chapter G held a successful tennis clinic fundraiser

P.E.O. Several local businesses sponsored each of the 13 courts where the clinics were conducted. Teams of players rotated from court to court, receiving 20 minutes of instruction from some of the best professionals in the area. After two hours of instructional sessions, players gathered for a catered lunch and had the chance to enjoy a drawing for prizes donated by chapter members and local businesses. The crowd was very enthusiastic and wanted to know when the next clinic could be scheduled.

The clinic and theme, "Play It Forward," was the idea of the chapter's newest member, Heather Threath, who planned and coordinated much of the event's activities. State president and Chapter G member

Valerie Krupp gave a brief talk about P.E.O., its mission and projects, before the players set off for their morning on the courts. Several members of Chapter G volunteered to handle the support activities—registering players, decorating and staging the luncheon and prize drawings.

Chapter G was very pleased with the positive response to this P.E.O. fundraiser; \$3,600 was raised for P.E.O. from tennis enthusiasts. In addition, the tennis event provided a marvelous opportunity to spread the word about P.E.O. to so many in the community.

Memorial Committee to Remember P.E.O. Sisters

Chapter EK, Waukon, Iowa, formed a new Memorial Committee, to recognize and honor chapter EK's deceased sisters included on the Chapter Eternal list.

Individual P.E.O. cemetery markers were purchased and painted, a map of the cemetery was compiled, and committee members placed 27 markers on the P.E.O. grave sites at the local cemetery. Chapter EK members or families could also check out a marker and use at other locations to remember their P.E.O. loved ones. EK sisters covered expenses by donations and sponsorship.



Chapter EK in Iowa formed a new Memorial Committee to recognize and honor deceased sisters

Current committee members and volunteer sisters placed and removed the markers over Memorial Day weekend, and the remembrance will be a yearly event. Chapter EK sister Linda Carstens said, "It was both humbling and an honor to remember our sisters—both the recently deceased sisters who are personally in our hearts, as well as those sisters of long ago."

P.E.O.s Connect at Retirement Community



P.E.O.s gathered for a coffee at Givens Estates retirement community in Asheville, North Carolina

Givens Estates in Asheville, North Carolina, is a large retirement community. Resident Peggy Manz, BO, Asheville, knew she had at least seven sisters living there but thought there were probably more. She decided to host a coffee to try to get all the P.E.O.s together and better acquainted. With help from local chapters and a reciprocity list, Peggy was able to locate 27 members at Givens Estates. The sisters gathered in a large meeting room and exchanged P.E.O. backgrounds, where they had lived and items of interest relating to their individual chapters. Eight chapters were represented at the meeting and everyone came away happy to be aware of so many sisters living at the same location. The group enjoyed this new experience and decided to gather at least once or twice a year. There are retirement communities like this all over where the same situation probably exists. Peggy and the other sisters at Givens Estates encourage others to reach out. 🌸

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New Chapters



Chapter YA, Brentwood, California Organized: September 17, 2016

First row, from the left: Betty Dalke, Rowena Henry, Joan Cooper, Karen Woida **Second row:** Marilyn Chaplin, Eileen Dew, Joyce Kirk, Marjorie Fiske, Sherri Broussard, Mary Ann Klos, Suzanne Lawrence, Nancy Briggs **Third row:** Kathryn Steyaert-Meucci, Shirley Davelaar, Carrie Alexander, Marcia Vanlerberghe, Sandi Davis, Ginny Deluca



Chapter AR, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina Organized: April 8, 2017

From the left: Gladys Durand, Jeane Spoor-Chaplain, Valerie Miller, Cindy Jennings, Jeanine Noble, Pat Langston, Joanne Hearn, Mary Clark, Katie Williams, Susan Herin, Lucretia Pope, Nancy Larsen, Birgit Doupnik, Lynda Little



Chapter DC, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Organized: April 30, 2016

First row, from the left: Lela Himmerich, Judi Zikmund, Carol Pribyl, Judy Jones, Liz Pfeifle, Carol Flynn **Second row:** Tanya Harris, Paula Hagen, Paige Carda, Sherrey Kellogg, Andrea Meyer, Valerie Melmer, Lil Stauffacher, Janet Oldham, Char Hoy, Judy Hoff, Deb Harlan, Shirley Schwab



Chapter FU, Brighton, Michigan Organized: May 6, 2017

First row, from the left: Jeri Preston, Jill Love, Karen Keskitalo, Lyn Radke-Mitchell, Sandy Cavallaro, Marge Whitt, Krissy Cox, Christine Ehman, Diana Beaudoin, Charlotte O'Conner, Elizabeth Jones, Lynn Cluskey, Deb Kwapisz, Sue Johnston, Christine Lee, Sally Ricks, Lydia Bangert **Second row:** Amy Brown, Marie Whitt, Lee Canaan, Teresa Habsberg, Jackie Nanos, Ann Ockert

Centennial Chapters



Chapter AG, Harrington, Washington

Organized: May 25, 1917

Celebrated: May 25, 2017

First row, from the left: Nancy Timm, Sue Bly, Laurel Timm, Linda Wagner, Tammy Floyd **Second row:** Peggy Charlton, Vicki Knapp, Becky Els, Debbie Marriott **Third row:** Stacey Rasmussen, Andee Jacobsen, Sherri Timm, Karen Larsell, Debbie Soliday, Betty Warner, Stacia Soliday, Sue Els



Chapter BI, Monrovia, California

Organized: April 12, 1917

Celebrated: April 8, 2017

First row, from the left: Nancy Wood, Kathy Hogan, Ellen Blackstock, Karyn Murphy, Candy Northrop, Janet Dunbar, Linda Larson **Second row:** Toni Iranfar, Elaine Smith, Dani Jo Hopper, Hazel Harken, Katharan Barrows, Dorothy Wiles, Elsie Zook, Louise Osbrink, Peggy Gates, Joanne Spring, Marjorie Kooiman **Third row:** Lynda Park, Cindy Jones, Mary Ellen Gridley, Ann Sulahian, Mildred Wolever, Sue Yost, Maria Zook, Pat Rickabaugh, Linda Peterson, Teresa Tiffany, Judy Knoop, Sandy Hartigan **Fourth row:** Sheila Davies, Lenore Crilly, Marsha Risher, Carolyn Sterling, Lucy Bartelson, Beth Blackstock, Katie Arnold, Nancy Bartelson



Chapter CV, Charleston, Missouri

Organized: May 9, 1917

Celebrated: May 9, 2017

First row, from the left: Monica Goodin, Dorothy Anne Brink, Myra Hillhouse, Peggy McNeary, Eleanor Moreton, Linda Ault, Joyce Gilmore **Second row:** Carol Jane Burke, Lucy Malugen, Anna Ferrell, Sallie Goodin, Ginger Logan, Claudia Arington, Sara Story, Janet DeField, Jeanne Burke, Nicole Thurmond, Janie Young, June Drinkwater, Lorraine Stallings



Chapter BJ, Whittier, California

Organized: April 17, 1917

Celebrated: April 22, 2017

First row, from the left: Susan Verstegen, Carole Long, Diane Sattler, Kathy Dirian, Lori Anderson, Sylvia Foltz, Jeananne Coop, Marygene Wright, Margaret Hope, Alison Morgan, Helga McGinnis **Second row:** Bayonne White, Mary Sowers, Pam Kennedy, Tammy Peterson, Sandra Aitro, RoDonna Diggs, Jean Lietzau, Carole Restovich, Diana Pilkerton, Linda Kemp, Linda Ide, Harriet Cornyn, Janet Sahagian, Mary Marshburn, Louise Dirian, Nancy Wigner



Chapter FB, Woodbine, Iowa
Organized: April 6, 2017
Celebrated: April 1, 2017

First row, from the left: Gail Zahn, Nancy Foutch, Jane Gardner, Sue Assmann, Sherrill Lubbers, Lori Dickinson, Sandy Barry, Shirley Christoff, Lorie Thompson, Dorothy Warner, Karon Stanislav, Shirley Harris, JoAnn Hummel, Beulah Lowrey **Second row:** Jackie Petersen, Kathi McHugh, Marilyn Boustead, Vicki Argotsinger, Janet Schleicher, Beth Fouts, Kelly Mikels, Kathy Waite, Angie Radloff, Laurie Tufford, Cindy Pryor, Mary Eby, Melody Warner, Valerie Doherty, Anita Fouts



Chapter FC, Muscatine, Iowa
Organized: April 23, 1917
Celebrated: April 22, 2017

First row, from the left: Sandy Dahl, Lori Carroll, Pam Heidbreder, Virginia Dietz, Barbara Sabbath, Eugenia Nickerson, Marion Michael, Joyce Lindow, Nancy Wall, Pat Crouse **Second row:** Cindy Carver, Kate Hansen, Mary Odell, Melanie Pooock Morgan, Bonnie Schmelzer, Sara Sabbath Reusswig, Tricia Hackett, Arlen Pooock, Sue Smith, Pat Fox, Janet Barry **Third row:** Barb Schulte, Carla Reynolds, Judy Ward, Natalie Oppel, Tasha Wall, Katie Odell McCleary, Julie Kundel, Laura Lindow Scott



Chapter CW, Kirksville, Missouri
Organized: May 17, 1917
Celebrated: May 16, 2017

Left of the staircase, from the left: Bonnie Collier and Susan Dublin **First row:** Harriet Beard, Lanier White **Second row:** Betsy Ross, Phyllis Brummit, Sue Schneider, Diane Apa **Third row:** Mary Elam, Jane Trimborn, Sharon Phipps **Fourth row:** Diane Rogers **Fifth row:** Linda Hudnall, Regina Attebery, Amy Ryle **Sixth row:** Janet Hawkins, Jean Dudgeon **Seventh row:** Angie Thornhill, Stacy Moots, Judy Gooch **Eighth row:** Mackenzie Sampson, Mary Laird



Chapter AP, Idaho Springs, Colorado
Organized: May 21, 1917
Celebrated: May 6, 2017

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Cecelia Golightly Ramsey, AQ, Marietta, Georgia,

wrote "River of Memories," an autobiography. In the introduction Cecelia explains, "This epistle is a gift for my children, grandchildren and their children. I use myself as an example to demonstrate how choices in life made at life's crossroads have far reaching effects. It is meant to enlighten, preserve heritage and, for some, inspire. Tidbits of the content may help each reader understand influences in their lives that otherwise might remain unrecognized or even left undiscovered."

A registered nurse by education, Cecelia has published text books and professional journal articles. Cecelia is a member of Chapter AQ, Marietta, Georgia, and was a 2016 nominee for Georgia Author of the Year in the memoir category.



Mary Brooke Casad, AB, Sulphur Springs, Texas,

wrote "Bluebonnet of the Texas Hill Country," illustrated by Benjamin Vincent. The book is a revision of the first book in the nine-book

Bluebonnet series, published 33 years ago. The publication of the revised edition also celebrates the 90th anniversary of Camp Waldemar in Hunt, Texas, where Mary Brooke spent her childhood summers and was first introduced to armadillos.

Although many armadillos reside in the Texas Hill Country, this is the story of a very special one named Bluebonnet who is nurtured by her armadillo family until it's time to leave the burrow. When Bluebonnet discovers a camp by the Guadalupe River, she longs to be a camper. That's when the fun and unexpected adventures begin!

Mary Brooke resides in Sulphur Springs, Texas and is a teaching artist with Young Audiences of Northeast Texas.



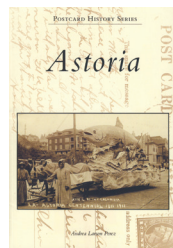
Lee Clayton Roper, CU, Denver, Colorado,

wrote the award-winning cookbook "Fresh Tastes", the follow-up to her critically acclaimed first cookbook "A Well-Seasoned Kitchen®" that she co-authored with her late mother, Sally Clayton (P.E.O. Chapter CU). "Fresh Tastes" features a collection of more than 170 recipes, color photography, cooking tips and stories that clearly illustrate how to combine fresh ingredients and new ideas to create delicious, memorable meals. Each recipe was chosen for its flavor, reliability, accessible ingredients, ease of preparation and sophisticated presentation. From delectable appetizers and creative salads to surprisingly easy-to-prepare main courses and luscious desserts, each recipe in "Fresh Tastes" was evaluated by a multitude of testers across the country, with varying levels of expertise, appliances and even at different altitudes. Only the best, most flavorful, eye catching dishes made the cut. In 2016 "Fresh Tastes" was awarded the National Indie Excellence Award for best Cookbook, the Eric Hoffer Award for best in the Home category and the da Vinci Eye Award for cover design.



Andrea Larson Perez, DL, Astoria, Oregon,

wrote "Astoria," part of the Postcard History Series books. Andrea handled and carefully organized the postcards in this visual history book, giving readers an inspiring glimpse of the past industry and spectacle that created the Astoria, Oregon, of today.



Lynne Sanford Koester, AM, Missoula, Montana,

is co-author of "Nurturing Language and Learning: Development of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Infants and Toddlers." A strong, supportive foundation for

optimal learning is achieved from early, positive and responsive experiences. The authors provide expert information and guidelines needed for professionals and parents in order to

build that critical foundation for deaf and hard-of-hearing infants and toddlers.

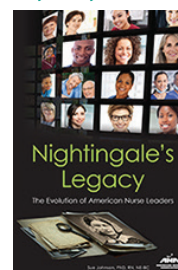
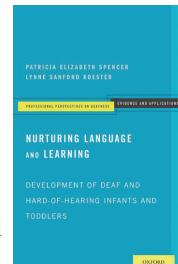
Lynne is retired after 25 years of teaching developmental psychology at the University of Montana and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. She has also worked in Ethiopia as a Peace Corps teacher, in Germany as a post-doctoral researcher and at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. as a research scientist. Lynne was the founding co-director of the Intercultural Youth and Family Development graduate program at the University of Montana. Her research has focused primarily on infant development within the family context, examining parenting behaviors, cultural influences, early parent-child interactions and intuitive parenting.

Carol Susan Johnson, BZ, Fort Wayne, Indiana,

wrote "Nightingale's Legacy: The Evolution of American Nurse Leaders."

The book examines the pivotal historical achievements of 20 prominent nurse leaders from Florence Nightingale's time to the present. Included are lessons on patient-centered care, legislative advocacy, innovation, record-keeping, cultural diversity and education. The book dissects the crucial challenges that nurses have faced and conquered over the span of 155 years and how they can best use these achievements in their own practice.

Sue has been a practicing nurse for 48 years. She is currently employed

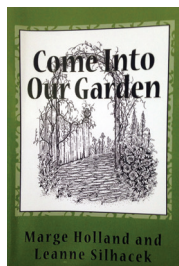


by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She retired from hospital nursing in 2011.

Marge Holland, EP, Wisner, Nebraska,

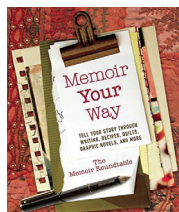
wrote "Come into Our Garden," a collection of her garden columns penned for the Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebraska, over the years. Marge is an emeritus Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener; she shares the rewards of getting your hands dirty, tips encouraging others to become interested in gardening and a list of 10 things every gardener should know.

Marge is a 55-year member of P.E.O. She earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska. Recently she and her husband of 68 years, Bill, moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be near their son and daughter-in-law.



Katherine A. Nutt, N, Arlington, Virginia,

co-wrote the book "Memoir Your Way: Tell Your Story through Writing, Recipes, Quilts, Graphic Novels, and More." The book takes a new approach to family and personal memoirs and includes many creative formats. In her "Reinvent Your Scrapbook" chapter, Katherine suggests a new twist on the traditional scrapbook by adding stories to folds, flaps, pop-ups and pull-outs. Other chapters show how to create a cookbook, quilt or graphic novel memoir; bring out the natural storyteller in children while building their self-esteem; write engaging stories using proven writing tips; and become the bridge between old-world heritage and new. Katherine and five other women—all teachers and writers—got together to write the book, calling themselves "The Memoir

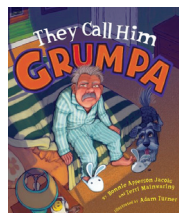


Roundtable." Katherine's mother, Myra Gallant, is a member of Chapter AB in Granville, Ohio.

Terri Mainwaring, AM, Phoenix, Arizona,

co-wrote children's book "They Call Him Grumpa," a heart-warming, family-friendly read-aloud describing the relationship between a young boy and his grumpy grandpa. While it seems to some of Grumpa's family members that he is an old grump, grandson, Brady, sees the real grandfather.

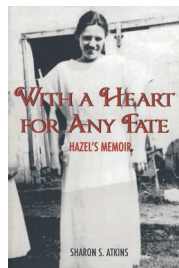
Terri and her co-author Bonnie Apperson Jacobs are long-time educators, experienced in classroom teaching, early childhood development, library science, school administration and public relations. Both understand the importance of engaging young children in literature, through repeated stanzas, thoughtful words and detailed illustrations.



Sharon S. Atkins, FH, Prescott Valley, Arizona,

wrote "With a Heart for Any Fate, Hazel's Memoir" based on a collection of her grandmother Hazel Hungerford Howland's handwritten diaries from 1908-1920. The book follows Hazel's journey to independence and reveals her determination and perseverance to achieve her dream. Hazel grew up on a farm, moved to an urban environment and taught during the contention for woman's voting rights, the influenza epidemic of 1918 and World War I.

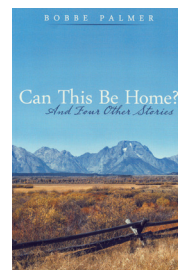
Sharon is passionate about genealogy research and is a board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has written several genealogy-related educational publications and is a popular speaker. Sharon and her husband, Tom, live in Prescott Valley, Arizona.



Bobbe Sue Fletcher Palmer, AV, Estes Park, Colorado,

wrote "Can This Be Home?" a collection of five short stories shines a light on five different women of different ages and circumstances as each faces unique challenges. This compilation of tales offers powerful descriptions, tormented characters and heartbreak as five women bravely confront their trials.

Bobbe has been a P.E.O. since 1952. She attended Grinnell College in Iowa and the University of Denver. After teaching school one year in Kansas, she married a Presbyterian minister. She assisted him as he served churches in Wyoming and then in mission work in Alaska. Now a widow, Bobbe lives in Estes Park, Colorado.



Anne Marie Girolami, IW, Valrico, Florida,

wrote "Circus Summer," a chapter book for children ages eight and up. It tells of the story of a little boy, Billy, who gets to spend his summer working at his uncle's traveling circus. What he didn't know was that working for a circus was just that—work!

He has to do his normal chores, on top of all the chores he does for the circus animals. In caring for the animals, he starts to notice the trainer's treatment of them. By giving voice to those who cannot speak, Billy gains his own voice and the courage to fight the demons and doubts within himself. The lessons he learns on his adventures focuses on developing confidence, teamwork, self-awareness and social consciousness—key elements to combat insecurities and bullying.

Anne Marie has worked in various positions in a number of companies—most recently as an editor/writer for an educational publisher. Through



an e-mentoring program, she has helped hundreds of students as they transition from junior high to high school and out into the adult world.

Betty R. Kisbey, JR, Rocklin, California,

wrote "Charming Houses—Dressed for Show!" a book of 13 unique house patterns that are machine pieced and creatively embellished. The patterns can be made into a bed quilt, memory quilt, wall hanging, placemats, or can be adapted for a group project such as a challenge quilt or a round robin. The houses are heavily embellished allowing for individual interpretations and unique embellishment creations.

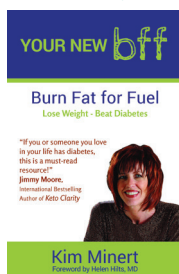
Betty has been drafting and designing patterns for many years. She has been quilting for more than 25 years and has won numerous ribbons and awards for her work. She and her husband have four sons and two cats.



Kim Minert, BL, Scottsdale, Arizona,

wrote "Your New BFF; Burn Fat for Fuel, Lose Weight, Beat Diabetes." The book is a practical and humorous guide about avoiding diabetes, managing diabetes, getting off medications and more. Kim's book includes science made simple, eating guidelines and recipes and personal stories.

Kim was diagnosed with Type 1 insulin-dependent diabetes at the age of 44. She was dating a diabetic at the time and told him, "You have to marry me now, you gave me your disease." She met a doctor with Type 2 diabetes who gave her hope and she began to embrace a new and healthy life to manage the world of diabetes. Kim considers herself a master at managing blood sugar; she coaches and trains others with her methods.



Kim has been a P.E.O. since 2013, and enjoys living in Scottsdale, Arizona, with her husband, two daughters and a son and a revolving door of family, friends and pets.

Helen Westrum, AJ Chapter of Cheney, Washington,

wrote a pre K-2nd grade book called "Sleepy Bunny Rabbit." The book was illustrated by Donna Toavs.

The book is about a bunny who desperately needs a nap, but outside his home, he cannot find a suitable place to sleep. The book has a repeating pattern of: "I need a nap, I want a nap, I have to have a nap!" He says this each time he can't find the ideal spot. Soon Little Bunny Rabbit discovers that his best place of sleep would be in his own bed at his home, so he heads there. When he gets home, he crawls into his bed and tiredly says, "I need a nap, I want a nap, and I am having a nap!"

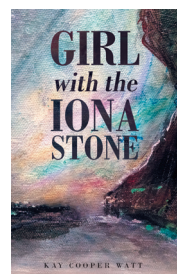
Helen Westrum is an avid reader and writer. She taught for many years at Eastern Washington University (EWU) in Cheney and holds the title of Professor Emeritus at EWU. She has authored other books including "Going to California" and "Dictionary of Western Asses."



Kay Cooper Watt, EQ, Springfield, Illinois,

wrote "Girl with the Iona Stone," a Gaelic historical romance that takes a young heroine on a path from adolescence to adulthood. Kay's daughter Susan Watt Grade, an Indianapolis artist, created the illustrations and book cover images.

Eriska Fingal, the story's main character, was born on the Scottish Isle of Iona. She wears a knitted bracelet that holds a protective stone found



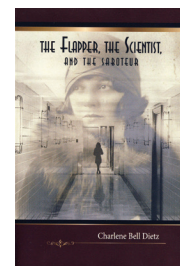
only on the island. Eriska believes in the powers of the stone and thinks that if she carries the stone with her, she will survive life's struggles. The stone brings strength to Eriska as she rides the waves of life in the late 1700s. Her journeys carry her into the blunt of the French Revolution and to what she believes are the safe shores of Nantucket and Virginia, where she discovers a secret linked to her past and a man fated to change her life forever.

Three-time winner of The Outstanding Science Trade Book Awards, Kay has published several books for young readers and is a former newspaper reporter and a graduate of the University of Michigan. Kay became interested in this part of Scotland because her grandmother's family came from this area. Her grandmother and mother were P.E.O.s as is her daughter, Ann Sykes, AJ, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Charlene Bell Dietz, O, Moriarty, New Mexico,

wrote "The Flapper, the Scientist, and the Saboteur," a fiction mystery with historical elements about Beth, a Denver bio-medical scientist who wrestles with the impossible choice of saving her sabotaged ground-breaking cure for multiple sclerosis or honoring an obligation to care for a cantankerous old aunt. It's a mystery intertwined with a generational battle-of wills story. The prequel "The Flapper, the Imposter, and the Impaler" is planned for release.

Charlene served as a public lay person in a science research institute while a public school administrator. She's taught many grade levels including graduate students at the College of Santa Fe. When she retired, she traveled the U.S. as an educational consultant. Her passion for P.E.O. comes from an innate need to educate women. 🌸




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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, cell 360-286-7130.

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Crystal nail file w/ hand painted daisy. 3 sizes, \$7-\$11. Ch AN c/o Connie Wilson, 11844 SW Windmill Dr, Beaverton, OR 97008. www.peochapteran.com.

P.E.O. scarves. Beautifully imprinted with P.E.O. letters & stars, 14x60 black, ivory, red, yellow & royal blue \$20 + \$2 s/h. Check to CH IO, Lynn Hooker, 1815 Newport Rd., Weatherford, TX 76086 405-642-0390. lhshooker@aol.com

Magnetic star pin to hold your emblem. White satin star on yellow backing. Contact Ch M/TN, Martha Wentworth for more information @ mjwentw1@gmail.com.

Magnetic daisy pin back—\$9 Two inch yellow and white daisy to hold your P.E.O. emblem. We welcome large and small orders. Please specify if your P.E.O. emblem attaches with a safety pin fastener or a tie tack fastener. Postage paid. Make check payable to Chapter JO. Contact: Sandra Smith, 1915 Sherry Lea Dr, Neosho, MO 64850 or email mochapterjo@gmail.com


P.E.O. chef's apron — golden yellow, marguerites on bib, three pockets, x-long ties, \$20ppd. Child's, one size fits ages 3-10, \$20ppd. Chapter N, Nancy Vest, 1230 Forest Dr, Sand Springs, OK 74063, nancyjoss@cox.net


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


P.E.O. Founders bookmarks –


Two laminated colorful “one of a kind” styles to choose from. Both designs created by local artist. \$1.50 each ppd. Ch. AN c/o Angela Bridge, P.O. Box 541, Chandler, OK 74834 angiegb@cotc.net

 **P.E.O. “Wild Women”** pin. \$20 + \$5 s/h. Ch U, 308 Mallet Hill Rd, Columbia, SC 29223 ddhredlips@gmail.com 803-699-6398.

 **Original magnetic daisy** pin holder attaches pin with a strong magnet. Pin your star to our 2 ½” daisy and never struggle with that tiny fastener again. \$7 plus \$2 shipping each on orders less than 10. Checks to Chapter IT, send to Janet Burmeister, 1818 Ohio Parkway, Rockford, IL 61108.


 **Past president’s gavel** guard – 14K gold-plate with 7 clear Swarovski crystals. Perfect size for our star. \$30 ppd. to Ch. OO, P.E.O. c/o Pat Walton, 34400 Mission Blvd, A-1210, Union City, CA 94587.


 **Pewter ornament** elegant 2.5” heirloom quality, 2-sided ornament with marguerite and P.E.O. in an open-work star. U.S. made. Great officer or going-away gift. \$18 ppd. Chapter FF, PO Box 59, Frankfort, MI 49635. Information or order form: PEOChapterFFMI@charter.net. Also available: 1” version for a pendant or key fob, \$15 ppd.


 **P.E.O. garden banner –** w/gold star & 7 marguerites. 3 sizes incl. garden banner, 12x18” - \$25 ppd + 2 flag pole sizes avail. Photo & order forms avail. www.PEOChapterHV.org (link is external) or email chapterhv@gmail.com (link sends email) or call Sarah at 303-594-2455.


 **Murano glass** daisy heart pendant – 1.5x1.25” pendant includes silver tone neck wire. \$25 ppd. Ch AA, C. Chaires, 1381 Clydesdale Ave, Wellington, FL 33414.


Luggage tags—prices & designs email jbilltbill@aol.com Ch DT.


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

 **Handcrafted pewter marguerite** pin/necklace. Designed for Ch AR, Ruidoso, NM, size 1 1/8 x 1 1/2, \$17 ppd. J. Powell, 107 Snowbird Ct, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

 **Star keychain –** quality metal, engraved with P.E.O. for just \$12.50 each. May be worn as a necklace too. Payable to Ch DO, c/o Lenore Jones, 10820 Nutmeg Meadows Dr, Plymouth, IN 46563. Lenore@ancoofficeproducts.com


 **Sterling silver pin guard** for P.E.O. pin. 1” x 1 ¼” attaches to clothing with magnet. \$30. Please state if your P.E.O. emblem is a clasp or tie tack back. Ch IH, Jes Raintree, 15648 Colorado Central Way, Monument, CO 81032. 719-488-8300.


 **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 ¼”, burgundy cloisonné w/daisy. Tie-tack fastener. \$10 ppd. Great gift. Checks to: P.E.O. Ch FQ, PO Box 75, Florence, OR 97439. PEOFPINS@hotmail.com

Seven Heavenly Founders – 15 min DVD. Great for programs & new members. \$18 ppd, Ch BF, Phyllis Sandmann, 9301 Lansbrooke Ln, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

Nametags beautiful custom marguerite artwork, 1 ½x3” 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 white deck each include the P.E.O. letters & marguerite. \$20+shipping. Chapter HB FL. rconley5592@aol.com or 772-453-3469.

 **P.E.O. bag** \$45. Ch FS Info at www.peoiowa.org, 515-532-2228, mikesuemechem@gmail.com.


 **Cotter decal** \$2 ea or 10/\$10. Cparkman.peo@gmail.com Ch AG/GA


 **Newsletter template** Incl images/logos Cparkman.peo@gmail.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.

 **Play Daisy Bingo—** Facts about our Founders instead of #s, \$25 ppd. Also, Bee Smart about the P.E.O. Constitution and CA state bylaws, \$25 ppd. Each set has 100 cards. Great for programs! Check to Ch. DO, PO Box 4127, Riverside, CA 92514-4127. 951-809-3673.


 **Embroidered kitchen towel –** all cotton. Bright set (pink, turquoise, green) w/ original P.E.O. design \$25 ppd. White w/P.E.O. or daisy design, (please specify) \$8 each ppd. Ch FL, c/o Joan P, 15604 Acacia Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73170 kitchentowels4sisters@yahoo.com


 **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** P.E.O. letters and lovely watercolor marguerites printed on both sides of heavy vinyl 12 x 18” flag. To be used with your own flag stand. \$25, plus \$5 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. \$48 ppd. Includes sturdy storage box. Make check payable to: Chapter CP, c/o Mary Lou Troyer, 249 E Woodland Rd, Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

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.

 **P.E.O. Mobius scarf** Beautiful washable, rayon, large daisy print infinity scarf with red background and yellow and blue daisies. \$15 ppd. Check payable to Ch KQ. Send to Jodell Larkin, 70 Coppergate Ct. St. Peters, MO 63376, 636-688-5925, jlarkin70@charter.net


 **Field of daisies bookmark –** Dimensions are 2” x 8 ½”. \$2 ea. or 6 for \$10. Make checks to: P.E.O. Chapter IP, send to Mary Cunliffe, 12442 Barony Dr, Dubuque, IA 52001. 563-584-9727


 **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


 **BIL pins** All metal, die-struck 1/2” square with polished raised letters and military clutch back. \$10 ppd each. Check to Ch. L, 1400 Cedar Point Rd, Lagrange, KY 40031. marthahe23@gmail.com

Items for Sale


 **Daisy magnets** for car, mailbox and frig! Round, 7" white & yellow daisy w/ P.E.O. in center. \$12 ea + \$6 for shipping 1-10 magnets. Ch AN, c/o Monica Johnson, 107 Glenn Burnie Dr, Easley, SC 29642, buffjohns@aol.com

 **New eyeglass/computer** cleaning cloth from durable microfiber. Cleans glasses, phones & computers. Daisies or fall tree, 5 3/4" square. \$6 each, add \$1 P/H up to 4 cloths. Checks to Chapter HX Westminster CO c/o Ann Thomas 8432 Newcombe St, Arvada CO 80005


 **Seven Founders** full color, one sister on each card. 5 1/2 x 4 1/4" as seen in Jan/Feb 2015 Record. Pkg of 7 w/ env \$12 includes P&H. Checks to Ch DP, Hilde Weintraub, 209 Galaxy Way, Lompoc, CA 93436. 805-733-1699 or hilde.weintraub2@verizon.net.

 **Elegant emblem holder,** magnetic, with engraved star, name, chapter letters and state \$12. Name and star only \$10. Can be made in a pin-back. All sales to the P.E.O. projects! Email Susan Keller at skeller68@charter.net for more info. Ch HZ, St Louis, MO.


P.E.O. rubber jar grippers – daisy or star, pics on website; \$3 each. Ordering info at www.peochapterbsva.org. Ch BS/VA.


 **Daisy pin guard** – this 3/8" antique brass, white daisy has a 2" chain with a safety pin attachment. \$20 to Ch MQ, Christine Trimble, 2210 Heartland Rdg, Jefferson City, MO 65109. ct@dulletrimble.com.


 **Charming daisy print** Great gift to honor new initiates, officers, P.E.O. shut-ins, etc. Artwork resembling vintage seed packet (4x6) by IN artist Cheryl Harris. \$5.50 each + \$3 s&h (for up to 10 prints) Canada \$10 s&h. Ch EN, Martel Plummer, martelp7@gmail.com.


 **Rhinestone letters** and multicolored spark let your love of P.E.O. shine for all to see. These iron-on rhinestone transfers can be applied to almost any fabric item. P.E.O. crystal 1 1/2 x 5" for \$4; multicolored spark 3x5" for \$8 or 1 P.E.O. crystal and 1 multicolored spark for \$10 ppd. Checks to Ch AX, Julie Cahoj, 15189 RD BB, Atwood, KS 67730. 785-626-5054.


DVD on our Founders Excellent chapter program, Founders' Day program or new member orientation. Flashback to 1869. Learn our 7 Founders' personalities. See their fashions and how they lived. 19 min. of narrated slides, videos, and music. \$25 plus \$3 S/H to Ch DW, Gwenda McCall, 704 SE 38th Dr, Gresham, OR 97080. 503-667-5974.


 **TLC fleece,** crocheted edge daisy throw. \$35 plus shipping. Contact: Sharon Sue Harvey, rmhsh7@gmail.com 479-876-8799, 479-721-5741.

 **Graceful, classic P.E.O. jewelry:** letters or star! Chokers = 16" @ \$20. Bracelets = 7 1/2" @ \$15. \$5 shipping up to 8 pieces. XW/CA. KarenTreaccar@gmail.com to order.

 **Painted daisy notes** 5 1/2 x 4 1/4" pkg of 5 w/ envelopes \$9 ppd to Ch Ol, Lorrie Etheredge, 10569 Reagan Ct, Peosta, IA 52068-9626.


 **Marguerite purse hook** Keep your purse off dirty floors & securely at your side. \$18 Check to: Ch MX, Connie Minnes, 3307 Douglas Wds Dr, Urbana, IL 61802.


 **P.E.O. Founders bookmarks** – laminated bookmarks great for gifts. 2/\$1 plus S&H. Ch K, c/o Susan Kautzsch at smkautzsch@gmail.com.


 **Beautiful embroidered pin holder** w/ member's name. 2.5 x 3.5" white w/gold embroidery. \$15 ea. Ch FK/OR. Email carturner@yahoo.com for order form.


Marguerite postcard created by Chapter E MN sister. Send Hello, Get Well, Happy Birthday, etc. Order pkg 25 (or more) for \$12 + 2.75 shipping. Shellief@mchsi.com


P.E.O. napkins perfect to hostess a chapter meeting! 25 beverage size, white w/gold P.E.O. imprinting; \$7.50 ea. includes s/h. Checks to Ch FC, Ann Delach, 5405 N Seminole Ave, Tampa, FL 33604. Anndelach@hotmail.com for photo.


 **Restyled "Sisters of the Heart" mug** with P.E.O. star on a field of marguerites, yellow interior and handle. \$12 + shipping. Orders to Ch D/RI c/o Betsy Fitzgerald, 170 Rhode Island Blvd., Portsmouth, RI 02871 or BetsFitzPEO@gmail.com


 **Marguerite bangle bracelet.** Top-quality silver alloy. Adjusts to fit any size wrist. The perfect gift for yourself or a special sister. \$18.50 ppd. Send check and shipping address to Ch FO, Debra Maul, 115 Causeway Blvd, Belleair Beach, FL 33786 flpeofo@gmail.com.


 **The center of P.E.O. –** calligraphy note cards. 6 cards/envelopes for \$10 ppd. (6 1/4 x 4 1/2). Checks to Ch EP/WI, Barb Sackett, W1309 Alpine Rd, Brooklyn, WI 53521 barb@countsunlimited.com.

 **P.E.O. daisy visor,** slide on, khaki w/custom patch with letters. \$12 + \$3 shipping. Send orders to: Dordie Roberts, Chapter GT, 280 S Collier Blvd. #1105, Marco Island, FL 34145.


 **Daisy table runner** – short 41x15"–\$23.99ppd. Long 57x15"–\$28.99ppd. Washable. Blue or green center. Select size & color. (MN res add 7.275% tax) Cks to Ch EH c/o M. Gaboriault, 2199 Dahl Ave, St Paul, MN 55119. ehmnpeo@yahoo.com. Allow 2-3 wks.


 **Artisan handmade soap** with gift bags, round, 3-3.8 oz, floral scented, yellow & white daisy embossed, natural ingredients. 6/\$36 + shipping, checks only, payable to Ch DP. Contact SandyOlukalns@gmail.com. 513-235-2908.


 **New 20-minute Founders' Day video** A STAR-LACED LEGACY is now available from Ch AI, Lincoln, NE. \$22 plus \$3 postage. Send email to peostarvideo@gmail.com to order.

 **Let others know** you're a P.E.O. 4x5" window clings can be displayed on any window surface using static with no sticky mess! Can be removed and replaced with ease. \$4 each, paid to Chapter LR; Patti Blair, 4045 Cambridge Crossing Dr, St Charles, MO 63304 or pblair4546@gmail.com or contact through our website sites.google.com/site/chapterlrpeo/fundraising.

P.E.O. stationery with marguerite on 20 sheets of paper and 20 envelopes. \$15 ppd. Make check to P.E.O. Chapter HZ, Sandra McFayden, 3652 Old Olympic Hwy, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

 **Fragrant daisy soap** 2 pk \$6 plus \$2 tax, shipping, handling, (each) minimum chapter order 5 daisy 2 pk (5 x \$8=\$40 minimum order) Please send check to Ch JH, POBox 638, Cypress, TX 77410 or call Julie at 281-213-4773 for details.

 **Performance wear logo shirts** moisture-wicking tees for active wear, socials, & fundraisers. Navy, white or gold with P.E.O. daisy logo. State left chest or center front. XS-4XL. Men's long sleeve order 1 size down. Long sleeve \$22 or short \$20 ppd. Ch NB, Linda Schreier, 5379 Reber Pl, St Louis, MO 63139. peoshirts@gmail.com or 314-609-8661. Allow 8 weeks. NB Shirts order Form.

 **Garden flag,** 11x17" with your chapter letters. \$20 plus shipping. Make checks to P.E.O. Ch FM, 2158 Calusa Lakes Blvd, Nokomis, FL 34275.

Grave and urn markers

Solid Bronze. Exact Replicas of Emblem. Officially Approved. 3 inch Marker, \$60. 5/8 inch Marker, \$35 plus \$5 S/H for either marker. View our extensive gift catalog of beautiful JEWELRY & GIFT ITEMS... many have DRASTICALLY REDUCED PRICES. Visit our web link at plus.google.com/collection/4CsVmB. We are also listed on the Nevada State web site, or contact Su Hand, sumhand1@gmail.com, 214-455-7752. All major credit cards accepted. Ch Y, NV - Your VEGAS connection!!


Daisy design Swedish washcloths

\$7 each includes shipping. Text or email for other great designs! Ch T c/o Dawn Kuhn, 719 Fairway Park Rd, Aberdeen, WA 98520 or 360-580-5180 or tanddkuhn@msn.com.


Be-Jeweled wreath magnetic emblem holder

1-1/2" diameter metal circle with silver and gold flowers. Your P.E.O. emblem is secured to the fabric center. Additional rings may be affixed to accommodate emblem guards. Please specify # rings required. Orders are shipped July 15 & November 15. Send orders to: Chapter CL, Becky Vannatter, 14903 Bramblewood Dr., Houston, TX 77079 (281-496-6452) bvannatter@aol.com \$25 includes s/h.

 **P.E.O.-OPOLY game** is a perfect Founder's Day or anytime activity. Templates, instructions for assembly, 7 tokens & dice \$20 ppd (add 1 tokens \$5). Ch AB 2104 Twin Peaks Ct., Frederick, MD 21702 corsair45@comcast.net

 **P.E.O. postcards!** Eye-catching postcards to help you keep in touch with your sisters. Fifty (50) sturdy 4"x6" postcards, printed front & back. \$15 ppd. Front: "P.E.O...Giving Women The Power to Bloom and Grow" is centered over a purple & white daisy background. Back: Divided for address and message; "Sisters Helping Sisters Reach for the Stars" and www.peointernational.org are centered on the bottom. Make check to P.E.O. Chapter CF, 2985 Broxton Lane, York, PA 17402 Questions? Email: srhopkins@verizon.net.

P.E.O. Founders' Day musical – Stephen Foster melodies with lyrics about six of our seven Founders. Includes hand-written music manuscript for 2-part, word sheets for singers, recipes and script for an "announcer" and each of the seven "Founders." Very singer-friendly. \$35 ppd. Check to Ch. CZ/MO c/o S. Stock, 864 College Park Pl. Kirksville, MO 63501 or 660-665-8416.


 **Marguerite and star pendant** - P.E.O. letters, various bead colors. Each unique, 5" long, multi-strands, lobster claw clasp for a necklace. \$25 ppd. Ch KK, Debra Zoglmann, 1002 S. Clay, Nevada, MO 64772 debzjewelrystation@gmail.com


Two Pairs Pierced Earrings –

One pair silver stars, the other stemmed yellow daisies in a lovely organza pouch. \$11 check including postage per pouch to Chapter EK. Donna LaValle, 25 Fore Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168.


Color P.E.O. Beautiful! –

Meeting program idea – coloring is perfect for a meeting activity. Package includes 13 master pages of art work to print: 4 coloring pages, 4 note cards, 4 postcards, 2 bookmarks, clip art and tips page, all emailed to you. \$20 for complete pkg. Ch GB, Susan Guntren, R.R. 1, Box 53 Eldred, IL 62027 or email peosistergb@gmail.com.

 **Daisy Notecards** – Original watercolor artwork on folded notecards made with heavy cardstock (4 1/4" x 5 1/2"). \$12 ppd for pack of 5 w/envelopes. Checks to Chapter NE c/o Eileen Wargo, 1428 Royal St. George Dr, Naperville, IL 60563

 **This exquisite ornament** was designed by Kurtis or Kurtis Klassics. Each ornament is hand blown and hand painted. The ornament is a lovely work of art. To purchase, send \$30.00 (which includes S&H) to P.E.O. Chapter J, Patricia Hamburg, 4339 Chamberlain Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.

I AM P.E.O. car window/door clings white, black and yellow with a daisy. 3.5"x3.5". \$3 ea or 2 for \$5 + postage. Larger orders available. Contact Rebecca Chapter DS/FL rebeccawilsonnjfl@gmail.com

 **Sisters of love blanket** is back! - Beautiful blanket originally sold by Chapter XI, Coronado, CA, is now being offered by Chapter AO, MD. \$79 includes cost of blanket + shipping to US address. Contact Nicole Ryan 443-235-1825. nhastings325@gmail.com


 **Child's First Cookbook** Laughter is the best ingredient. "My First Cookbook" is a great way to bond with children of all ages. Humorously presented recipes and illustrations bring fun to everyone. \$20 ppd, CH FV, Donna Aldrich, 1490 Albatross, Sanibel, FL 33957, donna@zebus.net

Gift a Holiday Wreath Fresh from the Oregon forest and brimming with aroma, shipped direct to you or your friend with your personalized message. Order by Nov 15; \$54 or \$58 includes delivery to the lower 48 states near December 1. Order info: www.peochapteroregon.blogspot.com; contact: Chap E, Chris@bstele.com; 333 NW 9th Avenue 612, Portland, OR 97209; 650-465-9018

Cakes for Cottey – baked for your Cottey student, \$20 payable to Ch DW, Nevada, MO. Questions? Email bakennedy01@gmail.com. Phone 417-321-1842.

HOMES


 **The Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House** in Colorado Springs has been a Colorado state project since 1966. The Chapter House provides 7 independent-living retirement apartments and meals for P.E.O.'s. Traveling P.E.O.s may enjoy one of our Guest Stay rooms. Area chapters and others may meet here. For more information, go to www.peochapterhouse.org; email colopeo@msn.com; write: 1819 W Cheyenne Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 or call 719-473-7670.


 **The Nebraska P.E.O. Home**, located in Beatrice, Nebraska is licensed as a 20-bed Assisted Living. Our home is unique with a warm home environment, home-cooked meals and an all-around family feeling. Activities are planned regularly at the P.E.O. Home and in the community. Active members of P.E.O. and P.E.O. sponsored female relatives are eligible for residency. If interested contact Shari Little, Administrator, at nebraskapeohome@outlook.com or call 402-228-4208.

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

BOOKS

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

 **A Loving Concern** – Ways to Show You Care. Suggestions for ways to provide love and care in cases of illness, grief, and special circumstances. \$15 + \$3.34 postage. Contact NC Chapter CI at peo.education.funding@gmail.com to order.

 **Daisy Delights** – hundreds of our favorite recipes. \$15 ppd. Chapter T, Gay Jacobs, 465 Severn Ave, Tampa, FL 33606 ggjhappy@aol.com

Be the CEO of your P.E.O. kitchen! Cooking from the Heart cookbook. Nearly 600 recipes, including many from our Founders. A gift of taste for sisters, family and friends. Hardcover with spiral binding. \$20 each ppd. Make Check to Chapter LO and mail to: 494 Piney Point Dr., Roach, MO 65787. Questions? Email: nrns04mckinney@gmail.com or 573-374-5438.

Watch Projects Night Live!

by Lucy Thoms, Digital Communication Specialist

Projects Night is a much-loved event at each Convention of International Chapter. It is an opportunity to hear directly from recipients of each P.E.O. project about how the support of P.E.O. has impacted their lives. We don't want anyone to miss it—so we're livestreaming it!

If you aren't attending Convention, tune in to Projects Night from the comfort of your own home, or organize a viewing party for your chapter. Visit convention.peointernational.org before 7:45 p.m. EST on Thursday, September 28, to make sure you are ready when the livestream begins. The night's activities in Charlotte will have already started, so you will be joining an event in progress.

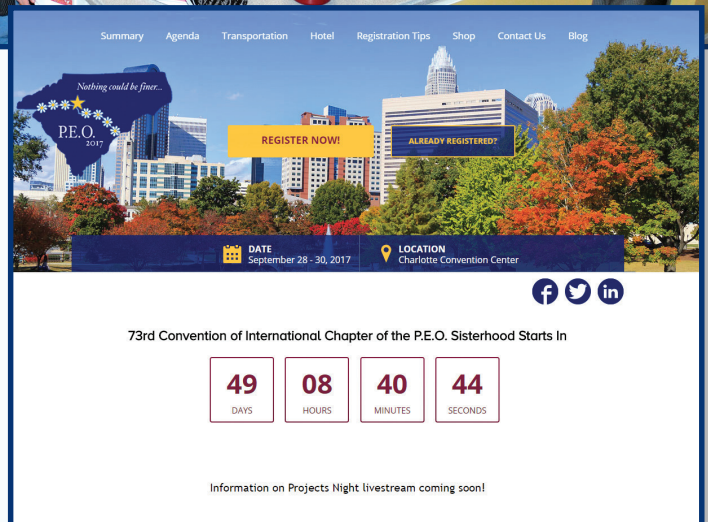
You will be able to view the livestream on any smartphone, tablet, computer or smart TV with a high-speed internet connection. You can also connect your internet-capable device to a larger screen or regular TV, which is a good option if you are watching with a group.

Don't worry if you aren't able to view that night—we will have a recording available on the member website for you to watch at a later date. It would make a great chapter program!

If you host a viewing party for your chapter, take a photo and share it with us by emailing mediamanager@peodsm.org!



Chapter BN, Woodbridge, Virginia, hosted a viewing party for the 2015 livestream of Projects Night



Instagram Challenge



Attending Convention? We have a fun social media challenge for you! Snap photos during Convention and around Charlotte, post them to your Instagram account with the hashtag #peoconvention2017 and you might be featured on International Chapter's social media feeds, AND you'll have the chance to win a brand new iPad! Make sure to stop by the Digital Communication booth for official details and the list of photos to capture.

Sign up for Instagram ahead of time—simply download the app to your smartphone and set up an account for yourself. Don't forget to follow @peointernational!

Convention of International Chapter Updates

Live Streaming of Projects Night

Read the latest Tech Tip on page 48 of this issue to get the details and learn the tech requirements to help make plans for a projects night streaming party. If you are planning a viewing party, let us know by submitting your plans to mediamanager@peodsm.org. Include your name, chapter, number of people joining the viewing and your theme if applicable. You can read more about the live streaming for projects night at the convention website convention.peointernational.org.

Learn More About Our Philanthropic Projects

Stop by the Projects' Display Room to meet the trustees of our five financial assistance philanthropies and to learn how your financial and emotional support is assisting thousands of women around the world to meet their educational aspirations.

Visit the Cottey Display Room to immerse yourself in the stories of YOUR college where education is for women, by women and about women. Members of the Cottey staff, including president Dr. Jann Weitzel, will be there to tell you about all the interesting, exciting things occurring on campus.

150 Years Old? We Don't Look a Day Over 148!



Our Sesquicentennial Celebration is coming...

Have you donated to the 150 Fund yet?

To learn more, visit www.peo150.org or go to the member website peointernational.org, choose Resource Library then Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Bed & Breakfast Listing Available Online

Starting in 2017, the P.E.O. Bed & Breakfast listing will only be available online for member use.

The online listing allows for the most up-to-date and accurate listings, including new locations, to be available for potential guests. It also protects the privacy of P.E.O.s listed as the online directory is only accessible by current P.E.O.s. The online listing does have a print option for your convenience. To quickly find the B&B listing at any time, visit members.

peointernational.org/bedandbreakfast

The P.E.O. Record on Tape/CD

Please contact Anne Vaeth, 11321 Craig, Overland Park, Kansas 66210 or chapterdoofmissouri@gmail.com to receive the magazine on tape or CD. This service for our visually impaired sisters is provided at no cost by Chapter DO, Kansas City, Missouri.

P.E.O. Visit Day

Plan a visit to see your college this fall. P.E.O. Visit Day is Cottey's premier visit event for P.E.O.s. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the campus with a student-led walking tour, hear an update from the president of the College, and engage in question and answer sessions with students, faculty, or staff. Go to www.cottey.edu/peovisit2017 and send in your registration form today!

Gifts and Contributions

Our P.E.O. projects can only succeed with the continued support of our membership. Local chapters and individual donations to these projects determine the number of women who are helped each year and the amount that is available to award. Every dollar counts—our projects depend almost entirely on P.E.O. support.

Continue to make your donations as listed below and remember individual gifts to P.E.O. projects and P.E.O.

Foundation qualify as a charitable deduction for United States income tax purposes.

- Chapter gifts to projects and P.E.O. Foundation are payable to your state/province/district chapter (s/p/d) and should be sent directly to your s/p/d treasurer or paid assistant. Chapter gifts are not tax deductible.
- Individual gifts should be made payable to the intended project or P.E.O. Foundation and sent directly to the treasurer of International Chapter in Des Moines.
- Individual gifts for Cottey College are to be sent directly to Cottey.
- Online donations may also be submitted to the project of your choice through the P.E.O. website.

Payments for Chapter Fundraisers

P.E.O. chapters are classified as nonprofit entities, but are not considered charitable by the IRS. All donations to and payments for a chapter fundraiser must be issued directly to the chapter and are not eligible for a charitable deduction. Chapter members are not to make checks payable to any P.E.O. project or P.E.O. Foundation in connection with a fundraiser involving the exchange of goods or services.

Individual charitable donations may be made payable to one of the International Chapter projects or to P.E.O. Foundation and sent directly to the Executive Office or Cottey College. In order to receive proper tax documentation for a charitable deduction, a donor may not receive any goods or services in exchange for a contribution.

Local Chapter Credit/Debit Cards

Debit cards and credit cards are not to be issued or held using the name or tax ID number of a local chapter. All disbursements of a local chapter are to be approved by chapter vote prior to payment. The treasurer shall pay all bills of the chapter by check. Cards that are automatically issued in conjunction with a bank account should not be used and should be destroyed.

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
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Email: membership@peodsm.org

Web: peointernational.org (log in as a member and click on manage membership)

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