

# Heartline

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## Ohio State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood

### Heartline Instructions

Notes to Chapter President:

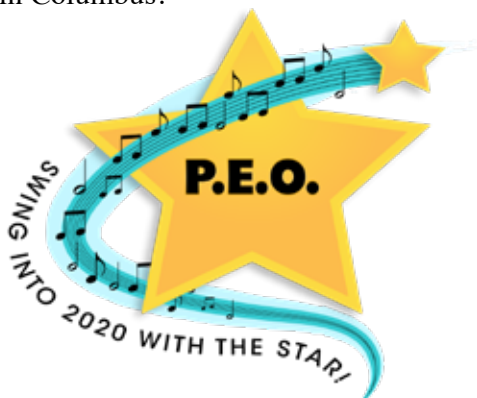
1. Please have the Corresponding Secretary read the President's letter at the meeting following receipt of the Heartline.
  2. Copy the Project and Membership Committee articles for each chairman - to be read as soon as possible and filed.
  3. Give the officer-specific information to the appropriate 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,

Summertime has certainly been busy and fun for our sisters throughout Ohio. Sisters have shared with us, through various social media, many exciting activities, and I hope that many more of you will continue to share via our Ohio P.E.O. Facebook page. Chapters have initiated new sisters, made *Lighting tomorrow with today!* delegate reports, produced 2019-2020 chapter yearbooks, interviewed project applicants, and invited guests to social gatherings. In June, officers of the Executive Board and members of the Membership Committee participated in a Regional Membership Development workshop in Columbus that was conducted by Rita Briggs, P.E.O. International's representative to our state.

**In July**, Organizer Jan Hornack and I attended LEAD Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. What an exciting time we had as we prepared for the upcoming Convention of International Chapter! We also received lots of training and comradery with the International Executive Board and representatives from each S/P/Ds (State, Provincial and Districts) in attendance. **In August**, Ohio reciprocity officers, state standing committee members, and project committee members met with officers of the Executive Board for the annual Family Leadership Meeting in Columbus!



As we begin our 2019-2020 program year, keep your eye on our star and its message as you prepare to **SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!** It is exciting to see that so many of you have already begun your work of accomplishing the goals that I set forth during my incoming remarks at State Convention:

- 2 new initiates in each chapter
- 0 inactives in each chapter
- 2 guests invited by each sister to swinging socials, programs, events, followed by an invitation to join
- 0 zero thinking that you do not have the qualities to LEAD your chapter and be actively involved

Get your dancing shoes on and let's **SWING** to the music as we achieve our goals together!

Love in P.E.O.,

Marty Billing

\*Please read the article in this issue with important information regarding the Convention of International Chapter (Sept 12-14).

\*Your chapter will soon receive an email from your board contact with information, nomination forms, and a cover letter to be read at your meeting from the Nominating Committee, Ohio State Chapter. Do you have a chapter sister you would like to nominate for service on the executive board?

\*Check [www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org) for updates that will help you lead your chapter this year. Please send photos of your chapter's swinging activities. I look forward to posting them on the site.



The final steps are leading us home to the 74th Convention of International Chapter, September 12-14, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa. Currently, 159 Ohio sisters and BILs have registered for this homecoming convention! With this strong attendance, Ohio P.E.O.s will make their voices heard as we celebrate and congratulate our own Sue Baker, the president of International Chapter! We are traveling by plane and car to convention in Des Moines. We look forward to your arrival. Not traveling to the convention? Be there on opening night through the magic of live-video streaming!! Visit [convention.peointernational.org](http://convention.peointernational.org) before 7:30 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, September 12 to make sure you are ready when the livestream begins. You'll see a graphic in the upper right hand corner of the website that you click on to watch the program. Plan a viewing party with your chapter, a group of sisters, BILs, or with your family in the comfort of your own home. What a wonderful way to celebrate and share the story of P.E.O. and the impact the Sisterhood has on the advancement of women! **Convention Blog** can be found on the International website under events, Convention of International Chapter. Follow the blog for updates during the week of the 2019 Convention of International Chapter.

## PRESERVE YOUR SESQUICENTENNIAL RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS

Our P.E.O. Sesquicentennial celebration began in 2016. Chapters continue to celebrate P.E.O.'s 150th anniversary during our International Convention this September in Des Moines and culminating on January 21, 2020, Founders' Day. What should you do with all of your chapter SCC programs and research that have accumulated in these three years? Time and effort has been put into the Sesquicentennial research and is a part of your chapter's history and should be preserved for present and future members. Plan to have a committee review all chapter materials and decide what will be saved and added to past chapter historical documents and scrapbooks. A separate document or booklet highlighting your chapter's Sesquicentennial programs

## Historian's Notes

Ninety-two years ago, the nine (9) chapters that existed in our state at that time, gathered in Loveland, Ohio, for the Ohio Convocation. It was there -- in the home of John W. & Bessie Lee -- surrounded by delegates and visiting P.E.O. dignitaries, that the Ohio State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood was organized.



Here's how Chapter A's 1927 Secretary, Edith M. Brock, described the setting: *On Monday afternoon, September 5th, Chapter A of Ohio P.E.O. met at the home of Mrs. Julia Coleman to welcome to Convocation the delegates and sisters arriving from the other chapters (8) throughout the State. Greetings and introductions were followed by registration at the desk where Mrs. Louise Vandervort presided and where she presented each member with a white and yellow badge bearing their name, and a Convocation program. Her daughter, Mildred, had charge of the punch bowl and sent all away refreshed. Shortly after two o'clock the local members and their guests motored out to the Mrs. Bessie Lee's beautiful country home to the opening session of the Convocation. It was later that afternoon that Mrs. Julia Coleman, State Organizer, moved that a State Chapter be formed. The rest, as they say, is history.*

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and events could be compiled. (Several chapters are creating a time capsule where photos, documents, and programs will be saved and opened on future chapter anniversaries).

Please document in your chapter bylaws/policies who the current keeper of all historical memorabilia is, whether the historian, the president or other designated person. Review materials every few years so that they are not forgotten or hidden away in a box in the back of a member's closet. As your chapter plans your yearly programs and events, look ahead for future celebrations of significant dates in your chapter. Happy Celebrating!

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Cottey College continues to be a bright shining star as it climbs in college rankings again in 2019. Cottey ranked number two in the College Consensus 2019 list of Best Regional Colleges–Midwest.

Cottey also ranked fourth in the nation among women's colleges and 18th among small colleges nationwide. Way to go Cottey!!!!

Chapters are encouraged to continue to watch for and identify prospective students. Introducing girls to Cottey is the first and most important step we can take to continue the legacy of Cottey. Getting prospective students to visit Cottey is usually the clincher. Since Cottey has so much to offer, the school can pretty much sell itself. Cottey has a lot of changes coming up this year. The "C" for Yourself (CFY) weekend is being revamped. While participants can still spend the night Friday and Saturday, activities will only be held on Saturday. Mark your calendars now for October 19th and April 25th. In addition, a new weekend for girls who have been accepted but who haven't yet committed is being introduced. Details on both are still in the



## P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.* Nelson Mandela

Peace in the world and an education have long been connected by revolutionaries around the world. P.E.O. created our very own world-changing scholarship with the conception of the International Peace Scholarship (IPS) in 1949. IPS was created to help women from around the world achieve their educational goals with the aim to return home with their advanced degrees and use their education to make the world a better place.

How can you help change the world? Share more about IPS with your local chapter and community:

- Spread the Word! Share IPS information and requirements with local universities that offer advanced degrees
- Take a Minute! The P.E.O. International website shares the experiences of scholarship recipients every other month. It takes "only a minute" to share this with your local chapter at meetings and

works and more information will be available in the next few weeks on the Cottey website: [www.cottey.edu/visit](http://www.cottey.edu/visit). You can also stay connected to Cottey news and updates by subscribing to the "WeAreCottey" blog. You can find the link at [www.wearecottey.com](http://www.wearecottey.com). Just click on the "Subscribe" button and stay up-to-date on everything Cottey.

Much like this year's theme, students are getting ready to swing into the 2019-2020 Cottey College school year. Among those students is Ohio's Cottey student, Taylor Hill. Please continue to offer her encouragement through your cards and care packages. A finalized list of Ohio Cottey students, including those in the Ohio suite, will be distributed to reciprocity groups and posted on the Ohio P.E.O. website as soon as it becomes available. Chapters are encouraged to send cards and good wishes. The committee wishes to thank you for your continued support of Cottey College and our Ohio Cottey students.

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it's so exciting and humbling to hear what these young women have to say.

- Moments for Peace! Also available on the website, a document of names and bios of our scholarship recipients. This gives more information and background, in addition to some words from some of the women. This document is added annually.
- Partners in Peace! Lastly, YOU can become a Partner in Peace. A minimum donation of \$500 to the IPS Fund and completed Partners in Peace form (found on the International website) should be submitted by March 1st. Your local chapter will be matched with an IPS recipient that you can get to know a little better.

I encourage your local chapter IPS chairman to check the website regularly. Let's SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR! and our hopes for peace and a good education for all!

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## Scholar Awards

“Women Helping Women Reach for the Stars.” That tagline certainly describes P.E.O. in general and is especially appropriate for the P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA). These highly competitive, merit-based awards are given to women reaching for that ultimate of stars, a doctoral level degree.

Earlier this year it was announced that in celebration of P.E.O.’s 150th anniversary, awards of \$15,000 would be given to 150 very deserving women. Of those, six went to women nominated by Ohio chapters. It’s time to continue this process for 2020 awards!

Eligibility requirements are easily found on the P.E.O. website and include the applicant being a U.S. citizen and within two years of her graduation at an accredited college or university. Chapters submit an on-line nomination and a chapter letter between August 20 and November 20. The nominee then completes her part of the application and awards will be announced by May 1, 2020.



## STAR Scholarship

### SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!

Go find your candidate now! When interviewing her, refer to the questions which replace the chapter’s letter of recommendation. They are posted on the P.E.O. International website STAR project page under TEXT BOX QUESTIONS. Formulate interview questions using them to illuminate your applicant’s brilliance to the selection committee. The on-line application is open September 1st to midnight November 1st for your chapter to start the process. Your applicant has 30 days from the day her confirmation email is sent from International to complete the application process. Remember, you CANNOT use Microsoft Edge or Explorer web browsers to do the application. I am here for you and will gladly talk you through the on-line process! Additionally, please ask your chapter’s applicant to email you a digital portrait head and shoulder shot or take your own. Try to put together a brief bio with

Keep your eyes and ears open for an outstanding candidate. Ask around. There are definitely women in Ohio who would benefit from some financial assistance as they reach for their own personal stars.

Local chapters can reach for their own stars by achieving Laureate Chapter designation. If a chapter successfully nominates a PSA recipient, the Chapter automatically becomes a Laureate Chapter for that year. Any chapter making a lump sum contribution of at least \$500 to the P.E.O. Scholar Awards by January 31 to the Ohio State Treasurer also earns this designation and will be paired with one of the PSA award recipients. It’s a wonderful way to get to know one of these outstanding women and offer her P.E.O. love and support through correspondence, phone calls, or visits. Make the Scholar Awards personal for your chapter by earning the Laureate Chapter recognition. Perhaps make it a goal of your fund-raising efforts this year.

Remember that our Ohio President, Marty Billing, has chosen SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR! as her theme for this year. Let’s swing into 2020 with even more P.E.O. Scholar Award recipients from Ohio and more chapters earning the Laureate Chapter designation.

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school and career goals as well. That way, when she is named a recipient, you will be ready to send it to me in the spring so she can swing with her fellow recipients on the project display at State Convention next May.

Do you want to have a named scholarship? Contribute \$2500 by December 1st. Use the chapter transmittal form and fill in the honoree’s name not only in the honoree section but also on the line for the STAR gift. If you let me know, I can assist you in confirming that your sister receives this honor. And finally, your chapter can be designated a STAR Constellation chapter by contributing \$500 to the STAR project by Jan 31st.

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## OHIO Scholarships

We had a record number of applicants for the 2019-2020 academic year and were pleased to award 121 Ohio Scholarships totaling \$88,970. Congratulations to the recipients and sponsoring chapters!

Good news! This year, the P.E.O. Foundation has streamlined the process and is now accepting a fall schedule for the recipient's confirmation of enrollment. Please remind your students to complete their Confirmation of Enrollment form if they have not already done so.

The application process for the 2020-2021 academic year has changed slightly this year. Updated forms and instructions are posted on the Ohio P.E.O. website. In the coming weeks, a PowerPoint presentation will be posted to help guide chapters through the application process. This can also be used for a chapter meeting program.

## UN/NR Committee

With the end of summer, arrival of fall and International Convention capturing all of our attention, it is very difficult to think ahead to winter and 2020. But January 21, 2020, Founders' Day, is just around the corner. Once again, P.E.O. International will be asking us to Phone Every One of our Unaffiliate sisters. How can you help to get ready?

First, please ask your Corresponding Secretary to be sure the telephone number for each of your chapter's nonresident sisters is updated and correct. If you have nonresident sisters who have health or other concerns and do not want to be contacted by phone, there is a place for your Corresponding Secretary to note that at [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org).

Second, please have your President watch for an envelope in the US Mail in early January, with instructions for the calls your chapter will be asked to make.

Remember the application deadline for 2020-2021 is February 1st. The application packet must be typed and can be submitted electronically or mailed. If you are mailing the application packet, please send only the original, no copies are needed.

Finally, when deciding where to distribute your ways-and-means funds, don't forget Ohio Scholarships! The chapters in the state of Ohio are the primary source of funds for our scholarship. Through your generous donations and support to nominate women, let's SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!

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Third, on or around Founders' Day, have a friendly sister make some calls! It does not have to be a call requesting someone to attend a meeting or transfer to your chapter. It can simply be a call offering sisterly greetings. Phone Every One is about reaching out to sisters who do not have much contact with a chapter or other sisters. We are just expressing our loving concerns for them.

Fourth, let me know if you were able to make a call and how it went. We are keeping track of participation by our Ohio chapters, so sending me an email with your results is just fine. Or you can call me! I always love to hear your stories. Get ready to **SWING INTO 2020 with Phone Every One!**

Love, Jeanne

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## Membership Committee

This time of year always brings with it a great anticipation of the beginning of our P.E.O. program year with a time for gathering and working to meet chapter, state and International goals of the year as we SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!

The Executive Board of the Ohio State Chapter has challenged themselves and you to work towards positive net growth in Ohio and to raise awareness of P.E.O. among our members and the public. Invite someone to join, counsel them well and nurture them to insure P.E.O. is meaningful to them. Just try to imagine what our Ohio P.E.O. membership would look like in March 2020 if each of us accomplish the goal of "Each one, bring one." Share your P.E.O. story of your successes with friends and associates and send a story of interest to the P.E.O. Record and/or to social media. Our initiations this past year showed an increase of 208, but our reinstatements were down by 19 for the year. Already this year, we have initiated 97 new sisters and reinstated 7! We challenge you to increase your initiations and reinstatements each by two. Chapters that meet this goal will be recognized at Convention.

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### New Chapter

We are SWINGING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR! as we are working toward organizing an evening chapter in the northern Summit/southeast Cuyahoga county area. Momentum is building as there have been two meetings already in July, with two more scheduled in August. If you are interested in an evening chapter in or around Hudson, OH, or know someone (active, inactive or new member) who might be interested, please contact Jan Hornack, Ohio State Organizer at [jan.hornack.peo@gmail.com](mailto:jan.hornack.peo@gmail.com) or 440-442-5631.

### Reminder: Fall Membership Workshop for Southwest Quadrant Chapters

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**Mason United Methodist Church**

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Mason, OH 45040

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**Morning Social Time: 9:30 am**

**Session: 10:00 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 Social Time 1:00 p.m.**

**Session: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

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

## Amendments & Recommendations

### Greetings from the Amendments and Recommendations Committee!

Did you receive the 2019 review of your chapter bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies and instructional cover letters that were mailed to each chapter president this summer? If not, please contact one of us right away. If you did receive the information, please make sure your bylaws chairman gets it so that she may propose the changes needed to the chapter for a vote. The Amendments and Recommendations Committee thank you all for doing your due diligence with the documents!

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## The 92nd Convention of the Ohio State Chapter

