

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,

As we turn our calendars to 2022, the Ohio State executive board wishes you a Happy New Year and healthy and productive days ahead. We have all persevered through challenging times with resilience. We extend our deepest gratitude to each of you!

As we begin the new year, think about what you would want the story of this time to be when you look back at it five years from now. Each of us has the opportunity to make decisions and take actions that will determine our future as we *Carrying Our Story Forward*.

A major twist in the plot of all of our lives has been Covid-19. There were many modifications that we needed to make in order to keep our personal and our P.E.O. chapter lives functioning. We were given a unique opportunity to reassess what and how we do things. Many improvements were made possible through videoconferencing (Zoom). Chapters can now attend virtual state Membership and Officer Training workshops every year from the comfort of their home. Although we enjoy being in each other's company, there are definite advantages in using videoconferencing.

If I were an author, I would need an outline of the goals of the story that I was telling in order to keep my writing focused. Each chapter

is also writing a story. While there have been many plot twists and turns in the past, an outline of future activities and goals is needed in order to continue *Carrying Our Story(ies) Forward*. As we approach the time when new local chapter officers are elected, it would be a great time to review your chapter's membership goals and adjust or set new ones; and we have just the thing to help with that. There are Cascading Goals templates and instructions on the Ohio website as well as many resources on the International website to further help in setting your goals. Our updated Ohio state Cascading Goals will be posted on the Ohio website in February. Remember- ***if you don't know where you are trying to go, you won't know if you got there!***

In the November/December P.E.O. Record, there is a full report of the 2021 Convention of International Chapter. There were many amendments discussed and thoughtfully voted upon by delegates of Convention. While some may think that these reflect a major re-writing of the P.E.O. story, others think that it is necessary editing to keep our organization strong. It is up to each of us to work toward keeping P.E.O. viable for years to come.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Jan Hornack





Program for Continuing Education

It is that time of the year when we start to focus on our 2021-2022 contributions for the Projects. This year, please consider becoming a “PCE Brighter Tomorrow” chapter. Your chapter can make a lump sum donation of \$500 or more and then be designated as a PCE Brighter Tomorrow Chapter. An individual may also make this contribution and designate a chapter to receive the Brighter Tomorrow recognition. Remember, all contributions must be received by January 31, 2022. Check the P.E.O. International website for exact instructions. Chapters designated as “Brighter Tomorrow” chapters will receive a certificate at the state convention. Congratulations and thanks, to chapter AH, Mentor, for being designated a “Brighter Tomorrow” chapter!

Another wonderful way to support PCE women is the Joan K. Bradshaw PCE Grant. This is a “named” grant which was established to honor Joan Bradshaw and her work in P.E.O. Joan was a member of Chapter DD, Athens, Ohio. She was President of Ohio State Chapter in 1978-79 and served as International Chapter President in 1987-88. We can honor Joan and her work in P.E.O. by supporting the named grant and at the same time, make a memorable contribution to the education of a deserving PCE candidate.

The Joan K. Bradshaw PCE Grant is \$3,000. A donation totaling \$3,000 can be made by an individual, a chapter, or a group of chapters; therefore, donation amounts can vary. Once the total is \$3,000, the PCE board of trustees will select a PCE named grant recipient from the applicants sponsored by Ohio chapters. Once again, more detailed information may be found on the P.E.O. International website, so please take the time to “check it out.”

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Educational Loan Fund

The P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF) has just released its Statistical Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. ELF is a revolving loan fund dependent upon the financial support of all P.E.O. chapters.

During the 114 years ELF has been in operation, loans totaling \$231,139,209 have been approved and granted to 50,298 women. Contributions and bequests totaling \$39,174,914 have been received since its inception. These ELF totals are impressive and demonstrate the long-term commitment of P.E.O. to the educational needs of generations of women.

For the 2020-2021 year, ELF has \$47,071,387 in loans outstanding and \$2,413,750 approved for future issue, for a total loan and commitment figure of \$49,485,137.

Ohio had 21 approved loans for \$259,000 in that same period. Only six states had more approved loans and a higher amount approved: California (31), Colorado (32), Illinois (44), Iowa (29), Minnesota (43), and Oregon (30). Ohio local chapters provided \$39,183 in contributions or bequests to ELF in 2020-2021.

Even with these statistics, one of the more frequent questions I hear – even from other state ELF chairmen – is how does one find a qualified ELF candidate? The first step might be to check with your own chapter. Perhaps your chapter’s ELF Chairman could present the project at a meeting, using one of the online program ideas. It is then that a member might remember a neighbor whose daughter is graduating from high school or a niece or granddaughter who is struggling financially to complete a degree.

Some chapters near community colleges or universities have established a relationship with an academic advisor who can refer qualified applicants back to the chapter. Perhaps the chapter would like to distribute ELF flyers to nearby educational institutions or potential applicants. The flyers are already available in .pdf form on the P.E.O. International website. Let’s carry this story forward!

Check out the resource below. Login is required.
<https://members.peointernational.org/peo-projects/educational-loan-fund/chapter-resources-elf>

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Amendments and Recommendations Committee

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 chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules by the **March 10, 2022** due date. If your chapter has not done so already, **now** is the time to check your chapter bylaws and standing rules, and check them against the following:

- The **2021 Review of Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules and cover letter** mailed to your chapter president last summer with the suggested changes and recommendations implemented.
 - 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.
 - Following the Convention of International Chapter this Fall, all chapters will need to make changes to their bylaws. The change will be in Article I – Meetings, to read: “The number of chapter meetings is twelve in a year ... “ These changes are to be implemented and do not require a chapter vote. **PLEASE** change the date at the top of your bylaws to the date the changes were reported.
 - 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.
- Once the recommended changes have been made:
- Report the changes to the chapter’s bylaws at the next business meeting. The new date on the bylaws (at the top, in the heading) is the date of the meeting at which the changes were voted upon.
 - If you are adding or making changes to your bylaws or standing rules which require a chapter vote, be sure to follow the procedure found in Article V (or VI) of your chapter bylaws.

A new chapter is forming in North Ridgeville, the fastest growing city in northern Ohio!

If you know of someone in the areas of North Ridgeville, Amherst, Elyria, Columbia Station, Olmsted Falls, Avon Lake, Westlake, Avon, or North Olmsted who would be interested in P.E.O., please contact Julie Brooks, Organizer, Ohio State Chapter at jbethbrooks@gmail.com or (419)357-1035 or Paige Gotwald, at pgotwald11@gmail.com or (440)292-7001.

- 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.

Your chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules are due to Jane Koch, OSC Vice President, by **March 10, 2022**. Please email your bylaws as a **Word document** to Jane at janekochpeo@gmail.com. Mailed copies will also be accepted. Please do not send us a copy from your program book. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Thank you to all the chapters and individuals for contributing to the Ohio Suite Bedroom Refurbishment Fund. We successfully reached our goal of \$15,000! Cottey will order the new furnishings and have them installed by August 2022.



One of the most important ways P.E.O.s can focus on *Carrying Our Story Forward* is to search continually for prospective Cottey students. Cottey no longer offers “C” for Yourself! weekends but has shifted to “Experience Cottey” events that offer individualized, year-round opportunities for high school girls and their parents to visit the campus. These events include: one free hotel room for those who live further than 100-miles from campus; paid lunch in Rainey Dining Room with a Cottey student; meeting with Cottey president, Dr. Jann Weitzel (if on campus & available); the opportunity to attend a class & meet with a faculty member; as well as a Spirit Shop coupon & complimentary beverage at the Chellie Club coffee shop. If you know of a young woman who plans to attend college, please encourage her and her parents to visit Cottey. Additional funds are available to help defray the cost of their trip through our Ohio Cottey Care & Travel Fund.

The P.E.O. International Executive Board recently approved and established the Cottey Luminary Award. It was created to recognize those chapters who make a \$500 lump sum gift to Cottey designated in the manner chosen by each chapter. These Luminary Chapters will receive special recognition at our 2022 State Convention.

Looking for a unique Cottey program for your next meeting? You could show one of the many excellent videos available on YouTube ... <https://www.youtube.com/cotteyedu>

Another great resource is Cottey’s bi-annual “Viewpoint” magazine. You can access the archives at ... <https://cottey.edu/viewpoint/>

Continue to watch for our bimonthly E-News sent to all Reciprocity Cottey Chair and Chapter Cottey Chair not affiliated with a Reciprocity Group. We hope it keeps ALL Ohio P.E.O.s informed about “everything” Cottey. Questions? Please contact one of us.

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Chapter Vitality Does your chapter need help?

- Has your chapter added new initiates over the past several years?
- Do you have enough sisters to do the work of the chapter?
- Has attendance in chapter life remained steady?
- Is your chapter multigenerational?
- Has your chapter sponsored applicants for our philanthropies?

If your answers are mostly NO, contact:

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to learn more about Chapter Vitality assistance available to local chapters.



2021 Convention of International Chapter

Convention of International Chapter (CIC) was held virtually on September 20-25, 2021. There was a full schedule of workshops, Buzz Rooms, Wellness activities and social gatherings. There was also the opportunity to meet each of the International Board Officers during separate sessions. During the business meetings, reports of committees were made and the many amendments were presented, debated, and voted upon. The full report of CIC can be found in the November/December P.E.O. Record. The final event of the convention was the installation of Patricia Brolin-Ribi as the International President for the 2021-2023 biennium. The theme for this biennium is:



Questions and Answers

During the Q&A period at Convention, the International Representative and the State Organizer will answer questions about P.E.O. policies, procedures, and local, state, or International P.E.O. topics. Please send your questions TO:

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All questions must be received no later than May 1, 2022. The Organizer may contact you if clarification is needed.



Scholarships

Ready for Chapter Two of the OHIO SCHOLARSHIP story? First, how is your chapter doing in identifying a potential young woman to nominate for a scholarship? Remember, she is to be known by a chapter member through any number of connections as opposed to soliciting names from high school counselors. If your chapter has identified a candidate(s) and your chapter has approved their nomination, WONDERFUL!

Now, on to Chapter Two! Has your Ohio Scholarships chair or technology chair emailed your candidate(s) the **OS APPLICATION** and the **INSTRUCTIONS to the APPLICANT**, available at: ohiopeo.org/members/projects/ohioscholarships? Also, your OS chair should reference the excellent directions found in the **FAQ section**. If the applicant is a high school senior, keep in mind fall transcripts should be available early January.

Our heroine now does her part! She completes the application form and provides all the required information to your OS chair by an agreed upon date set **prior to the February 1 submission deadline**. Both your chapter's President and OS chair verify all forms are complete, submitting the **Sponsoring Chapter Information** form, along with the applicant(s) materials to ohioscholarshipschair@gmail.com by **February 1, 2022**. Unfortunately, late submissions cannot be considered.

The plot thickens! The OS Committee reviews all applications, making selection recommendations to the Executive Board of the Ohio State Chapter for their approval. A list of scholarship recipients is then sent to the P.E.O. Foundation Board of Trustees, responsible for administering the Ohio Scholarship funds, for their final approval. Now, our heroine(s) must sit tight and wait for the concluding chapter in our story to unfold in the next edition of The Heartline!

Curious about what's to come? Reference the **FAQ** section of Ohio Scholarships to learn more about the process and timing. Best wishes Ohio Scholarships heroine(s)!

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2022 Convention
Ohio State Chapter
CARRYING OUR STORY FORWARD
June 3 – 5, 2022
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Hurray!! Live and In Person! The 94th Convention of Ohio State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood will meet on the Ohio University campus in Athens, Ohio on June 3, 4, and 5, 2022. President Jan Hornack, Q, will open the convention Friday evening, June 3rd. On Saturday, we will celebrate the Projects Luncheon and the President’s Dinner in grand style. We will also honor 50-year member sisters and remember those who have entered Chapter Eternal. You will have the opportunity to register for the entire convention or just the events you are able to attend.

For those sisters, delegates, and visitors planning to attend the entire convention, we welcome you to Ohio University. The university is in the Hocking Hills of southeastern Ohio and is a beautiful, serene campus. Our lodging is second to none; new dorms with hotel-like amenities and plenty of space! The Projects Room and Marketplace will be open for you to enjoy at your leisure.

As in the past, registration will be completed online. You will be able to get convention information and register as a delegate or visitor for the entire convention, or for one of the special events. Details will be available in March on www.ohiopeo.org.



We are excited to SEE you and look forward to our time together in June when we will be Carrying Our Story Forward into the future.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

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

Caryl Kiser, DD, and
Muriel Ballou, FE,
Convention Co-chairs

Historian’s Notes

I recently had the opportunity to flip through the Ohio State Chapter scrapbook from fifty years ago. The Convention theme in 1971 was “What You Are” and the processional first introduced the costumes of the guards and pages: pastel colored dresses and aprons like those of the Founders. The theme of the BIL banquet was “Our Man in the Moon” and featured red, white and blue décor as a tribute to the Apollo 11 Lunar landing.

What else was going on fifty years ago? Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, FL and the first Starbucks opened in Seattle, WA. Southwest Airlines began its first flights between several Texas cities.

In 1971, the average cost of a new house was \$25,250 and the average annual income for an American was \$10,600. Good thing the price of a gas was 36 cents a gallon and a first class stamp was just 8 cents!

Although many things have changed in the past fifty years, the camaraderie of the P.E.O. Sisterhood has remained a constant. As our chapters begin to return to in-person meetings and events, let’s capture the joy for posterity. Please send your chapter’s photos to bethgolik@gmail.com by March 1, 2022 so that they can be incorporated into the photo album and Convention display.

Perhaps, in the year 2071, the state historian will have an opportunity to browse old albums and will appreciate having a glimpse of what we were up to fifty years ago, in 2021.

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