



# The Daisy Chain

WV State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood

February 2022

Jane Johnson, Editor

## *The Harmony of our Hearts*

Dear Sisters,

As I write this, the snow is gently falling and I'm secretly happy that the groundhog got it right. Winter will be with us for a while. The snow-covered trees outside my window are so pretty and occasionally the sun actually peaks out. It is honestly beautiful, but sometimes I'm unable to see the beauty around me because I am caught up in a *flurry* of "busyness". But wait. Perhaps, *blizzard* is the better word.

As P.E.O.s, we are always taking care of business, but February seems to bring a dreaded storm forecast. Our Local Chapter officers are wrapping up the year and nominating committees are reaching out hoping to find sisters willing to serve. Those moments can feel a little bit like a whiteout about to bury us in a snowdrift, but I'm here to offer words of encouragement.

I've been thinking about my own P.E.O. story and my P.E.O. "why". It began 40 years ago this month. As my soon-to-be sisters and I assembled, there was something undeniable and almost indescribable taking place. A *bond of sisterhood* between twenty-one women who enthusiastically embraced the common mission of Providing Educational Opportunities for women, was sealed. My heart is full of gratitude for those who shared the love of P.E.O. with my new sisters and me on that wintry day. How blessed we are to celebrate the love and the harmony of our hearts each time we recite the Objects and Aims. The words "to consider thoughtfully the full import of P.E.O", still resonate with me.

So, dear sisters, let's not let the blizzard of "busyness" overwhelm us. Take a moment to reflect on the "full Import of P.E.O" and the love which was shared with you when you became a P.E.O. The light of our star continues to guide us, and our shared mission sealed by the bonds of sisterhood will see us through any storm. For the record, I've given myself an excuse *and* permission to slow down, relax and hit the reset button on this lovely snowy day. My hope is that you will be able to do exactly the same.

With Love and the Harmony of our Hearts,

Barb



## West Virginia State Chapter Nominating Committee Welcomes Nominations for the Office of State Secretary



A description of the responsibilities is on the WV Website. They can be found in *Guide to Serving on the West Virginia State Executive Board* on [peowestvirginia.org](http://peowestvirginia.org) under Member Home/State Chapter.

Submit your name to the committee or better yet encourage a sister to apply! The rewards of serving outweigh the job! The form, Prospective Nominee Information Form can be found in this Daisy Chain. Nominations are due **March 1, 2022**.

If you need encouragement or just have questions, please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee:

- Katy Montgomery, V, PSP, Chairman [khmontgo@hotmail.com](mailto:khmontgo@hotmail.com)
- Alison Poland, S [ali256and@gmail.com](mailto:ali256and@gmail.com)
- Donna Corbin, R, PSP [vinterswife@icloud.com](mailto:vinterswife@icloud.com)

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

#### WELCOME NEW INITIATES

**Diana Van Horn (E)**

**Anne Moncer (E)**

**Michelle Biggs (E)**

**Karen Northrup (G)**

**Mary V. Maskell (Q)**

**Carol Seely (Q)**

**Lindsey King (AB)**

**Sandy Yarter (AB)**

#### Chapter Eternal

**Norma C Carroll (E)**

**Barbara Stewart (U)**

**Julia G Ford (V)**

#### Transfer

**Kathleen Seitz (AA)  
to AT/GA**

## Prospective Nominee Information Form

For Office of Secretary on the Executive Board of West Virginia State Chapter, P.E.O. International

This form is to be completed by the prospective nominee. Return it with the following: (1) brief resume with photo, (2) a letter of recommendation and (3) the endorsement of the local nominating chapter to the chairman of the Nominating Committee: Katy Montgomery, V, PSP, P.O. Box 531, Lewisburg, WV 24901 [khmontgo@hotmail.com](mailto:khmontgo@hotmail.com) no later than March 1, 2022.

PROSPECTIVE NOMINEE/CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.E.O. ACTIVITIES (Local, State)

Local Chapter: Current Office, if any \_\_\_\_\_ Other Offices Held \_\_\_\_\_  
Member of state chapter (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_

President of local chapter (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_

State Chapter: Committees/Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE SKILLS: (bookkeeping, accounting, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

COMPUTER SKILLS (Do you have a working knowledge of email, word processing and spreadsheet software? Do you know how to open/send attachments? Briefly describe your computer skills below) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN P.E.O. (church, civic, fraternal, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are there any reasons or restrictions that would interfere with traveling to and attending several board meetings per year in their entirety or assigned Official Visits?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you serve on any boards of directors, trustees, etc.? Please specify in detail.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Prospective Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_



Local Chapter  
Reporting Due  
Dates and  
Important  
reminders



## MARCH 1



**The President's Letter** is due to the State Chapter President, Barb Daly ([tdaly51@frontier.com](mailto:tdaly51@frontier.com)) AND State Historian, Jan Deaner ([jandeaner57@gmail.com](mailto:jandeaner57@gmail.com)). The President's letter is to be read to the chapter and saved in chapter history. Requirements may be found in Article VIII, Section 1 of the State Chapter Bylaws. Bylaws can be found on the PEO website, [peowestvirginia.org](http://peowestvirginia.org) under Member Home/State Chapter.

## MARCH 1



**Local Chapter Project and Cottey College Chairman Annual Reports** are due to the respective state adviser. Forms and submission instructions were sent to local chapter chairs. Blank forms can be found at [peowestvirginia.org](http://peowestvirginia.org) under Member/Local Chapter.

## MARCH 10



**Local Chapter Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary Annual Reports** are due. Treasurer reports are to be sent to state treasurer Kathy Reese ( [reesekdr@aol.com](mailto:reesekdr@aol.com) ). Corresponding Secretary reports go to Linda Cowan ([lcowan@westliberty.edu](mailto:lcowan@westliberty.edu) ). Just a reminder that both the Treasurer and Recording Secretary numbers must match. More information and directions can be found on our state website. A direct link to the training can be found here [Guide to Annual Reports](#).

Please be sure to mail the reports to ensure receipt by March 1.

## MARCH 15



**Love Gift deadline for 2022 Convention.** Please submit your Love Gift check(s) to Barbara Bennett, Assistant Treasurer. All Love Gifts received by March 15, 2022, will be reported in the 2022 Convention Program and the Proceedings within the Memorials, Honorariums and Special Gifts report. Gifts received after that date, whether at convention or anytime through the March 2023 deadline will be reported in the 2023 convention program and proceedings. There will also be a table set up during convention if you wish to submit your gift at that time. The required Project Contribution Transmittal form is in this Daisy Chain.



**Attention:**

**Presidents, Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries**

P.E.O. International are offering Report Training via Zoom Webinar

These workshops will cover the following:

- Instructions for completing P.E.O. Annual Report forms
  - How to avoid common mistakes
- Answers to your individual questions regarding the P.E.O. Annual Report.

You will need to click here [Training webinar](#) to sign up for the training. The webinar will also be available for viewing on the P.E.O. website in the Resource Library under Annual Report. These will be posted after the first training event.

**LC Corresponding Secretary  
Training Times**

Tuesday, Feb. 8: 6:00-7:00pm EST  
Thursday, Feb. 10: 11:00-12:00 EST  
Sunday, Feb 20: 3:00pm-4:00pm EST

**LC Treasurer Training Times**

Wednesday, Feb. 9: 3:00-4:00pm EST  
Saturday, Feb. 12: 12:00-1:00pm EST  
Thursday, Feb. 17: 7:00pm-8:00pm EST

**Presidents**, you should have received your winter mailing from International. If you have not yet received it....Don't panic! They are in the mail. You can still sign up for the Training Webinars above.

It is perfectly okay to initiate new members in February; give the gift of LOVE. However, due to the annual report process and per the Constitution, invitations to transfer may NOT be extended or accepted during the month of February.



**P.E.O. Project/Fund Gift Transmittal Form  
Submissions to WV State Chapter P.E.O. Treasurer**

**Instructions for individual gifts:** Write separate personal checks payable directly to the project/fund. Please do *not* make your check payable to WV State Chapter except if donating to the WVSC General Fund. Please *do* provide your chapter's letter/name below so that your donation will be reflected in the listing of your chapter's donations in state convention proceedings.

**Local Chapters:** Local chapter checks must be made payable to WV State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood. Checks written by local chapters will be credited solely to the local chapter. Legal/tax implications prevent them from being processed/credited as individual contributions.

**Mail this form with your gift to:**

**Barbara Bennett, Asst. Treasurer, 110 David Daniels Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554**

(Choose one): This is a contribution from  an individual or  a local chapter

Name of individual or local chapter letter: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Phone Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Individual's Chapter: \_\_\_ Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Project/Fund	Amount	Project/Fund	Amount
Cotley College		Chapter O Memorial Scholarship Fund	
P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund		Helen & Floyd Fenton Scholarship Fund	
P.E.O. Foundation (undesignated)		Jennie Bechtold Memorial Scholarship Fund	
P.E.O. Int'l Peace Scholarship		Marie Ausenheimer Memorial Scholarship Fund	
P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education		Virginia Stealey Memorial Fund	
P.E.O. Scholar Awards		WV State Chapter General Fund	
P.E.O. STAR Scholarship		Cotley Suite Treat	
Rita C. Terry Cotley College Scholarship Fund		<a href="#">Click here to enter other project/fund.</a>	
		<b>Total amount of check:</b>	

**Contribution/Gift Type (please print)**

(Choose one):  Annual Local Chapter Contribution  Honorarium\*  Memorial\*

\*Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) \*Chapter: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

\*Please notify (optional) Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)