



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O.

October 2024

Topic: Fundraising: The advantages of involving others

Let your Super Powers Shine in your community

words from Jane

It may only be October, but chapters are already thinking, planning and beginning the implementation of their fundraising event.

In my job, I think about fundraising every day. I plan two annual appeals a year, participate in two Giving Tuesday Events and, as a staff, we are always brainstorming of “fun”draining events. We have a couple of fun events planned that we hope gets our donors enthusiastic about raising money for Camp Fontanelle.

What does your chapter do to fundraise for your chapter?

Do you have the same event that consistently raises enough, or more, money to be able to meet the goal for giving to the projects?

Have you seen the excitement decline with your annual fundraiser and maybe you need to do something new?

Here are some things to think about:

1. Fundraising is an opportunity to provide something that people want. (holiday wreaths, décor, food...)
 2. Fundraising gives your chapter the opportunity to get the mission of P.E.O. out in the community
 3. Involving non-P.E.O.s takes the pressure off of your sisters who already are committed and financially supporting the chapter
 4. Involving the community may find women who may be a possible chapter sister or project candidate.
- Put on your creative cape and think of ways to bring excitement to your fundraising. From the fundraising world, ‘Everyone loves a cheerful giver.’

Good luck with your fundraising this year and post your successful fundraising events/activities on social media.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Captain America (Marvel)

You Add★★
to P.E.O.

The Chapters who have added Sisters to P.E.O. in Sept.

Membership Development Committee

Last month we had 6 chapters initiate 12 new members. I asked if we could have 6 more chapters this month. Oh yes! We have 14 chapters initiating 21 new sisters. Well done!

F Plattsmouth (3), H Holdrege (2), AA Edgar (1), AB Central City (1), BQ David City (1), CD Scottsbluff (1), CE Arapahoe (1), DW Rushville (1), EL Oakland (3), EM Bloomfield (3), FS Lexington (1), FZ Omaha (1), GC Alliance (1), HK Fremont (1).

Can we add some Lincoln Chapters to the list and more than one Omaha Chapter? Take this as a challenge!

"It's about what you believe. And I believe in love. Only love will truly save the world. **Or P.E.O.s!** (my addition)" -- Wonder Woman

Come on Local Officers..Put Your Leadership Cape On!

One of my goals is to see every local officer trained for their position and share, with their chapter, what it takes to do their job. I believe that many have a fear of taking an office because it makes them an "officer", a leadership role in the chapter. That seems daunting to some.

Officer positions are necessary and it does not have to be overwhelming. As an officer, there is an opportunity to make sure that there is a pipeline for filling those positions. Into the future. It is time for chapters to make it easier to fill fill those office positions and it begins with one step.

For my chapter goal, very officer takes the time to watch a video, or read the IOLC (Instructions for officers of Local Chapters), or go through a slideshow from International and then give a short presentation to their chapter, this will give all sisters the chance to hear what it really takes to do the job. Get bonus points by getting an assistant or mentee in every position.

Presidents: Please complete the form in this newsletter and return to me (via email or snail mail) when your officers have been trained. If you have knew officers for the 2025/2026 year, get them involved as well and get them trained!



Board Notes

Our Mission Matters

If our P.E.O. mission matters, then fundraising**IS NECESSARY!**

Without the money to carry out our programs and vision, our organization will not be able to succeed. Fundraising provides a sense of togetherness among all of us.

Those who typically enjoy paint parties love to get together with friends. It helps to get their creative juices flowing. Charge a fee for the evening that includes supplies, snacks and drinks. Invite everyone, not only P.E.O.s, it is a great girls' day or night out. Also, it is a great opportunity to find possible new members. You will have spent time bonding and you get to take home a great painting!!

Your State Secretary,
Capri McGuire

From Penni Bruning, Chapter O, Geneva

Thought of you today ---saw this in a magazine;
"An Apron is just a cape on backwards!!"

I think it became backwards because they may have been doing loops while flying!





Focus for this Month

Creativity

As I visited several chapters this fall already, I learned of many different and creative ways to raise funds for the projects.

At your reciprocity meetings, take time to share with other chapters how you raise money and then listen to how they do it

I especially want you to be innovative on how you raise the \$4 fee per year for CIC in Omaha in 2031.

Have fun raising **FUNDS**

Beth Anderson

Fall is the Season

In the P.E.O. world, fall is the season for chapter visits from your state officers, thinking about project recipient candidates, getting together with our sisters for various events, FUNdraising, and thinking about how much we as a chapter want to give to the projects come December.

One of the things I always ask is what do you do as a chapter to have fun? I mean, meetings are nice and all, but there just isn't time to really get to know each other and strengthen those bonds of sisterhood which lead to a healthy chapter.

Many chapters have book clubs, movie groups, walking groups, mystery tours, knitting times, supper clubs, and so on. These are all fun activities and a great time to invite our nonparticipating active sisters and potential sisters to get to know each other better.

What if we treated the FUNdraising events as a fun time to get together and accomplish some great things as a group instead of as a chore to get through? Attitude makes a BIG difference as to how we approach something we need to do!

Here are some great ideas I have heard as I travel the state meeting with chapters. Why not step out of your comfort zone, be adventurous, and try something new!!!

For any outside the chapter activities, be sure to wear your Pin or T-shirt identifying P.E.O.

Silent or live auction of items maybe "white elephants"

Chapter garage sale

Sell items – nuts, coffee, soup mixes, cookies, etc., geraniums, bake sale

Business like Pampered Chef offer fundraisers

Work at a school or community event selling concessions for profit

Do a meeting raffle for a donated item

Collect "brag box" during Sister Share Time AFTER the meeting

Plant or "thinning perennials" sale

Recipe sales at meetings

Bunco night

Get Ready To Roll!



Jean Matheny

Vice President, NE State Chapter



Reports from our Projects



P.E.O. Scholar Award



NOVEMBER 20, 2024 is the due date for chapter nominations of outstanding scholars for the P.E.O. Scholar Awards! 100 scholars from the United States and Canada will each receive a \$25,000 award to help support research for and writing of the dissertation during the 2025-2026 academic year.

NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME to locate your scholarly spectacles, peruse the PSA eligibility requirements, and prepare to interview that promising young graduate student who is completing her coursework and specialist projects during this current academic year, and who is planning to begin work on her dissertation next Fall Term (2025).

PLEASE PLACE POTENTIAL P.E.O. SCHOLAR AWARD WINNERS

AT THE VERY TOP OF YOUR PRIORITY LIST

(and then enjoy a couple of Poe classics while awaiting all of those little ghosts and goblins)

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

Program For Continuing Education

Tips for the local chapter to have a successful PCE Candidate:

Start with the International member website. Type "PCE" in the search bar and you'll find step-by-step guide outlining the guidelines and procedures, tips for interviewing candidates, worksheets and more to help streamline the process. There are several quick links including:

PCE Policy Guidelines and Procedures outlines the procedures for sponsorship.

PCE Tips for Success is a power point presentation and guide which will help local chapters present candidates for the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education at the best possible time and with the most helpful information for a successful application.

It is important to take a look at all of these resources, because missed steps can derail the application process. The most important, and often missed, steps are included in the "Chapter's Pre-Application Eligibility Worksheet" and the "Candidate's Pre-Application Worksheet". These resources have fillable forms and can easily be emailed to all users.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you need help navigating the process.

Love in P.E.O.,
Kris Ferguson - kris10ferguson@gmail.com
Nebraska State PCE Chair

Powerful Project Reports

Cottey College



U.S. News & World Report 2023-2024 rankings.

Cottey is pleased to be recognized again among the most elite colleges and universities in the country. We offer this as proof of our commitment to providing students a challenging curriculum at an affordable price. The U.S. News & World Report rankings include a 12-state region. U.S. News limits rankings to the top 83 colleges in the region.

#6 Best Regional Colleges- Midwest
#10 Top Performer on Social Mobility

Important dates for Project Application

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

ELF: Applications year-round Must be within 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 from Aug 20 - Nov. 20

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



STAR SCHOLARSHIP



COTTEY COLLEGE

STAR

Below is the link for the chapter STAR FAQs

https://nebraskapeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/05-24-STAR_Chapter_FAQ.pdf

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

The online eligibility application process for the IPS began September 15, 2024 and closes December 15, 2024. This eligibility process is unique because chapters do not recommend women for the scholarship, however if you know of a prospective recipient please inform her of the P.E.O. IPS. Remember the scholarship is for up to \$12,500.00.

<https://nebraskapeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/IPS-Partners-in-Peace-QA.pdf>

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Collaboration with Cottey College Article from PEOInternational.org

Local P.E.O. chapters have always been encouraged to share information about Cottey College with their STAR Scholarship applicants. In 2023, Cottey decided to take an exciting and proactive approach to encourage STAR Scholarship applicants to consider furthering their education at Cottey. We are thrilled to share details of this renewed collaboration between STAR and Cottey.

Cottey College has determined that STAR applicants, by nature of the application and sponsoring process, meet the college's admission standards. Consequently, Cottey is pleased to offer all STAR applicants direct admission plus a generous renewable scholarship....

TO read the complete article, go to:

<https://www.peointernational.org/news/p-e-o-star-scholarship-collaboration-with-cottey-college/>



Our Chapter Met the Challenge and we put on our Leadership Capes!

Chapter Letters: _____

City: _____

Completed the task: _____

Please provide this information below: officer name/type of training (video, slideshow, leader manual) date training completed, date presented to chapter

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Rec. Sec: _____

Corr. Sec: _____

Treas: _____

Guard: _____

Chaplain: _____

We have mentees/assistants for the following offices: (circle all that apply)

President (your assistant is your vice president)

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Guard

Chaplain

Email to Jane Van Horn: janevpeo@gmail.com or mail
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Blair, NE 68008



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

NO MORE DONATIONS OF GREETING CARDS – PLEASE.

RESIDENT NEWS: As of the writing of this article, there are 17 residents enjoying living at our Home. Toward the end of September, one resident will be moving out of state to be closer to family and a new resident is scheduled to move in keeping our total at 17 residents. More to come about our newest resident.

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, abilities, and talents. For this position, we are hoping to find an NE Sister with **marketing, financial, and human relations specialties.**

If interested, please complete a “Willingness to Serve Form” (WTS) – 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, by December 1, 2024. All candidates will be interviewed, and a decision will be made as to the selectee by the end of January 2025. Marnie’s address is:**

1616 Highland Drive, Hastings, NE 68901. You may also email your WTS form to:

msoderquist57@charter.net

You will be receiving the “interest/information” form to complete and return to Marnie soon after the WTS form is received.

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. **PLEASE KNOW, due to illness concerns, at this time of year, it may not be possible to tour. Please be patient about possibly scheduling for another time if the date/time do not work out initially.**

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

EMAIL SHARI LITTLE: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com

ASSISTED-LIVING WEEK: Activities were postponed, after the initial family picnic, due to illness among both residents and staff members. Our Home will not miss the celebration, though. A week in October will be taken include all the events of this important week!

The Home Family picnic was held on Sunday, September 8, 2024, as the “kick-off” for Assisted-Living Week. The weather was perfect, the food was great, and the conversation active and engaging.

ADOPT PROGRAMS: 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.

RECIPROCITY FALL 2024 MEETINGS: One of the board of directors, or administrator, Shari Little is looking forward to attending all reciprocity group meetings in September and October. Each will be providing information for every Nebraska chapter representative to take back to share with her chapter Sisters. Nebraska is unique in having such a Home. Idaho is the only OTHER state that offers a place for P.E.O.s to live, but only four beds are for assisted-living residents. All others live in independent-living quarters.



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!***



Happy FALL to ALL!