

# NEBRASKA STATE P.E.O.



## NEWSLETTER



Greetings to all my fabulous Sisters,

Convention plans are well underway and Reciprocity Group IV is so excited to welcome everyone to convention! Many plans, displays, and entertainment are being thoughtfully arranged. The executive board is busy as well preparing for their official duties and taking the next steps of going on. It is almost here! I hope you are as excited as all of us for convention!

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us. For me it is the last of my five years on the board. It has been a time of learning new skills, teaching, and building relationships just to name a few of the many things I will take away. It has been such an honor and privilege to serve as Nebraska state president. I have learned so much from all of you. Together we have weathered many storms.

P.E.O. and its mission means so much to me. Helping others is what I believe P.E.O. is about. Helping women reach for the stars. Yes, we are fortunate we are able to do this by our wonderful and inspiring P.E.O. projects. The women we have helped is truly a miracle. For me, that is just one reason why I love P.E.O. I love P.E.O. for the women I have met and the women who have touched my life. All of you have enriched my life and I am so blessed because of you.

My hope is that you have been able to scatter some love through your chapter, even with challenges and successes you have been able to sparkle with grace, and still chose to shine by keeping a positive attitude, being resilient, and staying motivated. Your attitude can help you overcome and do anything you set your mind to do. Remember the dragonfly is known for vision, flexibility, strength, and adaptability and so is P.E.O. You also have these qualities within you and your chapter. Be like a dragonfly and SHINE!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,  
Kellie

leave a little  
sparkle  
wherever you go



### **NEBRASKA STATE CONVENTION JUNE 7-9, 2024 YOUNES CENTER-KEARNEY**

**HONOR'S LUNCHEON:  
50,55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80  
YEAR MEMBERS AND  
CHAPTER CELEBRATIONS  
SAT. JUNE 8, 2024 12:00 P.M.**

**Philanthropies Banquet  
Saturday June 8, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**Time of Remembrance  
Request pictures of your  
sisters who entered  
Chapter Eternal from  
March 1, 2022-February  
28, 2023.**

**FYI- For your convenience  
the Nebraska Directory of  
Chapter Presidents is now  
listed on the STATE  
WEBSITE!**



MAY 2024

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--Meaningful resident quotations are in the article – click the link!

--Preparation for the 2024 Nebraska Convention information available – includes renewing your support in our two “Adopt” programs.

Click the link!

--Thank you for reading the P.E.O. Home full article each month. Local chapter home committees should always report at each chapter meeting.

Click the link!



#### DIRECTIONS

1. CLICK ON THE “LIVE LINK” BELOW.

2. CLICKING THE “LIVE LINK” WILL OPEN THE “HOME PAGE” OF THE P.E.O. HOME WEBSITE – ON THE UPPER LEFT THE PHRASE “THE HOME THAT LOVE BUILT”, A PHOTO OF OUR HOME IS FEATURED, AND IS FLANKED BY DAISIES.

3. ON THE BAR ABOVE THE PHOTO OF THE HOME, YOU WILL SEE “HEADINGS” ON WHICH YOU CAN CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION. (THE HEADINGS ARE: HOME, ABOUT, FORMS, CONTACT, NOTES)

4. TO READ THE HOME ARTICLE, CLICK ON THE HEADING TITLED: “ABOUT” – THE THIRD ITEM DOWN IS “NEWSLETTERS”. CLICK ON “NEWSLETTERS” AND YOU CAN READ THE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FROM THE LAST YEAR – INCLUDING THE NEWEST WHICH IS DATED MARCH 2024.

CLICK THIS [LINK](#) TO THE NEBRASKA P.E.O. HOME WEBSITE

# P.E.O. Scholar Awards

I'm delighted to share excellent news! The following eight Nebraska chapters submitted nominations of superior young scholars for the 2024-2025 P.E.O. Scholar Awards: AW-Gothenburg, CT-North Bend, DL-Lincoln, GE-Omaha, HB-Kearney, HO-North Platte, IL-Lincoln, FI-IK-Omaha. Many congratulations to each of these chapters for studying the eligibility requirements, identifying a potential scholar, interviewing her, and nominating her online between August 20th and November 20th of 2023! All 827 chapters from the U.S. and Canada who submitted PSA nominations in the fall of 2023 will be notified in May 2024 of the status of their nominee. 100 exceptional scholars will receive P.E.O. Scholar Awards as partial support for their doctoral-level study and research during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Because of the exceptional generosity of individual P.E.O.s and P.E.O. chapters across the United States and Canada, the 2024-2025 PSA award amount will rise to \$25,000. Many thanks to all of you and your chapters who support the P.E.O. Scholar Awards, and special thanks to the 12 chapters who made an additional \$500 contribution to PSA between March 31, 2023 and February 29, 2024. As PSA Laureate chapters, you are truly "worthy of the greatest honor or distinction." The following 12 Nebraska chapters joined 1,088 other chapters across the U.S. and Canada in achieving PSA Laureate status this year: H-Holdrege, O-Geneva, BT-Weeping Water, CY-Falls City, EC-Omaha, EG-Kearney, FD-Omaha, GG-Kearney, HF-Omaha, HM-Holdrege, HT-Hastings and HX-Omaha.

I'm looking forward to celebrating Nebraska P.E.O.s at state convention this June, and will be especially pleased to introduce the 2022-2023 Yao Ming Charitable Fund Named Scholar Award recipient, Sarah Kruger, who was nominated by Chapter CC, Seward for the PSA Award. She will speak at the Philanthropies Banquet on Saturday, June 8th!

Laura Marvel Wunderlich, HT  
NE State PSA Chair  
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"DRAGONFLIES ARE REMINDERS THAT WE ARE LIGHT AND  
WE CAN REFLECT LIGHT IN POWERFUL WAYS IF WE  
CHOOSE TO DO SO."  
— ROBYN NOLA

If you ordered a Nebraska State pin, they will be available for pick up at the "Ask Me" desk during convention. Remind your chapter delegate to pick it up if you are not present.

# CONVENTION 2024

## WHAT TO BRING AND SUGGESTIONS TO WEAR

MEMBERSHIP CARD  
1 YEARBOOK AND COMPLETED YEARBOOK FORM. (FOUND ON NEBRASKA WEBSITE)  
P.E.O. EMBLEM (PIN)  
SWEATER OR JACKET. (IT CAN BE CHILLY IN THE ROOMS SO YOU MAY WANT SOMETHING TO PUT OVER YOUR SHOULDERS. WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER TEMPERATURE.)  
MEETINGS: BUSINESS CASUAL CLOTHING  
PHILANTHROPY DINNER: A LITTLE DRESSIER  
COMFORTABLE SHOES

## PROCEEDINGS

Your delegate can order a Proceedings at convention FOR \$15.00 This is not required but it has a wealth of information for you and your chapter. The order form will be in the delegate packet and checks can be made out to NSC.

## AMENDMENTS

Please read through the amendments. Voting will take place Saturday afternoon



## NEW THINGS AT CONVENTION

If Membership is Fine, you Sparkle and Shine-

A membership celebration is planned for Friday evening! It will be your time to shine with special recognition to our chapters that have given membership priority and meeting membership goals! We can't wait to recognize you!

It's time to be thinking about our Cottey students getting a good night's sleep! Stay tuned for more information on how to support updating the bedrooms in our Nebraska Suite!

2024 CONVENTION DONATIONS: WE ARE STILL COLLECTING FUNDS TO REPLACE THE DINING ROOM TABLES AND CHAIRS AT THE P.E.O. HOME. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DONATE FOR THIS CAUSE AT THE 2024 CONVENTION. CHAPTERS MIGHT HAVE SOME CREATIVE WAYS OF CONTRIBUTING TO THIS FUND.

## FIRST TIME ATTENDING STATE CONVENTION

If you or your chapter delegate have not attended the state convention before please send me your delegate's name and chapter letters via email at:  
[kelliepeo@gmail.com](mailto:kelliepeo@gmail.com)

★ SPEAKERS

★ MUSIC

★ SISTERS

★ MAKING MEMORIES

COME & SPARKLE AT CONVENTION

## YEARBOOK EVALUATIONS/ SPECIAL WORK

An updated yearbook evaluation form can be found on the state website. The form should be completed ahead of time and brought to convention by your delegate along with a copy of your yearbook. There will be convention hostesses available to collect them from you!

Special Work will be required for all delegates!

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**  
THOSE CHAPTERS THAT HAVE HAD MEMBERS ENTER CHAPTER ETERNAL FROM MARCH 1, 2023- MARCH 1, 2024 PLEASE SEND PHOTOS WITH MEMBERS NAME, date of death AND CHAPTER LETTERS ASAP:  
btasseme@hotmail.com

# HONOR'S LUNCHEON

Greetings from the state executive board! We are so excited about our upcoming convention and we hope you are making plans to attend! This year it is my privilege to organize and present the Honors Luncheon. To ensure that all honored members' names are included in the printed program, a list has been created that includes all of those members to be honored and placed on the Nebraska website. Please click the link below to access the list to see if your chapter has member(s) to be honored.

### 2024 Honor Members

During this luncheon, we will honor those members who will celebrate their 50 year anniversary of becoming a P.E.O.!! What an exciting and wonderful thing to celebrate!! Those honored were initiated in 1974. All 50-year members in attendance will be recognized during this luncheon. Please email one photo of each member for inclusion in the PowerPoint presentation.

Also, the name of any member who is celebrating her 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 or 80th anniversary as a P.E.O. will be included in the printed program. I would love to include them in the PowerPoint presentation. Please email a photo of these sisters as well.

Be sure that all photos are clearly labeled with their name, chapter letters and years of membership. Send them, via email, to me at amydpoe@gmail.com by May 15. In the subject line, please write P.E.O. Honors Luncheon Photo. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call! I look forward to receiving your photos and celebrating with all of you at the Younes Center in June!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

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*When a dragonfly appears, it brings a message of hope, inspiration, and enlightenment reminding us to trust in our inner guidance.*



# Younes Conference Center-Kearney, Nebraska

June 9,10 and 11, 2023  
Nebraska State Convention

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

11:00 a.m. Executive Board Arrives	Fairfield Inn
11:30 a.m. Lunch	
1:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	Fairfield Inn Boardroom

## THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting Resumes	Fairfield Inn Boardroom
10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meets with Sheri Rasmussen	Fairfield Inn Boardroom
11:00 a.m. Executive Board Meets with Convention Committee	Fairfield Inn Boardroom
12:15 p.m. Lunch with Sheri Rasmussen and Convention Committee	
1:45 p.m. Kit Assembly	Pre-function Area
Arrival of International Representative- Margaret Rose into Grand Island	
4:30 p.m. Early Registration for Executive Board, Pages, Core Convention Committee	Pre-function Area
6:00 p.m. President's Dinner	

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

7:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting	Fairfield Inn
8:00 a.m. Executive Board Meets with IR, Peggy Rose	Fairfield Inn
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Set up the following areas.	
Set Up Displays	Pre-function Area @ Diamond Ballroom 6
Set Up Yearbook & Special Work	Diamond Ballroom 1
Set Up Hospitality Room	Ruby 6
Set Up History Room	Ruby 4
Set Up Stage Crystal Ballroom	
Set Up Registration and Credentials	Pre-function Area
Set Up "Sparkle & Shine" membership room	Ruby 5
Set Up Daisy & Dragonfly Emporium	Diamond 6
Ask Me/Information Desk	Pre function Area
8:30 a.m. Registration Meeting	Pre-function Area
10:00 a.m. Early Registration opens for Guards, Project Chairs, Committee Chairs, Nebraska P.E.O. Home Board	Pre-function Area
10:15 a.m. Set Up Pennants	Crystal Ballroom
Guard Instructions	Crystal Ballroom
Guard Practice	Crystal Ballroom
1:00 a.m. Project Chair meeting including outgoing & incoming Chairs	Ruby 1
11:30 a.m. Lunch for Guards, Core Convention Committee 2024, Project Chairs including incoming, Standing Committee Chairs, Executive Board, Paid Assistant, Pages, and Tech Coordinator.	
11:30 a.m. Past State Presidents Luncheon/ Meeting	Ruby 3
12:30 p.m. Jane yearbook Instruction/Jean takes Special Work	Diamond Ballroom 1

# CONVENTION SCHEDULE

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens	Pre-function Area
Yearbook Evaluations & Collection/Special Work	Diamond Ballroom 1
Displays Open	Pre function area
Hospitality Room Opens	Ruby 6
History Room Opens	Ruby 4
Daisy & Dragonfly Emporium	Diamond Ballroom 6
Sparkle & Shine Membership Room opens	Ruby 5
1:30 p.m. Nebraska P.E.O. Home Board Meeting	Ruby 2
1:30 p.m. Cottey College Committee Meeting	Ruby 1
3:00 p.m. Delegate Orientation	
Required for ALL Chapter Delegates	Crystal Ballroom 3
3:45 p.m. Review Amendments with Delegates	Crystal Ballroom 3
4:30 p.m. Meet With visitation groups and visiting officer	
5:00-6:30 "If membership is fine, you sparkle and shine"	Diamond Ballroom
Membership Celebration Buffet	
The Sparkle Squad Workshops	Diamond Ballroom 4-5-9
(Sisters will Rotate from workshop to workshop. Your presenters will stay in same room)	
Pre/post Initiation RM 5, Engaging nonparticipating members RM 4 and The Amendment Road Room RM 9	
6:45-7:20 p.m. First Session	
7:30-8:05 p.m. Second Session	
8:15-8:50 p.m. Third Session	
9:00 p.m. Serving Nebraska State P.E.O.	Diamond Ballroom 5

## SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2024

6:45 a.m. Breakfast in Hotels	
8:00 a.m. Registration Continues	Pre-function Area
Yearbook Evaluations & Collection/Special Work	Diamond Ballroom 1
Daisy & Dragonfly Emporium	Diamond Ballroom 6
Hospitality Room Opens	Ruby 6
History Room Opens	Ruby 4
"Sparkle & Shine" Membership Room opens	Ruby 5
8:45 a.m. Convention Groups Meeting with State Officers	
9:30 a.m. Prelude Music	Crystal Ballroom
9:45 a.m. Processional-Executive Board, IR, PSP, "s, State Project Chairs, State Committees, P.E.O. Home Board	
Crystal Ballroom	
10:00 a.m. First Meeting of Convention	Crystal Ballroom
12:00 p.m. Honors Luncheon	Diamond Ballroom
1:45 p.m. Prelude Music	Crystal Ballroom
2:00 p.m. Second Meeting of Convention	Crystal Ballroom
5:30 p.m. Social Gathering and Cash Bar	Diamond Ballroom
6:00 p.m. Banquet/President's Welcome/Philanthropies Banquet	Diamond Ballroom

## SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024

6:45 a.m. Breakfast in Hotels	
8:15 a.m. Time of Remembrance	Crystal Ballroom
9:15 a.m. Prelude Music	Crystal ballroom
9:30 a.m. Final Meeting of Convention	Crystal Ballroom

**\*\*Receiving Line for 2023-2024 Executive Board Immediately Following\*\***





# CHAPTERS THAT SPARKLE AND SHINE

Chapter AW, Gothenburg hosted our first Princess for a Day fundraiser at the Gothenburg United Methodist Church with 48 girls attending. The fee included nails, makeup, craft, photo station, story time and snacks/tea time. A huge thanks to those who planned the eve... See more



Chapter EC, Omaha recently enjoyed a social lunch.



It was Tea Time in Henderson for Chapter O



Ten members and BILs of Chapter EO enjoyed the joint high school musical "Legally Blonde, Jr. this weekend. The musical was directed by our own Alexandra Howser. This was our Spring Social. Great to support our member and the excellent talent of student... See more



Members of chapter EO West Point, lead by instructor Alice Heimann, created daisy themed notecards with watercolor paints. It was such an enjoyable program. Alice encouraged us to personalize our card and send it to someone special. Sharing any talent we possess!



Thank you to all chapters that share your activities on our Facebook Page! It has been such fun to highlight chapters that are doing such wonderful things! I hope other chapters found inspiration to try in their chapters!!!