



THE DAISY CHAIN

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2023

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Dear Sisters,

The Journey has begun! As I talk to our wonderful sisters throughout the state, the true realization is that we are walking the same path together. We might stop at different places, but the destination is the same. How exciting!!

The Membership Committee, under the Leadership of Paula Boram, has taken off. Their first stop was to offer training, via Zoom, to all our local chapter presidents and membership chairs, sharing encouragement and wonderful ideas. I am certain they have more to share. Thank you, Paula, Christine, Barbara and Gale!

The Board had a very productive meeting in June. Talk about a journey...has anyone been to Bomont, WV? All in all, we were able to plan our journey for this year. The most important part of our plan is the health of our chapters. In addition to the scheduled Official Visits, we are going to reach out in a variety of ways to each chapter. For example, a board member or two (EEK) may drop in to visit during a chapter meeting. It is our hope that connecting, sharing, and helping our sisters is a positive way to revitalize our chapters. Each of you are the heart of P.E.O., so stay tuned!

The summer months are in full swing. Please don't forget to add socials, lunches, card parties, trips to the local farmer's market and special events to your chapter calendar. What a fantastic way to stay connected to each other during the summer.

We are moving ahead and from the look of your chapter yearbooks, what a year it is going to be! You are celebrating chapter events. Making plans to increase membership. Your fundraising events are amazing and look like so much fun. You are paving the way for success and taking advantage of opportunities along the way. As I said before, I am so excited to see what lies ahead as we continue our Journeys of the P.E.O. Heart!

Love, Kathy



WV STATE GOALS 2023-2024

TWO HEARTS ... ONE JOURNEY

PUBLICIZE AND CELEBRATE the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Celebrate your chapter, its history, and traditions.

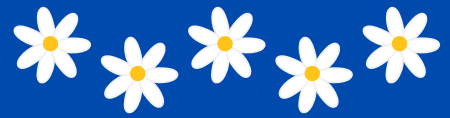
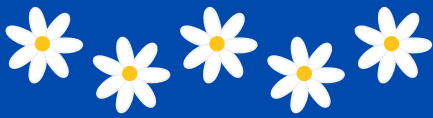
Publicize chapter events with the community. Share the story of P.E.O.

PACK LIGHT ... SHARE THE JOURNEY

INCREASE MEMBERSHIP through social events, social media and invitations. Focus on reinstatements and transfers, as an important part of your membership plan.

PAVE THE WAY ... THE JOURNEY SHARED

P.E.O. PROJECTS pave the way for women to start, continue or finish their education. Every chapter member makes a difference in the lives of our recipients. Our goal, this coming year, is to increase chapter giving by 10% per project.



NEW INITIATES

JEAN HAMMERSMITH, CHAPTER B

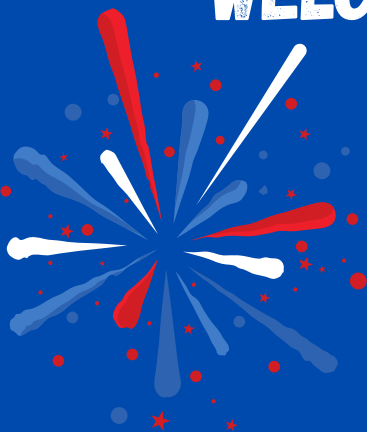
MARGIE MOLNAR, CHAPTER J

LOIS NUNAN, CHAPTER R

SHARON GOODE, CHAPTER Z

MARY MCCLURE, CHAPTER Z

WELCOME TO THE SISTERHOOD!!



CHAPTER ETERNAL
5/3/23-6/30/23

Nancy Bright, H 5/13/23
Virginia Lee Hastings, I 5/4/23
Doris Schafer, J 8/22/16
Nina McHenry, N 4/22/23
Jean Ray, N 9/11/22
Nancy Tyers, N 12/13/20
Marie Nickell, O 5/2/22
Jan Pogue, O 12/11/22
Helen Barnett, Q 5/1/18

"I am not going to die,
I'm going home
like a shooting star."

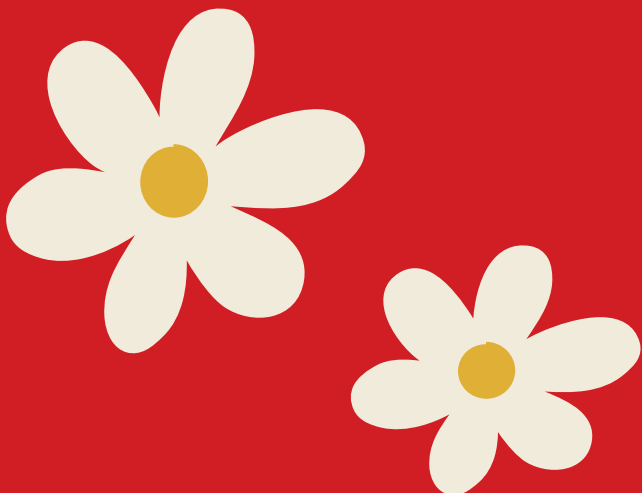
--Sojourner Truth



Membership Moment

The State Membership committee has been hard at work - they have hosted two Zoom training sessions for Membership chairs and Presidents this month. Chair Paula Boram and committee members Barbara Good and Christy Dunkin, together with Unaffiliate Chair Gale Neal and Organizer Karen Colson, would like you to know that their objectives for all chapters in WV are:

- a) To help with new members, follow ups and training
- b) To help nurture all your present members; participating and nonparticipating
- c) To help find ways to enable inactives a chance to reconnect – or maybe transfer
- d) To help put some enthusiasm back in your chapter lives
- e) To hear from sister chapters with some of their ideas and/or questions



Are You Plugged in to PEO?



Join these groups on Facebook:

PEO International

West Virginia State Chapter PEO

Websites:

www.peointernational.org

www.peowestvirginia.org



VIDEO ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

This video was created by the Organizers from all over the country last year-it was originally made as the Period of Instruction video for State Conventions.

IT'S ON VIMEO- Please watch:

(hint: I am a featured actor in a small role!)

"JUST ASK!" (click on link below)

<https://vimeo.com/806385809/63ee91ba7e>



Updated chapter bylaws and standing rules should be sent **electronically** to Karen Colson, State Organizer at karencolsonpeo@gmail.com

Please update your project chairs in the portal - we want to get the correct info into the correct hands

Deadline for submission of your chapter's yearbook was June 30. Please send a copy to every state board member, historian Jan Deaner, Unaffiliate chair Gale Neal, and membership chair Paula Boram. A PDF electronic copy goes to the tech chair, Liz Peace.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you plan to attend any event at International Convention in Pittsburgh, you have to register!

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

REGISTRATION closes on July 31st.



2024 WV State Convention: Boutique news

This year, Chapters S, W, and AD will be operating an ONLINE BOUTIQUE leading up to the convention in April!

For details, pics, and ordering info - please visit the WV state website --

www.peowestvirginia.org



**CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER:
PITTSBURGH, PA -
DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2023**

**OPENING CEREMONIES AND
PROJECTS NIGHT: THURSDAY
6:30-9:00 PM**

**FEATURING
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
PARADE OF FLAGS
LIVESTREAM IT AT:**

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 31



INITIATIVE: You Add To PEO PEO Adds To You

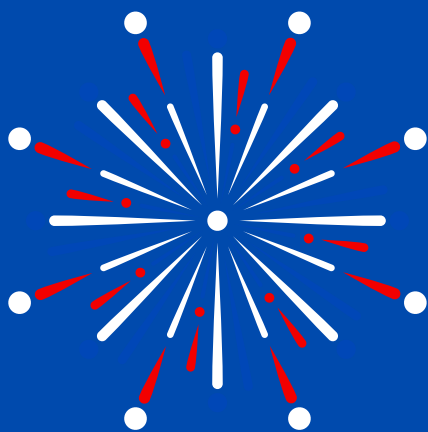


Chapters who will be
recognized at International
Convention for adding 2+ members from March 1,
2022-July 31, 2023, are:

D, E, H, I, L, N, Q, U, V, W, Z, AA, AC, AD

E, I, N, V, AA - HAVE HIT THE TARGET TWICE EACH!

Congratulations!!





Chapter W in the news!

Chapter W is pleased that five charter members recently joined the Honor Roll of P.E.O. Because none of our Golden Girls were able to attend the 2023 West Virginia State Chapter Convention, a virtual reception was held April 22, 2023. Sisters in Morgantown and across the United States toasted participants Alice Robbins, Ginny Petersen, Phil Barata and Sharon Santos on their "Golden" status.

Nancy Traubert attended the North Carolina State Chapter Convention in May and was recognized for her 50 years in P.E.O. Likewise, Ginny Petersen, PSP, was recognized at the Kansas State Chapter Convention held in June.

The two Nancys in NC

Ginni, Sharon, and Phil

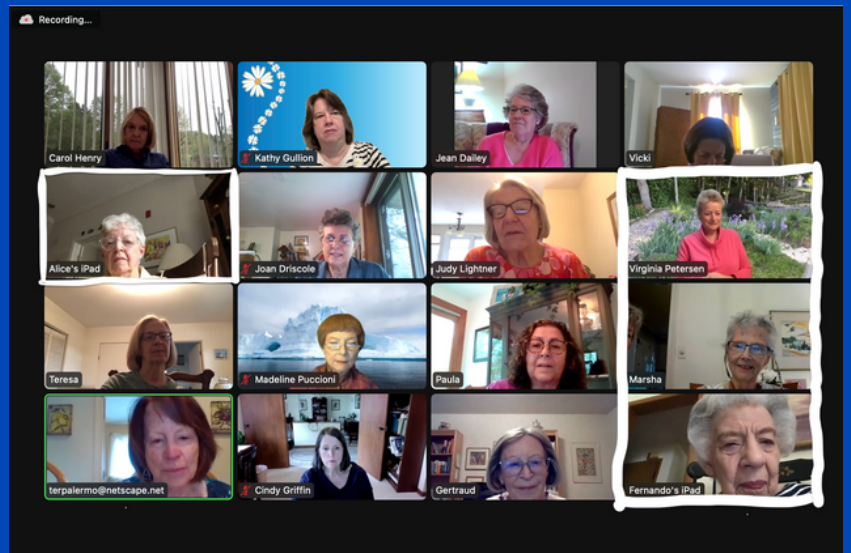


Phil Barata is a charter member of Chapter AD. Alice Robbins and Sharon Santos remain members of Chapter W. Clearly, 1973 was a stellar year for P.E.O., and Chapter W is grateful to celebrate these sisters!

Their combined 250 years inspire us all. (written by Kathy Gullion, W)



Phil and Alice



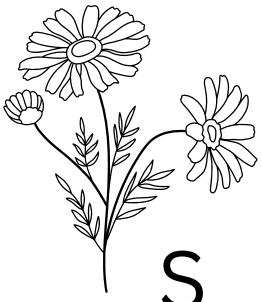
Toasting the GGs!



DID YOU KNOW....

THAT CHAPTER G, PARKERSBURG,
HAS HAD A STAR RECIPIENT
FOR 6 YEARS IN A ROW!

CONGRATS LADIES-TELL US YOUR SECRETS!



SEEK AND FIND--P.E.O. STYLE

S H A T T I E C P W
 T I A L I C E B R E
 A Y S D L Y S I A D
 R F W T J E O W L C
 C O N V E N T I O N
 O U V O C R S L H A
 T N O F A U H A C R
 T D L E E O A O S F
 E E H L P J T G O W
 Y R A M E C I L A D



SISTERHOOD
 CONVENTION
 SCHOLAR
 PEACE
 MARY
 ELF

JOURNEY
 FOUNDER
 PEO
 ELLA
 PCE
 STAR



ALICE B
 HEART
 HATTIE
 GOAL
 SUELA

FRANC
 WV
 ALICE
 COTTEY
 DAISY