

## 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,

Happy New Year! As we leave the 2019 holiday season behind us, let us keep in mind the message of our Star and SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR! Over the many decades since our early beginnings, there have been many P.E.O. songs written. You can find these beautiful compositions documented in *We Who Are Sisters - 150 Years of the P.E.O. Sisterhood* compiled by the Sesquicentennial Book Committee. A few of the pieces documented were our "Opening Ode", "The P.E.O. March", "P.E.O. Grace" and "Lift Me Up" (which was commissioned at the 2007 Convention of International Chapter). Music binds us together and lifts us up. In 2020 and beyond, we want nothing more than to see our P.E.O. Sisterhood continue to grow and become stronger every day. It is imperative that we take our time to care for and nurture sisters whether they are new initiates or lifelong members. Remember to invite to membership, care for, have fun and LEAD with confidence. *If you can do this, you have accomplished the goals that I set forth in my incoming remarks at the 2019 Convention of Ohio State Chapter.* This, I believe, will help grow our wonderful sisterhood.

To begin:

- The Executive Board is very pleased to announce that our International Representative to the 2020 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is Lori O'Keefe. Lori was born in Aberdeen, SD and was initiated into her mother-in-law's Chapter AX. She is currently a member of Chapter BX\SD. She served on the South Dakota State Amendments & Recommendations Committee and was elected to the South Dakota State Board in 2010. She presided at the 100th Convention in 2016. Lori currently is serving as the Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committees of International Chapter.

- I look forward to receiving your chapter's president's letters by March 1. It is such a joy to read all of the ways that you have incorporated all of the exciting activities that we have experienced this year. How did you celebrate our 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration? Please include information regarding the 2019-2020 challenges: 2 new initiates per chapter, 0 inactives, 2 guests invited by each chapter sister to attend swinging socials, programs or events followed by an invitation to membership and 0 thinking that you do not have the qualities to LEAD your chapter and become actively involved!

I leave you with a couple of quotes—

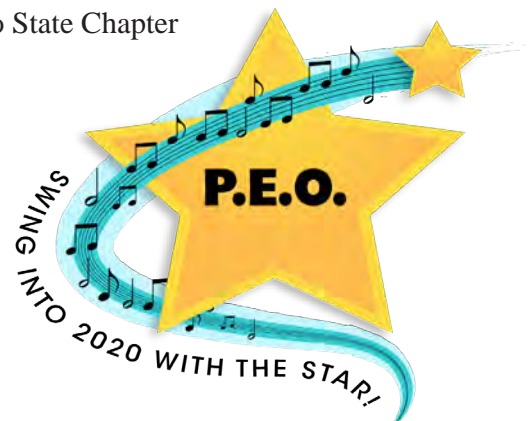
*"The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers."* - Roy Ayers

*"Where words fail, music speaks."* - Hans Christian Andersen.

Love in P.E.O.,

*Marty*

Marty Billing, AZ  
President, Ohio State Chapter





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

Can you believe it? We are so excited! The 2020 Convention of Ohio State Chapter will be here before you know it. Time flies when you are busy and having fun! We look forward to hosting you and know that you will have an enjoyable time.

Convention will be May 29-30 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Worthington/Columbus. Time of Remembrance will be on Friday, May 29, followed by the opening gavel with Marty Billing, AZ, presiding. Convention will close with the Projects Luncheon on Saturday, May 30.

For those who may be attending selected events, please note that the President's Dinner is Friday evening, and the Projects Luncheon is on Saturday.

Kylie Smith, CU, PSP and Marla Williams, FI, are working on fun and interactive workshops. Programming will include tips on finding, sponsoring and supporting successful project applicants, etc. You will also have the opportunity to share program ideas, fundraisers and project applicant successes that your local chapter experienced with other chapter sisters.

During the President's Dinner, a special message will be presented by our International Representative, Lori O'Keefe, BK\SD, Chairman of the International Finance and Audit Committee. In addition to Lori, you will also be treated to special entertainment by BIL Tom Billing and his jazz orchestra.

As in the past several years, registration will be done online. You will be able to get convention information and register as a delegate or visitor for the entire convention. You may also register for one or more selected events. Details will be available in March at [www.ohiopeo.org](http://www.ohiopeo.org). We are looking forward to seeing you in May for the **93rd Convention of Ohio State Chapter**.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Chapters  
AC, AP, AW, BB, CE, SP, CX, DF, EI, EM, ER

Bette Maier, BB, and Barbara Tatka, AW, Cochairmen

## 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:

**Jan Hornack, Organizer**  
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**Highland Heights, OH 44143**

All questions must be received no later than **May 1, 2020**.

The Organizer may contact you if clarification is needed.





We have much to be excited about as we round the corner into 2020. Thanks to all the great promoting this fall with our local chapter sisters; we have three young ladies that have expressed interest in attending Cottey. Great job sisters!!!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events as you won't want to miss these exciting opportunities. Up first is "C" for Yourself (CFY) Day being held April 25, 2020. While participants can still spend the night Friday and Saturday, activities will only be held on Saturday. Students have the opportunity to meet faculty and current students, experience Cottey's stellar facilities and student life, and receive the latest information about admission and financial aid. Registration opens March 1.

The 2020 Summer Workshop will be held June 15-20, 2020. Cottey's Summer Workshop offers rising high school juniors and seniors (classes of 2021 and 2022) insight into leadership, skill development, and college and career preparation, while showcasing everything Cottey College has to offer. If you find an interested student for either event, please take advantage of the Cottey Care and Travel fund and let's get her to Cottey!!

Calling all P.E.O.s... Vacation College is a wonderful opportunity to combine a Cottey experience with personal enrichment, and have some fun along the way. Participants experience Cottey from the inside out as they stay in one of the residence halls, eat in Raney Dining Room, and attend classes taught by Cottey College faculty and staff- all without the pressure of mid-term exams or finals. This will be held May 19-24, 2020.

New this year is the Vacation College Abroad trip. For the first time P.E.O.s, BILs, Cottey alumnae, and friends of the college have the opportunity to travel together to the British Isles on a 10 day excursion set to take place June 16-25, 2020. Please visit the Cottey website for more information on all of these exciting opportunities!!

Lastly, please continue to communicate with our current Cottey student, Taylor Hill. A listing of current Ohio Cottey students and students in the Ohio Suite is posted on the Ohio P.E.O. website so chapters can send cards and good wishes. Follow this link if you need care package ideas: <https://cottey.edu/pdf/peo/care-packages-revised-2019.pdf>.

Thank you for your support of Cottey College and our Ohio Cottey students.

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## Cottey College Student Center Initiative

The objective of this initiative is to provide Cottey College with a much-needed Student Center. This initiative is known as the "Cottey College Chapel/Student Center Initiative" and provides us an opportunity to make a huge difference in the attractiveness and value of our college.

\*Please take the time to check out the Cottey Initiative information on the Ohio website under Cottey College and for any additional information contact Tom or Diane Bond at [DTBond2@windstream.net](mailto:DTBond2@windstream.net) or 440-286-9752. Also, contact Tom and Diane if your chapter or Reciprocity has an interest in them hosting a Cottey gathering in your area to inform and promote the Cottey Initiative.

*Diane Bond, DU, PSP*

## 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.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL Celebration Committee

### WERE YOU THERE?

As we conclude our P.E.O. Sisterhood Sesquicentennial Celebrations in each chapter, state, province and district culminating with the Convention of International Chapter in Iowa this September, how many in Ohio remember 56 years ago when Columbus, Ohio, was the location for the 1963 P.E.O. Supreme Chapter Convention? It was held September 30, October 1, 2, 3 at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium with Ruth W. Rippey, Supreme Chapter President presiding. Mrs. Rippey greeted the assembly, reminding each delegate that she - and each member of her chapter - are integral parts of the proven worth of the Sisterhood.

Freda Morin, AS, PSP, was the general chairman. Margaret Dickhaut, X, directed the Ohio All State Chorus. Chapter DE presented the model meeting for organizers and proxy organizers.

The buckeye, cardinal, and red carnation were used by the decorating committee throughout convention. P.E.O.s gathered over 10 bushels of buckeyes. Many were given as souvenirs. Ceramic tray favors decorated with a daisy and P.E.O. were inscribed on the back "made from the good earth of Ohio". They were created by Columbus artist, Mr. Nicodemus.

Banquet guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn, Sr., who came from New Concord for the evening. A letter from John Glenn, Jr., expressing his regret in not being able to attend was read.



The transportation company in charge of shuttle busses between the auditorium and hotels provided good service with little waiting. On the weekend before convention, a bus strike threatened. Chairman of the transportation committee, Alma Bevis, BA, wife of Ohio State University president emeritus, Dr. Howard Bevis, told the negotiator in her firm but elegant way, "Not now. Next week, perhaps." That took care of the strike! – *excerpts from November 1963 P.E.O. Record.*

### 150 FUND UPDATE -

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 150 Fund. Since last report, additional chapter contributions have been received from: F, AW, AY, BA, CK, CU, CX, DC, DK, and FM. Additional individuals have also contributed. They are: Diane Bond, DU, PSP, Linda Coulles, CH, PSP, Margarete Eklund, DU, Mary Jane Fletcher, EI, Kylie Smith, CU, PSP, and Lyn Wilhoite, DB, PSP. Congratulations go to chapters and individual sisters for your generous support of the 150 Fund. To date, total contributions from Ohio are \$28,500+. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Ann Davidson, EW, PSP, Chairman  
Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee  
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## OHIO Scholarships

The Ohio Scholarships Committee is excitedly awaiting your applications. Remember that **all applications must be postmarked or emailed by February 1, 2020.**

**Please access the checklists on the Ohio P.E.O. website** to assist your chapter and candidate in completing all requirements for the application. All Ohio Scholarships documents on the website have been revised, so please read all documents completely, as instructions have changed.

Please note - all applications **must be typed**. This is to ensure that all applications are legible. Your diligence with checking all areas of the application before submission is also required. This reduces the amount of errors and incomplete applications, which cannot be accepted.

**Please consider submitting your candidate's application electronically.** All instructions can be found under *Instructions to Sponsoring Chapters: Electronic Submission*. If your chapter chooses to submit the application packet by mail, please refer to the *Instructions to Sponsoring Chapter: Mailed Submission*.

If you do submit via U.S. Mail, please remember to include only the original and complete set of paperwork. Copies are not required.

Encourage your chapter to **give generously to Ohio Scholarships** this year! The fund is supported solely by gifts from Ohio P.E.O. chapters and individual members. Chapter donations may be sent directly to Beth Cox, the assistant to the treasurer of Ohio State Chapter, using the Chapter Gift Transmittal form. Individuals may contribute to the Ohio Scholarships Fund II, a designation under the P.E.O. Foundation, using the Individual Gift Transmittal form sent directly to the P.E.O. Executive Office.

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## Educational Loan Fund

Did you know that Hershey's kisses are the official candy of the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF)? They were first introduced in 1907, which is the same year that ELF became a project! In the intervening years since, loans totaling \$201,001,109 have been approved to 47,989 women. That number can continue to grow with your chapter's initiative in sponsoring qualified women who desire higher education and are in need of financial assistance.

Potential ELF candidates may be daughters or granddaughters of your current sisters, have accessed the public portion of the international P.E.O. website or have seen an ELF flyer in their college dorm before reaching out to your chapter—the next step is YOURS! Check out “Have an ELF Candidate? Get Started Now” on [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) and prepare your committee of three to interview her to determine her eligibility for the 2% interest loan, using the Local Chapter Interview Worksheet from the “Summary of Interview and Recommendation of an ELF Applicant” document. The committee can then present your candidate and recommend a loan amount at the next meeting with a favorable voice vote being required for sponsorship.

The online Chapter Recommendation Form is then completed by a chapter member, other than a relative of the candidate, using information gathered from the interview worksheet. A letter of recommendation is no longer required—just confidential responses to four questions. Once submitted, the P.E.O. Executive Office will review and send an email to your applicant with a link and instructions on how to proceed with the application. The ELF Board of Trustees will make the final decision and notify both the applicant and the chapter.

Now go ahead and SWING INTO 2020 WITH THE STAR and the confidence that your chapter can sponsor endless ELF applicants!

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## Historian's Notes

On October 12 of this year, members of Ohio State Chapter of P.E.O. gathered at Lake View Cemetery to visit the grave of founder Suella Pearson Penfield.

*Dear Suella,*

*As this wreath is placed on your grave, we are gathered here today to honor you and your six sisters, Mary, Alice, Hattie, Franc, Alice and Ella, who chose our star and the lovely words of our vows.*

*P.E.O. has touched the lives of each of the 669,772 members since its inception in 1869, plus the 109,064 lives of recipients of our P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, International Peace Scholarship, Program for Continuing Education, Scholar Awards and STAR Scholarship, plus more than 13,000 graduates of our Cottey College.*

*For 150 years P.E.O. has grown and flourished in each of us beginning with our initiation ceremony and has become a lifetime of commitment.*

*There is a spirit of our organization which lends warmth and a glow and shine to every phase of P.E.O. Each member interprets it in the light of her own personality and capacity. The spirit of P.E.O. takes a lifetime for each of us to experience. It is present wherever two P.E.O.s meet but, even when alone, a true P.E.O. carries that spirit in her heart.*

*You and the other six have touched women all over the world with your special words of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth. Our star is a constant reminder of the virtues we live by and hold dear.*

*On behalf of all P.E.O.s, thank you to you and your six sisters for wanting to stay together and to Hattie and Franc for sitting on the stile 150 years ago.*

*With Love and Gratefulness as we continue to carry on your vision into the future,*

*Your Sisters in P.E.O.*



L-R: Cathy Ghiandoni, Q; Gloria Rothhaas, CM; Anne Munroe, EO, Ohio State Membership Committee; Grace Chalker, AE, PSP, Cottey College Board of Trustees Vice Chairman; Ann Davidson, EW, PSP; Chuck Baker, BIL; Sue Baker, EE, PSP, PIP; Ward Lawrence, BIL; Joan Lawrence, DU, PSP; Jodie Raney, Q

Historian Beth Golik, Chapter AF,  
with thanks to Ann Davidson, EW, PSP

### Congratulations Geneva Webster!

#### Recipient of Joan K. Bradshaw Scholarship

Geneva is a third year Cottey College student from Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

Geneva's mother and aunt were Cottey students in the 1980's.

She is honored to be a Joan K. Bradshaw recipient. Her future career goal is becoming a doctor.

### New Evening Chapter Organization in Hudson Area!

Momentum continues to build toward organizing an evening chapter in the Hudson area to complement the two healthy daytime chapters. We continue to have regular meetings as well as a wonderful holiday gathering. If you are interested in an evening chapter in or around Hudson, 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.

## Amendments & Recommendations

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

Remember that ALL chapters' bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies are due March 10, 2020, to Nancy Shelton, OSC Vice President. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check your chapter bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies.

- If you are making changes to your bylaws, standing rules or policies, be sure to follow the procedure found in Article V (or VI) of your chapter bylaws.
- The new date on the bylaws/standing rules becomes the date of the meeting where the changes were voted upon by the chapter. If no changes were made, the date on the bylaws/standing rules remains the same, no matter how long ago changes were made.
- If changes are made, the recording secretary then attaches the new bylaws, standing rules, or policies to the minutes of the meeting at which they are voted upon and gives a copy to the president for the President's Book. The recording secretary replaces the previous bylaws, standing rules and/or policies in the front of the Recording Secretary's Book. Be sure that the yearbook committee has a current copy for your chapter yearbook.
- Please **highlight** all changes made to your bylaws, standing rules or policies 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 documents.

Your chapter bylaws, standing rules and policies (even if no changes were made) are due to Nancy Shelton, OSC Vice President, by **March 10, 2020**. Please email your documents as a Word document attachment. Although electronic documents are preferred, mailed copies are accepted. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members.

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## Program for Continuing Education

Hello, Ladies! I am *Meredyth Fifield*, your 2019-2020 Ohio Chairman for the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE). This is one of my favorite P.E.O. projects. As a past recipient of this grant, as well as a friend and sponsor to other women that have received a PCE grant, I want to impress upon all of you the impact that these grants have on recipients.

- The average yearly tuition for community colleges in the United State is \$3,347. If a woman received the maximum grant of \$3,000, this would cover nearly an entire year of tuition.
- An estimated annual cost of textbooks and materials is \$1,168, so even a partial PCE grant would cover this expense for a woman returning to school, or it could help with child care expenses (when the student is in class or studying).

Many of the applicants are mothers, some raising children on their own. Others are married, but their commonality is that they are often forced to choose between advancing their education or working to provide stability for their families. PCE is one of the few grants out there for this particular category of college student.

More importantly in my mind, P.E.O. can provide emotional support to our candidates and recipients. We have the ability to cheer these women on! In my own life, P.E.O.s have given me a college shower, celebrated my earning a Master's Degree, and cheered me on when I was applying for further education. I wish this level of support for all women. I encourage all chapters to sponsor these women (they can't apply without chapter sponsorship) and that is our first step in cheering them on! Reach out to me if your chapter is interested in sponsoring a candidate. I would be happy to walk you step by step through the process.

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## Winter Calendar

- 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.
- January 21** Founders' Day, Wear your Pin and Phone Every One Day.
- January 24** Nomination packets due for the office of Secretary, Ohio State Chapter to Kylie Smith, CU, PSP, 754 Wilson Avenue, Columbus, OH, 43205
- January 31** Cutoff dates for **ALL PROJECT DONATIONS**, recognition for additional gifts of \$500 to each of the following: PSA Laureate Chapter, IPS Partners in Peace Chapter and STAR Constellation Chapter. Chapters having all donations in by January 31, 2020, will also be included on the Chapters Gift list to be distributed at the 2020 Ohio State Chapter Convention.
- February 1** Ohio Scholarships applications due to Lori Spencer, FK, Chairman.
- March 1** **Presidents:** President's Letter is due to Marty Billing, OSC President; Beth Golik, AF, History Chairman; and your chapter's nonresident members.
- March 10** **Treasurers:** Annual Reports are due to Jane Koch, OSC Treasurer.  
**Corresponding Secretaries:** your Annual Reports are due to Julie Brooks, OSC Secretary.  
**Recording Secretaries:** a copy of your current chapter bylaws and standing rules is due to Nancy Shelton, OSC Vice President.
- March 15** **Outgoing Corresponding Secretary;** please enter the following items on the International P.E.O. website: Report of Elections of Officers of Local Chapters, Local Chapter Report of Project Chairman, State Convention Delegates and Alternates

## 2019 Convention of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood

September 12-14, 2019 – Des Moines, Iowa



Ohio State Chapter Delegation



Parade of Flags

OSC President Marty Billing,  
OSC VP Nancy Shelton



Elegant Tea Party  
Yvonne Oyler, FC

**Gift from Alexina Circle**  
Becky Bartter, CQ, PSP,  
Sue Baker, EE, PSP, International President,  
Joan Lawrence, DU, PSP



Jan Knuckey, DZ, PSP,  
International IPS Committee



Doris Snoddy, AP,  
Kylie Smith, CU, PSP, Deb Underwood, AP