

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,

Spring is right around the corner! We will be awakened by the sounds of birds trilling as they return to our neighborhoods, building and growing their little families. It is also a time for our P.E.O. Sisterhood to begin a new year sharing our mission with others and continuing to build and grow.

The Executive Board sends our gratitude to each of our sisters who shared your leadership skills with your chapter sisters by serving as a local chapter officer and committee member during this past year. Congratulations to those of you who believe that you have the qualities to LEAD your chapter and are excitedly ready to continue to accept the challenge or take on a new office. Please know that you have our support. Remember to get together and hold an officer transition meeting to share your knowledge and pass along supplies. The Executive Board is looking forward to getting together with the sisters in the Northeast Quadrant on April 4, 2020 to enhance their officer skills during LCOAW.

During March, we look forward to receiving your local chapter Annual Reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer by the March 10 deadline. Don't forget to remind your outgoing Corresponding Secretary to enter the Report of Elections of Officers, Committee and Project Chairmen of Local Chapters and the S/P/D Convention Delegates and Alternates Report on the International website, www.peointernational.org. We are here to assist you if help is needed.

Your Local Chapter President's letters have begun to arrive in my mailbox. It brings me great joy to see the goals that I set forth during the 2019 Convention of

Ohio State Chapter come to life. I knew as I read through your chapter yearbooks that you were all set to "SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!" with a fun-filled year together sharing our mission. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that each of you have done to make this an exciting, caring and loving year. I know that our sisterhood is cradled in loving and caring hands.

Register early for the 2020 Convention of Ohio State Chapter and you'll get your very own **Golden Ticket** that will send you to the front of the line for *ONE* event of your choosing. Look for details inside the Heartline! **Registration opens March 1, 2020!!**

Love in P.E.O.,

Marty



Marty Billing, AZ
President, Ohio State Chapter

"Remember, we usually can't choose the music life plays for us, but we can choose how we dance to it."

Unknown



2020 Convention
of the Ohio State Chapter
SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!
May 29-30, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton
Worthington/Columbus, Ohio

The 2020 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is coming soon to the DoubleTree Columbus-Worthington. Your hostess chapters are busily preparing for your visit. We are looking forward to SWINGING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR! You will spend time with your sisters as music, education and fun will be a jam-packed weekend that guarantees to be informative AND fun!

We will once again be using Cvent through International. If all goes according to plan, registration will **open on Sunday, March 1** with online access at the Ohio P.E.O. website, www.ohiopeo.org. Registration will close Friday, April 24. 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.

We are pleased to announce that the gift of a song titled, *Answer to Our Prayer*, given by our Ohio P.E.O. sisters to Sue Baker during the Convention of International Chapter will be sung during the 2020 Convention. You may sign up during the registration process to participate in the choir. Space is limited, so sign up quickly.

Come for a day, for an evening, or for the whole event! The Projects and Sales Rooms will be open Friday and Saturday. The Time of Remembrance will take place Friday afternoon following the first session of business. A membership workshop will be presented on Friday BEFORE the first session of business and we're squeezing in lots of time to share ideas with sisters and socialize. Friday evening, you will enjoy music provided by the Tom Billing *Microcosm Trio* during cocktail hour prior to the President's Banquet. During the banquet, BILs Tom Bond and Chuck Baker will speak to the Cottey Initiative. Entertainment will feature the Bob Gray Orchestra with hits from the SWINGING TWENTIES! After the closing business meeting on Saturday, the Projects Luncheon is sure to be amazing as we hear from project recipients, honor our Golden Girls, and celebrate anniversary chapters!

Please plan to join us for the 93rd Convention of Ohio State Chapter. It will be a swinging good time.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,
Chapters AC, AP, AW, B, CE, CP, CX, DF, EI, EM, ER
Bette Maier, BB, and Barbara Tatka, AW, Co-chairmen

QUESTIONS & 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, 2020**.

The Organizer may contact you if clarification is needed.





Scholar Awards

So often in our society there is focus on winners and losers. As P.E.O.s, we have to be careful not to fall into this mindset. It won't be much longer before the 2020 Scholar Awards are announced and although there will only be 100 chosen from the 928 nominations, all of the nominees are already winners!

Recipients and their sponsoring chapters will be contacted by May 1. Sponsoring chapters should reach out to those not selected in addition to those who are. This \$15,000 award is certainly prestigious and all who were nominated are highly talented young women. If your nominee is not selected, investigate whether she will be eligible next year. If she is early in her graduate program, this extra year could give her additional time to grow professionally and add to her scholarly activities, presentations, publications or leadership opportunities. This might help her become a more qualified candidate next year.

Another way for chapters to help women not selected this year is to sponsor her for an ELF loan. While it would be a loan rather than a grant, she is probably eligible for the maximum \$15,000 loan. Two years ago my chapter unsuccessfully nominated a PSA candidate but then followed it up by successfully helping her secure a \$15,000 ELF loan.

Chapters can also reach out to all PSA candidates by inviting them to meetings or social events or even consider them for membership. Simply because they did not "win" the PSA this year, they are certainly not "losers." I know that our Founders believed that "loving concern" extended beyond the official bonds of sisterhood.

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Early Bird Registration!

Are you a Diligent Daisy? A Punctual P.E.O.? A Steady Sister? Register early for the Convention of Ohio State Chapter and you'll get your very own golden ticket that will send you to the front of the line for *ONE* event of your choosing. You can bound to the front of the breakfast buffet line, cruise ahead at the cash bar, pop in early for a seat at the President's Banquet or the Projects Luncheon, or scoot into the sales room for an early preview.

Early bird registration ends on March 31 and the first 100 Diligent Daisies to register online (completely and correctly) will get their very own golden ticket. So go to www.ohiopeo.org and register today!

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: Nancy Shelton, (937) 294-2514
tennisbud12@gmail.com.

Reservations must be submitted no later than **MAY 1** in order to provide ample display space.



P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship

It's officially the New Year as we SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR! Our IPS students are in the midst of their academic year and are having treasured experiences and obtaining the skills and knowledge that will allow them to swing into their future careers and make a difference in the world.

This year, we have many women continuing their education in the United States. Here is some information about our students:

- ▶ They are from 11 different countries and 5 different continents, including North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa
- ▶ Areas of study vary from international development to social work (and social change) to painting (and printmaking) to comparative literature and more
- ▶ 5 women are attending Ivy League schools
- ▶ 2 women are studying right here in Ohio!

The experiences of these women are made possible by your support of the International Peace Scholarship (IPS). Thank you for your support of this project, and your support of these women!

Please share the following updates, located at www.peointernational.org with your chapter:

Take a Minute <https://members.peointernational.org/resource/take-minute-ips-januaryfebruary-2020>

Moment for Peace <https://members.peointernational.org/resource/moments-peace>

Please stop by the IPS table in the Projects area at the Ohio State Convention to learn more about our students, their favorite foods (both in the US and from their home countries), and their studies. See you there, where we will continue to swing into the future of IPS!

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Educational Loan Fund

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The sisters of the Ohio State Chapter of P.E.O. have officially started to "SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR"! Let's honor the past history of the Educational Loan Fund (ELF) so that we can continue to thrive in this new decade.

Funds to start ELF came from P.E.O. Day at the 1904 St. Louis Exposition, with the first ELF loan granted in 1907 to Edna Pickering, a student at Iowa State Normal School, in the amount of \$300 (approximately \$8,000 today). By 1919, the ELF Fund grew to over \$100,000 and then by 1923 to over \$200,000. A total of 1,875 loans were granted in ELF's first twenty years. According to the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund 2019 Statistical Report, loans totaling \$213,549,209 have been approved to 48,907 women in the United States and Canada to help them attain their goals in higher education!

There are 3 loan amounts available:

- ▶ \$12,000- associate and bachelor degrees, technical or professional programs
- ▶ \$15,000- master's degrees
- ▶ \$20,000- doctoral degrees

Funds available for loans are always changing and can be affected by the number of new loans granted, loan repayments received, and contributions from chapters and individuals. Ohio Chapters contributed \$44,441 in contributions for the year ending June 30, 2019, with 24 loans approved for \$308,500 in that same time period.

The number of chapter recommendations and applications continues to increase due to the efforts of our local chapters as well as through updated policies governing ELF loans that make this 2% loan so attractive. An important update that starts with loans processed on January 20, 2020 provides a six-month grace period following the borrower's stated graduation date, with no interest accrued and no payments required. After this grace period equal installments of combined principal and interest begin.

Let's continue to make history and share this new information with women pursuing their educational dreams!

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Historian's Notes

Springtime brings the arrival of new life and new beginnings. Your state historian hopes that it will also bring the arrival of lots and lots of photos from the Ohio Chapters! We'd like to see every chapter represented in the Ohio State Convention slideshow this year. Help us out by emailing your chapter's photo today to bethgolik@gmail.com.

Here's a sneak peek at one special photo, submitted by Chapter BD Historian and Corresponding Secretary, Sue Oldford. This is Charter Member of Ohio Chapter BD, Nadine Mindigo, who turned 102 years old in January! Happy Birthday from all your Ohio P.E.O. sisters!

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“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

Bono



STAR Scholarship

Greetings from the gloom of Northwest Ohio! Thankfully, we have our STAR applicants to radiate light on these dreary winter days. Thoughts of our potential recipients fill our hearts with warmth and cheer. In preparation for receiving good news in late April, contact your applicant to confirm her school's scholarship awards ceremony date and ask who to contact to arrange to be a presenter at that ceremony. To prepare to celebrate your candidate at the State Convention, get a digital picture of your STAR (head and shoulder shot in a portrait orientation). Also ask her to send a small biography of her future plans to you. I hope to incorporate the biographies again in the STAR display. Thank you to all the chapters who became STAR Constellations by donating \$500 by the end of January. You help make the awards possible for these amazing young women.

*Amy Eriksen, FG, Chairman
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UN/NR Committee

Help! A chapter sister is moving! What should we do?!

After Phone Every One, there is a flurry of activity to correct contact information for sisters who have moved. If you are unsure of what to do when a sister moves away from your chapter (becoming a nonresident member), here is a short list of steps to be taken (a detailed list is in the Membership Toolbox at the P.E.O. website):

- 1) Before she moves, visit or contact your sister to obtain her new contact information, the date she moves, and complete the Notice of Member in Your Area form with her. Consider giving a recognition pin or other gift.
- 2) Provide your sister with P.E.O. International brochure, Guide for an Unaffiliate, and be sure she has her current P.E.O. Membership card.
- 3) When the moving date arrives, the corresponding secretary completes the online Change in Membership form at www.peointernational.org with her new information. (Note: if a confirmation email is not received, the changes were not properly submitted.)
- 4) The corresponding secretary should mail copies of the completed Notice of Member in Your Area form to each chapter/reciprocity/state organizer in the area of your sister's new home. Address information is available at the P.E.O. website under: *Resource Library/Listings & Directories*.
- 5) Stay in touch with your sister with cards and/or calls every few weeks/months to be sure chapters contact her. If not, please **resend** the Notice of Member in Your Area form, and contact the UN/NR Committee and/or state organizer for help.
- 6) Once your sister transfers to her new chapter, send congratulatory greetings to her and to her new chapter!

Please make sure the contact information for each of your chapter's nonresident sisters is accurate so that your sister can easily SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR!

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Program for Continuing Education

According to Wikipedia, continuing education is “an all-encompassing term within a broad list of post-secondary learning activities and programs.” Certain colleges and universities began their continuing education programs in the early part of the 1900s. These days more and more adults are finding it necessary to return to school to get further education to support themselves and their families. This is where our Program for Continuing Education grants come in for women in this position.

Continuing education does not apply only to a bachelor's degree, but also to associate degrees, master's degrees, and technical programs. A six month technical program, or an associate degree can increase someone's weekly pay by \$40 or more. Our program is helpful in assisting a growing number of single mothers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 1960 and 2016, the percent of children living with a single mother increased from 8 to 23 percent! Studies show that earnings for single mothers have dropped significantly in the past two decades. For women, and single mothers in particular, obtaining further education leads to higher wages, better benefits, and more stability for their families.

As your chapter looks for applicants for the PCE, remember that it is available not only to those women seeking traditional college degrees, but also to those obtaining technical training. The award can be used for tuition, books, transportation costs, uniforms, testing fees, and other equipment. As there are rolling deadlines for the grants, you can be seeking candidates throughout the year.

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“If you look deep enough you will see music; the heart of nature being everywhere music.”

Thomas Carlyle

Membership Committee

At this, the end of your chapter's program year, take the time to **Celebrate** your successes of this past year. Count your blessings of new initiates, strong scholarship applicants, successful fundraisers, loving and giving chapter officers and all the fun times enjoyed together.

Now, as you look forward with anticipation to a new program year, take the time to set new goals. As your chapter sets goals, consider the importance growth is for the sustainability of the chapter. Reach out in the community to find new sisters and strong and deserving applicants for the projects, plan fundraisers where the sisters work together in raising funds for our projects, plan specific activities to reach and show a loving concern for each sister, AND, most importantly, make time for gatherings and memorable times together.

Remember the importance of an officer exchange meeting to transfer materials and take time to explain the duties and materials of each position so that they may go forth with confidence and support. How very lucky we are that all P.E.O. sisters have the opportunity to serve their chapters with loving support.

Sisters, aim to ensure everyone feels a part of the chapter no matter what their age or level of participation as it exemplifies the greatest of our virtues.... **Love.**"



Sisters are priceless at any age.

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LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS AREA WORKSHOP (LCOAW)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

NORTHEAST QUADRANT CHAPTERS

Brecksville United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141

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

Chapters: J, M, Q, AE, AF, BG, BQ, BW, CA, CD, CM, CQ, DB, DO, EC, EO, ET, EX, EY, FK, FL

Afternoon Session: 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Chapters: D, P, AC, AH, AJ, AM-BV, AU, AW, BB, BK, CE, CP, CS, CX, DG, DU, DV, EE, EI, EM, FC

This is an opportunity for newly elected officers, continuing officers and chapter membership chairman 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 workshop.