

Heartline



Ohio State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood

Heartline Instructions

Notes to Chapter President:

1. Please have the Corresponding Secretary read the President's letter at the meeting following receipt of the Heartline.
 2. Copy the Project and Membership Committee articles for each chairman - to be read as soon as possible and filed.
 3. Give the officer-specific information to the appropriate officers.
 4. Share the remaining articles with the chapter as soon as possible at subsequent meetings and/or electronically.
- The Heartline should be kept in the President's file box for one year.

From the President . . .

Dear Sisters,

March marks the beginning of another P.E.O. year. The executive board sends our gratitude to each of the sisters who served their local chapters as officers and committee members this past year. We extend our congratulations to those who have said "yes" and are poised to begin a new term of service. We want you to know you have our support and we wish you success in your efforts to add stars to our *P.E.O. Sky Full of Stars* through initiations, reinstatements and the identification of applicants for our P.E.O. projects.

As soon as possible after election and installation, hold an officer transition meeting to not only train each other and transfer supplies, but to also set chapter goals. The executive board and membership committee are looking forward to augmenting local chapter training in the Southwest Quadrant LCOAW on April 7.

During March, it is very important for your outgoing corresponding secretary to enter the Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapter **and** the S/P/D Convention - Delegates and Alternates Report on the International website, www.peointernational.org.

*"There wouldn't be a sky full of stars
If we were all meant to wish on the same one."
~Frances Clark*

Through your President's Letters I have visualized each Ohio chapter as a star - with all the stars joining together to create a brilliant constellation. I have delighted in reading about the many ways you express a loving concern for your sisters; interesting programs presented by chapter sisters, friends and community members; unique social events including theme parties and informative field trips; tried-and-true fundraisers along with chapters who tried something new to raise funds; and, at the heart of it all, the ways you have supported our projects and project recipients. You are truly *Women helping women reach for the stars!* Thank you!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Linda

Linda Coulles, CH
President,
Ohio State Chapter



IN MEMORIAM:

The Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter is saddened to announce the death of Past State President Jean Evans, EF. Jean entered Chapter Eternal on January 4, 2018 in Columbus.

Jean was initiated into Chapter BA in 1973, transferring to Chapter EF in 1981. She served as state president, 2013-2014 and presided at the 87th Convention of Ohio State Chapter at Kenyon College with her theme *The Gifts of P.E.O.* At the time of her death, Jean was serving on the Amendments and Recommendations Committee and as the president of Alexina Circle. Her wonderful smile and deep commitment to the P.E.O. Sisterhood will be greatly missed. In her P.E.O. Wish, Jean designated PCE as her chosen philanthropy.

The 91st Convention of Ohio State Chapter *P.E.O. ... a Sky Full of Stars!*

June 1-3, 2018
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio



The 2018 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is coming soon to the beautiful campus of Bowling Green State University. Your hostess chapters are busily preparing for your visit, June 1-3! We want you to feel like the P.E.O. STARS that you are!

Convention registration will open on Thursday, March 15 with online access at the Ohio P.E.O. website: www.ohiopeo.org. Registration will close on Monday, April 30. To help you make your plans, convention details will be posted on the Ohio website by March 8. Everyone must register online, including delegates, alternate delegates, visitors, BILs, speakers, escorts, and other guests. You will be able to pay for your registration by credit card or by mailing a check.

Come for a day, come for an evening, or come for the weekend! The Projects and Sales Rooms will be open Friday and Saturday. The Time of Remembrance will take place Friday evening following the first session of business. A variety of informative workshops will be presented both days. We'll host "Family Reunions" Friday evening. Saturday's Projects

Luncheon will celebrate not only the stars of our projects but also our *shining* 2018 Golden Girls and *stellar* 75th Anniversary Chapter! The President's Banquet, Saturday evening, will be a fun opportunity to enjoy the company of your sisters and BILs as we prepare for one sister to become a PSP and another, the new president of Ohio State Chapter!

Please plan to join us this June for the 91st Convention of Ohio State Chapter. For a sneak preview of the Bowling Green campus and facilities, view the invitation video on www.ohio.peo.org > Convention > 2018 Convention.

Love in P.E.O.,

Chapters E, I, S, AG, AI, AL, AQ, BE, BN

Claire Ackerman, I and Sue Hamen, AG
Convention Cochairmen

Questions and Answers



During the Questions & Answers period at convention, the International Representative and the State Organizer will answer questions about P.E.O. policies and procedures and local, state or International topics.



Please send your questions to:

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Springfield, OH 45503

All questions must be received no later than May 1, 2018. The Organizer may contact you if clarification is needed. Thank you.



Program for Continuing Education

Did you know that any single gift totaling \$3000 donated to PCE using the Individual or Chapter Donation Form may be designated as a PCE Named Grant? Each Named Grant ensures that a full PCE grant is awarded to an eligible recipient identified by board trustees. When possible, the trustees select a recipient from the donor's state/province/district. With the recipient's permission the chairman will share her name with the sponsor of her PCE Named Grant. Congratulations to Chapter DR, Middletown for being recognized as one of the 40 Named Grant Chapters in 2016-17! Thank you, Ohio Chapters, for sponsoring nine more "Stars" in our "Sky Full of PCE Recipients" who have received awards totaling \$13,500! Chapters are encouraged to interview the

potential candidates who find out about P.E.O. and specifically PCE through the International website. Of the 16 names that have been forwarded to local chapters since March 2017, four have been sponsored and received awards. Continue to support and encourage these women as they return to school to complete a degree or finish a course of study that they may have started years before. Keep your eyes and ears open for possible candidates at your local church, your children's or grandchildren's schools, or at your local hospital or long-term care facility.

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Scholar Awards

... *A Sky Full of Stars!* That is what the Board of Trustees for the P.E.O. Scholar Awards must be feeling as they are in the midst of reading and selecting the 2018 Scholar Award recipients from a "sky" of over 700 "stars." The window for local chapters to submit their recommendations for this year closed on November 20, 2017, with approximately 740 recommendations submitted using the online system!

Three things to keep in mind:

1) It is not too early to begin looking for possible candidates to nominate for the 2019 award. Who do you know that is in the midst of a doctoral program? Maybe a sister's daughter or granddaughter? A co-worker? That young woman who grew up in your church?

2) Consider attending our state convention Projects Luncheon. You will leave inspired!

3) Your chapter can be a Laureate Chapter by either nominating a successful Scholar, or by donating a one-time gift of \$500 to P.E.O. Scholar Awards before the end of February.

Please do not hesitate to contact this PSA chairman with any questions you might have.

Thank you for your involvement in this project! Ohio has 20 nominees this year!

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P.E.O. in Sunbury Update!

Our *Sky Full of Stars* is continuing to glow in Sunbury. Our second get together was held on February 20, 2018 at the home of Jennifer Barr! The young women that we have met are enthusiastic, energetic and anxious to share our P.E.O. mission.

Please let us know if you have any friends or family in the Sunbury area with whom we could share the gift of P.E.O. Questions? Contact Marty Billing, Organizer, Ohio State Chapter at mbillingPEO@gmail.com or (937-390-1248).

Why Not Invite Unaffiliates to Your Founders' Day Event? Or Call them From Convention?

Is your Chapter or Reciprocity planning a Spring Founders' Day program? If so, please remember to invite a UN or FR woman to your special event. Our own Cincinnati Reciprocity has a practice of hosting (yes, offering a free lunch!) a few UN sisters at their annual Founders' Day Luncheon. It is a beautiful event to introduce new starts to their southwest Ohio chapter sisters. BIL parties, summer picnics and special social meetings are another great time to meet and greet new UN sisters or women recommended. Send an email invitation or make a quick call. If she is unavailable, be sure to tell her about the NEXT event or day and time she could meet your chapter.

We have so many stars in our P.E.O. sky! We hope your chapter was able to reach out to your own Non-Resident sisters in January to let them know that they are missed. We would love to hear of any surprises you learned from your Non-Resident sisters. Coming soon in June is another chance to reach out - at our Convention Telethon. Convention Delegates and visitors to Convention will telephone Non-Resident sisters and our Unaffiliate sisters needing new chapters in Ohio. We will need the help of all Ohio Convention attendees, as we telephone as many of the Stars in our Ohio P.E.O. Sky as we can! See you soon!

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LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS AREA WORKSHOP (LCOAW)



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018
SOUTHWEST QUADRANT
CHAPTERS

Sycamore Presbyterian Church
11800 Mason Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Morning Session:

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Chapters:

A, L, Y, AO, AR, BF, BR, CL, CR, CY, DP, DR,
DW, EG, EK, ES, EV, FB, FH

Afternoon Session:

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chapters:

F, K, Z, AK, AN, AZ, BC, CB, CH, CI, CK, CN,
CV, DA, DC, DS, DY, DZ, EQ

This is an opportunity for newly elected officers, continuing officers and chapter membership chairmen to meet with the Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter and the State Membership Committee to learn the latest information and ask questions.

Please plan now to attend this required event.



P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Thank you to all of the chapter presidents and P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR) chairmen for your dedication to finding eligible candidates, interviewing them and fulfilling all of the requirements necessary for submitting an application. All of you can be most proud in aiding these young women toward potentially earning a STAR Scholarship.

Your hard work and efforts have been accomplished and we are nearing the end of the waiting period. P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipients will be announced by April 30, 2018. Notification letters will be sent to all applicants and recommending chapters. If your applicant was selected to receive a STAR Scholarship, your chapter president will receive congratulatory remarks and the recipient's award certificate. Chapters are encouraged to present the scholarship at a high school awards ceremony

or other public forum. While awaiting notification, please keep in contact with your candidate.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship began in 2009 with 151 recipients and has grown to 520 recipients this past year with a grand total over these years totaling \$6,735,000 of STAR Scholarship funds awarded! Please continue to support STAR Scholarships through local chapter donations, individual donations, finding those "Stars" and supporting them while they reach for the stars.

Thank you for all that you do for STAR Scholarship and helping to change the lives of young women.

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URGENT: CHAPTER PHOTOS NEEDED!!

★ Our goal is to have a page for each chapter in this year's **Ohio State Chapter scrapbook!**

★ Please send 3-5 photos from this past year to **Allyson Allyn**, OSC Historian. Photos sent electronically are best, but she can work with hard copies.
 Mailing address: 7175 Bellflower Court, Mentor, OH 44060

★ Provide information about the events pictured and list the names of the sisters in the photos.

★ **Email or mail your photos no later than March 25 to Allyson.**

★ We want to include Founders' Day celebrations, too!

★ Your photos could also be posted on the Ohio State Chapter website as a "Star Treks" page. Let Allyson know if you would like some of your photos to do double duty!

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Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee



IT'S PARTY TIME!

Dust off your antique silver tea service, pull out your family heirloom china from the back of your cupboards and have a party! Celebrate your chapter organization with your charter members, former members and present members. Display your chapter scrapbooks. Review your file of President's Letters and occasionally read selections from early letters as a Sesquicentennial Celebration committee report during your chapter meeting. Portray chapter historical events as a program. Celebrate your 50 and 50+ year members! Celebrate our Sesquicentennial as a program at an area Reciprocity Council meeting. Be creative!

Congratulations and thank you to all the chapters and individuals who have donated to the 150 Fund. Since last reported in the 2018 Winter Heartline, thirty-one additional chapters contributed at least \$150.00 to the 150 Fund.

They are: D, I, J, AB, AC, AM-BV, AT, BD, BG, BX, CA, CQ, CW, DA, DP, DY, EA, EB, EC, ED, EI, EO, EQ, ES, EW, EX, FC, FG, FH, FJ and FL. Seven additional individuals contributed to the 150 Fund. They are: Carol Skoglund, Q, Sally Sieger, AO, D. Ann Luzader, BF, Jan Knuckey, DZ, Jane Leach, EF, Kathryn Lown, EF and Audrey Hall, EW. The accumulative donor reports can be viewed on the Ohio P.E.O. website.

Let's make Ohio State Chapter a top contributor to be recognized in 2019!

Let's Celebrate!

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Educational Loan Fund

In preparation for writing this article, this chairman began to reflect on personal thoughts about the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund. My first introduction to ELF occurred at the Projects Luncheon during a P.E.O. convention at which I was an escort for my Golden Girl mother (not being a P.E.O. yet myself). I wanted to give a donation in her name, but was unsure as to which project to choose. I quickly rejected the thought of ELF. You see, I don't believe in loans or borrowing money. So, I chose another project.

Fast forward a few years; I had been initiated into P.E.O. and began to learn more about ELF. I knew that many students are not comfortable with applying for a conventional education loan, but the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund turned out to be something I could definitely recommend as a loan that is much more affordable.

This loan provides students the opportunity to fund their education at very competitive rates. Eligible candidates can receive a loan of \$12,000 - \$20,000 at an interest rate of 2%, with repayment due 8 - 12 years after graduation date.

While not everyone agrees with loans, it is important that we educate ourselves and our chapters about ELF. You may just find that you recommend a family member to apply for the oldest P.E.O. philanthropy. Many women have completed their education and met their dreams because of ELF.

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P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund (IPS) was established in 1949 to provide scholarships for international women students to pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada. Ohio P.E.O.s are fostering a “Sky Full of Stars” by their support of IPS students from around the globe. Twenty-seven Ohio chapters provided 29 **\$500 Partners in Peace** scholarships to international women studying in the U.S. and Canada. Three IPS students are studying right here in Ohio. Oke Oluwafisayo from Nigeria is studying at Bowling Green State University in Cross-cultural and International Education. Chiedza Chiinakwetu from Zimbabwe is pursuing an MSW in Social Administration at Case Western Reserve University. Lolagul Raimbekova from Tajikistan is getting her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at Kent State University Main Campus. Upon graduation these women will return to their home countries with new skills to pass on to their families, communities and countries. P.E.O.s, through our support of these “Stars” improve the lives of women all over the world.

Chapter DV, Ashtabula, participated as a Partners in Peace (PIP) chapter this year and was partnered with Maria Munoz from Chile who is studying at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. Though not geographically close, Chapter DV has enjoyed supporting Maria with a care package at Christmas time, a birthday card, and messages of support. Maria sent a gift at Christmas filled with various Chilean sweets that were passed around at a chapter meeting. If your chapter is not a PIP chapter, you can still select one or more of our students from the listing on the IPS page of the P.E.O. International website to send notes of encouragement and holiday cards. Students, especially IPS students who are so far from home are extremely appreciative of these gestures, but please remember, they may not always be able to respond.

P.E.O.s are definitely helping keep our “Sky Full of Stars” through our support of IPS and all the P.E.O. philanthropies. The IPS chairman is ready to be of any help with IPS activities in your chapter

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strengthen our Sisterhood and our local chapters. As you move forward in this new P.E.O. year, let these goals guide you as you set goals for your own chapter.

In her President’s Message (January-February, 2018 P.E.O. Record) Sue Baker, revealed the International strategic goals for the 2017-2019 biennium. The familiar Heart of P.E.O. reminds us that it is a combination of **Chapter Vitality** and **Philanthropic Vitality** that will

Chapter Vitality: “2-0-1-9”

- 2 Initiates per chapter each year; even better – each sister invite someone
- 0 New inactive members and zero newly disbanded chapters
- 1 New chapter in each s/p/d this biennium and one in progress or organizing
- 9 Gratitude, grace, generosity



Philanthropic Vitality:

- ▶ 100% chapter participation in the 150 Fund with a gift of at least \$150 per local chapter
- ▶ Strengthen the intent for the Pyramid of Giving with the largest portion of chapter gifts given to our P.E.O. International Projects



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Look to the western sky as evening approaches and you will see Pleiades, the Seven Sisters star cluster, still with us. As our “Sky Full of Stars” continue to guide us through the new P.E.O. year, I want to remind you of a few tasks that are to be completed soon.

If a member of your chapter did not pay her dues and chose to go inactive, remember to continue to reach out to her this year. Do you know the reason for this sister going inactive? Perhaps rides to meetings, transfer to a closer chapter, or support with health issues could help the situation. Inactive sisters can still be invited to programs and socials, or they may enjoy receiving occasional calls, cards or notes. Help her remember why she originally joined P.E.O. and she may eventually decide to reinstate her membership.

~ **Once a P.E.O., always a P.E.O.** ~

Take the time to nurture non-participating members – members who pay their dues but rarely attend meetings and events. Keep them in the loop with cards, calls, offers of rides to meetings, including them on committees, hosting meetings, or ask them to consider giving a program.

Interested in a membership program or some help with your membership goals? Contact your Membership Quadrant Representative! Know that Membership is always ready to help your chapter grow and flourish.

This committee has enjoyed reaching out to you this past year with our monthly communications and The Hot Spots. We are so pleased to hear back from so many of you about how you are implementing some of these ideas in your chapter life. We look forward to seeing and hearing from more of you at convention in June. Stop by at the Membership display table and learn more about adding more beautiful “Stars” in your chapter.

LET’S GROW, NURTURE AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER!

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SALE OF ITEMS AT CONVENTION

No items may be sold at convention except those sold by the hostess chapters. However, chapters who wish to display their chapter fundraising items along with order forms may do so by making a reservation for display space.

To reserve display space in the Sales Room, please contact: Kylie Smith, (614) 507-0616, kyliesmith1978@gmail.com; (937) 602-1476. Reservations must be submitted no later than MAY 1 in order to provide ample display space.