



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O.

February 2025

Topic: Be Present-Be President, and all things February

During February, in Nebraska, there is a need for many super powers. You might need these super powers: ❁ Heat Generator - It is cold ❁ Patience—As the treasurer, you have to make sure you have all of the chapter dues collected ❁ Courage— you have been asked to be a local chapter officer ❁ Energy & Vision—you are the chapter president and you want to get your officers and chapter excited about the goals and direction for the new P.E.O. year ❁ Time Management—because you want to be more involved in P.E.O.! What other Supers Power might you need in February?

I encourage you be present in P.E.O. Like a flower, when you water it and give it food, it will grow and flourish. It is the same with P.E.O.; when you give of your time, attend meetings, share the mission of P.E.O...”where we motivate, educate and celebrate women,” with your sisters and others, our relationships grow. Through our projects, women are blessed with being able to pursue their education and our Sisterhood grows when you invest in your chapter. We become better women and we help make a better world.

In January, we celebrated International P.E.O. Day, a day to celebrate our Founders and a chance to educate the public about P.E.O. and the great things we do as an organization. In February, there is a lot of housekeeping to be done in our chapters. Our corresponding secretaries are confirming that their records match International’s. Our treasurers continue to collect dues and are getting ready for the annual report. Our presidents are getting ready to train the incoming president, or are working on their 2025-2026 term. They are working on their president’s letter. Yearbooks are getting finalized and printed and sisters continue to think of prospective applicants for our projects.

Also in February, we celebrate love on Valentine’s Day; we celebrate Presidents Washington and Lincoln birthdays and we see when spring is going to arrive on Groundhog Day. We can do the same celebrating at P.E.O., love, leadership and looking forward to a bright future!

I hope that you all have worked on discovering your super powers and have been present when your officers shared their officer duties. I hope you feel confident to help grow the Sisterhood and grow in your leadership.

Let your curiosity be greater than your fear. Think of how you can contribute and be the reason a woman’s life changes for the better.

Be present...Be involved...Be brave...Be confident...Be curious...

Be a P.E.O.!!! (Be Present for Each Other!)



Important News....Important Reminders!

Corresponding Secretary: You may now go onto the P.E.O. International website and make sure that all of your records match to what is online. You have until February 24. (This is your part of the annual report process.)

Treasurer and President: Review the process for completing the Annual Report. Continue collecting dues.

President: Write and present the president’s letter in February. Then send it to President Jane.

Remember to vote for your state delegate and alternate delegate when you vote for your officers. If your chapter will send a delegate to CIC, you need to include that in voting. A CIC delegate needs to have attended a state convention as a delegate, either the upcoming convention or a previous one.

A reminder that NSC is no longer selling Memorial Markers. There is no inventory on hand. You may look online for stars and daisies. Search for Star or Daisy ‘Garden States’ or work with your local school and their welding class to create a design for you. You may also search for ‘P.E.O. Memorial Markers’ online.

News from you Membership development committee

Here are the chapters with new initiates for January 2025

Congratulations to the following chapters for adding to the Sisterhood in January 2025

Chapters: AI-Lincoln, CE-Arapahoe, EB-North Platte (2), EP-Wisner (2), FV-Nebraska City (3), FX-Lincoln (2)

We recognize Chapter X-McCook Initiation Nov-24, FI-IK-Omaha Initiation Dec-24, EG-Kearney Initiation Nov-24, IT-Bellevue Initiation Dec-24, previously missed.

Chapters reinstating sisters in the last three+ months include (each reinstating 1 sister): Chapters Z-Beatrice, CA-Valentine, DW-Rushville, DX-Lincoln, DY-Omaha, EO-West Point, GE-Omaha, IX-Kearney

REMEMBER...YOU MAY INITIATE, BUT NOT TRANSFER IN FEBRUARY

Board Notes



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 made this year. Please send your bylaws and standing rule changes to Nebraska State Secretary, Capri McGuire at capripeco@gmail.com. If you have not made any changes please email "No changes" to me. Please make sure you have your chapter letters on the email so I can

"mark" that I have received your information.

Please note that the \$4 fee per member/chapter for Convention of International Chapter in 2031 is not part of dues, is not a bylaw, so therefore should not be in the bylaws. If you wish, you can include it in your standing rules.

Your Nebraska State Secretary,

Capri McGuire

LCOW (Local Chapter Officer Workshop) **is scheduled...**
see page 6 of this newsletter, for details.



As I worked on the Founders' Day Program for my chapter, I was again interested in the new things I learned. (Franc Roads Elliott started the Art Dept. at UNL!). Two things really stood out to me: The girls wanted to start something right then. They wanted to enjoy each other and what they were doing. The second thing was their vision for the future. Both were equally important to them and they worked together so both would happen.

Here are three quotes that I think say it best: "I earnestly hope the true spirit of P.E.O. will not be smothered in form, but that the original ideals of kindness, helpfulness, and charity will forever exist and thus we will become a potent factor in the world's welfare." Alice Bird Babb.

"When I think of the past and look at the present and dream of the future, I am filled with hope; and great expectations lure me onward. I trust our little effort, like the ripples on the lake, will widen and extend." Ella Stewart.

And lastly, "Love, first among ourselves, and then in our activities reaching out to all others. It should be our purpose to not only make P.E.O. greater and better all the time but womanhood and humanity greater and better because of P.E.O." Mary Allen Stafford.

What a model and legacy to be present each day but also to dream about the future.

Beth, Organizer



Join us September 4-6 for the 77th Convention of International Chapter in Phoenix, Arizona! We will celebrate our Sisterhood from A to Z. More details about the event and registration information will be available in 2025.

Visit the [Convention of International Chapter \(CIC\)](#) page for general information about conventions.

The following chapters will need to elect a convention delegate and alternate for Convention of International Chapter. They will need to be reported to International in March, along with your other officers. More information will be coming soon. We will meet at convention in June.

P.E.O.s are welcome to attend as a guest, but remember, fees will not be covered the same as a delegate. Be sure to let me know if this is you! We want you to be included in the Nebraska delegation! Chapters eligible to send a delegate to CIC: **G-Hastings**, **I-Wahoo**, **N-Minden**, **T-Clay Center**, **V-Lincoln**, **Z-Beatrice**, **AB-Central City**, **AC-Aurora**, **AH-Alliance**, **AK-North Platte**, **AZ-Wayne**, **BD-Ashland**, **BM-Ainsworth**, **CK-Grand Island**, **CP-Omaha**, **CU-Norfolk**, **DF-Stanton**, **DL-Lincoln**, **EA-Randolph**, **FR-Sidney**, **ET-Scottsbluff**, **FW-Lincoln**, **HA-Columbus**, **HK-Fremont**, **HR-Gibbon**, **HS-Alliance**, **HW-Lincoln**, **ID-Wayne**, **IE-Omaha**, **IH-Elkhorn**, **IY-Lincoln**

Jean, Vice President

"The kindness we put out into the world always finds a way of coming back to us." Dhar Mann

Reports from our Projects

International Peace Scholarship

The two international students in Nebraska are busy starting their second semester of the 2024-2025 school year. They attend the University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Public Health in Omaha. One woman is from Kenya and one from Congo. They will return to their native countries at the conclusion of their studies to help their fellow country people. You'll be hearing from the student from Congo at the Projects Banquet during the NE State Convention in June. Keep them in your thoughts as they proceed through their studies and life in Nebraska.

Carol Sorensen
Chair I.P.S.



P.E.O. Scholar Awards Report

Short and inspiring PSA reports at each meeting encourage sisters to think ahead about potential PSA candidates, and might even prompt creative ideas for achieving PSA Laureate status!

No super powers necessary to share news from *The P.E.O. Record*!

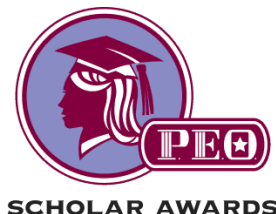
How about sharing the story of PSA recipient Lauren Genova, who now teaches chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Delaware and recently inspired her first year chem students to emulate “the real-world experiences of chemists and biochemists working together in a research lab” by allowing students to create “a music video about chemistry” in which each student had a separate role, but all needed to work together to “accomplish weekly tasks, develop creative solutions, learn new skills and solve problems”? (See *The P.E.O. Record*, Summer 2024.)

Perhaps your chapter sisters would like to know how many states and provinces nominated PSA candidates, and which states and provinces had successful PSA candidates for the 2024-2025 academic year? Or would your sisters prefer to know the 23 fields of study engaged in by these recent PSA recipients? Perhaps they are interested in knowing how the 16 Named and Endowed Scholars for 2024-2025 were chosen? (See *The P.E.O. Record*, Fall 2024.)

So, what is the life of a Doctoral student really like? And why would she need funding for the dissertation year? Urge chapter members and friends to share their experiences and/or consult *The P.E.O. Record*, Winter 2025.

Enjoy reading *The Record* and sharing PSA news this winter!

Laura Marvel Wunderlich
NE State PSA chair



Project Facts



COTTEY COLLEGE

- Named one of the 10 best in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report for the past seven years.
- Cotter College pays airfare/lodging for a weeklong international experience for all students.
- Explore the campus with a virtual tour at cotter.edu.
- The local chapter is recognized as a Luminary Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.



STAR SCHOLARSHIP

- Funds must be used in the next academic year or be forfeited.
- Limit of one applicant per chapter per year
- Named scholarships are available with the receipt of donations equaling the award amount.
- Endowed scholarships are available and will be awarded when earnings equal the award amount.
- The local chapter is recognized as a Constellation Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.



**Scheduled Meetings are on the
3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm.:
Feb. 18, March 18, April 15 and
May 20.
Hope to see you there!**



**EDUCATIONAL
LOAN FUND**

- Loans approved will not exceed the amount recommended by the sponsoring chapter.
- Monies received from the Educational Loan Fund shall not be used for debt reduction (educational, personal, etc.).
- Loans must be repaid in the same currency in which they were issued.
- The local chapter is recognized as a Legacy Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.



**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Named scholarships are available with the receipt of donations equal to the scholarship amount.

- The local chapter is recognized as a Partners in Peace Chapter and partnered with an IPS recipient for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.
- Partners in Peace is limited to single chapters; a gift of at least \$500 must be sent with the Partners in Peace Form by the deadline to be designated as a Partners in Peace Chapter.



It takes new women, as well as current P.E.O.s to build a great base for a successful chapter. If you are a current P.E.O., in the Gretna area, might you consider getting involved with this start-up chapter? Do you have a super power in organization, or leadership? Can you help make this new chapter a success and the new sisters feel welcomed and loved? Please consider attending a chapter meeting and helping our Sisterhood grow.

Meetings continue to be held for prospective members of the new Gretna chapter. At the last meeting, it was decided to look at other meeting nights, as there were interested women who are not available on Thursdays. Meetings are held at The Water's Edge Church @ 192nd and Harrison.

Future meetings are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, in hopes that the 15 members needed to charter, are available on the new meeting night.

Contact Peggy Brendel for more information: pegbpeo@gmail.com



**PROGRAM FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Named grants are available with the receipt of lump-sum donations equaling \$4,000.
- Endowed awards are available when earnings on an endowment equal the award amount.
- The local chapter is recognized as a Brighter Tomorrow Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.



SCHOLAR AWARDS

- Named awards are available with the receipt of donations equaling the award amount.
- Endowed awards are available when earnings on an endowment equal the award amount.
- The local chapter is designated as a Laureate Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

**The information comes from
the P.E.O. Philanthropic Projects
Fact Chart on the International
website. (7/24 update)**

****Save the Date for LCOW 2025****

(Local Chapter Officer Workshops)

March 29, 2025

10:00 am



➤ *Required Training for all chapter officers listed below in the Central Group*

➤ *The workshops will again be conducted via ZOOM*

➤ *Leadership Development Opportunity*

Make sure you get ALL of your new officers reported on the International website immediately installation, so they will receive their ZOOM invitation

Central Group

THE REQUIRED CHAPTERS ARE LISTED BELOW

G Hastings
H Holdrege
J Nelson
N Minden
O Geneva
P Bloomington
S Broken Bow
T Clay Center
W Blue Hill
Y Red Cloud
AA Edgar
AB Central City
AC Aurora
AE Hebron
AG Fullerton
AM Fairmont

AP St. Paul
AS Kearney
BB Ord
BG Franklin
BH Sutton
BI Shelton
BW Orleans
CB Ravenna
CJ Burwell
CK Grand Island
CW Sargent
DA Hastings
DS Superior
EG Kearney
EH Grand Island
EZ Grand Island

FH Hastings
GG Kearney
GK Hastings
GP Grand Island
GZ Hastings
HB Kearney
HJ Grand Island
HM Holdrege
HR Gibbon
HT Hastings
II Grand Island
IO Hebron
IX Kearney



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

RESIDENT NEWS: There are currently 19 residents living in our Home. Most recently, Holly Reiter, Chapter Z / Beatrice, moved in. Holly is a very nice woman who especially loves spending time with her grandchildren. She is also a cat lover.

You likely remember reading about the Home dog (a boxer) named Kash. Resident Donna Severns has taught Kash how to shake hands! She has been to the library to learn how to teach Kash even more tricks.



All residents are healthy and happy after a busy holiday season. You will often find some residents utilizing the two Nu-Step machines in the exercise room.

Residents will be offered the opportunity to learn Yoga from instructor Ginger Hunt who owns a studio in Beatrice. Beginning January 22nd, Ginger is coming to the Home, weekly, to teach Yoga to residents. There is always something new happening for our residents.

HUGE THANKS: Heartfelt thanks for all the project gifts and donations during the month of December. Our P.E.O. Home is a Nebraska-specific project, and it operates lovingly through all your chapter and individual gifts and donations. Thank you for loving our Home as much as our residents, their family members, the staff, and board of directors do!

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!
- 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

TAX SEASON 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.



THANK YOU! *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 President's and Valentine's Days to you all!