



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. July 2024 Newsletter

Topic: 2024 Convention Reflection

The 2024 Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. Convention is now in the history books BUT the relationships created, the information learned and the positive action taken by the NSC body will impact lives into the future. It was a weekend full of love and laughter, action and activities, forward thinking and faith in our future. Thank you to all who attended, who gave of their time to help prepare for the convention and those who will take all they learned into their chapters and communities.

WE ARE ALL SUPER HEROES to those who are impacted by the purpose and mission of our sisterhood.

Please take the time to look at some of the highlights of the 2024 Convention.

From our most recent past president: A Huge Heartfelt thank You

Dear Nebraska Sisters,

I can't put into words the amount of gratitude I have for all of you! Thank you for all of your support and love during my term as president. It was my greatest honor to serve you during my 5-year tenure and being on the executive board of Nebraska State chapter. You have touched my heart in so many ways, from random questions to serious inquiries, chapter visits to town halls, you have no idea how you have affected me. You have truly left a heart print on my soul. You have blessed me with so many wonderful memories and meaningful relationships. I am so lucky to have many wonderful, smart, strong, and talented women in my life! Only through P.E.O. is this possible, from one side of the state to the other I know I have a sister I can count on!

I want to thank Reciprocity IV for all of their love, support, and hard work to make the 134th Convention a huge success! I know none of that would not have happened without every single one of you! You did an amazing job and I am so blessed to have Reciprocity IV as my hostess chapters. Thank you for all your hard work and time that you put in planning and working at this convention! I hope you also found it a rewarding experience and created new relationships and a bigger understanding of P.E.O. I hope you heard all the wonderful comments I heard about how wonderful a convention it was!! My love and gratitude to all of you. I couldn't have done anything without you!

I hope you all had a wonderful experience at convention. Starting with our first ever membership celebration, the MDC worked hard to recognize and highlight the wonderful things chapters are doing for their membership and wanted to give you credit for all you accomplished. Our hope is always that you learn something new, share ideas, meet new sisters, and get excited about P.E.O. and what we do! Thank you for scattering your love, sparkling with grace, and making the choice to shine! Remember the lessons from the dragonfly; live life to the fullest, use your vision, be flexible, learning you are capable of doing anything you set your mind to do and always sparkle!

You have been an inspiration to me and have given me the reason to "Scatter Love, Sparkle with Grace, and Choose to Shine"!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Past State President Kellie Stang

Sheri Ramsussen Retires as Nebraska State Chapter Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

A note from Sheri: Dear P.E.O. Sisters,

It has been a privilege to serve over the past eleven years as Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. assistant secretary, treasurer. I want to take a moment to say thank you to sisters across the state as I step into retirement.

I cannot count the number of times a simple phone call to resolve something turned into a blessing in my day. Thank you for stories shared, sometimes with laughter, sometimes through tears, but always with love.

While I cannot name all who have made a difference, I have to name one. This special sister worked behind the scenes for years while caring for family and little ones burning the candle at both ends to help assist sisters across the state with fixing problems on paper annual reports. I would not have met the deadlines without her help. She did it with such grace. Thank you Meredith Garwood!

Thank you to all who have served on a committee as members and chairs. Thank you to all who have served on the Executive Board. Thank you to the Past State Presidents. I stand in awe of your dedication, commitment, endurance, expertise and love shared for the sisterhood. You radiate energy and light to all around you. You encourage, uplift and support as you are helping bring out the best in others. Thank you for sharing your gifts. You have made this time in my life an amazing journey. I will be forever grateful.

Thank you, two simple words, hardly seem enough.

As I am writing this the sun is rising. It is a new day. It seems the perfect time to welcome Jean Danley and wish her the very best as she begins her journey as Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. assistant secretary, treasurer!

2024 Convention Workshops: by Jean Matheny

The annual state convention is a time of enacting the business of the state, a time of making connections, and a time of learning. One of the ways the state board tries to offer information is through the workshops. This year there were three workshops given on Friday evening. Every delegate had the opportunity to attend each workshop as they were presented three times and attendees could choose the order in which they attended.

The workshops were *How to Make Your Membership Shine*, *Engaging Nonparticipating Members* and *The Amendment Road*. These topics were chosen based on questions we received during the year from chapters on these exact topics! Notes for all workshops were either distributed during the workshop and/or will be posted on the state website as soon as possible.

It is our sincere desire that these workshops were relevant and gave the delegates many ideas to take home to their chapter. Be sure to reach out to your delegate for more information!

Please Note: The Nebraska State Executive Board, at the May Board Meeting voted to discontinue the Memorial Marker Sale program. Due to increasing costs, it was determined that it was getting cost prohibitive. Once on-hand inventory is sold, chapters will need to find new ways to honor those in Chapter Eternal



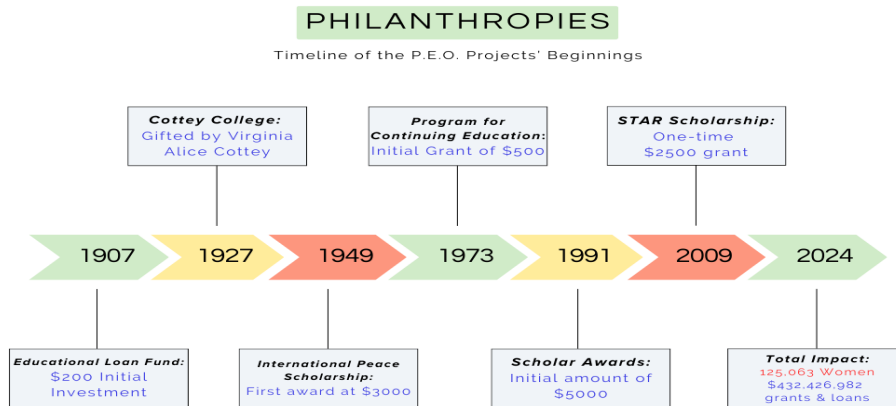
Happy Independence Day!



2024 Honor Luncheon by Amy Dusenbery

Compiling the information for this year's Honors Luncheon for over 400 ladies was my joy! We celebrated five Honor Chapters and many individual honorees. The Younes Center prepared a delicious luncheon and I sincerely hope you enjoyed the program and the slide presentation. As with anything sometimes things don't go as planned so if you submitted a photo but didn't see it you have my humble apologies! Matching the information and the photo is sometimes a bit challenging and I truly hope you saw whomever you were looking for! I feel the Honors Luncheon is much anticipated each year and again it was my pleasure to work on it this year.

P.E.O. Project Night Chart by Beth Anderson



As you can see, P.E.O. has been helping women with financial assistance for education for 117 years. The sisterhood continues to look for those opportunities to impact the lives of women. One of our own, Leann Drullinger is on an international committee to research the possibility of helping women who are in a trade school program. We look forward to the research and outcome.

The Business of Convention:

- ◆ Celebrated those chapters who met the challenge of the “You Add 2/to P.E.O.
- ◆ Voted to submit the desire to host the 2031 Convention of International Chapter in Omaha, NE
- ⇒ Voted to have a \$4.00 CIC fee over seven years to fund the 2031 convention beginning in 2025
- ◆ Voted for the 2024-2025 Nebraska State Chapter Executive Board
- ◆ Memorialized those women who entered Chapter Eternal
- ◆ Voted to accept the budget for 2024-2025
- ◆ Provided opportunities for delegates, sisters and guests to learn about the seven projects which NE State Chapter supports (6 International Projects and our own P.E.O. Home)

Important dates for Project Application

Cotley College: May begin applying in April of Junior HS year

ELF: Applications year round Must by 6-24 months of graduation

IPS: Eligibility Form must be completed between Sept. 15 – Dec. 15

PCE: Year round opportunity

PSA: Online nomination form must be completed by local chapter between Aug 20 and Nov. 20

STAR: Chapter recommendation must be submitted between Aug. 15 and Oct. 15. Applicant has 30 days after receiving application link.

[Next month, learn about the goals for Nebraska State Chapter for 2024-2025 by Jane Van Horn](#)