

## 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,

Fall is just around the corner, and with it comes the beautiful change in leaf colors! With each season, Mother Nature continues to surprise us with changes to our climate, and we adapt as needed. Covid-19 has affected every human being on this planet

for the past six months, but your state officers have continued to adapt and plan for a productive P.E.O. year. I am pleased to report that the annual Leadership Meeting for all state chairmen and committees was held August 22, not in person this year, but via Zoom. Official Visits in the Southwest Quadrant and the Membership Workshop in the Northwest Quadrant will be held this fall - all via Zoom! Not meeting in person or greeting our sisters with a hug is something that will be missed, but we will continue to connect with you even if it is virtually!

A very welcomed change is the reopening of chapter meetings! The dedicated and committed sisters of the Executive Board of International Chapter have worked tirelessly to adjust our P.E.O. procedures and formats to ensure the safety of each sister while we continue to conduct P.E.O. business. Our meetings may take on a different style, but *the mission and loving concern of our Sisterhood will NOT change.*

Even though International Chapter has given us the option for in-person meetings, we still need to adhere to the state and your local county mandates and guidelines. Please see page 2 for the applicable



Ohio restrictions for mass gatherings per the July 30, 2020 news release from Governor DeWine, as found on the [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) website. Based on this information, please use your best judgment while planning your meetings and gatherings.

Our Sisterhood has thrived for more than 150 years on the virtues of Purity, Justice, Faith, Truth and Love. In light of our current situation, there are four more virtues that will help us through this unprecedented time: Patience...Flexibility...Creativity...Resilience. In my incoming remarks as state president in May (not knowing just how important it would be!), I said now is the time to dream about changes, make your plans, and make them happen. You may feel like you are "building the plane as you fly it," but let us make this CHANGE a positive and valuable experience. I also challenged each member to set and meet two goals of personal growth and participation. What a perfect time to do just that! As you continue to stay safe and stay connected, I ask you to exhibit those nine virtues, be adventuresome, and let us see where *Dream and Take Flight* will take us!

With P.E.O. love,

*Nancy*

### Items to note:

- ★ Do you have a fundraiser that you can post on The Market Place on our Ohio website? Send information to Nancy Shelton, President. Please visit the site and help support our Ohio Chapters!
- ★ Is there a sister you would like to nominate for service on the executive board? Nomination forms and information will be sent to your chapter next month.
- ★ Exciting news about Cottey College! See the Cottey CONNECT announcement in this issue.



## 2020 End of the Year Wrap-up

The 2020 End of the Year meeting was conducted by President, Marty Billing, AZ, on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Due to COVID-19, all 2020 conventions were cancelled at their scheduled venues. However, the Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter was able to share our closing of the year with approximately 75 attendees through the wonders of a Zoom meeting. Marty's 2019-2020 End of the Year Report will be posted on the Ohio State Chapter website, [www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org) for all of our sisters to view when it is completed. Included in the report, you will find everything that pertains to our 2019-2020 P.E.O. year except the actual agenda and minutes of a convened convention. Please take the time to read about all of the accomplishments of our Ohio executive board, state committees and local chapters. We are forever grateful for the 2020 Hostess Chapters AC, AP, AW, BB, CE, CP, CX, DF, EI, EM, ER led by Chairman, Bette Maier, BB, and Cochairman, Barbara Tatka, AW. Thank you to each of the hostess chapter sisters for all of your hard work and dedication during the last four years.

## OHIO'S MASS GATHERING ORDER

Mass gatherings in Ohio remain limited to 10 people.

- Gatherings at a household or family residence should be limited to close friends and family and are recommended to be 10 visitors or less.
- Residents in a red or purple county, as designated by the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, should limit hosting or attending gatherings of any size.
- Wear a mask at all times at gatherings and maintain physical distance.
- High-risk individuals should take extra precautions to limit the number of people they interact with.
- Make the group of people you interact with most often as small as possible and make sure that they are taking appropriate COVID-19 precautions – even if you are just gathering with family friends or neighbors at your home.



## Amendments and Recommendations Committee

Hello from your A & R (Amendments & Recommendations) Committee. We're hoping you've all received the 2020 review of your chapter bylaws, standing rules, and policies with the instructional cover letter that were mailed to you in early August. *(If not, please let one of us know!)*

Bylaws and standing rules may not elicit shrieks of joy, but they **are** what keep our P.E.O. chapters current and compatible with all other chapters. Your policies define your chapter's personality and create your history. . . PLUS the Ohio State Chapter has given you a "cheat sheet." Check out the Sample Bylaws on the Ohio P.E.O. website and check the number of meetings, dues, reciprocity dues if applicable, standing committees, and policies on **your** chapter's bylaws for accuracy. The website even gives you samples of wording and policy suggestions. Maybe your bylaws committee would like to suggest some changes or updates. If so, your chapter will have time to vote on these before the **March 10, 2021** due date.

One more reminder – chapters wishing to propose an amendment to the Ohio State Chapter Bylaws & Standing Rules must submit proposed amendments in writing to the chairman by December 31, 2020. You should have received a letter regarding this in the September 1st Board Contact Letter.

If you don't procrastinate, you'll FLY through this. If your flight is bumpy, call one of us, and we'll help you navigate.

We're excited about working with all of you!

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## Scholar Awards

In 2008, Johanna Schneider was a P.E.O. Scholar Award winner. In 2020, Dr. Schneider is working at the National Institute of Health with Dr. Anthony Fauci and is on the team that wrote the COVID-19 Strategic Plan.

When local chapters nominate a woman for the Scholar Award (PSA), they can never accurately predict how far she will go in her chosen career. But chapters recognize excellence when they see it! A local chapter that sponsors a deserving PSA candidate helps her ***Dream and Take Flight***. Find your outstanding candidate by contacting university graduate offices, listening to conversations about exemplary daughters, granddaughters, nieces or neighbors, or following up with women who initiate contact with P.E.O. and are referred to your chapter.

Eligibility requirements are on the P.E.O. website. Components of the application process include a chapter interview with the prospective candidate, checking that the candidate answers all questions on the application, and gathering information that makes the nomination letter reflect the personality and passion of the candidate. See P.E.O. *Tips for Writing a PSA Nomination Letter*.

Chapters may submit a nomination between August 20 - November 20, 2020. This year the stakes are higher than ever! There will again be 100 women selected and the award is now \$20,000. The monetary increase has been made possible by additional donations to PSA. Ohio Laureate Chapters (those who donate at least \$500) increased from 21 chapters a year ago to 42 chapters in 2019-20!

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of women. Let's find some special ones and help them ***Dream and Take Flight***.

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## P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship

Carl Sandburg, American poet, once said, “Nothing happens unless first a dream.” P.E.O. created our very own dream-making and world-changing scholarship with the creation of the International Peace Scholarship (IPS) in 1949. IPS was created to help women from around the world to follow their dreams and take flight in the achievement of their educational goals. These women aim to return to their home and use their education and advanced degrees to make the world a better place. Since 1949, IPS has awarded scholarships to 6,240 women from 178 different countries totaling over 42 million dollars.

How can you help these women take flight and make their dreams a reality? 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 only “takes a minute” to share this with your local chapter at meetings and it’s so exciting and humbling to hear what these young women have to say.
- Moment for Peace! Also available on the website, this is 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 to your state treasurer by January 31st. 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 ***Dream and Take Flight*** in action to help women all around the world!

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## STAR Scholarship

Now is the time to start searching for your STAR candidates! Chapter recommendation forms must be submitted by OCTOBER 15! While it is a challenging time to navigate because of limitations imposed due to the global pandemic, there are students shining brightly through it all. Get creative in searching for your candidates and then take the time to get to know them using Zoom, Skype, or Google Duo!

If you are having trouble making connections this year, consider reaching out to previous nominees or recipients to see if they have recommendations of candidates. Other ideas for finding your ideal candidate include reaching out to community leaders, local churches, Girl Scout troops, United Way, or other community service organizations. You can also reach out to high school guidance counselors. While schools may not be in session in person, they are still connecting with their students and can recommend worthy applicants. Last year there were 2,282 applications submitted with a total of 880 recipients selected. This brings the total number of recipients to 5,214 over the past twelve years. The total amount awarded thus far is \$13,035,000!

Remember that your chapter can donate \$2,500 for a Named STAR Scholarship. The funds designated for this must be received by the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines by December 1st. On the transmittal form, have your treasurer note that the funds are for a named scholarship and the name of the person being honored or remembered. Also, don’t forget the deadline of January 31, 2021 for the \$500 STAR Constellation donations. Last year there were 1,068 local chapters that became STAR Constellation contributors!

We look forward to seeing Ohio’s upcoming STARS in 2021!

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True to Nancy's theme . . .  
***Dream and Take Flight*** . . .  
 is what students experience  
 at Cottey College. Cottey  
 was recently listed number  
 1 Nationally in Student/  
 Tenured Faculty Ratio. Over  
 90% of faculty hold Doctoral  
 Degrees. The current student to advisor ratio is 8:1.  
 This year Cottey College has added a Stock Trading  
 lab and an Esports Team. Cottey was also given  
 \$13,000 by the NFL to start a Flag Football Program  
 in the spring. Recently, Cottey broke ground on a  
 new Student Life Center which will house the chapel,  
 bookstore and Chellie Club under one roof.



Ohio is excited as we have a few more students at  
 Cottey than in the past. Taylor Hill will be a senior  
 this year. The official list of students will be available  
 after Labor Day and we will get those students with  
 their contact information listed on the website as soon  
 as possible.

Please continue to offer these students encouragement  
 with cards, Cottey Cash and Care packages. You can  
 stay connected to COTTEY NEWS by subscribing  
 to the "WeAreCottey" blog. It is available at [www.  
 wearecottey.com](http://www.wearecottey.com).

When introducing girls to Cottey, the first step is  
 getting girls to visit Cottey, even if that is done  
 virtually. In the past, this has been with an in-person  
 "C" for Yourself Weekend. Due to the pandemic, this  
 kind of visit will be virtual this year. Stay tuned for  
 how to access these events.

Thank you for your continued support of Cottey and  
 our Ohio Cottey students. Keep a lookout for high  
 school girls in your community who are looking for  
 a college. No one is better than a P.E.O. to recruit for  
 Cottey College.

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### Cottey CONNECT Initiative

Thanks to gifts from many alumnae,  
 P.E.O.s and BILs to the CONNECT  
 initiative there is much to celebrate at  
 Cottey College. We have met our first  
 goal and raised the funds to break ground  
 on the **Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for  
 Campus Life!**

Groundbreaking took place on August 18  
 with the dedication scheduled for March  
 27, 2021, during Founder's festivities and  
 on the birthdate of Virginia Alice Cottey.

But . . . there is work to do and we need  
 your help. We have the funds to **create**  
 the student center, but we still need to  
 raise \$300,000 in endowment funds to  
**maintain** this beautiful new facility.

Contact Sherri Taylor, vice president of  
 institutional advancement, to learn more  
 about this project at (417) 667-8181 ext.  
 2120 or email her at [staylor@cottey.edu](mailto:staylor@cottey.edu).

You also may make a gift immediately  
 online, or mail a check to Cottey College,  
 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772.

### Meetings Resume for New Evening Chapter in Hudson

In September regular meetings will  
 be starting again for the new evening  
 chapter in the Hudson area. The P.E.O.  
 stars are shining brightly for a new  
 chapter organization in the Spring of  
 2021. If you know of any member –  
 active, inactive or new – in the Hudson  
 area that would be interested in joining  
 please contact Jane Koch, Ohio  
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## UN/NR Committee

### A funny thing happened on the way to my P.E.O. Meeting . . .

It became virtual! In this new world, we are all learning new technology and ways to keep in touch with our sisters. Let's not forget about our unaffiliated sisters! Over the past two months, each Reciprocity and Chapter President has been provided with a list of unaffiliated sisters and recommended women in their respective areas. Please take a few minutes to review these lists within your Chapters and Reciprocities and provide me with any updates. I'll be sure to include your information and keep our records as accurate as possible.

Also, now is the time to start your planning for Phone Every One! This event, which is sponsored by P.E.O. International, coincides with Founders' Day on January 21st of each year. What do you need? Simple – a caring desire to reach out to each and every one of our unaffiliated sisters! Wish her a Happy Founders' Day, invite her to attend a meeting (in whichever format your chapter is using), or just ask her how she is doing. She may enjoy having the opportunity to hear how P.E.O. has adapted in recent months, and maybe decide to see for herself. Remember – just one call from you could encourage an unaffiliated sister to *Dream and Take Flight!*

Detailed instructions for Phone Every One will be sent to each chapter via U.S. Mail in early January. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

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### Did You Know??

There are many opportunities to serve at the state level for Ohio P.E.O. To let us know of your interest, please send the Information and Interest Survey which can be found on the home page of the Ohio State website ([www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org)) under What's New to Jan Hornack.



## Scholarships

### A TIME TO DREAM...

Calling all dreamers to apply! The Ohio Scholarships application material is on the state website. You know the drill – go to it, chapters! If your chapter is new to supporting a candidate, please visit [www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org), go to the Projects tab, then down to Ohio Scholarships. There are four forms essential to the process. Two additional forms are helpful resources. We had 73 chapters sponsor applicants last year. We are dreaming for more chapters to be involved this year.

Calling all dreamers for funds! The award monies for Ohio Scholarships come from Ohio only. We know this is a critical year with Covid-19 limiting our fundraising. We know we need to support our six outstanding international scholarships. It will be critical to remember Ohio Scholarships needs our funding as well. The more funds we have, the more awards we may be able to give. (We awarded \$98,465 this spring!) From 2016 through 2020 the amount of awarded OS funds has increased yearly. We are dreaming for this trend to continue.

Calling all dreamers to be realists, too! “Visionaries can teach us to dream. Realists can teach us to accomplish.”\* There are realities that need to be addressed. **We are unable to extend the deadline**, so early submission is strongly encouraged for both electronic and mailed submissions. There have been unfortunate complications with applications mailed via USPS. Mailed applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1. The committee must receive packets by Feb. 8. That allows USPS one full week to complete its job. A notification of receipt is sent to chapters when applications (both electronic and mailed) arrive. For mailed applications, call the OS chairman within 10 days if you have not received confirmation of receipt.

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\*Dayspring Daily  
Inspiration,  
August 5, 2006.

## Membership Committee

This time of year always brings with it great anticipation of the beginning of our P.E.O. program year. But because we have been in a holding pattern since mid-March, not able to conduct meetings or initiate new sisters, the anticipation this September is shaded with anxiety – and new vocabulary - Covid-19, self-quarantine, social distancing, PPE, as well as Zoom, virtual and hybrid.

But what hasn't changed are our values of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth and the loving concern we have for our sisters at all times and under all circumstances. Especially now, it is important for us to ensure that all of our members feel valued and included regardless of their participation level. We must remind them how important their membership is in supporting the mission of our Sisterhood.

Cascading from International Chapter to Ohio State Chapter to the local chapters, the 2019-2021 Membership Goals place emphasis on “strengthening the sisterhood connection by decreasing the number of inactive members” and “engaging our non-participating members.” Because the pandemic emergency is making it difficult, if not impossible, to have the in-person contact by which we thrive, we need to look for other ways to maintain our connections. We can go “old school” by sending personal notes and we can go “new school” by using technology to enjoy virtual visits. The Membership Committee *Hot Spots* are posted on [www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org) and offer ideas and resources to assist our local chapters in their membership outreach.



If your chapter has had a special celebration or outside-the-box event, please share it with the Membership Committee so that we may share it with the other chapters in our state and beyond.

In keeping with the challenges presented to us by President Nancy Shelton, let's **DREAM** of the best for P.E.O. and work together to see that our dreams **TAKE FLIGHT!**

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## FALL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR NORTHWEST QUADRANT CHAPTERS

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

Zoom Meeting in the Comfort of Your Own Home

**AM Session: I, O, T, AA, AG, AL, AQ, AS, BN, BO, DM, DN, EJ, FG**

**Social Time: 9:30 – 10:00 AM**

**Workshop: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**PM Session: E, S, AI, AP, AT, AY, BE, BP, CJ, DF, DT, ER, FJ**

**Social Time: 1:00 – 1:30 PM**

**Workshop: 1:30 -3:30 PM**

Please contact Patty Jankowski, BN, Northwest QMR or Linda Coulles, CH, PSP, Membership Committee Chairman with questions. Contact information above.

## Historian's Notes

History was definitely made last month as P.E.O. Ohio State Chapter Executive Board and State Committees held their annual Leadership Meeting over Zoom video conference instead of gathering in person.

As you can see, the meeting was very well-attended, and your Ohio State Chapter leadership team enjoyed connecting with each other and catching the vision for our upcoming year.

In an effort to comply with orders from the state of Ohio and from P.E.O International, our in-person gatherings of any kind – from membership meetings to luncheons to our annual Ohio State Convention – have not taken place since March. We sure do miss seeing our sisters face-to-face in real life, and chapters are being very creative in how they continue to show a loving concern for each sister in socially distanced ways!

If you'd like to relive the times when we were gathering together, please take a look at the photo book from 2019-2020. The book can be viewed (and ordered, if you'd like) from Shutterfly: <http://bit.ly/PEO2019-2020>.

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### ★ IN MEMORIAM:

The Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter is saddened to announce the death of Past State President **Mary Helen Wegmann**, P\KY (CQ\OH). Mary Helen entered Chapter Eternal on April 1, 2020. A P.E.O. for 76 years, Mary Helen served as state president, 1969-1970, with the theme *The Bridges of Life*.



### ★ IN MEMORIAM:

The Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter is saddened to announce the death of Past State President **Marjorie G. McQueary**, A\CT (EOH). Marjorie entered Chapter Eternal on April 11, 2020. A P.E.O. for 76 years, Marjorie served as state president, 1979-1980, with the theme *Express a Loving Concern*.

