

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,

Happy New Year!! 2020 was definitely a roller coaster year, and the ride is not over yet! As we continue to deal with some of the same issues of 2020, at least we are closer to the time when we can return to normalcy and be together once again!

You are all to be commended – Covid-19 has not held you back! For at least five months (six for some) chapters did not have a chapter meeting. Once chapters began meeting in September, you went forward learning how to Zoom and continued (and caught up) with chapter business. The past four months have proven to be busy and very productive! Since September 1st, there have been 59 initiations by Affirmation, 11 transfers from out-of-state, nine transfers within the state, many candidates for our projects, and a lot of money raised (one chapter raised almost \$5,000!). Equally important, you have maintained contact with your members – including nonresidents attending your Zoom meetings and inactives attending Zoom social gatherings. Your loving concern has been demonstrated by helping sisters be a part of the Zooming who otherwise could not join. THANK YOU – for being patient, flexible, creative and resilient!

The Executive Board is very pleased to announce that our International Representative to the 2021 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is our own Grace Chalker! Grace is currently serving as Chairman of the Cottey College Board of Trustees. Grace served as President of Ohio State Chapter 1999-2000 and is a member of Chapter AE in Cleveland.

I look forward to reading your chapter's president's letter, due March 1, and discovering how each of you have taken *The Path Forward* despite our limitations.

Please include information regarding goals (your dreams!) you may have set, pertaining to our Cascading Goals, and your goals of personal growth and participation. (With a shortened year, this may not have been accomplished.) Share how you have “taken flight” and all that you have accomplished!

January 21st is Founders' Day – celebrate by wearing your pin and call a sister you have not seen or talked to recently. Let us continue our efforts to stay connected as chapters and as sisters as we begin a new year. This Heartline is evidence that our state committees and the convention hostess chapters are on *The Path Forward* while continuing to *Dream and Take Flight*.

Sending wishes for good health, peace and joy in the new year!

With P.E.O. love,

Nancy





Scholarships

TAKE FLIGHT aboard OSA -- Ohio Scholarships Airways

How to have a successful flight --

STEP 1: Double check your boarding pass, passport, carry-ons and baggage. For OS purposes, this means: has your applicant completed *all* sections of the application? Forgetting something for a trip can create problems. Forgetting something or having an out-of-date passport can abruptly end a trip. This is true for the applications. Are all materials up-to-date? Current transcript? No out-of-date expired information? Has everything been submitted for a complete application packet? We want successful flights and do not want to miss an opportunity to travel because of overlooked necessary travel details.

STEP 2: Arrive on time at the airport, which means two hours early for flight departures. For OS purposes, this means getting applications submitted in a timely manner. *We are unable to extend the deadline*; 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 and received 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 chair within 10 days if you have not received confirmation of receipt. Further, keep a copy of all travel documents. Copy any materials you submit in the event of a turbulent flight, in the event that materials need to be resubmitted.

STEP 3: Enjoy the flight. Dream of your destination. Sit back, nibble, sip in-flight refreshments (well, pre-Covid they were nicer). Hope for the best possible outcome for this flight – that your applicant may receive funds!

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Educational Loan Fund

International Chapter notes that loans approved for ELF drastically decreased mid-March from the norm of one million in loans approved monthly. It is no wonder! Chapters were unable to meet in person and it took most of us some time to adopt the technology that enabled regular chapter business to proceed. Obstacles for potential recipients must have seemed overwhelming as well.

Imagine how it must feel to have Covid-19 appear out of nowhere, blocking the path to your educational dreams. Colleges and universities are shuttered, offering a limited curriculum online for new and enrolled students. SAT and ACT testing sites are closed, campus visitations are halted and graduations delayed. Maybe that waitress job with lucrative tips disappeared and with it the funds to help meet those goals. Even more drastic, what if that middle-class family lost its financial security, joining the long food distribution lines we have seen in Ohio?

We can help. The maximum loan amount for a non-degree accredited program, an associate or bachelor's degree is \$12,000; for a master's degree, \$15,000; for a doctoral degree, \$20,000. These loans have a 2% interest rate and repayment doesn't start until six months after graduation. Of course, finding qualified women for your chapter to sponsor is the critical first step. The steps chapters should take are detailed on the P.E.O. International website.

Chapters might also consider becoming an ELF Legacy Chapter by giving a lump sum gift of \$500 to ELF this fiscal year, creating additional funds to meet the need.

The good news is that applications increased in April and by August, ELF was back to normal, granting more than one million dollars in loan approvals to help those dreams to take flight.

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Amendments and Recommendations Committee

To all Chapter Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Bylaws Committee Members,

Though we are all praying for pre-pandemic normalcy, our chapter meetings are still following procedures established by P.E.O. International during Covid-19. Please keep this in mind so that you can easily prepare your bylaws by the **March 10, 2021** due date.

All chapters' bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies will soon be due. If your chapter has not done so already, **now** is the time to check your chapter bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies and check them against the following:

- ✓ Read through the **2020 Review of Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules and cover letter** mailed to your chapter president last summer and implement the suggested changes and recommendations.
- ✓ Use the Suggested Bylaws posted on the **Ohio** P.E.O. Website as a guide as well as The Style Guide (found on the P.E.O. **International** website).

Once the recommended changes have been made:

- ✓ Report the changes that were made to the chapter's bylaws at the next business meeting. The new date on the bylaws is the date of the meeting at which the changes were voted upon.
- ✓ If you are adding or making changes to your bylaws, standing rules, or policies which require a chapter vote, be sure to follow the procedure found in Article V (or VI) of your chapter bylaws.
- ✓ The recording secretary then attaches the new bylaws to the minutes of the meeting at which they are read and gives a copy to the president for the President's Book. The recording secretary replaces the previous bylaws in the front of the Recording Secretary's Book. If the chapter's yearbook contains the bylaws, be sure that the yearbook committee has a current copy.

- ✓ Please remember to **highlight** all changes made to your bylaws 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 document.

Your chapter bylaws, standing rules and chapter policies are due to Jan Hornack, OSC Vice President, by **March 10, 2021**. Please email your bylaws as a Word document (jan.hornack.peo@gmail.com). However, mailed copies will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact us. Note that Sheryl's email address has changed.)

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IN MEMORIAM:



The Executive Board of Ohio State Chapter is saddened to announce the death of Past State President Elizabeth Arnold, AUNC (EH\OH). Betty entered Chapter Eternal on

November 29, 2020. A P.E.O. for 61 years, Betty served as state president, 1974-1975, with the theme Serve One Another with the Gifts God has Given You. Betty was initiated into Chapter Z\MI, transferred to M\GA and went on to be a charter member of Chapters DQ\OH, EH\OH and I\SC. She was also a member of BH\NC and AUNC.

Dream and Take Flight as we head into 2021. Your Dream is to encourage rising high school juniors and seniors to Take Flight to Cottey College! If you know of a young lady who would benefit from attending Cottey College, notify Cottey Relations or fill out the referrals on the



Cottey College website. They will send her information about Cottey College. You can follow up with a conversation or coffee with the young lady and answer any questions she might have. Ohio has one prospective student who has applied to Cottey College and been accepted. We currently have two students attending Cottey. We would like to encourage more Ohio students to attend Cottey by having every Ohio chapter try to refer one student to Cottey.

- Cottey has a new Esports Team/Stock Trading Lab.
- This spring Cottey will be home to a new flag football program.
- ACT/SAT Test Scores have been waived for 2021 year.
- Students must have earned a 2.6 or higher GPA and must be taking college preparatory courses.
- Scholarship deadlines are February 1, 2021.
- View the Virtual Tour or schedule an In-Person Campus Tour on the Cottey Website. Cottey Admission Representatives are willing to work with a prospective student virtually if they do not feel comfortable traveling to campus.
- Adventure Workshop is scheduled for June 7-12, 2021. This will give rising high school junior and senior aged girls a chance to experience outdoor activities and leadership skills. Registration will open March 1, 2021 to the first 50 students. (Subject to change.)
- Cottey will be offering rising high school junior and senior girls a summer leadership workshop June 14-19, 2021. Registration opens March 21, 2021. Participants earn a \$3000.00 scholarship to Cottey College by attending. (Subject to change.)

Thank you for all your support!

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Our Ohio Suite at Cottey College

As many of you are aware, there are suites in the Cottey dormitories that are supported by many P.E.O. states/provinces/districts. There are two obligations that come with supporting a suite: provide financial support to 1) maintain/refurnish the common area and 2) refurnish the bedrooms. In 2017 the endowment fund for the common area was short of the amount needed, but due to the generous donations received at the 2017 Convention, the Ohio Suite Endowment Fund is now fully funded. This fund is held by Cottey College to be used when needed, but only for the common area. The bedroom furniture is replaced at least every 15 years, and it is time for replacing the furniture. The suite can accommodate ten students, and the furniture is \$1,500 per set/student. In the past, chapters generously gave voluntary donations to the Sue Baker Fund and Sesquicentennial Fund. On the 2021 Annual Dues Report of Treasurer of Local Chapter, an "Optional Donation to Ohio Suite, Cottey College" has been added, with a suggested donation of \$3.00 per active member. Since the delegate fee has been reduced to \$75 due to having a virtual convention, it is hoped that the chapters will consider this donation to cover the cost of replacing the student furnishings and help make the Ohio Suite a comfortable place for these young women to live. Thank you in advance for your consideration and for any donation you may make.

Historian's Notes

There's a pretty good chance that all the photos of our chapter gatherings from this year are going to feature masked faces or screenshots of Zoom meetings. Well, if that's what we have to do to continue to connect and support each other, we'll do it, with smiles on our masked faces! Let's make sure that we are commemorating this time with pictures so that years from now, our P.E.O. descendants will look at our photo albums and marvel at how resourceful and resilient we were.

Thank you to Chapter FB for sending a photo from their socially-distanced Salad Supper Social.



And Chapter BE even had a guest in attendance at their outdoor social earlier this fall.



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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Program for Continuing Education

Hello Sisters.

There is no doubt 2020 has been a challenge to everyone in many ways. This is certainly true for PCE candidates and chapters. Circumstances make it difficult to engage with potential candidates and candidates may be having difficulty reaching out to chapters or even considering their educational plans at this time. Statistics show that women have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, in terms of finances and time. Both these factors are paramount when it comes to women returning to education. However, P.E.O. has an opportunity to help and support women in these difficult times more than ever before, so I encourage all chapters to seek out candidates, be supportive and make a maximum effort to assist.

The good news is that Ohio chapters did receive approval for 12 grants from July through October 2020. Congratulations to Chapters AE, AH, AM-BV, AO, AW, BP, BR, CV, DB, EG, EJ, and EY. A total of \$18,000 was awarded. Great job sisters. Keep up the important work!

It is important to note that one of the eligibility requirements for PCE has changed. As of July 1, 2020, a candidate must be able to complete her educational program within 18 months of receiving a PCE grant. Please check this out on the International website as you review other requirements and processes for applications. All the information needed for a successful candidate is supplied on the website. Just look under Projects, Program for Continuing Education. If you have difficulties, please feel free to contact me, and I'll do my best to help.

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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** Celebrate Founders' Day! "Wear your Pin" and "Phone Every One" of your chapter's nonresident members.
- January 25** Nomination packets due for the office of Secretary, Ohio State Chapter to Marty Billing, AZ, PSP, 4514 Dowden St., Springfield, OH 45503
- January 31** Cutoff dates for **ALL PROJECT DONATIONS** and recognition for additional gifts of \$500 to each of the following: ELF Legacy Chapter, IPS Partners in Peace Chapter, PCE Brighter Tomorrow Chapter, PSA Laureate Chapter and STAR Constellation Chapter. Chapters having all donations in by January 31, 2021 will also be included on the Chapters Gift list to be distributed at the 2021 Ohio State Chapter Convention.
- February 1** Ohio Scholarships applications due to Claire Ackerman, I, Chairman.
- March 1** **Presidents:** your President's Letter is due to Nancy Shelton, OSC President, Beth Golik, AF, History Chairman and your chapter's nonresident members.
- March 10** **Treasurers:** your Annual Report is due to Julie Brooks, OSC Treasurer.
Corresponding Secretaries: your Annual Report and Chapter Member Contact Information Form is due to Becky McClelland, OSC Secretary.
Recording Secretaries: a copy of your chapter's current chapter bylaws and standing rules is due to Jan Hornack, 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 Chairmen
 State Convention Delegates and Alternates

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 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 virtual workshop.

2021 Convention
of the Ohio State Chapter
Dream and Take Flight
June 4, 5 (6?)
Via Your Virtual Device
From the Safety of Your Home



The 93rd Convention of Ohio State Chapter will be here before you know it! And it will be an experience like none you have ever had before – an all virtual P.E.O. convention! The 2021 Convention Hostess Chapters and State Officers are currently in the planning stages to make this a memorable, fun and meaningful experience. Monumental efforts are being made to incorporate the convention events you have loved in the past. Now that we have gained some electronic communication mastery, you will be amazed at the results!

The logistics still have to be finalized, but we already know this much: Registration will be done online as in the past, registering as a delegate or visitor. Watch for reduced prices in keeping with the change in venue. You will also be able to register for special events. You will be notified when registration is open, which may not be until April.

2020 and 2021 Golden Girls will be honored. There will be a Time of Remembrance in memory of our sisters that joined Chapter Eternal from 2019-2021. Break out rooms will be used for workshops and networking. Additionally, all meals can consist of your favorites because menu planning and preparation will be entirely up to you! There will be plenty of breaks scheduled to accommodate the need for relief from Zoom fatigue. Finally, we are planning some exciting surprises for you!

Mark your calendar, watch for forthcoming information, and we will “see” you in June when we ***Take Flight!***

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Chapters: Y, AR, BR, CB, CL, CY, DC, EQ, ES, FB

Carol Hubbard, Y, and Beth Baer, CB, Cochairmen

“WINTERIZED” MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOPS MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



The State Membership Committee will conduct Membership Workshops for the following:

SOUTHWEST QUADRANT CHAPTERS - SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

NORTHEAST QUADRANT CHAPTERS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Informational flyers for the Southwest Quadrant chapters have been emailed to the Membership Chairmen and Chapter Presidents by Cindy Stevens. Northeast Quadrant chapters will receive their information from Meg Eklund later in January.

From the Cottey College Office of Institutional Advancement . . .

Charles Dickens began his classic, *A Tale of Two Cities*, with the words, “*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . .*” The words that Dickens wrote in 1859 might also describe some of what we experienced in 2020. The year began with great promise – enrollment was up; new programs had been added; students and faculty were researching, publishing, and presenting; the Cottey Comets were winning; and fundraising was well underway for the Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Campus Life (aka “Student Center”). Then coronavirus was introduced into our vocabulary followed by social unrest, widespread natural disasters, and contentious political campaigns.

Through these challenges, the Cottey community demonstrated incredible strength and continued to provide the Cottey experience that makes this college truly unique. At a time when other colleges and universities have struggled with decreasing enrollment and containing COVID rates, Cottey experienced an increase of 10% in overall enrollment and low COVID positivity numbers on campus. Forward momentum was also evident in four capital improvement projects – a new stock trading lab and esports arena, renovations to the main floor of



the library, a new cadaver lab for students entering the medical fields, and start of construction on the Student Center.

This can only be accomplished through the effort and commitment of a very strong team – it’s the faculty, staff, students and you, our donors, whose support makes all of this possible, and we could not be more grateful.

The last line of Dickens’ tale reads “*It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known.*” Through the pandemic and the turmoil of 2020, we continue to be inspired by those around us who give of themselves in support of the Cottey mission. Thank you for helping create incredible futures for Cottey students. It is truly a very good thing.

For information about additional Giving Opportunities, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 417-667-8181, ext. 2120 or to make a gift online, go to Cottey.edu/give.