

NEBRASKA STATE CHAPTER OF P.E.O.



NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY FALL

Happy October! The weather has cooled (slightly). The leaves are changing and their fall colors are showing their vibrant array. For me it is the most spectacular season! The P.E.O. Convention of International Chapter was also just as spectacular in Pittsburgh. What an amazing, energetic, and motivational trip! If you have never attended a Convention of International Chapter, please add it to your bucket list!

I was so honored and blessed to be able to lead the Nebraska delegation of 54 beautiful and talented women and 2 charming BILs. The time was full of fabulous fun, education on every front, and motivation abound! I think I can honestly say that every one of us walked away feeling loved, inspired, and a bit more knowledgeable about P.E.O. From our projects, to our leadership, to the many facets of everything P.E.O., meeting sisters from across the country to meeting our sisters across the state, it was a wonderful time for us all to come together and be a part of the 76th International Convention. There is some great information on the International website and several videos, some even have a few Nebraska sisters in them! Take some time to see a glimpse of some of the highlights of CIC. **Your CIC report for your chapter is also on the STATE website. Please read the report as noted in our bylaws.** Also unveiled at CIC is the continuation of the "You Add 2 P.E.O. and P.E.O. Adds to You." campaign for the next biennium. The state's goal is for every chapter to "Add 2" either by initiation or reinstatement. This last biennium Nebraska met this challenge and surpassed it by over 50% of our chapters meeting or exceeding this goal! I have every confidence that not only can we do it again, we can "Add 2" by our state convention in June!

Need ideas on how to do this, check out the You add 2 P.E.O. tab on the international website or reach out to an MDC member. Our membership committee is there to help you and your chapter!

Look in this newsletter for special reminders and dates. There is important information concerning our new sign in for the website, Let's Go find the Others from Jean Matheny, organizer, project donation dates, and the outline for your president's letter will be posted later in the month. Adopt-Cottey Student or Suite form and information from our beloved P.E.O. Home as well as other items of importance. A very special "Thank You" to ALL of the Nebraska CIC delegation. Remember we do it again in 2025 Phoenix, AZ!

Check the proceedings to see which chapters will be privileged to send a delegate to this exciting and life changing event!

Lovingly,
Kellie

REMINDERS

□ PROJECT DONATIONS ARE DUE DEC. 15TH, 2023.

PLEASE FIND THE FORMS ON THE STATE WEBSITE!

□ REFER A STUDENT TO COTTEY REFERRAL BLITZ ENDS OCT. 15TH

IF YOU KNOW A GIRL GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE FILL OUT A REFERRAL CARD!

LAST CALL!



Seeking Nebraska Sisters FINAL Announcement
October 2023 Nebraska State Chapter Newsletter
Quick as a DRAGONFLY, time is speeding by!

The window of opportunity to express interest in becoming a part of the Nebraska State Executive Board is getting short. Perhaps some of you are already moving toward taking that jump into an incredible, fulfilling and meaningful adventure impacting Nebraska State Chapter. The Sister selected will be installed as the Nebraska State Secretary at the Nebraska State Convention in June of 2024. Please see the timeline below.

1. Prior to November 1, 2023, any Nebraska chapter or sister may recommend an eligible candidate for nomination after talking with her about her interest. The chapter or sister may then send a document indicating the consent of the sister (signed by her) and a letter of recommendation. Nominating Committee Chair Lisa will then be in touch with the eligible candidate with the additional forms to be completed and information sheets.
2. Complete the "Willingness to Serve" form found on the Nebraska P.E.O. website, and send this "WTS" form to Vice President Jane Van Horn: janevpeo@gmail.com and Nominating Chair Lisa Helmick: lisapeo@cox.net
3. Nominating Committee Chair Lisa will email the forms and information sheets needed to complete the "paperwork" part of this process.
4. Paperwork must be returned to Lisa, postmarked no later than Wed., November 1, 2023.
 - a. The completed "Prospective Nominee Information Form"
 - b. A brief resume`
 - c. Personal Statement as indicated on the "Information Form".
 - d. A letter of support from the chapter
5. The committee will review all documents for completeness and Lisa will set up interviews, via Zoom, on a date that works well for all.
6. Please contact the Nominating Committee Chair with questions:
Lisa Helmick, PSP, (GF Omaha) Nominating Committee Chair
Email: lisapeo@cox.net (Preferred method of contact). Cell Phone: 402-669-4186

Others on the Nominating Committee this year:

Peggy Brendel, PSP, IE, Omaha

Kandy Adams, CL, Ogallala

Julie Jacobson, AK, North Platte

Capri McGuire, EP, Wisner

DO BE AWARE....

- The Nominating Committee considers where our candidates reside; it is important to have representation from all areas of Nebraska if possible.
- The committee will be interviewing candidates for ALL board offices not just that of secretary since, typically, the officers move up into the remaining offices.



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Nebraska P.E.O. Home, 413 North 5th Street, Beatrice, NE 68310-2902

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<https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>

October Newsletter

“Whet your appetite” for reading more about these pieces in the Home newsletter. Click on the link above to access the Nebraska P.E.O. Home website to read more.

1. We have 13 residents and have room for 20 residents.
2. Activities Director Cindy planned so many fun activities for the month of September 2023. Assisted Living Week was also celebrated.
3. Fall Reciprocity/Roundtable meetings will have a Home Board Director or another designee sharing some information at the meeting. There will be handouts for each chapter representative in attendance.
4. Thank you for donations. Please HOLD on greeting cards as we have an ample supply at this time. Consider an donation earmarked for the dining room furniture. Perhaps a generous gift of an additional \$85 to celebrate the 85 years our Home has been available and serving as an assisted-living facility.
5. Memorial and Honorary Bricks – new wall to be built.
6. Chapters can still participate in the Adopt-a-Resident or Adopt-an-Employee Programs
7. Tours of our Home are becoming quite popular. They are guided by Home staff or Board Directors. Call ahead to schedule.

Heartfelt Thanks to you, Nebraska P.E.O. Sisters and Chapters!

Thank
you!



Adopt-a-Cottey Student or Suite program is ready to roll!

Please use the interest form included in this newsletter to join in the fun. This form will also be available online at www.nebraskapeo.org in the Chapter Toolbox. If your chapter wishes to participate, please use this form and return it by October 21st.

To make things quick and simple, we aren't taking special requests. This is a great time to get to know a new student or suite!

For those planning to participate, now is the time to begin brainstorming with your chapter sisters and create plans, establish timelines, and start gathering things you'd like to send to the students once the assignment is made. Holidays, finals, spring-themed packages, and the end of the academic year are great times to let students know we are here and supporting them.

Links for student support are also found on the Cottey website at:

<https://cottey.edu/peo/support-students/>

Included there you will find ideas and information such as:

- Care package ideas
- Cakes for Cottey from Chapter DW in Nevada
- Local merchant gift card ideas and how to purchase Cottey Cash to be used on campus in the Chellie Club, Raney Dining Room, for shuttle reservation or event tickets, and in the Spirit Shop.
- How to address packages to students and suites

Here's a Pro Tip: Including a note from the chapter with an email address, name and cell phone and/or a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a blank note may gently encourage students to send back an acknowledgement. If you do not hear from your student or suite, please don't be discouraged! Please know they DO appreciate you and the gifts.

Please complete and send the form below by email or mail by **October 21, 2023** to

Julie Messerole, Chapter GF, 15016 Y Street, Omaha, NE 68127

Email: peojuliemesserole@gmail.com



Yes! Our chapter will sponsor (choose one): _____ Student OR _____ Suite

Chapter Letters	
Chapter Contact Name	
Phone Number	
Email	
Mailing Address	

Membership



We want to emulate the enthusiasm our Founders had when they committed to “Let’s Go Find the Others.” During the month of October, sisters are especially encouraged to introduce to our Sisterhood friends and family members who would embrace the values of P.E.O. and support our mission. How can your chapter grow and connect with potential new sisters? Who in your life would benefit from the love and support of P.E.O.?

Think of membership as a three-legged stool. One leg represents growing our Sisterhood with new members. Another leg represents nurturing the sisters we already have. A third leg represents replanting unaffiliate and inactive sisters who are looking for a new P.E.O. home. All three working together are required to make the stool strong.

“[Let’s Go Find the Others](#)” focuses on growing our Sisterhood. It is important that we continually search for women who share our values and support our projects for possible initiation into the Sisterhood. There are plenty of ways to talk about P.E.O. and introduce potential members to your chapter sisters.

Brainstorming with Franc’s List

- Chapters can identify women in their circles of friends who might make good P.E.O. sisters. This can be done at an in-person chapter meeting or via a virtual meeting.
- Prior to the meeting send chapter sisters an attachment of the Franc’s List Worksheet.
- Each will print her own copy of the worksheet and fill in names with contact information to use during the brainstorming discussion. Take a few minutes to think of other names together.
- If doing a video conference, have the Introduction of a Woman Not a P.E.O. on your screen and ready to share. Complete this form for those women who do not live in the area.
- If brainstorming at an in-person meeting, consider having a computer available where the Introduction of a Woman Not a P.E.O. forms may be completed and submitted immediately.
- Plan to contact potential sisters and schedule a video conference or in-person meeting with them to talk about P.E.O.
- The resource “Easy Steps for Making a Cold Call” gives great suggestions for what to say. It can be found in the Local Chapter Membership Toolbox on the International Chapter website.

Throw a Party in a Bag

- Each sister will invite a potential member and make up two “Party in a Bag” kits.
- Include a prepackaged drink and snacks. One kit will be for you and one for your guest. Use your imagination!
- Deliver it to the woman you would like to introduce to P.E.O.





- Open the bags together. This can be done in person or on a scheduled video conference party with your chapter sisters.
- Display your bag items with the others and enjoy getting to know each other!

Host a Girls' Game Night

- Set a date for a “Girls’ Game Night” party. For extra fun, plan it around a theme.
- If not meeting in person, choose a virtually friendly game such as bunco, charades, or Yahtzee.
- Ask members to identify names and addresses of one or two guests; send fun invitations via email.
- Ask members who are attending to consider dressing on theme and have an appropriate snack and beverage to share virtually or in person.
- Send each guest an email thank you and include a copy of the brochure titled [P.E.O. A Philanthropic Educational Organization](#), a copy of the Objects and Aims and/or The P.E.O. Record (all available to download from the International Chapter website).

Present a Virtual Program

- Schedule an interesting virtual program with a topic that would appeal to guests.
- Invite nonmember friends to attend.
- After the program, ask each member to introduce her guest.
- Follow up by sending each guest an email thank you and include a copy of the [P.E.O. A Philanthropic Educational Organization](#) brochure, a copy of the Objects and Aims and/or The P.E.O. Record (all available to download from the International Chapter website).
- At your next meeting, discuss how you can follow up with these potential members.

Share the Mission of P.E.O.

- Schedule an in-person or video meeting to include some chapter members and their non-member guests.
- Talk about P.E.O. and share the video P.E.O. – [Helping Women Reach for the Stars](#) (available on the home page of the International Chapter website).
- After the video ask each member to introduce her guest.
- Follow up by sending an email thank you and include a copy of the [Media Fact Sheet](#) found on the International Chapter website.

Attention Membership Committee chairmen!

Step-by-step instructions for presenting a “Let’s Go Find the Others” program for your local chapter are available in the Membership Initiatives panel of the Local Chapter Membership Committee Toolbox. You will also find other resources that will be valuable as you help your chapter sisters “Find the Others!”

Please note: All resources in **purple** can be found on the International. Underlined items are direct links.



International Peace Scholarship

Calling all chapters. . . The window for submitting eligibility forms for the International Peace Scholarship is now open and will close on December 15, 2023. The IPS scholarship is a little different than the other projects, because an applicant does not need to be sponsored by a P.E.O. chapter. Here are the eligibility guidelines for women interested in applying for the 2024-2025 school year.

- The P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to women from outside the United States and Canada who are seeking advanced degrees from an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Canada with the expectation that students will return to their home countries to utilize their education to make a positive impact and foster global peace.
- In order to qualify for her first scholarship, an applicant must have a full year of coursework remaining, be enrolled and in residence for the entire school year.
- Doctoral students who have completed coursework and are working only on dissertations are not eligible as first-time applicants.
- International students attending Cottey College are eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- A student who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada is not eligible. Note: A student with residency for tax purposes only is permitted.
- Scholarships are not given for online courses, research, internships or for practical training if not combined with coursework.



If you have any colleges or universities in your area that may have women who could be eligible, please reach out. There is a flyer and information card on the international website that can be given to the college or university.

ALSO, if your chapter was a Partner in Peace for the 2023-2024 school year, your president should have gotten an email with your PIP student match. If you did not receive this, check your spam/junk folder, or reach out to me, and let me know.

Heather Adams

Nebraska State IPS Chair

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Now that CIC is over, there will be mandatory bylaw changes to your chapter! Be on the lookout for this information! Remember this is an automatic change and DOES NOT need a chapter vote! Please watch for these recommendations in the newsletter!!



We know your chapter forgot to order your very special Nebraska pin! Chapter order forms are available on the website! Click here!!

CHANGES COMING TO P.E.O. WEBSITES!

If your correct email address has been submitted to International Chapter, you should have received an email from them last Friday announcing the changes coming to the International website. Please read this email carefully! It explains how, in early 2024, the SSO (Single Sign On) for their website will be implemented. It also announced that the s/p/d websites could also be changing and we are! However, our state process will be a bit different so it will be important for all members to understand both processes. We hope these new process of using unique credentials will help alleviate any further issues of account hacking and subsequent shutdowns of the websites.

In preparation of the Nebraska upcoming change, ALL members need to do TWO things!

- Make sure you know your Member ID number. This might be helpful to keep your number in your yearbook.
- Make sure your email address has been submitted on the International website. (If you got the email mentioned above, you are good to go!)

Both items will be necessary in order for you to use SSO to access the Nebraska website. At this point, this is for the Nebraska website only!

So that you know that you are set to go:

- Find your Member ID on the label of your P.E.O. Record. The second line of the label has your (chapter letters)||NE followed by your Member ID number OR
- To find your ID number and check on your email address:

Go to the Quick Links at the bottom of the home page on the International website and click on "Member Update." Select "Look up ID", fill out the short form and submit to retrieve your ID number. Then "Use this ID" and "Continue" to take you to the Member Update page. There you will be able to verify your email address or submit it, if need be! If you know your Member ID, follow the instructions above by going to the Member Update page and submitting your number to verify or submit your email address. If your information is correct and complete, you may just close out of the page.

Please take the time to check on these two items right away so that when the update is upon us, you will be set to go! We want this change to be as seamless as possible. We need all Nebraska P.E.O. members to join in this effort to achieve this goal! Remember you will not be able to access the website without doing this. Please share this with EVERY SISTER! Remind your chapter sisters that these changes are coming to the P.E.O. websites!

Have questions or need assistance? Contact Leann at leanndrullinger@gmail.com

DEADLINES

October 15, 2023 Last Day to
Submit STAR Scholarship
Recommendation Form

November 20, 2023 Last Day to
Submit P.E.O. Scholar Award
Nomination Forms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Look for the outline for your
president's letter a little later in
the month!

Donations are still being accepted
for The Cottey Suite.

Have you used the Introduce a Women
Who's not A P.E.O. form? It's a
simple form to fill out, think of
all the women you can introduce
P.E.O. to!!!

HOW IS YOUR CHAPTER SPARKLING?



Chapter FD celebrated their sister LeClare Steffan's 100th birthday by bringing the party to her!

New sister friends from Chapter CX, Chapter IQ, ChapterH, and Chapter IM at Convention of International Chapters in Pittsburgh!

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Chapter GK enjoyed homemade authentic German cuisine to Celebrate Oktoberfest! They also shared the dishes to people who could not attend!



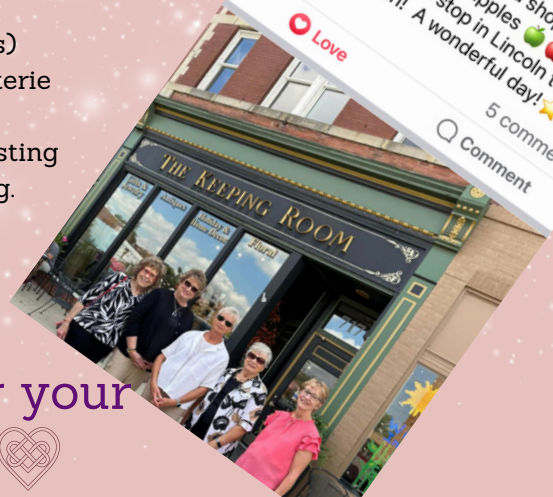
Chapter IO had a great 'adventure' to Nebraska City- lunch and shopping at the Keeping Room- then apples at Arbor Day Farm. Plus a stop in Lincoln to see our 'sister' Jan! A wonderful day!

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Chapter CQ-Neligh hosted the annual P.A.C.K.(Pierce, Antelope, Knox Counties) picnic. They had a charcuterie board

Demonstration and wine tasting with 60 sisters attending.

Here are some ideas for your chapter shine!!

