

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,

I think it is time to "awake from this dream... and take flight..." How fitting are these words that were sent to me in a chapter president's annual letter! One can feel like we have been hibernating – between the weather and the pandemic – and wish this was all a dream. But it does appear we have weathered the storm, and there is a light beginning to shine. I choose to think that light is our star, waiting for us to go full speed ahead. However, the presidents' letters are proof that the Ohio P.E.O.s have stayed awake, followed their dreams in creative ways, persevered by finding new members and scholarship candidates and have supported the projects with sizable donations. Thank you all for meeting the challenges presented this past year and being so resilient!

As we close one year and begin a new one, here are some items to remember:

- ★ Annual Reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer must arrive by March 10th. Please let us know if you need assistance.
- ★ The outgoing (or continuing) corresponding secretary needs to enter the Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapter and the report for the delegate and alternate for our state convention. If your chapter has a delegate and alternate for the Convention of International Chapter, report that as well. Since our state and International conventions are virtual this year, we need this information as soon as possible. Reports should be made on the International website: www.peointernational.org.
- ★ Officer Transition Meetings: Congratulations and thank you to all chapter officers for 2021-2022,

whether you are continuing or a new officer. Transferring supplies and knowledge, as well as setting goals, are very important. Continue to dream, set your goals and prepare for take-off. Chapter presidents, please schedule this meeting.

- ★ The 2021 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is just around the corner. Registration will begin in mid-March. Check the Ohio website: www.ohiopeo.org and click on the link to register. See the convention article in this issue for more in-depth information.

I look forward to "seeing you" at our state convention. Keep dreaming and prepare for wonderful things to come!

With P.E.O. love,

Nancy

Nancy Shelton, AN
President, Ohio State Chapter





Scholar Awards

When Nancy Shelton chose “Dream and Take Flight” as her theme this year, I wonder if she was thinking of Jessica Meir, a 2008 Scholar recipient. She was part of the first all-female spacewalk in 2019 as she spent 205 days on the International Space Station. It seems very appropriate that P.E.O. had extended a helping hand to Jessica in the pursuit of her doctoral degree. That is what the Scholar Award is all about—recognizing and honoring women of excellence.

This year there were 847 nominations submitted for the Scholar Awards. One of the questions I am asked most often is, “How do we find deserving young women to nominate?” Begin by making use of any chapter connections with area campus personnel. They might have suggestions about who to contact in specific graduate departments. Even if your chapter doesn’t have any personal connection, contact deans or department chairs in area universities, inform them about PSA and ask for referrals to their top women doctoral candidates.

If your chapter doesn’t happen to be located near any college or university with a graduate program, you can still look for candidates among your extended family members, friends, or co-workers. It is not a requirement that a possible nominee by an Ohio chapter be enrolled in an Ohio school.

Even though most of us want to put 2020 behind us, 20/20/20 still has relevance for the Scholar Awards. Nominations are accepted between August 20 and November 20 and the award amount is \$20,000. It is not too early to begin your search for worthy candidates!

If your chapter is having trouble finding women to nominate for the PSA, help your chapter stay connected to this program by using some of the outstanding information on the P.E.O. International website. There are interesting biographies of Scholar recipients that could be presented as reports at chapter meetings. Especially check out Shaonta Allen, a 2020-2021 recipient who will be the PSA speaker at our virtual convention, June 4-5.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

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IN MEMORIAM:

The Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter is saddened to announce the death of Past State President **Linda M. Hartford, ES**. Linda entered Chapter Eternal on February 13, 2021. Linda was initiated into Chapter BR\OH in



1962. A P.E.O. for 59 years, Linda served as state president, 1984-1985, with the theme “We are Many; We are One; in Heart, in Mind, in Spirit.”





STAR Scholarship

Thank you to all of the STAR Scholarship chairmen for searching out outstanding candidates and navigating the online application process - even with the shortened time frame! We navigated together the murky waters of Skype interviews, Zoom “IT-help” calls, as well as the traditional emails and phone calls for various questions. We are so proud and grateful for the work done by our Ohio chapters to complete the nomination process. We can all look forward to reading about the remarkable women that are selected as 2021 STAR Scholarship recipients.

Remember that the women we nominated for the STAR scholarship have the potential to be excellent P.E.O. sisters in the future. We encourage you to keep in touch with these young women and stay invested in their educational pursuits. Even if not selected for a STAR Scholarship, in time, they may be a perfect fit for another award, perhaps an ELF loan or a PCE grant.

As a reminder, your chapter can contribute \$500 to STAR and be designated as a Constellation Chapter. Constellation chapters will be recognized at the Ohio State Convention and will be listed on the STAR pages of the International website. We hope your chapter will consider becoming a part of the stellar constellation of chapters supporting the STAR scholarship program.

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INTERNATIONAL PEACE Scholarship

It’s officially the new year and many people are taking a reflective look at our dreams and goals for 2021! This is the year to dream a new dream and take flight in making those changes in our life. For our IPS students, they are in the midst of their academic year and are working to make their dreams for their home country a reality by perusing their education and preparing to change the world!

This year, Ohio is sponsoring many women who are continuing their education in the United States, and even Canada!

Here are some facts about our students this year:

- ▶ From 10 different countries.
- ▶ Areas of study vary from education and educational leadership to politics to community and mental health to various types of engineering!
- ▶ 6 of our 13 students are getting their degrees right here in Ohio at Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University and Bowling Green State University.

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 for your support of these women! Please continue to share the ‘Take a Minute’ and ‘Moment for Peace’ postings on the international website with your chapter! It is so exciting to see the many ways these women from around the world are putting their dreams into action with the support of P.E.O. and the IPS Scholarship!

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dream and Take Flight... Just like the airline industry when airplanes are full of passengers, P.E.O. thrives when local chapters are full of members. But just like the airline industry, local P.E.O. chapters have been hindered in all phases of chapter life by the worldwide pandemic. We've had to adapt our procedures and learn new technologies in order to keep moving forward. It's not been easy keeping our chapters full of members. While some local chapters using a meeting technology like Zoom are seeing an increase in attendance, many chapters are not. We just like being together in person!

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the number of chapters struggling with membership issues. If your chapter is showing signs of stress, please reach out to your Executive Board Contact Officer or a member of the OSC Membership Committee. We want to hear your concerns and help you discover a path forward.

Last year, the Membership and Leadership Committees of International Chapter collaborated to create an initiative titled *Chapter Vitality Coach*. The initiative is a collection of videos, guides and procedures to be used for chapter revitalization. Our Membership Committee found the CVC resources to be beneficial and is working now to transition from the SIS – Sisters in Support program to *Chapter Vitality Coach*. The success of the committee's efforts to assist struggling chapters will require the involvement of more than the Membership Committee or Executive Board sisters. We need to identify members throughout the state who can serve as Chapter Vitality



Coaches, Vitality Mentors or Vitality Trainers. If this brief introduction has piqued your curiosity, please contact Linda Coulles to find out more. Help our dream for Ohio to be full of vital and vibrant chapters take flight!

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Historian's Notes

I'm going to let you in on a little secret: a perk of the role of the Historian is that I get to read the President's Letter from every single chapter in our state! It is uplifting to see how our chapters have found ways to show a loving concern for each sister in a year (or two!) like no other.

As we prepare for our virtual Convention of Ohio State Chapter, it's important that we document 2020-2021, even if it is a year that many would like to forget! Generations of P.E.O. sisters will want to know how we handled the pandemic. Please

continue to send in those President's Letters and share your photos so that we can capture what it was like to be a P.E.O. in 2020-2021.

We'd like to see every single chapter represented in this year's Ohio State Chapter photo album. Please email photos with brief descriptions to bethgolik@gmail.com. You can view (or order) last year's album at <http://bit.ly/PEO2019-2020>.

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UN/NR Committee

Last month, many Ohio Chapters participated in the Phone Every One initiative. Scheduled to correspond with Founder's Day on January 21st, we endeavored to contact all unaffiliated sisters living in the state, wish her a happy Founder's Day, and see if she might be interested in visiting nearby chapters. Following is some of the positive feedback chapters received:

"Judith is eager to join a chapter as soon as she is settled in her new job."

"Sara was thrilled to receive a call, and wants to attend a meeting with our chapter."

"Judy is interested in attending our Zoom meetings."

"Deborah is not ready to attend chapters yet due to family obligations, but please keep on the list and contact again in the future."

It was very gratifying to see responses such as these from sisters wanting to get involved! Despite these positive responses, however, we still have work to do to reach all of our unaffiliates. Many people are no longer using "land lines," and that may be contributing to the volume of disconnected phone numbers we find. Emailing and sending cards have been great alternatives to calls, and our unaffiliates are often so grateful for our efforts!

What can your chapter do now that Phone Every One is complete? The State unaffiliate listing has been updated and provided to Reciprocity and Membership Quadrant leaders. Please reach out to one of those individuals (or me!) for a copy, if needed. Welcoming an unaffiliated sister is a great way to build membership in your chapters!

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Program for Continuing Education

The PCE Grant was established in 1973 and since it began, \$62,400,000 has been awarded to 49,700 women. Those are big numbers, but there is so much more we can do.

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center reports that since 1993 the number of Americans with Some College, No Degree (SCND) but with 2 years completion is approximately 3.5 million. Ohio is one of the top 10 states with SCND's and since 54% of that population are women, our pool of potential recipients is huge.

So-how do we find them? Or how do they find us? Everything is electronic these days. You can search:

"Top 10 Most Popular Scholarships for Women"

"Best Grants and Scholarships for Women"

"Scholarships for Women Returning to College"

and all of these sites list the PCE Grant. The P.E.O. International website has the "Potential PCE Grant Candidate" form available to anyone who is interested in pursuing a PCE grant but candidates need to be able to find it.

What occurred to me while doing this research is how time consuming and often confusing it is. However, we do have an under-utilized resource, and that resource is you. P.E.O. sisters are the greatest source of information for helping women find PCE! Think of friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, students or perhaps just an offhand comment by someone about a woman returning to school.

Let's get on board and raise that 49,700 number. For those chapters who have successfully sponsored a PCE recipient, let us hear your success stories. Sharing in the success of others can be a real boost and a valuable goal for those working hard to complete a degree or certificate. If you need information or want to share, please just let me know.

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Educational Loan Fund

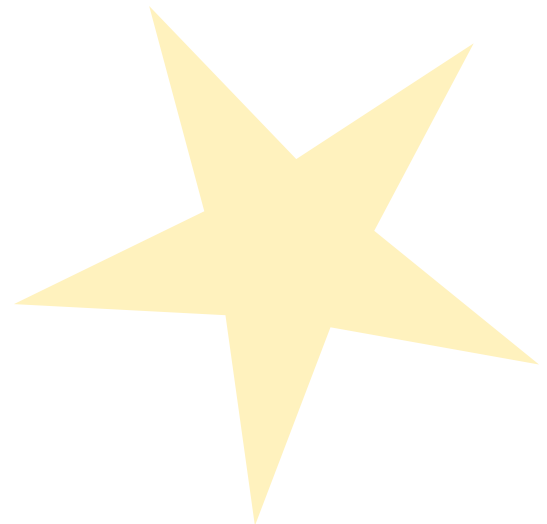
ELF has had a long and glorious history since its official inception in 1907.

Chapter O, St. Louis, MO, wanted to hold a P.E.O. Day at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904. They requested that each United States chapter contribute a mere ten cents per member to help with the event expenses. The P.E.O. Day was so successful it earned \$658.88 after expenses, and that was the beginning of our current Educational Loan Fund. At the 1907 Convention, the idea of a scholarship for women was blazed into policy. The first loan of \$300 was granted in the spring of 1908.

There have been times during its history that ELF applicants were few: the Great Depression, World War II and the pandemic COVID-19. After World War II, there was a surge of applicants and by 1952, ELF had granted its 10,000th loan. And, ELF is seeing greater participation since last summer, as curricula, educational institutions, and prospective students have adapted to the pandemic.

Ohio has played a role in ELF's success. There have been 1,474 ELF loans approved for Ohio chapters since 1907 for a total of \$5,532,754. And, as of the end of June 2020, P.E.O. International reported a grand total of \$223.2 million loaned. That is impressive, is it not?

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LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS AREA WORKSHOP (LCOAW)

Saturday, April 10, 2021

SOUTHEAST QUADRANT CHAPTERS

Virtual via Zoom

Morning Session: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Chapters: **C, N, V, X, AV, BA, BD, BX, CU, DE, DH, DK, DX, EF, EU, EW, FA, FM**

Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Chapters: **G, U, AB, BH, CW, DD, DL, DQ, EA, EB, ED, EH, EL, EZ, FD, FE, FF, FI**

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 virtual workshop.

2021 Convention of the Ohio State Chapter

Dream and Take Flight

June 4 - 5

Via Your Virtual Device From the Safety of Your Home



The 93rd Convention of Ohio State Chapter is just around the corner! The 2021 Convention Hostess Chapters and State Officers are continuing to learn and dream about the virtual world while planning our first two day virtual convention. All details are yet to be finalized, but here is some information you may use while planning to attend. All sessions will be open to all P.E.O.s except for the Opening Business Meeting. All times are approximate and subject to change.

AGENDA:

Friday, June 4:

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. - Opening Business Meeting, Voting Members Only (Chapter delegates, Past State Presidents, State Committee Members)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Workshop

2:15 - 3:15 p.m. - Workshop

4:00 - Time of Remembrance

7:00 - Meet and Greet Social Hour

Saturday June 5:

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Second Business Meeting – open to all P.E.O. members

1:00 - Projects Program

2:30 - Golden Girls and Anniversary Chapters Celebration

REGISTRATION: We will be using Cvent again for registration. Registration will be open on the Ohio website, www.ohiopeo.org, after mid-March.

FEES:

Delegate Fee - \$75 (paid by local chapters with state dues); access to entire convention, programs, etc.

Visitor Fee - To be determined; less than \$75; P.E.O.s have access to all except Friday morning session.

Explanation: In order to present a quality virtual convention (and not a Zoom meeting), we will contract with Cvent to provide the platform and professional services. This is not inexpensive; thus, the fees from last year (according to our bylaws, we could not refund the 2020 delegate fee) and the reduced fees for this year are needed to meet our expenses, which also includes a location for our command center. A fee will also be paid to International for their platform and services for the voting session.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Non P.E.O.s may also register to attend the Time of Remembrance, the Projects Program and Program for the Golden Girls and Anniversary Chapters.

Included on the site will be a Projects Room and Sales Room. You may visit these during break times. There will be information about the Projects, and you will be able to shop for special items from the Hostess Chapters.

Please join us for a memorable convention! You will not need to travel, pay for lodging or meals, and we will only see what you are wearing from the waist up. Come and see how our *Dreams will Take Flight!*

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Hostess Chapters:

Y, AR, BR, CB, CL, CY, DC, EQ, ES, FB, Carol Hubbard, Y, and Beth Baer, CB, Cochairmen, and Your State Officers