

# 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,

It's January and Pleiades, the Seven Sisters star cluster, is prominent in the night sky of our northern hemisphere! Our *Sky Full of Stars* in Ohio is growing with initiations, reinstatements and successful project candidates. I join with Kylie, Marty, Nancy and Jan to wish you a Happy New Year! We anticipate that 2018 will be a wonderful year for Ohio State Chapter and are excited about the experiences that lay ahead.

To begin:

- The executive board is pleased to announce that our International Representative to the 2018 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is Mary Elliott. Mary is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the P.E.O. Foundation. She is a lifelong member of Chapter Y, Glasgow, Kentucky. We look forward to welcoming Mary to Ohio!
- I look forward to receiving your chapter president's letters by March 1. I am anxious to read the highlights of each local chapter. Please include information regarding the 2017-2018 challenges: positive net growth for each local chapter (or two initiations per chapter) and two project applicants per chapter.

This Heartline issue is full of helpful information.

Please make special note of the following:

- Cottey Ohio Suite Endowment Fund goal is achieved! Thank you for your generous donations. Read more about Cottey College on page two.
- January 21st is Founders' Day AND Wear Your Pin Day! Remember to wear your pin and talk about P.E.O.! Read Jeanne's article on page four to find out about this year's Phone Every One campaign.
- P.E.O. will celebrate her 150th birthday in 2019! PSP Ann Davidson is Ohio's Sesquicentennial Celebration Chairman. Read her article on page six to find out how you can be involved in the celebration!
- The 2018 Hostess Chapters are busy preparing for the upcoming convention June 1-3. Please read the article on page seven to find out some important

details. Begin planning to attend with your sisters!

- A calendar of upcoming report due dates for presidents and other local chapter officers is on page six.

And something new:

- Star "Treks" – Stories of Chapter Fun and Success! Star Treks is your place on the Ohio P.E.O. website to share your chapter's activities and see what other chapters are doing to support our sisterhood and be a positive influence in our communities. Show us your chapter's socials, fundraisers, project recipients and other community service events that showcase our mission.
- To participate, send an email to Allyson Allyn, OSC Historian, [allysonemu@aol.com](mailto:allysonemu@aol.com). Attach a few photos in JPEG format with text to caption the photos and describe the activity. Each post is limited to one page, so select your best photos and keep your text brief. Allyson will put your page together using the photos and text you provide. Go to [ohio.peo.org](http://ohio.peo.org) > Connections > Star Treks to see a couple pages already posted.
- Read Allyson's article on page two to find out how to also be a part of the OSC scrapbook!

I close with this quote from Our Badge of Honor by Frances Cooper Thompson, "There is a glass display case in one of the beautiful rooms at the P.E.O. Centennial Center in Des Moines where the pins from years past are displayed. They are various sizes – large and small, flat and curved. One can almost judge the economy of the country as the pin went from the original large gold star in 1869 to a small one, familiar to us, in 1915, and from the pure gold of 1869 to the gold alloy used since 1974. It is only one part of our heritage, but a meaningful one to those who proudly wear their gold star which proclaims, "I am a P.E.O."

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

*Linda*

Linda Coulls, CH  
President, Ohio State Chapter



This year the Ohio State Chapter's scrapbook is going digital! I will be creating the scrapbook using Shutterfly, a website where you download digital photos and you create a scrapbook online and print out a professionally-bound book. This will help make scrapbooking much easier since most pictures are digital now-a-days already. This is where all of you lovely sisters come in! Please send me pictures from chapter events and fundraisers, this past year's Founders' Day Luncheons, BIL events, and news articles that feature your chapter or chapter member(s) so they can be added to this year's scrapbook. I'd also love to have a few pages on



## Cottey College

Hats off and a round of applause go to all who contributed to the Cottey College Ohio Suite Endowment Fund! To fully fund the \$45,000.00 endowment, we needed to raise \$8,234.00. As of November 30, 2017, we have met and surpassed that goal by a few hundred dollars. Thank you for your support and generosity.

True to our theme, "P.E.O...a Sky Full of Stars!", Cottey College continues to shine bright! Each September, *U.S. News & World Report* publishes its rankings of Best Colleges and Universities. This year, Cottey is ranked #7 among 2018 Best Colleges in the Midwest Region and #3 for Schools with the Largest Proportion of International Students. Cottey is now ranked #2 in the Midwest Region for Lowest Student Debt Load at Graduation and the #2 Best Value School. This latest ranking is based on academic quality and net cost of attendance.

In late October, Cottey College announced that the Joan K. Bradshaw Scholarship would be awarded to Nicole Penick from Clifton, Tennessee.

Cottey's Summer Workshop program for rising juniors and rising seniors is an exciting opportunity that offers students insight into leadership, skill development, and college and career preparation while showcasing everything Cottey has to offer for their future education. In addition to the toolbox of skills that each participant will take home, all

those sisters that attended this year's International Convention, Golden Girls, and Anniversary Chapters! Since I am creating it online, I can use many more pictures than years past in about the same number of pages; but remember, if you don't email (or snail-mail) your pictures, I won't have them! Please send any and all pictures along with programs and informational pamphlets to me no later than March 1, 2018. Thank you.

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students who choose to enroll at Cottey College will be awarded a \$12,000 scholarship for her years at Cottey – that's an automatic \$3,000 annual scholarship! This year's workshop is scheduled for June 17-22, 2018. Registration will open on January 1 with a May 31 deadline. You may find more information at [cottey.edu/workshop](http://cottey.edu/workshop).

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*In October, Grace Chalker and Sue Baker had a wonderful opportunity to visit with Taylor Hill (our Ohio Cottey student) while they were at Cottey College. Taylor expressed worry that she had not been able to write all of the thank you notes to Ohio P.E.O.s for their caring gestures. She was told that everyone would understand her busy academic schedule and a thank you could be posted in the newsletter.*

*Special thanks to all of you from Taylor!!!*

*Notes of encouragement can be sent to Taylor Hill, Reeves Hall, 1000 W. Austin Blvd, Nevada, MO 64772.*



## Educational Loan Fund

Did you know that our oldest P.E.O. philanthropy is the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund? This loan was established in 1907 and has loaned over \$188,000,000 to over 47,000 women. This is an amazing memorial to our Founders that we have been able to financially assist so many women to attain their educational goals.

While many young women are seeking scholarships and grants to help defray the cost of a higher education, this loan can also meet the needs of many. If your chapter isn't talking to women about ELF, it is time to start. It is also worth knowing that a chapter can recommend more than one applicant per year for this loan.

Some highlights of the Educational Loan Fund:

- The maximum loan amount is \$12,000 for associate and bachelor degree programs, \$15,000 for master's degrees, and \$20,000 for doctoral-level degrees.

- A woman is eligible to receive consideration for an ELF loan if she is recommended by a local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood along with other requirements.
- The current rate of interest is 2 percent.

A student must have and maintain the scholastic average required for graduation by the school she attends. A current transcript is required as evidence of satisfactory academic standing before an installment of a loan may be drawn. Reports of academic progress may be required for each note.

All applicants for the ELF program must be sponsored by a local P.E.O. chapter.

Our P.E.O. projects provide a wonderful springboard for women needing financial assistance to help achieve their educational goals. Don't forget to keep ELF in mind when presenting information to potential applicants.

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## Program for Continuing Education

A new online PCE application managed through Community Force went live in June. The application progress icon, the auto-save, and the ability to reopen the recommendation/application for corrections are new features that are beneficial to the local chapter PCE chairmen.

While I am available to answer any questions you may have, I would encourage all PCE chairmen to access the quarterly PCENews, as well as any of the archived PCENews, posted on the International website for helpful information on navigating the application process, finding applicants, and celebrating recipients in the column entitled, "Bright Spot."

Since March 1, 2017, eighteen Ohio chapters have sponsored 20 recipients in the amount of \$44,800! YOU are making a difference! To see how P.E.O.,

and especially PCE, has made a difference in the life of one Ohio woman, consider the life of LaTonya Jackson. LaTonya received a PCE grant in 2011, was initiated into Chapter DV, Ashtabula, in 2014 and shared her story at our Ohio state convention in 2016. From there she spoke at the 2017 Convention of International Chapter. Please watch and share the video of her compelling speech, found on the opening page of the P.E.O. International website. Let's continue to add women like this to our *Sky Full of Stars* who need assistance after an interruption of at least 24 months somewhere in her adult education, and are within 24 months of receiving a degree. They might even make a great sister one day!

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## OHIO Scholarships

As we welcome in the New Year, our committee is looking forward to receiving the applications of the young women your chapters will be sponsoring for 2018-2019. Please know, each of us will read every page of ALL the applications submitted.

The deadline for chapters to complete and submit the online Ohio Scholarships survey has been extended. Please delegate one person from your chapter and ask them to answer this (7) question survey and submit it by January 15th. The link is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/I6dMtoObKzGNYY7K2>.

Let us know if you have trouble with the form.

We are hopeful that you will utilize the information and guidelines made available on Ohiopeo.org as you help your applicants gather and complete the required information. Please remember the following:

- When completing the Summary of Activities sheet, college freshmen may include school/community activities and leadership involvement during her senior year in high school.
- Make sure her GPA is UNweighted. Please verify this BEFORE you mail her application.
- Take time to collate all three (3) copies of the application.

## UN/NR Committee

### A “Different” Phone Every One Campaign for January 21, 2018!

If your chapter has participated in our annual January Phone Every One call-a-thons – you will really enjoy the new and different Phone Every One campaign celebrating Founders’ Day on January 21, 2018. Who are we calling? Our own chapter **nonresident sisters!** On (or about) January 21, 2018, P.E.O. International is asking us to PHONE EVERY ONE of your chapter’s own **nonresident members**. Soon you will see promotional articles for PHONE EVERY ONE in The P.E.O. Record and at [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org). I am sure you want to know how this new and different PHONE EVERY ONE is going to work. It is simple!

On Founders’ Day or some time in January, a sister (or group of sisters!) in your chapter is asked to call each nonresident member on the chapter’s rolls to wish them a happy Founders’ Day. After greeting and reacquainting with your nonresident

- We truly depend on your chapter letter to help us know your applicant and why she is applying for an Ohio Scholarships award. Try your best to make her come “alive”.
- You can sponsor previous applicants again this year and every year as long as she is attending an accredited college/university.
- ALL applications must be postmarked no later than February 15th.

As you consider exceptional students you would like to sponsor, won’t you help us make their educational dreams come true by increasing your chapter’s contribution to the Ohio Scholarships fund? Thank you for your continued support and all the time and energy you share in sponsoring your applicants!

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sister, please confirm her current address, phone number(s) and email address. If updates are needed, please ask your corresponding secretary to make changes in the P.E.O. database using the online Change of Membership (CIM) form found under the QUICK LINKS menu at the very bottom of the [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org) home page. Once your corresponding secretary has logged in using her own member ID number, she then enters the nonresident member’s ID number, and makes any necessary addition or update. If you have questions, we are happy to help.

We know our Ohio chapters are wonderful at being in touch with sisters who have moved away. 2018 will be a perfect time to PHONE EVERY ONE of your chapter’s **nonresident members**. Thank you for the loving concerns expressed to these sisters.

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## Chapter Presidents, Recording Secretaries, and Bylaws Committee Members,

Remember that all chapters' bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies are due by March 10, 2018, to Kylie Smith, OSC Vice President. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check your chapter bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies against the following:

- Read through the **2017 Review of Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules** and cover letter mailed to your chapter president last summer and implement the suggested changes and recommendations.
- Use the Suggested Bylaws posted on the Ohio P.E.O. Website as a guide as well as The Style Guide (found on the P.E.O. International website). Both are excellent resources.

Once the recommended changes have been made:

- Report the changes that were made to the chapter's bylaws at the next business meeting. The new date on the bylaws is the date of the meeting at which you are reporting.
- If you are adding or making changes to your bylaws, standing rules, or policies other than what A&R has recommended, be sure to follow the procedure found in Article V (or VI) of your chapter bylaws.

- The recording secretary then attaches the new bylaws to the minutes of the meeting at which they are read and gives a copy to the president for the President's Book. The recording secretary replaces the previous bylaws in the front of the Recording Secretary's Book. If the chapter's yearbook contains the bylaws, be sure that the yearbook committee has a current copy.
- Please highlight all changes made to your bylaws before submitting them. Various forms of highlighting include the use of a highlighter, different ink color, italics, bold or underlining. If no changes were made, please indicate that at the top of the document.

Your chapter bylaws, standing rules, and chapter policies (even if no changes were made) are due to Kylie Smith, OSC Vice President, by **March 10, 2018**. Please email your bylaws as a Word document ([kyliesmith1978@gmail.com](mailto:kyliesmith1978@gmail.com)). However, mailed copies will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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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.*

- January** Annual Report forms for Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries will be mailed from P.E.O. International to chapter presidents or alternate recipients as reported to International. Please give materials to treasurers and corresponding secretaries ASAP.
- January 21** Celebrate Founders' Day! "Wear your Pin" and "Phone Every One." of your chapter's *nonresident members*
- January 25** Nomination packets due for the office of Secretary, Ohio State Chapter due to Lyn Wilhoite, DB, PSP.
- January 31** Cut-off date for project donations to be included in the Chapter Gifts List to be distributed at convention.
- February 15** Ohio Scholarships applications due to OS Chair, Lyn Allyn, DU.
- March 1** **Presidents**, Your President's Letter is due to Linda Coulles, OSC President; Allyson Allyn, D, History Chairman; and your chapter's nonresident members.
- March 10** **Treasurers**, Annual Reports are due to Nancy Shelton, OSC Treasurer.  
**Corresponding Secretaries**, your Annual Reports are due to Jan Hornack, OSC Secretary.  
**Recording Secretaries**, a copy of your current chapter bylaws and standing rules is due to Kylie Smith, OSC Vice President.
- March 15** **Outgoing Corresponding Secretaries**, please enter the following items on the International P.E.O. website:
- Report of Elections of Officers of Local Chapter
  - Local Chapter Report of Project Chairs
  - State Convention Delegates and Alternates (Chapter delegates will also need to register for convention on the Ohio website)

## Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee

### Chapter Sesquicentennial Celebration Chairmen:

I am looking forward to publicizing how your chapter is celebrating P.E.O.'s 150th anniversary presently and through 2019. Email me your plans (EWedavidson@aol.com). Please write SCC in subject line.

Congratulations to all the chapters and individuals who have donated to the 150 Fund as of November 2017. The following chapters have contributed: D, G, K, Q, Z, AE, AN, AQ, BG, BR, CH, CL, CR, DF, DN, DR, DU, DW, DY, EF, EO, ET, EX, EZ, FA, and FF. The following individuals have contributed: Becky Bartter CQ, Judy Brown DP, Genevieve Burkholder EI, Ann Davidson EW, Brent Lawton (Carol's son), Joanne Spratt DM, and Amy Zeitler EF. Let's make Ohio a top contributor to be recognized in 2019!



### Drum Roll #1:

Pre-sales begin Spring 2018 for a 9x12 Sesquicentennial Celebration Book with pictures and fascinating facts about the histories of each of the state, provincial and district chapters. Reserve your copy early. Watch the Spring 2018 P.E.O. Record and the P.E.O. website for the limited pre-sale discount offer. The books will be available January 2019.

### Drum Roll #2:

In addition, watch for the announcement in the Spring 2018 P.E.O. Record and also online for a Sesquicentennial Celebration Charm that will be available for sale in various metals ranging from \$20-\$500. Let's Celebrate!

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## 2018 Convention of Ohio State Chapter P.E.O. ... a Sky Full of Stars!

June 1-3, 2018

Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, Ohio

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a star-studded weekend of fun activities and educational opportunities with your P.E.O. sisters from all over Ohio.

President Linda Coulles, together with the nine hostess chapters from Toledo, Sandusky and Port Clinton chose the beautiful campus of Bowling Green State University as the site of the convention. The campus offers wonderful facilities including the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, the location for nearly all convention activities, to the nearby Oaks Dining Hall and the Falcon Heights Residence Hall with comfortable and convenient suite-style accommodations.

Whether you can attend the entire convention or come for one special event, such as Saturday's inspiring Projects Luncheon or festive President's Dinner, we are certain you will enjoy your experience. On Friday and Saturday, we will be conducting workshops for all attending P.E.O.s. Convention surveys expressed a desire for information about local chapter programming, fundraising, local chapter officer training and the Ceremony of Initiation. The workshops will focus on these topics. We have lots of good ideas for you!

The Time of Remembrance will take place on Friday evening, following the opening business session. The Projects Luncheon and President's Banquet are both on Saturday. The Projects and Sales Rooms will be open Friday afternoon and Saturday.

Registration will be handled online again this year and all information will be available at [www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org) in early March. You will be able to visit the website to get convention details and register for one event or for the entire convention as a delegate, visitor or guest.

Come for a day, come for an evening or come for the weekend! Please plan to join us this June for the **91st Convention of Ohio State Chapter**. For a sneak preview, view the invitation video on [www.ohio.peo.org](http://www.ohio.peo.org) at 2018 State Convention.

Love in P.E.O.,  
Chapters E, I, S, AG, AI, AL, AQ, BE, BN

Claire Ackerman, I and  
Sue Hamen, AG, 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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All questions must be received no later than May 1, 2018. The Organizer may contact you if clarification is needed. Thank you.

### Introducing P.E.O. to Sunbury!

Our *Sky Full of Stars* is glowing as we begin the introduction of P.E.O. in Sunbury, Ohio! Let us know if you have any friends or family in the area with whom we could share the gift of P.E.O. We're setting up informational social outings to spread the word and get to know potential sisters from the Sunbury, Delaware, Galena and the surrounding area. Questions? Contact Marty Billing, Organizer, Ohio State Chapter at [mbillingPEO@gmail.com](mailto:mbillingPEO@gmail.com) or 937-390-1248.

## A Special Thank You from Sue Baker

My dear Ohio Sisters - I wish that there was a way that I could write a personal note to each and every one of you; however, since that probably will not happen, I decided to write a message to express the blessings I feel from your presence in my life. I am so grateful for all who were in attendance at Convention in Charlotte and for so many who were not able to be there but expressed support through lovely cards and messages. It was a wonderful time and I was most appreciative of the support and love that I felt each time I saw an Ohio sister. Your vocal performance at the time of my election made me so happy and proud, as you were such a presence in your matching white "Vive la Sue" shirts. Thank you, Grace Chalker and Joan Lawrence for leading the effort! Hope you all saw the photo in the November-December issue of The P.E.O. Record, page 27.

At the state dinner, I was blown away by the amount that was announced in the Sue Baker Fund in the P.E.O. Foundation ~ thank you so much for your generosity. The gift of a music composition

commissioned by Mary McDonald was absolutely the most amazing gift I could ever imagine. I look forward to working with her as she creates a masterpiece for presentation at 2019 Convention of International Convention in Des Moines. If you are not familiar with Mary's work, google her and view "Be Still" – it will capture your heart. Thank you, thank you! The flowers delivered to my hotel room were delightful and a constant reminder of your encouragement and support.

For those of you in attendance at my "Incoming President's" reception – thank you. All of the planning and logistics by our Ohio PSPs were flawless; it could not have been more perfect! My sincere gratitude for this memorable event.

Wishing you many blessings in the new year.

P.E.O. love,

Sue



### 2017 Convention of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood September 28-30, 2017 ~ Charlotte, North Carolina



*Ohio State Chapter Delegation*



*Sue Baker, EE/Warren, PSP  
Installed as International President*



*La Tonya Jackson, DV/Ashtabula  
Program for Continuing Education Speaker*



*Parade of Flags with  
OSC President Linda Coulles  
and OSC VP Kylie Smith*