



Surrounded by Love,  
Encircled with Strength

## February News..

North Platte received about 13 inches of snow during the most recent snow storm. The snow was beautiful and we even had a snow day but it made the roads difficult to navigate..

Your executive board met January 17th via Zoom. Our discussions pertained to LCOW on April 15th for all your elected officers in the East Central Area, Nebraska state convention and CIC. (Convention of International Chapter). We have created an updated Convention Manual and the Younes Center is excited to have P.E.O. on their campus

A reminder again that when planning your yearbook for next year, you will need to include our Nebraska state convention report and in October or November have time to report on the Convention of International Chapter. Remember, the CIC market place is already open to shop online for all P.E.O. members.

In April you will all be able to register for state convention. Reciprocity groups III & X are getting excited to host Convention 2023 on June 9-11, in Kearney at the Younes Center South. I am getting excited for the 123rd convention and seeing you all there. Attending convention is an amazing experience. I hope you all can attend! There are some wonderful items already approved for the store! Lovingly in P.E.O.,  
Renee

*"You were born into this life  
because you are strong  
enough to live it."  
Unknown*



## Top news of the month Important News:

- Prepare For Electronic Annual Reports
- Bylaws Reminder  
Beth Anderson, NSC Secretary
- Reminder to report Elections of Officers, Delegates and Alternates

## LCOW SAVE THE DATE

East Central Area

Kellie Stang, Vice President

## PCE

International News

## ELF

Kelly Robare, FQ

## Cotley

Sherry Erlewine, FU ,PSP

## From your Organizer

Jane Van Horn, Organizer

## P.E.O. Home update

Lisa Helmick, GF, PSP



## Chapter Events and Key Dates

### February 2023

- Go to International website and check your email frequently to be informed when Annual Report webinars will occur.

### March 10, 2023

- Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary (ARCS) due online
- Annual Reports of Treasurer Annual Dues Report will be online. (IRS-LC will be sent with check to Sheri Rasmussen.

### March 2023

- Election of officers
- Election of state delegate and alternate to state convention
- Election of International delegate and alternate if it's your chapter's year to attend. See proceedings, page 91
- Entering your elections onto International website

### April 15, 2023

- LCOW via Zoom for East Central Area

### June 9-11, 2023

- State convention in Kearney NE

### Sept. 21-23, 2023

- Convention of International Chapter

# IMPORTANT NEWS!

## ***ELECTRONIC ANNUAL REPORTS***

### **PREPARING FOR THE P.E.O. LOCAL CHAPTER ELECTRONIC ANNUAL REPORT**

Getting Ready What can I do now to prepare for the electronic annual report?

- A training video, available after February 1, will provide instructions for officers completing the annual report and will be located at <https://members.peointernational.org/annual-reports>.
- For More information go to International website and type annual report in the search menu. There are two pieces of information there : a Local Chapter Worksheet and "Preparing for the P.E.O. Local Chapter Electronic Annual Report."
- These resources will be so beneficial for the Annual Report officers!

### ***WHO SHOULD I CONTACT!***

- ***MOST QUESTIONS YOU HAVE NOW WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE TRAINING VIDEO AVAILABLE AFTER **FEBRUARY 1**. THE TRAINING WILL DETAIL AND DEMONSTRATE HOW TO COMPLETE EACH SECTION OF THE ELECTRONIC ANNUAL REPORT WITH STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH OFFICER. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE TRAINING.***
- ***THIS PROCESS IS NEW TO US ALL. PLEASE CONTACT AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. IF THERE IS A QUESTION FOR SHERI RASMUSSEN, SHE WILL CONTACT HER . SHERI WILL BE BUSY CHECKING REPORTS AND SHE NEEDS TO DEDICATE HER TIME TO THIS PROCESS.***

# IMPORTANT NEWS

## REMINDER FROM BETH ANDERSON, NSC SECRETARY

### SUBMIT BYLAWS!



It is time for your chapter to inform Nebraska State Chapter of the status of any bylaw changes your chapter has made in the last year, March 1, 2022- February 28, 2023. Please send them in a Word document to the State Secretary Beth Anderson at [beth4peo@gmail.com](mailto:beth4peo@gmail.com) by March 31. If you have not made any changes, please email "No Changes" and your chapter letters. Please place a copy of your bylaws, with the date of March 1, 2023, after the February minutes in the secretary's book. They are kept with your minutes for the life of your chapter and serve as a reference when needed to review dates and items when the bylaws have been amended. Please put the date and the word revised when/if they have been amended on your bylaws.

## REMINDER AFTER ELECTIONS

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE

- Report newly elected local officers
- Report state convention delegate and alternate ( Remember your alternate must be prepared to take your place if needed) Your delegate must prepared to stay through the entire convention.
- Report CIC delegate and alternate if it is your year to attend Convention of International Chapter. The list of chapters have already been contacted by Kellie Stang . This list can always be found in the Proceedings.

# \*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

## April 15 For LCOW 2023

**APRIL 15TH 2023- LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICER WORKSHOP (LCOW) WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE EAST CENTRAL GROUP.**

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW FOR OUR ZOOM WORKSHOPS. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER YOUR OFFICERS AND TO SIGN UP FOR THE MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP PRIOR TO THE OFFICER TRAINING ON THAT DAY.**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR PEGGY BRENDAL WILL START WITH A WORKSHOP FOR PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS AT 9:30 THAT MORNING.**

**LOCAL OFFICER TRAINING WILL START AT 10:00. IF YOU ARE NOT IN THIS GROUP AND WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP, LET PEGGY KNOW AT PEGBP@GMAIL.COM. IF YOU RECEIVE THE EMAIL WITH THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM AND YOU WOULD RATHER MAIL IT TO ME BY US MAIL, PLEASE SEND IT TO:**

**KELLIE STANG  
6430 HOLDREGE ST.  
LINCOLN, 68505.**



**THE REQUIRED GROUP IS LISTED BELOW:**

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AJ FREMONT  
EY OMAHA  
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**Great leaders encourage leadership development, By openly developing themselves.**

# News PCE & ELF



## PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (PCE)

- ***THE JANUARY 2023 ISSUE OF THE PCE NEWS HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE NEBRASKA WEBSITE. IT CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT:  
[HTTPS://MEMBERS.PEOINTERNATIONAL.ORG/PEO-PROJECTS/PROGRAM-CONTINUING-EDUCATION/CHAPTER-RESOURCES-PCE](https://members.peointernational.org/peo-projects/program-continuing-education/chapter-resources-pce)***
- ***IT IS FULL OF GREAT INFORMATION. I HOPE YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER PCE CHAIR CAN SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHAPTERS.***
- ***A NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE PRESIDENTS AND TECH CONTACTS OF EACH CHAPTER.***

## EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

February greetings, Sisters! Did you know that the humble and hardworking P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund was the first loan fund in the world established just for women? Besides sharing this historical nugget, I wanted to address a commonly asked question and pass along a helpful tip. First, the question:

Why do we need to have two cosigners for each loan applicant, regardless of credit score? Because real life can happen to ELF loan recipients, creating situations in which they are unable to make good on their loans. ELF loans are unsecured loans, meaning we require no collateral from the applicants, so we need a method in place that will help to ensure repayment in case an ELF applicant does have to default on her loan. Sometimes only one of the two cosigners can honor their obligation to back up the loan, due to their own circumstances or even death. Asking that the note is guaranteed by two signatures allows P.E.O. to continue to offer unsecured loans, which are far more accessible and cost effective (they're lower in operational and administrative fees than secured loans). This dual signature method ensures we can continue offering low interest loans to women whose education may depend on them.

Next, the tip: when assisting your candidates with the application process, please encourage them to double check tuition due dates and allow for payment processing time. We want to avoid any angst and allow for a seamless transfer of funds from the ELF office to the school finance office in time for the new semester/quarter.

As always, I'm happy to address any questions. Thank you for sharing your chapters' and recipients' celebrations and concerns with me; it's the very best part of this role!

In Sisterly Love,

Kelly Robare, FQ  
Educational Loan Fund Chair



# Cottey NEWS

SHERRY ERLEWINE, PSP, COTTEY COMMITTEE CHAIR



## Cottey Students Arrived Back on Campus January 9th

- Students came back to campus on January 9th. Once second semester enrollment has been certified we will receive that list and be able to tell you if your adopted student is still on campus and assign students to those chapters who just recently requested students.
- Share the love! Refer a student to Cottey this month! It's easy! It's online! You know someone who would love Cottey, give them the gift of a school that will make the most of their talents and desires! Academic, Athletic, Leadership, or whatever the goal, Cottey can guide them to success!

## Cottey Resources

Did you know that the Cottey website has many resources to share with your local chapter? Be sure to visit the P.E.O. side of the Cottey website for videos, high resolution photos, and other materials.





# FROM YOUR ORGANIZER

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It is that time of year when we are thinking about how to get around in the snow, shoveling a space so our 4-legged family have a place to “go” in the snow, or maybe dreaming of a warm place with a cooling refreshment in your hands. Okay, let’s be real, as P.E.O.s, we are thinking about our annual reports, getting dues paid and getting those officer positions filled!

As P.E.O.s we, “...celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.” How can we do all those things if we do not set the example by becoming leaders in our families, in our communities, in our chapter?

I have always said, “Your community is only as good as what you put into it.” What can you give to your P.E.O. community? Can you step up into a leadership position, no experience necessary; P.E.O. does a wonderful job in providing you the resources you need to be affective in any position. Could you volunteer to be an assistant to one of the officer positions? You may be the inspiration that one of your sister’s needs. You, through leadership, can be inspirational in your chapter.

From the first century Jewish scholar Hillel, "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?" We are an organization which motivates, celebrates and educates women. Some may think that we do those things for project candidates. It’s time to rethink that premise and motivate, celebrate and educate ourselves, in our chapter setting. A chapter needs someone to lead the meeting; it needs someone to take those meeting minutes; someone has to keep track of the money coming in and going out. Can you imagine what a mess it would be if we did not have women in those positions! P.E.O. needs women like YOU, to step up and join the leadership team.

Be an active part in growing P.E.O. As a member, you believe in our mission; you want to see women be successful. How can we help others if we first do not help our chapters in engaging in those positions which help to foster those ideals we have for all women?

This, this is a great time to ‘show up’ for P.E.O. In 2022, P.E.O. International has seen 5,000 initiations. This could have only happened because leaders stepped up and shared the mission of P.E.O. to their community. They were being leaders in finding those new sisters. The International website has some wonderful resources for recruiting officers. There are fabulous tools for equipping chapter officers with the guidance they need to be impactful. There is a leadership section on the International website for the whole chapter. Please use these resources.

I challenge you to show up for P.E.O. and join the leadership team in your chapter. You have the ability and the resources to do it now.

Stay well and stay warm!

Jane Van Horn, NSC Organizer

# P.E.O. HOME NEWS

*Monthly Newsletter Info from Lisa Helmick, PSP*



*Your love built our Home, and your  
love maintains it.*

## RESIDENT UPDATE

*We now have 15 residents living in our  
Home and are expecting another to be  
arriving in mid-March.*

## P.E.O.HOME WEBSITE LAUNCHED



**[www.nebraskapeohome.org](http://www.nebraskapeohome.org)**

*DID YOU SEE THE NEW P.E.O. WEBSITE launched on January 21, 2023, (the 154th anniversary of the founding of the P.E.O. Sisterhood)? You can link to this site from the Nebraska P.E.O. website OR you can go directly by putting the address in your browser. Many thanks to Mary Schwaner, Chapter AI, Lincoln, for setting up this site that will be updated with new and additional information on a regular basis. It will be a work in progress as we have new pictures and information for anyone to see. NOW, as a Nebraska P.E.O. ambassador for our beloved Home, you can share the site with anyone who might be interested in becoming a resident, employee, volunteer, or just wants to learn more about our Home, etc.*





# DONATIONS

*DONATION FORMS: Thank you for always using a donation form when bringing or sending items to our Home. The donation form helps us to write timely thank-you notes and helps with the bookkeeping involved with all kinds of donations. You can find the form on the Nebraska state P.E.O. website. <https://nebraskapeo.org>*

*The Donation Form is also on the new Nebraska P.E.O. Home website for your convenience. <https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>*

## FUNNY MONEY STORE (FMS)

*Here are some items we would love for the FMS: Spring door hangings for resident rooms (Easter/spring floral), mini cans of pop, various kinds of chips, small candy bars (some have restricted diets - gluten free, sugar free, etc.). You can also donate money so the staff can purchase appropriate items for the store as your donation. Small gift cards to Walmart, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Burger King are also welcome (\$5 to \$10 range).*



## THANK YOU!

*Items we do **NOT** need as we have a plentiful supply:*

- *jewelry*
- *lotions,*
- *NO “expired” foods - chips, crackers, etc. We can't give these to our sisters due to FDA regulations.*
- *large print books*
- *Kleenex.*

*We will keep you updated when more are needed.*

**PRICES:**  
**SHAMPOO AND SET = \$15**  
**HAIR CUT = \$15**  
**COLOR = \$50**  
**PERM = \$45**

## BEAUTY SHOP CERTIFICATES



**(One more time, for now)** You have no idea how thankful residents are for these certificates! They have become a popular gift from chapters and individuals. Just as a reminder:

1. All you need to do is send a check, along with a note, detailing who your resident is and what service you are requesting along with your chapter information.
2. Staff at the Home will create and print a "Gift Certificate" for your resident from your chapter and see that she gets it.
3. IF you have a special card to accompany the certificate, be sure to include that "unsealed" card and the certificate will be placed in it for you and then delivered to the resident.

***PLEASE KNOW:*** Every penny donated to the P.E.O. Home supports our **RESIDENTS**. Their needs, well-being, safety, health, offering activities, short trips, transportation to medical appointments, etc. is our priority.

## UPDATE ABOUT VISIT

*VISITS: have NOT changed for February 2023)*

*-- We are only doing tours for potential residents at this time. Due to the high cases of influenza and covid we are not doing group tours. Residents can have visitors or family at any time visit in their rooms. If a group (more than 3 guests) wants to visit with a resident we can reserve the Chapter Room, private dining room, or library for these visits.*

## MANY THANKS!

***MANY THANKS to our Nebraska chapters and sisters who help to meet the needs of our beloved P.E.O. Home. You make a difference in quality of life for our residents AND you build the morale of our staff members. Thank you for your continued investment in the lives of residents and staff and for the continued maintenance of our very special Home! Thank you for loving our Home as much as all of us do!***