

# **P.E.O. TRIVIA GAME 2019**

**(Presented to Local WV Chapters  
that do not receive an Organizer's Visit)**

## **LEADER'S ANSWER KEY ROUND #1**

**INTRODUCTION:** *P.E.O.s love to have fun, and what could be more fun than a little P.E.O. trivia? The purpose of this trivia game is to keep sisters engaged while learning many "not so trivial" facts about P.E.O.—covering both general and membership information.*

*The WV State Board and Membership committee believe this will be a great way to learn more about P.E.O. with a side benefit of little friendly competition. So, let's get started!*

**EXPLANATION AND SET UP:** *There will be two rounds with seven questions each round.*

**\*\*FIRST:** *Let's divide into teams. (Leader quickly accesses room/meeting place and forms appropriate-size teams. Split officers. Team size approx 6?)*

**\*\*SECOND:** *Each team, please pick one sister to fill out the question form and to keep score. I will give each team an extra question form to pass around the team if anyone has difficulty hearing or understanding the question.*

**\*\*THIRD:** *Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the two trivia rounds.*

***LET THE GAMES BEGIN....(NOTE: Read question and provide answer one question at a time)***

1. Which anniversary did P.E.O. recently celebrate?
  - a. 100<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 150<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 200<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Was there an anniversary this year?!
    - ANSWER: It is NO secret that 2019 was P.E.O.'s sesquicentennial year of celebration. The answer is B.
  
2. How many local P.E.O. chapters are there across the U.S. and Canada?
  - a. 60
  - b. 600
  - c. 6,000
  - d. Too many to count
    - ANSWER: The answer is C. There are approximately 6,000 LOCAL chapters in the United States and Canada. Did you know West Virginia has 27 local chapters? Currently, sisters from the southern part of WV are actively working on organizing a new chapter in the Bluefield area. So, if you know of any potential sisters in Bluefield, please contact our State Organizer.
  
3. How many active P.E.O. members are there across the U.S. and Canada?
  - a. 100,000
  - b. 230,000
  - c. One million
  - d. 500,000
    - ANSWER: P.E.O. has approximately 230,000 members across the U.S. and Canada - the answer is B.

4. When did P.E.O. become the owner of Cottey College?

- a. 2017
- b. 1969
- c. 1927
- d. 1869

- ANSWER: Cottey College has been owned and supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1927, answer C. Cottey College is an independent liberal arts and sciences college for women located in Nevada, Missouri. Cottey was recently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as #1 in Best Value School in the region, #9 in Best Regional Colleges, and #3 in Lowest Student Debt Load at graduation in the region. How amazing is that?

5. At what school and in what year was P.E.O. founded?

- a. Iowa Wesleyan College
- b. Iowa State College
- c. Drake University
- d. Indiana Wesleyan College

- ANSWER: On January 21, 1869 seven young women formed our organization, P.E.O. at Iowa Wesleyan College, answer A. After two of them were not chosen for membership in another sorority on campus, our seven Founders decided to create a sisterhood of their own and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.....

6. How many chapters in West Virginia have celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary?

- a. None yet
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

- ANSWER: C. Chapter A-Buckhannon and Chapter B-Morgantown have both celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

7. Who was the spark plug that started our oldest chapter in West Virginia?  
(Hint: she was also our first state chapter president)

- a. Sue Baker
- b. Jann Weitzel
- c. Rita Carper Terry
- d. P. Buckley Moss

- ANSWER: C, Rita Carper Terry. Rita Carper Terry was the wife of a West Virginia Wesleyan College faculty member, and she resided in Buckhannon at a time when women were just entering higher education. Rita organized P.E.O. Chapter A in 1915, but it wasn't until 1962 that West Virginia State Chapter was organized. It was no surprise that Rita Carper Terry would serve as its first State President.

**TEAMS, TALLY UP YOUR SCORES. YOU EARN ONE POINT FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER. (ASK EACH TEAM TO SHOUT OUT THEIR SCORE).**

**NOW, ON TO ROUND 2!**