



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O.

September 2024

Topic: Reciprocity: Things have changed, it's not the same

Let your Super Powers Shine words from Jane

This is my interpretation, but I think one reason a person becomes a Super Hero is when they have great intent but the lack of ability. Their every day personage, or as the media call them, the alter ego, do not have the skills to save the world, or save country/city/person. Something happens, they get bit by a spider, or there is a tragedy in their life and then **BAM**, they become super in their powers and **WOW**, the world changes for the better.

In Kansas, in 1915, a Reciprocity Bureau was established to preserve records and to have a place to share program ideas. Each chapter was to submit one paper each year. This bureau evolved into a Lending Bureau and reciprocity was moved to Membership. Reciprocity Groups/Meetings became a place to welcome P.E.O.s who had moved into the area. It continues, to this day, to be a place for sharing program ideas amongst chapters. But it is much more than that.

Because of the internet, information on P.E.O.s who have moved into the area, or our unaffiliate sisters, can be sent directly to those area chapters. We no longer have to wait for those annual/semi-annual meetings. Our Reciprocity meetings have become so much more.

They can be a mini-version of state convention where you gather with women from other chapters, share ideas, laugh, learn and love in a smaller capacity. You have a hostess chapter, who plans the meeting, the program, the food. What you get out of the day is what you put in. Bring your whole chapter! Everyone may take away something different and new! Reciprocity is: Welcoming, Educational, Fun, Uplifting, Friendship, Sisters, Caring, Informational, Celebratory, Engaging, Networking, Leadership and important to our sisterhood.

I encourage you to learn more about your reciprocity group, get involved and find a way to provide your input to make your reciprocity group **SUPER!**

From DC Super Heroes, "My First Book of Girl Power", 'A super-strong Amazon, Nubia knows that **SISTERHOOD** makes women even more powerful" Isn't that a great definition of P.E.O.!!!



New chapter forming in Gretna, Nebraska!
You can be a part of this new opportunity!
News From our prospective chapter!

Our new Gretna chapter had three social events this summer – Coffee Meeting in June, Wine and Cheese Party in July, and BBQ in August. We are starting to plan for the coming fall and winter.

Please join us for a planning meeting for the prospective Gretna chapter! The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 pm at the home of Peggy Brendel, 15211 Summerwood Dr., Omaha

We will be planning for the coming months. Please join us for this planning meeting and be a part of this exciting adventure!

Contact with questions or RSVP:
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Board Notes



Focus for this Month

FALL OFFICERS' VISITS

If you are a chapter that will be having an officer visit, here is a reminder of their goal:

*They come to **MOTIVATE** your chapter to achieve your goals.

*They come to **EDUCATE** your chapter on anything new.

*They come to **CELEBRATE** your chapter for who you are and what you add to the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

If you are not having a visit, it is still a good time to reflect on the past year and to **MOTIVATE, EDUCATE, AND CELEBRATE** what you add to the P.E.O. Sisterhood

Beth Anderson
Organizer!



Three of the state board officers were able to attend the Cottey Seminar this summer. The college offered us a partial experience of daily life of their students.

Cottey Seminar Highlights

- * Cottey is still growing!
- * The Internships and travel options are amazing opportunities.
- * Students read Willa Cather and visited Red Cloud, Nebraska.
- * The Student Panel was inspiring. (student Q & A)
- * There are three Cottey Funds: Cottey General Fund, Nebraska Suite Endowment Fund, and Nebraska Spendable Fund.
- * The Nebraska Suite will be redecorated in 2026, and they are asking for 2 pieces of art.
- * President Niles spoke several times, and her availability demonstrated appreciation for P.E.O.



Board Notes Cont...

Plan to attend your Reciprocity Meeting...from Vice President Jean Matheny

As you learned, when you read the front-page article from Jane, reciprocity meetings are a great way to meet sisters from other chapters, get fundraising ideas, spectacular meeting topics, affirmation that 'you got this!' It is a time to celebrate chapter anniversaries, Golden Girls and hear news from state level committees. It is definitely worth taking the time to attend. Below is the schedule for all reciprocity meetings across Nebraska. Carpool with your sisters and celebrate the successes of your reciprocity group. Mark your calendar and make a day of it!

Date	Group	Officer	Location	President
09/26/2024	II & IX	Capri Convention Group	Covenant Presbyterian Church Omaha	Hostess Chapter CP Annette Schnell FZ Pres
09/28/2024	III & X	Sherry Erlewine	Faith Methodist Church Sidney	Hostess Chapter FR Marg Dredia FC-Pres
09/28/2024	VIII	Amy Convention Group	Murray Christian Church Murray	Hostess Chapter IN Diane Courtney FM Pres
10/05/2024	IV	Kellie Convention Group	Norfolk Country Club Norfolk	Hostess Chapter HU Joan Settles HU Pres
10/05/2024	VII	Beth Convention Group	Schuyler High School Schuyler	Hostess Chapter HG Kimberly Parsons HG Pres
10/05/2024	XI	Jane/Jean	Lochland Country Club Hastings	Hostess Chapter G Leota Rolls G Pres
10/05/2024	XIV	Amy	Minden Opera House Minden	Hostess Chapter N Jane Craig N Pres
10/12/2024	I	Jean	Kirk's Restaurant Lexington	Hostess Chapter FS Crystal Klein FS Pres
10/12/2024	V & XII	Jane Convention Group	Cornhusker Bank Community Rm Lincoln **Parking/entrance on North Side	Hostess Chapter AI Pres Kay Buecker
10/19/2024	XIII	Beth	Peace Lutheran Church Grand Island	Hostess Chapter N Jane Craig N Pres
10/20/2024	VI	Jean Convention Group	Tekamah Presbyterian Church Tekamah	Hostess Chapter DC Lisa Skinner DC Pres



Fall Board Retreat!

Your state officers took time from their busy schedules to get together, bond and to learn about being the best officer they can be for Nebraska State Chapter. They practiced finding their target for success with archery, prior to their Friday meetings/trainings.



Powerful Project Reports

P.E.O. Scholar Award



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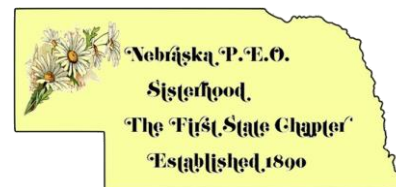


Let's cultivate our P.E.O. super power of Vision! Imagine this: with or without binoculars, microscopes, or a spy glass, a group of P.E.O.s scours contacts, tracks down university profs, searches for second cousins with daughters in graduate school, seeks information from chapter sisters, librarians and book club friends, teachers and doctors and others, until ta da! the group of P.E.O.s detects a young scholar who is about to illumine her field of expertise with an enlightening dissertation which will reveal to others new ways to envision a future of promise. Each chapter can make this imagined vision a reality.

NOW is the time to identify and interview potential candidates for a \$25,000 P.E.O. Scholar Award! Consult the P.E.O. International website for PSA Policies and Procedures. If you're sure you have found an exceptional young scholar who will be researching and writing her dissertation during the 2025-2026 academic year, consult the website for guidance on Writing the Chapter Letter of Nomination.

Chapter Letters of Nomination are due by Nov. 20, 2024. Enjoy exercising your super power of vision, and please contact me if you have any questions about the interviewing process or the letter of nomination!

Laura Marvel Wunderlich, HT
P.E.O. Scholar Awards state chairman
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PCE

News from PCE!

The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) was established in 1973- to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S. and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to complete a degree or certification that will improve their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or their families.

PCE provides one time grants with a maximum award of \$4,000. But did you know that these funds can cover education related expenses beyond tuition and books? These expenses can include testing and graduation fees, transportation expenses to commute to school, child care while in class or studying, uniforms if required by the educational program and tools required for the course.

All of your PCE questions can be answered on the International website:

<https://www.peointernational.org/educational-support/program-for-continuing-education/>

As always, reach out to me any time if you have additional questions. Love in P.E.O.,

Kris Ferguson, Nebraska PCE Chair

Powerful Project Reports

Cottey College



We know many chapters are anxious to get going with the Adopt-a-Cottey-Student/Suite program. However, Cottey has not shared the student lists yet. As soon as we have them, we will let you know! The time it takes for Cottey to certify their enrollment varies every year and we just must be patient. We thank you for your enthusiastic support of this program and your patience while we await the information.

*Lovingly,
Cottey College Committee*

Important dates for Project Application

Cottey College: May begin applying in April of Junior HS year
ELF: Applications year round; must be 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.

STAR

Below is the link for the chapter STAR FAQ

[STAR CHAPTER FAQs](#)

Now is the time to submit your name for the STAR scholarship. You have until October 15 to submit names. Please remember the deadline is 11:59 EDT.

IPS

International Peace Scholarship Fund

Did you know that since it's beginning in 1949 women from 149 countries have received the scholarship? Please find the link for the Q & A on IPS.

[Partners in Peace Q & A](#)



The Membership Development Committee...

will be bringing to your attention chapters that have initiated new sisters.

The following chapters have added new members to our Sisterhood from July 18-August 18, 2024

P Bloomington (1), BG Franklin (1), DS Superior (2), FA McCook (4), GG Kearney (2), HO North Platte (2). One dozen, 12 new Sisters! Hooray!!

Will your Chapter be on the list next month? Can we have at least six more chapters on our list? **"Let's Go Find the Others"** is our call to action.

Discover Your Chapter's Super Powers!

Chapter presidents, be looking in your inbox, in the next few weeks, for a couple of programs, for your chapter, to discover their Super Powers and develop those leadership skills that will use brain power to become **SUPER!** The programs will have your chapter using their creativity and your officers using their skills to be the best officer they can be.



News from The Nominating Committee

WE WANT YOU!!!!

**Want to be a part of the Nebraska State Board?
Know someone who would be a great addition to the Board?**



The window of opportunity to express interest in becoming a part of the Nebraska State Executive Board ends November 1, 2024. Perhaps some of you are already moving toward taking that jump into an absolutely incredible, fulfilling, and meaningful adventure.

The sister selected will be installed as the Nebraska State Secretary at the Nebraska State Convention in June of 2025.

Please see the timeline below.

- Materials were included in all 2024 convention delegate packets
- Complete a "Willingness to Serve Form" from the NE P.E.O. website do this ASAP
- Contact Peggy ASAP indicating your interest
- Your chapter will write a letter of support
- Complete an inventory of skills, experience, etc. and submit it to Peggy by absolutely no later than being **postmarked November 1, 2024**
- Interviews will take place, likely via Zoom, likely in November 2024
Decision will be made and applicants notified soon after the interviews

For more information about the process and request materials, please contact:

Peggy Brendel, Chair of the State Nominating Committee
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Omaha, NE 68137
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EMAIL: Pegbpeo@gmail.com



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Email: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com

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

NO MORE DONATIONS OF GREETING CARDS – PLEASE.

No more space to store them. Will let you know when we need more.

“BOXER” NEWS: Administrator Shari Little is now training and bringing her young “boxer” puppy, named Kash, to the Home. He is great with the residents, and they love him. The employees enjoy him, too. We sure know the benefit animals can bring to assisted-living facilities.



Resident Lynn Weaver having a little visit with Kash

BIG GIVE GAGE COUNTY: Various cities and counties offer this “donating” opportunity for non-profit businesses, during the year. Here is information for individuals and chapters to donate specifically to the Nebraska P.E.O. Home to help raise funds for our dining room chairs and tables. We hope donations for \$7,500 will help. They are working on the possibility of larger businesses even offering a match for donations that come in. Please consider donating. We do have a way to go to reach the needed funds to make the purchase.



Starting September 5th you can go online to biggivegage.org and pledge your gift to the non-profit of your choice. The BIG and **FINAL day of donations is Thursday, September 12, 2024.** Thank you, in advance, for considering this donation!

ASSISTED-LIVING WEEK: Sept. 8th we will be kicking off Assisted Living Week with a picnic for family. This is always a wonderful week of appreciating our Home, staff, residents and family! A little something special is planned for each day of the week.

TOURS of OUR HOME: My oh my! SO many chapters are setting up times for tours of our Home. If your chapter is interested, please know these things:

--Contact Shari Little via email to set up a time – email is below – WELL IN ADVANCE, please!

--Monday through Friday works best – morning is rather busy, but afternoon or evening certainly works – chapters can have a meeting in the Home chapter room

Contact Shari Little, Administrator, to set up a date and time.

EMAIL SHARI LITTLE: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com

ADOPT PROGRAMS: These forms are on the Nebraskapeo.org website AND on the nebraskapeohome.org website. **These forms were in the delegate packets at the 2024 Convention at the Younes Center in Kearney, NE.**

Completed ADOPT FORMS ONLY are to be sent to ROSE FETTY at her PERSONAL HOME ADDRESS: Rose Fetty, 421 North 15th Street, Beatrice, NE 68310

All RESIDENT and/or STAFF gifts and cards are to be sent directly to them BY NAME: Nebraska P.E.O. Home, 413 North 5th Street, Beatrice, NE 68310-2902


Another Reminder: THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING: The Nebraska P.E.O. Home is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible. Please check with your financial planner or tax preparer to see if your donation may be eligible to be deducted from your taxes.

SEEKING NEW BOARD DIRECTOR TO BEGIN IN JUNE 2025: It is always sad when one of our Home Board Director “terms out”. Each is eligible to serve three, three-year terms. One of our directors will term out after convention 2025. We are seeking other Nebraska P.E.O sisters who would be interested in applying to fill the opening so that we have a total of nine directors beginning after convention, June 2025.

We usually do have a focus for our nominating committee to consider in the way of skills and talents. For this position, we are hoping to find an NE sister with **marketing, financial, and human relations specialties.**

If interested, please completed a “**Willingness to Serve Form**” – on the Nebraska website: Nebraskapeo.org **and send it to the state Vice President Jean Matheny as directed**, but **please also send a copy to the Home nominating committee chair: Marnie Soderquist, 1616 Highland Drive, Hastings, NE 68901. You may also email your WTS form to: msoderquist57@charter.net**

These forms are due to Marnie by December 1, 2024. You will receive an application to complete and return. All candidates will be interviewed, and a decision will be made as to the selectee by the end of January 2025.

 **HEARTFELT THANKS:** *Thank you, for loving our Home with your donations, visits, prayers, and care! Your love built our Home, and your love maintains it. **THANK YOU!***