

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. Send the Heartline to your chapter members as an email attachment for all to read.

The Heartline may be kept in the President's file box for one year; however, past issues of the Heartline can be found on the Ohio website.

From the President . . .

Dear Sisters,

During the month of March, our thoughts turn to Spring and the awakening of the natural world around us. So too in P.E.O., March brings the beginning of a new year of activity. First, we thank all those sisters who have served as officers and on committees during the last year. We look forward to receiving your President's letters, Keeping in Touch with Your Chapter forms, annual reports and bylaws during the next few weeks. It has been a challenging time and your commitment to keeping your chapters connected is truly appreciated.

We also thank all of you who have said "Yes!" to taking on an office in your chapter for the coming year. It takes the willingness of each of us to serve for our Sisterhood to thrive. The officer transition meeting is invaluable for helping each officer gain confidence in her role. There are resources on the International website to assist you with this, including this one:

<https://members.peointernational.org/resource/successful-officer-transitions>.

Another excellent resource is the Annual Local Chapter Officer Training, held virtually, for all chapters to attend on April 2, 2022. Remember to have your Corresponding Secretary report your 2022-2023 chapter officers and Ohio state convention delegates and alternates on the International website as soon as they are elected and installed.

This is crucial for allowing reliable communication from the Ohio State Executive Board and from International.

Most of all, we encourage you to reconnect, renew and find joy in P.E.O. with your chapter sisters. We look forward to seeing many of you in Athens at the Ohio State Convention June 3-5. We will be conscious of the safety and health of all and are excited to be in the company of our sisters again as we are "Carrying Our Story Forward"!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,
Jan Hornack, President





Program for Continuing Education

As we move into Spring and the beginning of a new P.E.O. year, we can look back and reflect on the accomplishments of 2021. Nine chapters supported PCE candidates who were awarded grants during the period from March 2021 through December 2021. Those chapters were AH, CB, CH(2), DL, DR, DY, DZ, EK, and EO. The majority of the PCE recipients are working toward degrees in the areas of healthcare and social services. The total amount awarded to Ohio recipients during this period was \$18,500.00. Congratulations to these chapters and their recipients.

Thirty-nine Ohio chapters have already been designated “Brighter Tomorrow Chapters” for 2022! Please consider becoming a “Brighter Tomorrow Chapter” by donating a lump sum \$500 to PCE this upcoming year! For more information, visit peointernational.org>P.E.O. Projects>Project for Continuing Education>Brighter Tomorrow Chapter Information.

Because PCE will be celebrating its 50th birthday in 2023, 50 special grants of \$5,000 will be awarded in the coming year. To help celebrate, the PCE trustees have asked that each chapter contribute an additional \$50 during 2022 and/or 2023.

We are all looking forward to our convention of Ohio State Chapter in June, where we will be visiting the Ohio University campus in Athens. “*Carrying Our Story Forward*” is the theme of the 2022 convention and we will certainly be trying to do that. The Projects Room will be filled with great information about all the P.E.O. projects, including, of course, information about PCE and the Joan K. Bradshaw Named Grant. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

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Historian’s Notes

It’s the time of year that makes checking my mailbox and email inbox fun! The letters from chapter presidents are arriving as well as photos from chapter activities throughout this past year.

Here’s a sneak peek.



Chapter EE walked “Miles for Megan” to show their love and support for their very own EE sister who is battling cancer.



Chapter CW hosted a Zoom Christmas Party, complete with a cocktail making “workshop” and even some BILs in attendance!

Chapter FN shared that Interest Groups, Book Club, and Dining Divas are continuing to strengthen their sisterhood bonds.

And Chapter AI reported two new transfers and five new members by affirmation this year!

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Educational Loan Fund

The ELF story, as you probably know, is the oldest one for P.E.O. This first project began in 1907 and continues to flourish even during our current pandemic. To continue its success, the program relies on each P.E.O. chapter to find excellent candidates, determine that they meet eligibility requirements, and conduct interviews. Here are some frequently asked questions – and answers!

What should we hope to find in a potential ELF applicant?

Look for women with a strong commitment to educational goals, the need for financial assistance, and intent to pay back their loans.

What degrees will ELF support?

Remember that all programs of study must be accredited but can include non-degree programs, associate or bachelor's degree, master's degree, or a doctoral-level degree.

Does the applicant have to live or attend school in the same state as our chapter?

No, but the chapter must interview the candidate, which may be done via telephone conference call or visual call by computer. Interviews should not be conducted via email, and in-person interviews are best!

What should we ask the candidate?

Glad you asked! Download the “Local Chapter Interview Worksheet” at peointernational.org>P.E.O. Projects>Educational Loan Fund>Have an ELF Candidate? Once completed, you will have all the information you need for the online Chapter Recommendation Form, after receiving chapter approval to recommend the applicant and the loan amount.

Do the cosigners have to meet minimum credit score requirements?

Yes, and remember that spouses, fiancés or partners and other students cannot serve as a cosigner. Also a cosigner can only cosign two outstanding loans.

What happens after we submit the Chapter Recommendation Form?

The P.E.O. Executive Office will review the applicant's eligibility. Once confirmed, the applicant will receive an email with instructions and a link to the online application. Chapters should maintain contact with the applicant and support her as she progresses toward her goals.

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STAR Scholarship

It has been another incredible year of sponsoring remarkable young women from Ohio for the STAR Scholarship! What a challenging job the review board will have when selecting the recipients! Many Ohio chapters have worked diligently to seek, interview and nominate these women, and we appreciate the time and energy that is part of this Scholarship process! We are excited to highlight the 2022 STAR Scholarship recipients at the 94th Convention of Ohio State Chapter in June!

Don't forget to keep in touch with the young women you nominated, whether selected for the Scholarship or not, because they may have the potential to be excellent P.E.O. sisters in the future!

They are embarking on a new journey of educational pursuits, and an encouraging card or thoughtful care package could go a long way to show them what our Sisterhood is all about. Also, keep in mind that even if they are not selected for a STAR Scholarship they may be eligible for another award, perhaps an Ohio Scholarship, ELF loan or PCE grant.

Ohio chapters that made a lump sum donation of \$500 this year are regarded as “Constellation Chapters” and will receive a certificate at Convention of Ohio State Chapter. Visit the International website to view the list of STAR Constellation Chapters at peointernational.org>P.E.O. Projects>STAR Scholarship>Constellation Chapter Information. Thank you to all Ohio chapters who donated to the STAR Scholarship in 2021-2022!

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Ad hoc UN/NR Committee

When the Ad hoc Unaffiliate/Nonresident (UN/NR) Committee last updated you in the Fall 2021 Heartline, we had just launched our new process. We outlined two key questions concerning our work and interactions with chapters and reciprocities. Now, several months along, let's revisit those same questions and provide some details surrounding the metrics thus far.

What will the Ad hoc UN/NR Committee be doing?

In our objective to reach all **Unaffiliates** and **Friends Recommended** on a timely basis, we have been quite busy! For the period June 2021 through February 2022, approximately 150 Unaffiliates and Friends Recommended have been added in Ohio. Under Lori Coppel's leadership, we have attempted to reach all of these women. Roughly 42 have asked to be put into immediate contact with one or more chapters. Others asked to be contacted at a future time, and we keep "reminders" to allow us to do so.

For those Unaffiliates who remain on our list longer term, Kelley Cox led the effort to provide each with an update from the OSC Convention and recognizes their P.E.O. anniversary and birthday. Reports for Reciprocities, Regions and Chapters are now created "on demand" and 19 have been created during this same period.

What can you do to help?

Please continue to keep us informed of your interactions with prospective transfers and new members. The Committee can then focus efforts on those women who are still in need of contact and provide accurate reporting. Also, chapter presidents are continuing to receive Notice of a Member in Your Area and Introduction of a Woman forms from International. If your chapter wishes to make contact with one of these women, please feel free to do so, and keep us posted on your progress!

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Scholar Awards

Spring is around the corner, and we continue "Carrying Our Story Forward". Spring is when the gardens are being planned and planted, and so it is with the P.E.O. Scholar Awards. We need to start planning to find that scholar who meets the qualifications for next year. The National Center for Education Statistics website can help you find nearby colleges with doctoral programs. Then it is time to contact department chairs or deans of doctoral programs to inform them about P.E.O. Scholar Awards and to ask for referrals for their top women doctoral candidates. It is important to review the required criteria to find women who are outstanding and who have contributed significantly to their chosen field. The criteria can be found on the P.E.O. International website at www.peointernational.org>P.E.O. Projects> Scholar Awards>Eligibility Requirements. Start planning and plant well to produce the seeds, so we can continue "Carrying our Story Forward".

Be watching for the May 1st announcement of the winning Scholars. Over 830 applications have been submitted for 2022-2023 Awards. Of those applicants, 100 will be selected for the \$20,000 award. The applicants have a wide range of interests and fields of study...from Alzheimer's Disease to gravitational waves to violin performance.

Thanks to the local chapter P.E.O. Scholar Awards committees who have worked to find these awesome women. What an honorable job we have!!

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INTERNATIONAL PEACE Scholarship

“Only the educated are free.” -- Epictetus

It isn't hard to be amazed when glancing through the statistics of the International Peace Scholarship (IPS)! Right now, 163 young women are pursuing their education in the US and Canada, coming from countries as far away as Rwanda, Kazakhstan, Burkina Faso, Uruguay, and Romania. They are studying psychology, engineering, public policy, nursing, architecture, public health, education, and the law. Their various stories are as unique as the 63 countries they represent.

It is staggering to consider that in 2021, IPS awarded 1.8 million dollars to this year's group of recipients! It is also very humbling to be reminded that this transformative support has come from the focused, generous work of the women of P.E.O.

There are some easy ways that you and your chapter can support IPS. Please consider sharing the “Moments for Peace” and “Take a Minute” postings at your chapter meetings, found in the Members' area of P.E.O.'s website: www.peointernational.org >P.E.O. Projects>International Peace Scholarship Fund>Chapter Resources for IPS. They highlight the educational journeys of these extraordinary women!

Many chapters in Ohio are currently involved with the Partners in Peace program. By completing the PIP form and submitting a lump sum \$500 or more donation, a chapter is matched with an IPS student. Right now, IPS recipients are studying in our state, at Ohio University, Ohio State University, Miami University, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Cincinnati.

We are grateful to Ohio's own PSP, Jan Knuckey, DZ, who is currently serving as the IPS Chair for International Chapter! We are proud of her dedication to our Sisterhood.

As always, thank you so much for your support of IPS! Together, we are not only “*Carrying Our Story Forward*” into 2022, but we are able to help women from around the world carry their story as well.

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2022 Convention
Ohio State Chapter

CARRYING OUR STORY FORWARD

June 3 – 5, 2022
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio



The 2022 Convention of Ohio State Chapter is coming soon to the beautiful campus of Ohio University. We have been busily preparing for your visit! We are looking forward to a weekend filled with laughter, learning and sharing, as we are “*Carrying Our Story Forward*” and looking to the future.

Registration will open April 1 with online access on the Ohio P.E.O. website, www.ohiopeo.org. Registration will close on May 1. Everyone must register online, including delegates, alternate delegates, visitors, BILs, speakers, escorts, and other guests. You will pay for your registration by credit card.

Join us for a day, an evening or the entire event! The Projects Room and Marketplace will be open Friday and Saturday – a great time to catch up on our philanthropies or shop a bit while chatting with friends. The Time of Remembrance will take place on Sunday morning at 9am before the final business meeting. You won’t want to miss the workshops available on Saturday afternoon. And, of course, the Projects Luncheon at noon on Saturday will feature speakers who will inform, excite and inspire us to do more. We will also be honoring our Golden Girls and celebrating our Anniversary Chapters. There will be a cocktail hour before the President’s Banquet on Saturday evening, with entertainment by the Local Girls, who REALLY are local girls.

Just in case you are wondering what the BILs and other guests will do while you’re busy with P.E.O., remember that Ohio University is tucked in the Hocking Hills, so there is lots to explore. The Athens Visitors Bureau is planning a tour of Athens with food and fun, for all who would like to come along on Saturday afternoon. If you’re adventurous, pick up the bike trail, go to Hocking Hills for hiking, or take a ride on the Nelsonville Scenic Railway. Athens is also filled with artisans and shopping galore!

Please plan to join us for the 94th Convention of the Ohio State Chapter!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Chapters G, U, DD, DQ, EB, EH, FE

Caryl Kiser, DD, Convention Chair and Muriel Ballou, FE, Convention Vice Chair

Membership Committee

Calling all P.E.O.s! Please repeat after me: MEmbership Begins with ME. (MEmbership Begins with ME.) One more time: MEmbership Begins with ME. (MEmbership Begins with ME!)

This International Membership Committee tagline reminds us that each and every P.E.O. shares the responsibility for the membership of our organization. We should each be prepared to extend the gift of P.E.O. to women in our various circles - family, neighborhood, church, work, community, school – wherever we interact with women who demonstrate the ideals of our organization. When we each take on the responsibility, the load isn't too heavy for one. My chapter sister, Marge, had the right idea. When she and her husband began planning their retirement to Florida, she said "I need to replace myself in our chapter." And she did just that! Not only did she sponsor Brenda, but she also participated in the first couple years of Brenda's P.E.O. journey.

If you are reading this article as a newly appointed local chapter membership chair or committee member, thank you for saying, "Yes!" to a leadership position in your chapter. Both the OSC Executive Board and Membership Committee stand ready to support you throughout the year. Make it a point to identify your chapter's Board Contact Officer and your quadrant's Membership Committee Representative. Become familiar with both the International and Ohio P.E.O. websites. Resources abound! On International, the shiny, red Local Chapter Membership Committee Toolbox is the place to begin. Among the list of resources, look first

for *MEmbership Begins With Me: A Guide for the Local Chapter Membership Committee*. You might consider printing a copy to make it easy to refer to the "Suggested Calendar" throughout the year, but if you also save the guide electronically, you will be able to link instantly to a variety of articles and programs.

We each have the opportunity to follow Marge's example and sponsor at least one new member during our P.E.O. journey. In doing so, we add to the story - "Carrying Our Story Forward" for generations.

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Local Chapter Officer Training (LCOT): Save Saturday, April 2, 2022

for training for President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. **LCOT will be held virtually via Zoom.** This training is designed for those new to their position, but all may attend. The Chaplain and the Guard will be trained after LCOT by the local chapter Vice President at a time convenient for those officers.

Registration information will be sent in the March Board Contact Letter. Times are as follows:

Chapters A – BB, **9:00 – 11:00 AM**
Chapters BC – DQ, **11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**
Chapters DR – FN, **2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Please share this date with all incoming officers!