



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O.

April 2025

Topic: It's Time to get our Ducks in a Row: Officers in Place, year planned...

Normally, this is the first thing that I do when I get ready for the newsletter- Page 1, when that gets done, the rest seems to fall in place. But not this month; this month, this is the last thing I am doing. Maybe I am working on getting my ducks in a row. It always seems that something more pressing comes up. So, let's talk about those more pressing things:

- ♦ **Good job on getting those Annual Reports completed! Congratulations! I feel that is important to say.**
- ♦ **We have chapters that still need to get their officers entered into the International Website (not many) but there are quite a few who need to get those delegates entered. It is a separate process. That is important to share.**
- ♦ **We want to make sure we pay respect to our sisters who entered Chapter Eternal over the past year. It was important to make sure that the message got out to get their photos.**
- ♦ **If we don't have a person to run the audio-visual/techy part of the convention, we are going to be in trouble, that is more important than any personal rambling I might have.**
- ♦ **Getting registered for convention and having you know that everyone is invited to the party is so important and explaining the process needs to be emphasized.**
- ♦ **And we want to make sure that we have all of the photos for our Golden Girls + for our Honors Lunch.**
- ♦ **And how about celebrating our new chapter officers and our Cottey students**

You see, there are so many things that take priority. I also wanted to make sure that I was taking care of my LCOW attendees and my Buddy Group Sisters. I am also working to make sure that your state convention is informative, but so much fun that you will want to return every year!

Please read more about my bullet points in this newsletter. Maybe by the May Newsletter, my ducks will be in a row and they will be happily paddling in the pond.



Jane A. Van Horn

A Spring Blizzard will not thwart a P.E.O. who has a Purpose, and is on a Mission!

No power, no problem! Pull the car out of the garage and charge your phone and do some computer work! Can't drive, but have power; make phone calls and have a Zoom Call! You have power but a sister doesn't, offer her a place to lay her head or a meal to feed her stomach and her soul.

P.E.O.s can get pretty creative when they need to. Some of you went above and beyond to make sure that all of your sisters and your family were taken care of.

Now that the storms have subsided and OPPD has gotten the 1,200 power poles replaced. (Sorry, I don't know if the other power companies had the same devastation.) It is time to make sure that your chapter is ready for Nebraska State Convention, which is June 13-15. Part of getting ready, is getting your delegates reported on the P.E.O. international website.

Kudos to the following chapters for getting their delegates reported: Chapters F, G, H, K, P, S, Z, AA, AE, AG, AJ, AK, AL, AN, AO, AR, AU, AW, AX, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, CA, CB, CF, CI, CK, CL, CM, CQ, CS-DK, CT, CW, DL, DQ, DS, DV, DX, EA, EB, EC, EE, EF, EH, EJ, EM, EP, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EZ, FC, FD, FH, FO, FS, FT, Fu, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GF, GT, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HE, HJ, HK, HO, HQ, HT, HU, HV, HW, HZ, ID, IH, II, IM, IS, IU, IX.

News from you Membership Development Committee (MDC)

During our P.E.O. Year, we had 273 women become sisters. We look forward to honoring those chapters at the 2025 State Convention who heard the call of "Let's Go Find the Others." We also had 54 reinstatements Let's keep going. P.E.O., as an organization, has so much to offer and our sisters have so much to give.

Here are the new initiations and reinstatements since the last reporting: **Initiations**; I Wahoo, AH Alliance-2, AP St. Paul-2, AX Crawford-2, BF Wilbur, CQ Neligh, CW Sargent, DG Ponca-2, EG Kearney, ES Lincoln, GQ Lincoln, GZ Hastings-2, HC Bellevue, HU Norfolk, HX Omaha, IV Hickman. **Reinstatements**; K Lincoln, DG Ponca, EF Omaha, FR Sidney.

Time of Remembrance

One of the most heartfelt moments of state convention is when we take time to remember our sisters who entered Chapter Eternal. This Sunday memorial is organized by the hostess chapters but can only happen if chapters submit photos and necessary information. The service will be for those sisters who entered Chapter eternal in the 2024-2025 Membership Year. Remember, once a sister, always a sister, those inactive sisters will also be recognized.

Please submit the following to Nancy Videtich—Nancy@videtich.net
Your Chapter Letters and Town
Your sister's Names (with exact pronunciation)
Photograph



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May 1**

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Convention Registration Pointers:

Registration is open for the 2025 Nebraska P.E.O. State Convention. Please be sure to read the directions for determining your convention status on the website before submitting your form.

- ◆ Remember that receiving the **"SUCCESS"** message after you press "submit" signals that your form has been received and a copy of your form has been sent to the email address you provided. (check SPAM/Junk boxes too!)
- ◆ You will NOT receive a bill or confirmation of your reservation for several days, depending on how many forms are submitted each day.
- ◆ **DELEGATES!** Be certain your chapter corresponding secretary has entered your name on the International Website **BEFORE** you register! Forms will not be accepted if your delegate status cannot be verified.
- ◆ The Younes Center requires rooming lists and counts by May 12, therefore **registration will close May 1** to have time to finalize that list, as well as the lists for meals, nametags, credentials and on-site registration.
- ◆ ***Registration information and links to the Sign-Up Forms can be found on the State Convention page on the Nebraska website at <https://nebraskapeo.org/members/state-convention/>
- ◆ Any questions concerning registration can be sent to Sherry Erlewine at peosherrye@gmail.com

Board Notes



“My ducks are not in a row...in fact I think one of them is a pigeon!”

This is a great time to focus on organizing both your life and your chapter!
Here are some suggestions:



- 🦆 Do ONE thing from start to finish.
- 🦆 Ask yourself, what is my goal in organizing this?
- 🦆 What will meet your chapter goals?
- 🦆 Release the things that you no longer use or need. (Someone else will benefit from them.)
- 🦆 It is okay to keep what you are not sure you want to let go.
- 🦆 Enjoy the process, feel the freedom!

Attention Computer Savvy Ladies!!!

Wanted...a computer savvy P.E.O. to run the AV equipment/computer at the 135th Annual Nebraska P.E.O. State Convention! Experience person needed, please. (Would use your own computer if possible)

Perks:

- ♦ Front row seat at convention
- ♦ Room and Meals covered
- ♦ Enjoy being a part of the convention team



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COTTEY COLLEGE

**CREATORS OF
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COTTEY COLLEGE**

The Cottey College Committee is proud to announce that \$44,186.00 was awarded to five young women from Nebraska who will be attending Cottey College this fall. Three of them will be first year students and two will be in their fourth and on track to graduate in May 2026.

Many thanks to the local chapters that combined to contribute a total of \$16,947.00 to Nebraska Local Chapter Scholarship Fund. Your generosity helps to support some remarkable students on their educational and lifetime goals.

Thank you! Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!



HONOR'S LUNCHEON

Greetings from the state executive board! We are so excited about our upcoming convention and we hope you are making plans to attend. This year it is my privilege to organize and present the Honors Luncheon. I will ensure that all honored members' names are included in the printed program

During the luncheon, we will honor those members who will celebrate their 50-year anniversary of becoming a P.E.O.!! What an exciting and wonderful thing to celebrate. Those honored were initiated in 1975. All 50-year members in attendance will be recognized during the luncheon. Please email me one photo of each member for the inclusion in the PowerPoint Presentation.

Also, the name of any member who is celebrating her 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 or 80th anniversary as a P.E.O. will be included in the printed program. I would love to include them in the PowerPoint presentation. Please email a photo of these sisters as well.

Be sure that all photos are clearly labeled with their name, chapter letters and years of membership. Send them, via email, to me at capripeco@gmail.com by May 1st. In the subject line, please write P.E.O. Honors Luncheon Photo. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call! I look forward to receiving your photos and celebrating with all of you at the Younes Center in June!

The Spirit of P.E.O.

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Things to know for 2025 Convention

June 13-15, 2025

Convention doesn't begin until Saturday but Friday night will be a lot of fun and informative

Be ready for something NEW

Friday night meal is going to be fun and something new

Something FUN

Friday night workshop with costumes AND Lisa Helmick, how can that not be fun?!

Something EXCITING

The things you learn from your International Rep!! Look for information about check-in

Something INSPIRING

There will be workshops and speeches and a chance to be with our sisters.

Something VERY P.E.O.!!!



SPECIAL WORK...At our initial visit with Beverly Prewitt, P.E.O. International Representative, she informed us that taking Special Work at state convention is not a requirement. The state board discussed what we should do; Do we continue taking Special Work? Do we stop taking Special Work? In speaking with some P.E.O. transplants to Nebraska, it had been years since their states had required Special Work.

The state board agreed that it is important to practice Special Work. The most important parts are not written down and it is important that our presidents memorize the correct wording. The agreement was that it was the president's convention and the president would make the decision.

DECISION MADE! Special Work will be available during some (or maybe all) of convention check in time. It will be a time for you to go in and practice and recite Special Work. It will not be a requirement, but highly recommended. Feel you need to practice more than once? Go in as many times as you like. This is an opportunity for you to be the best you can be.

FRIDAY NIGHT...Our Friday night is going to have a different look. There will be three very different sessions and we will all be together in the main room. You may be asked to get up and move around in – between the sessions to give you a chance to possibly meet a long-lost sister.

Two of the sessions will be about our Brick-and-Mortar Projects—the P.E.O. Home and Cottey College. We look forward to having a presentation on these two wonderful places. The third session will have you laughing and thinking and maybe your head spinning like a tornado! We just hope you don't see any flying monkeys! You don't want to miss this session on how to make P.E.O. for all generations.

And finally, don't forget that state convention is for everyone; it is not just for chapter delegates and Golden Girls. All P.E.O.s may attend convention. The difference is how you register and who pays the bill. I highly encourage you to think about attending convention. It is an experience you will never forget!





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RESIDENT NEWS: Since the end of February, 18 Residents are doing well at our Home. I sadly report the death of Yvonne Duluge who passed away on February 28, 2025. Evonne was quite a woman who had been a go-getter all her life especially when it came to contributing to Pawnee City where she and her husband raised their two boys.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE: St. Patrick's Day was a fun day with some costumes being worn. Once a week Yoga continues to be popular. Upcoming will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 18th when Resident and Staff children and grandchildren come to the home for the hunt. It also sounds like REAL eggs will be in the works again – Residents and staff love to keep an eye on them and enjoy the time of hatching. Of course, games, movies, outings, and exercise continue to be regular events.



Kadence Armilio and Kash



**Shari Little, Kristie McClellan, Terrie Maas,
Kadence Armilio and Kash**

SEASONAL and LIBRARY NEED: Between the recent “blizzards”, projects are underway in the yard. Nic has the help of Greg related to outdoor gardens and a gazebo. Perennials, that might bloom at different times of the year, and some annuals would be welcome to add color. Residents will, again, plant some smaller vegetables that become a part of meals.

Nic has built beautiful shelves that has been installed after giving the library a fresh coat of paint. The books, though, are not properly arranged in a particular order. Contact Shari Little, at the Home if you and a few sisters might like to organize the books: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com



A Beautiful Gift

A sewing group from Salem United Church of Christ, Steinauer, Nebraska, does an annual project. They made 150+ placements for three different assisted-living facilities in southeast Nebraska.

Pictured: Resident Jeannine Kamen, (who is a member), daughter Julie Tegtmeier, women's church group organizer Janet Coudeyras and Shari Little.



YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR: 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. Though Nebraska women have priority, Residents do NOT have to be from Nebraska.

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.

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. **You help build MORALE and JOY thank you!**

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, please know these things:

--Monday through Friday works best – morning is rather busy, but afternoon or evening certainly works. Only one weekend, per month, could work as well, ask Shari.

Contact Shari Little, well in advance, please. 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: Heartfelt thanks *for loving our Home with your donations, visits, prayers, and care. Your love built our Home, and your love maintains it.*



Residents and Staff wish you ALL Happy April with
Month and Week Holidays!

April 2025 Holidays - Monthly Celebrations

- National Card and Letter Writing Month
- Global Astronomy Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Lawn and Garden Month
- National Humor Month – Spread a little laughter.
- National Kite Month
- Pecan Month
- Poetry Month

April Weekly Events

- First Week of the Month – Library Week
- First Week of the Month – Read a Road Map Week
- Second Week of the Month – Garden Week
- Third Week of the Month – Organize Your Files Week
- Fourth Week of the Month – National Karaoke Week