



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O.

December 2024

Topic: Show a Loving Concern

“...AT ALL TIMES AND UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXPRESS A LOVING CONCERN FOR EACH SISTER.” P.E.O. OBJECTS AND AIMS

Words from Jane

How have you done in my challenge of taking care of yourself, that I proposed in the November Newsletter? I, personally, have started doing many of those things I suggested. I am reading more, decluttering, getting outside more... This month, I want us to focus on attitude.

As a Christian, I remember being told that the Lord's Prayer has it all. It is the basis of all we need to live a good life. We add our personal thanksgivings, regrets and concerns, when we offer up prayer but, if we follow and believe in that Prayer, it is sufficient. Isn't that the same for our P.E.O. Objects and Aims?

How many times do we not show a loving concern to our sisters, our neighbors, our family our friends? My challenge this month is for you to really look at our Objects and Aims, study them and see where we excel and where we may fall short. During this season of merry-making, celebration and reflection of 2024, how can we move into 2025 and show a more loving concern?

I am studying/reading two books right now that address (in maybe a roundabout way) how we show a loving concern. The first is *52 Little Lessons from 'A Christmas Carol'* by Bob Welch and *Focus* by Cleere Cherry Reaves (thanks Capri!) Here are some of my takeaways:

- ❁ Many times, we look at situations through our own eyes, not through the eyes of the person who is experiencing the situation. (Scrooge's attitude was shaped through horrible life experiences) **Judgement**
- ❁ We limit ourselves because of our control issues, not understanding that 'God's got this!' **Control**
- ❁ Giving can make you really happy, knowing that you are helping improve someone's life. **Joy/Unselfishness**
- ❁ Who we are is not something that is because of our planned happenings but how we respond to surprises. **Character**
- ❁ We can choose how we react to situations-first give the benefit of the doubt. **Attitude**

What a great opportunity we have, in P.E.O., to be reminded that we are to seek growth in charity, to live into the qualities of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth, to grow in our knowledge, to radiate positivity (light), and to remember that we have the chance to change the world through our attitude and our actions.

May you find that the P.E.O. Objects and Aims provide direction for us all to live a good and fruitful life.

Important News...Important Reminders!

Chapter Bylaws: If you chapter had any bylaw changes this year, make sure submit those bylaws to NSC Secretary Capri McGuire. Submit the complete bylaws and standing rules, not just the changes. See inside this newsletter for complete details.

Convention of International Chapter (CIC): When collecting dues for this coming year, a reminder that 2025 is the year we begin collecting the \$4.00, per chapter sister, for CIC 2031, in Omaha, NE. It will be paid at the same time with annual dues and sent to Jean Danley. If you will do a fundraiser, then make sure that it is included when sending those checks to Jean in March.

Project Donations: Project donations are due to Jean D by December 15th. (Jean's note from last month is once again in this newsletter.

News from you Membership Development Committee

Here are the Chapters with new initiates for Oct 18—Nov. 20, 2024

Congratulations to the following chapters for adding to the sisterhood between October 18 and November 20: J Nelson, V Lincoln, AV Pawnee City (2), AW Gothenburg, BP Omaha, BS Omaha, BY Lincoln (2), CE Arapahoe, EC Omaha, FD Omaha FY Omaha, GC Alliance, GF Omaha, GR Lexington, HI Ogallala (2), IB Cozad (2) and IM Omaha.

Below are chapters that have been missed in the past. Congratulations to these super chapters. AE Hebron, AS Kearney, AT Tecumseh (2), CU Norfolk, DL Lincoln (2), EG Kearney (2), EQ Blair, FM Beatrice (2), GJ Lincoln, GT O'Neill, GX South Sioux City, HQ North Platte and IV Hickman.

Keep up the good work of inviting women into our Sisterhood. It is one POWERFUL group that we can all be proud of!

Board Notes

HONORS LUNCHEON



Chapter Sisters,

Convention will soon be upon us and as state secretary it is my honor and privilege to plan the Honors Luncheon. If you are one of the chapter honorees celebrating a milestone year of membership (50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80) you will be receiving an email from me. I would love to have pictures of our honorees, so please email them to me, including name, chapter letters and years of membership.

If you are an honored chapter, you would have received an email from me requesting a photo of your chapter, brief history or story you would like to highlight. These photos and stories will be printed in the Honors Luncheon Program.

Please send all pictures and chapter histories for the Honor's Luncheon presentation by March 15, 2025.

Remember to register for the luncheon when convention registration is announced. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at capripeo@gmail.com or call me at (402)380-2925 and please leave a message if I don't answer. Thank you for your help and I can't wait to celebrate with all of our honorees at convention.





DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2025
RECORDING SECRETARIES AND LOCAL
CHAPTER BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

It is time for your chapter to inform Nebraska State Chapter of the status of any bylaw changes your chapter has made this year.

Please send your bylaws and standing rule changes to Nebraska State Secretary, Capri McGuire at capripeo@gmail.com.

If you have not made any changes please email “No changes” to me. Please make sure you have your chapter letters in the email so I can “mark” that I have received your information. These are

changes made between March 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025.

With the holiday season coming fast upon us, this is something to think about now, so you are prepared by the February deadline.

Your Nebraska State Secretary,
Capri McGuire



As a reminder, here are the links for the officer training challenge to [Put Your Leadership Cape On!](#) To aide you in achieving this challenge, please find links below to the International Power-point or PDF for each office. Don't forget to get complete the form (in October newsletter) and get submitted to me @ janevpeo@gmail.com when your officers have watched/read the training for their office and shared with your chapter.

Presidents and Vice Presidents:

<https://www.peointernational.org/resource/presidents-vice-presidents-leading-with-confidence/>

Recording Secretary:

<https://www.peointernational.org/resource/recording-secretary-words-that-count/>

Treasurer:

<https://www.peointernational.org/resource/treasurer-training-money-matters/>

Corresponding Secretary:

<https://www.peointernational.org/resource/corresponding-secretary-staying-in-touch/>

Guard: Ceremony of Initiation overview

<https://www.peointernational.org/resource/in-person-ceremony-of-initiation-overview/>

Chaplain: Instructions for Officers of Local Chapters—Chaplain

https://www.peointernational.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/IOLC_Chaplain_1.2024_Final.pdf

You may use the above resources, or a resource of your choice.

Reports from our Projects



P.E.O. Scholar Award

Is fundraising your chapter super power? If so, has your chapter considered becoming a PSA Laureate chapter? Remember that your chapter donation of \$500 to the P.E.O. Scholar Award project is due by DECEMBER 15, 2024, if you wish to become one of those Super Special 2025 PSA Laureate chapters!!!

All laureate chapters for each of our philanthropic projects receive ribbons and recognition at state convention, so you'll have both tangible and intangible reminders of the amazing gifts each of you bring to our sisterhood, and the abundant generosity you exercise by providing educational opportunities for so many women who need another hand to reach the stars.

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,
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PCE

Program For Continuing Education

Happy Holidays! It seems impossible that it is that time of year again. Time for fun, time for festivities, time for family!

Don't forget your P.E.O. sisters this time of year.

Do you know a woman who is on an educational journey and is within 18 months of completing her education? If she is currently enrolled in a degree program and has had at least 24 consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life and does not yet hold a master's degree, she may be a great candidate for PCE. Can you think of a better Holiday gift!?

Over the years, many women have benefited from the Program for Continuing Education. They are friends in the community and sisters in our own chapters. What we do really matters in the lives of women. Take the time to read the **Bright Spot Featured Recipient** for PCE on our website, www.peointernational.org. Once you've seen these inspiration stories, take time in your chapter to hear about your sisters' own inspirational journeys!

Love in P.E.O.,
Kris Ferguson, Nebraska PCE Chair



Powerful Project Reports

Cottey College



Don't forget your college, Cottey College, at this time. The end of the semester is coming up, holidays will be celebrated and students will be traveling to spend time with friends and family.

Finals week is December 16-19. Students will leave campus for break, that begins on December 19. Classes will resume on January 13.

Important dates for Project Application

Cottey 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

Always be a recruiter! Cottey College is a top ranked college and has great professors, courses and fabulous sports and clubs. Always be ready to promote Cottey and our projects.

STAR

Remember your STAR applicants. Send them a note giving them encouragement for their finals and their wish them the best during this season.

This is a time when they will be applying for all of the scholarships they can to lessen their financial burden. Let her know that you wish her the best. And if you are still in contact with previous applicants/recipients, remember them as well as they work through the holidays and finals.

IPS

RECOMMENDATIONS – INDIVIDUAL AND

CHAPTER An individual or chapter having knowledge of a student who may qualify for an IPS award should be knowledgeable about requirements she must meet before directing the student to request application information from the P.E.O. Executive Office. After eligibility has been established, application forms and material will be made available to the prospective student through the IPS workflow.



STAR SCHOLARSHIP



COTTEY COLLEGE



INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Remember to use the Resources on your Nebraska State Chapter Website

Click on the titles below to find resources that chapters will need over the next couple of months:

[Local Chapter Tool Box](#)

[Notice of Dues for Chapters](#)

[Yearbook Requirements](#)

[Project Donation Form](#)

From your new NE State Chapter Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

Project Donations

- Please print the most current form off of the NE Website with my address

(Sheri will be returning them to you if she receives them)

[NE Local Chapter and Reciprocity Group Donation Form Rev: 6/19/24](#)

[Individual Project Donations to NEBRASKA Projects ONLY Rev: 6/19/24](#)

- Checks made out to **NE State Chapter P.E.O.**
- Designation marked on the sheet to either State or International Projects
- Mail forms to the State

P.E.O. Home donations have a separate form found on the NE website and are sent directly to the home. Use [Nebraska P.E.O. Home Donation Form](#).

Individuals wishing to donate to the International Projects must go to the International website to print off that form. Checks are mailed direct to International.

Please feel free to email or call with questions.

Thank you! You are all SUPERSTARS

From your new NE State Chapter Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

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December 2024 – Merry Christmas to you ALL!

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

Recently updated “Gift Ideas” for the Home has been placed on the opening page of our website. Check it out! (website address above)

RESIDENT NEWS: Two new residents have been welcomed in recent weeks. Both Gail and Yvonne are delightful woman and are quite sharp!

Gail Eskra, of Beatrice, has a sister-in-law who is a P.E.O. sister in Arizona. Gail loves to play bridge. Gail used to be a snowbird spending winters in Arizona, but no plans to do that this year.

Yvonne Deluge, of Pawnee City, is a member of Chapter AV. She has been very involved in the development of the museum and has traveled a lot during her lifetime. She will be doing some programs about the museum and the places she has visited for all residents to enjoy.

CHAPTER FM FUNdraiser – TOUR OF HOMES (decorated for Christmas): Very soon, Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 1:00 to 5:00, you do not want to miss visiting FIVE homes, including our P.E.O. Home, to see the beautiful holiday decorations. Chapter FM is sponsoring this as a fundraiser for our P.E.O. projects. Tickets are \$30 each. You can find more information on Facebook, where there is a QR code for purchasing tickets. You can also purchase tickets on December 8th at ANY of the five locations. You will be given a bracelet to identify you as a ticket-purchasing visitor. If you have questions, you may contact Home Board President Rose Fetty, a member of Chapter FM: Rfetty89@yahoo.com (preferred contact) or, 402-223-5842



NOTE: Please do not plan to bring item donations on December 8th, as many guests are expected. If you have a monetary donation, for the Home, you are welcome to bring a check with your completed donation form.

ROOF NEWS: The new tile roof has been completed! Another team will complete the work on the “flat” areas very soon. See the photos at the end of this article. There is also a photo from the Home Halloween party – cute costumes on the young people who attended.

THANKSGIVING: You are receiving the state newsletter after the Thanksgiving holiday, but at the time of this writing, approximately 20 family guests will be enjoying the holiday meal with residents. Rest assured, the meal was delicious and all had a wonderful time.

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
Loving thank you for participating in these two programs! You help build MORALE and JOY

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!
Tours are being scheduled into January 2025 at this point.

--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

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.

💖 **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!***



Halloween Festivities



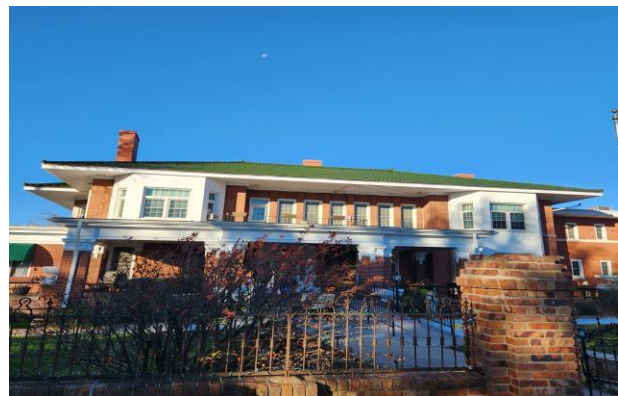
New Roof Tiles Arrive



Work begins



WOW, beautiful!



Nearly 2.5 years after the huge HAIL storm.