




Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O.

March 2025

Topic: It's a new P.E.O. Year. Let's start it with a new attitude!

As my convention group is getting ready for the 2025 Nebraska State Convention, they asked all of the state officers 'get to know you' questions. There was one question that I had asked all of you but never seriously thought how I would answer the question, until it was directly asked of me. And then **POW!** it hit me. I don't know that I ever felt as vulnerable as I did at that time. And then I thought **WOW!**, maybe other women have this same kryptonite and that is what is stopping them from reaching their full potential! "What is your kryptonite?"

Okay, here it goes, I have the lasso of truth around me and I am telling the world;  (okay the Nebraska P.E.O. world) my kryptonite is the fear of rejection. I worry about doing the wrong thing; I worry that people aren't going to like me; I worry that people are going to think I am too goofy, or too loud, or too out there, the toos go on and on and on...

What has kept me from imploding as a Nebraska state officer is that I believe in the mission of P.E.O. I believe in the POWER of P.E.O. I believe in the Purpose that P.E.O. provides and the Empowerment that is given through the mission and the projects and the leadership Opportunities through trainings, committees and the officers and sisters at the local, state and international levels.

P.E.O. is only as good as the women who are in the organization. I challenge you to find ways to enhance your chapter through recruitment/initiation, programming, project candidates, community involvement. I challenge you to take one step out of your comfort zone...and then another and soon, you will find out that surrounded by your sisters, you are totally out of the box and finding that you can do anything when you have the love and support of your sisters.

I never truly thought about what my kryptonite was. I knew how I reacted in certain situations; even situations that happened less than a year ago, but I never put a label on it. It took someone directly asking me that question to dig deep and seriously consider what caused my flight reaction (y'know, fight or flight.) It was cathartic to realize that a 60+ year old woman could still have insecurity issues. I guess I have grown up a little this year. Thanks P.E.O.!!!

Thank you for allowing me to be your president. My term is coming to a close. I hope you, too, have learned and grown this year and have become a better P.E.O.

Jane A. Van Horn



From Sherry Erlewine, Our Convention Registrar: Remember.... I hope that you

add your delegate and alternate to annual convention on your nomination docket. Then, after the officers and delegates have been elected and installed, be sure to report ALL of these sisters on the International website. Your delegate will **NOT** be allowed to register for state convention if she is not listed with International.

Nebraska state convention registration will be opening soon. A notice will be sent when registration is open.

All can register to attend convention. Those who are delegates, have certain expenses covered by the state. But, all P.E.O.s are welcome to attend convention. Information will continue to be shared.

News from you Membership Development Committee

Congratulations to the following chapters for adding to the Sisterhood as of February 27, 2025: Chapters: BU, Atkinson; CU; Norfolk; EI, Bayard; FF-IA, Lincoln (2); FM, Beatrice (2); and HW, Lincoln. Chapter EL, Oakland reinstated a sister in February.

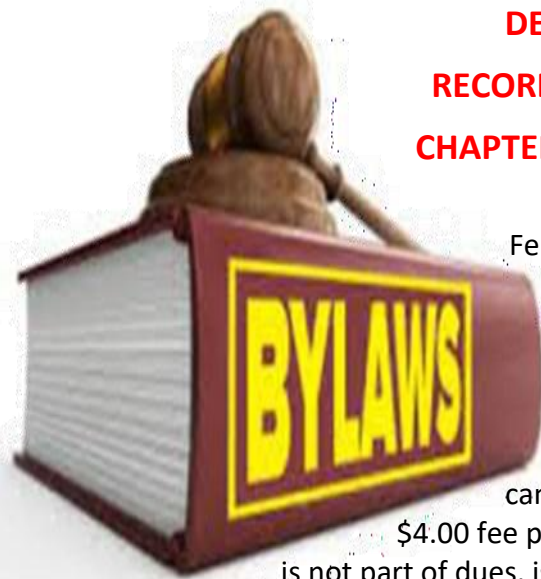
What membership goals have you set for this year? You are a sister in this wonderful organization because you believe in its mission to motivate, educate and celebrate women!

Don't you want to share this mission with others? Think of the women around you who need motivation, who need to be celebrated and who need the opportunity for further education or leadership opportunities. Or how about someone who just needs a friend or the support of a circle of friends. Reach out and share the gift of P.E.O. this year. Don't miss that opportunity!

Board Notes

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2025

**RECORDING SECRETARIES AND LOCAL
CHAPTER BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRS.**



There are many chapters who did not respond by the original February 28 deadline. It is mandatory that you take care of this immediately. If you have had any changes, please send your bylaws and standing rules in Word format 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 on the email so I can "mark" that I have received your information. Please note that the \$4.00 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

He Has It Comin'!

There is going to be a serious mysterious well-deserved doing away with, a culprit at Champions Run Club House, 13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha on Saturday, April 5th at High Noon.

Buy your tickets now for Chapter BP's Murder Mystery Luncheon.

It's a fabulous lunch and comical show for only \$40 per person. Bring your BIL and invite your family and friends.

[Proceeds go to the P.E.O. projects.](#)

For reservations call or text Mary Raimondo: 402-270-6861.





HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, I know it is March, but this is when we celebrate the beginning of the P.E.O. year! It is the time to take an inventory of the last year, celebrate the goals you met, and make new goals. What will the goals be for your chapter?

- └ Find new members that diversify your chapter
- └ Add a social that appeals to all ages
- └ Make your programs ones that will encourage sisters of all ages and interests
- └ Choose an activity for each meeting to bond your chapter
- └ Reach out to inactive sisters to let them know they are still sisters and are always welcome to reinstate Make this a fun activity for your chapter!

LCOW 2025 (LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICER WORKSHOP)

LCOW will be held Saturday, March 29 @ 10:00am, via Zoom. An email will be sent approximately a week prior to the workshop to the officers with a Zoom link. This will be the only notice given. Please make sure that the 2025-2026 officers have been updated on the International website. This year's workshop will focus on officers in the Central Grouping. If you are in another grouping and would like to attend, please contact, VP Jean Matheny at jean.peo.nebraska@gmail.com for information. All workshops are through Zoom.

CIC FAQs

- *CIC stands for Convention of International Chapter
- *CIC is held every other year, in odd years. It is called a biennial convention. The 77th convention will be held in 2025.
- *Local chapters wanting to present an amendment at CIC, work with the International Study & Research Committee in preparing the amendment before presenting it for voting at the state level.
- *An amendment from a state, must be voted on at the state level first and must pass by a 2/3 vote.
- *The number of state delegates to CIC are based on the number of chapters in the state, not the number of sisters (Nebraska has 31 delegates)
- *CIC is comparable to a state convention, just on a much larger scale.
- *Officers/Board Execs remain neutral when it comes to amendments. They may have personal thoughts, like you, but as a rep of their constituency, they stay neutral.

Reports from our Projects

Cottey College



We currently have five (5) students attending Cottey for 2025-2026! This is wonderful! The committee is currently working to award scholarships to the applicants.

IDEA! Print a Cottey poster, or two and hang them up at your church, gym, school, McDonalds, gas station or community center. It has a QR code on it and students love these! Here is the link:

https://cottey.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/24_EM-FactSheet_Final-1.pdf



P.E.O. Scholar Awards Report

March is a month of anticipation! After arctic temperatures in February, we eagerly await the verdancy of Spring AND two important documents from P.E.O. International.

Coming Soon:

**The official list of PSA candidates successfully nominated by Nebraska chapters in 2024,
and**

The official list of Nebraska chapters who have qualified as PSA Laureate Chapters.

During this time of anticipation, we can also look toward the future. Your local chapter P.E.O. Scholar Awards chair and her committee are essential to the process of interviewing and formally nominating your chapter's new PSA candidate, and each individual P.E.O. sister plays a critical role in identifying that stellar potential candidate, who is within two years of completing her doctoral degree.

Help your chapter display the Superpower of Sisterhood by identifying a potential candidate for the prestigious, \$25,000 P.E.O. Scholar Awards!

Laura Marvel Wunderlich
NE State PSA chair



HONORS LUNCHEON



Chapter Presidents,

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), I would love to have pictures your picture, 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 of those sisters celebrating a milestone year, the honored chapters photos and histories for the Honors 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 capripeco@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.

Get Ready for Convention 2025!

Save The Dates: June 13-15, 2025

Be ready for something NEW

Something FUN

Something EXCITING

Something INSPIRING

Something VERY P.E.O.!!!



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

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



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RESIDENT NEWS: At this writing, we still have 19 residents living in our Home. Of course, the bitter cold in February was a challenge. Residents are doing well except for a few with typical winter weather symptoms – cold-like. Indoor activities, movies, games, and exercise continue.

Administrator Shari Little reports that there have been some recent inquiries from women who are not quite ready to make a move. Shari does keep a lengthy waiting list and checks in with those on the list when apartments are available.

Are YOU spreading the news about our fabulous P.E.O. Home? All Nebraska P.E.O. Sisters are a line of communication about our Home. Residents can certainly be P.E.O. members. You will recall that at the 2024 Nebraska State Convention, it was voted upon, favorably, to allow those women related to an active P.E.O. member by lineage or marriage, to be considered for residency as well. [See page 18 of the 2024 *Convention Proceedings* for wording.]

NEW DINING ROOM FURNITURE UPDATE: Funds have been raised to order and purchase the new dining room tables and chairs! Thank you for your specific contributions for this important need.

NEBRASKA P.E.O. HOME WEB SITE: All Nebraska Sisters and Chapter P.E.O. Committee members are strongly encouraged to keep an eye on our Nebraska Home-specific website. There you will find the names of current residents, their birthdates, photos, Home articles that are included in the Nebraska State Chapter Newsletter (for a year) are posted. Chapter committees can always find news on the site AND in the Nebraska state newsletters to share at local chapter meetings!

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

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

Our loving thank you for participating in these two programs! **You help build MORALE and JOY!**

REMINDER: Our current “Adopt” year will end on June 30, 2025. You and/or your chapter will need to complete a 2025-2026 Adopt Form that will be in delegate packets at the convention, June 13 – 15 at the Younes Center in Kearney.

TOURS of OUR HOME If your chapter is interested, please know these things:

--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. Do this well in advance, please.

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!***



**Residents and Staff wish you ALL Happy March
Month and Week Holidays!**

Month of March Holidays

- Irish American Heritage Month – St. Patrick's Day, March 17
- National Women's History Month
- National Craft Month
- National Crochet Month
- National Noodle Month
- National Optimism Month
- National Reading Month

March Holiday Weeks

- Chocolate Chip Cookie Week (March 3–9)
- National Anonymous Giving Week (March 17–23)
- National Cleaning Week (March 24–30) **[Oh yeah, SPRING CLEANING!]**

