



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. Newsletter

The Gift of P.E.O.: ✨ Sisterhood ✨ Education ✨ Leadership''

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A Month of Thankfulness!

Can you believe it is November already? How time flies!

The executive board has been busy visiting chapters and each of the reciprocities. We have such wonderful sisters in our state. It is so good to touch base with friends both old and new. It is both a privilege and an honor to serve on the state executive board and so much fun to see you all!

I hope you have all taken the time to visit the international website to watch the videos from CIC, especially the project speakers. As always, they are all amazing women. They really exemplify why we do what we do to provide scholarships and grants to women.

The proceedings from the June convention have been printed and should be making their way to your doorstep if you ordered one. A copy is also available on the state website.



During the month of November, I always try to stop and think about all the things I am thankful for. Of course, family and friends always top the list. But in addition to that list are all the “Gifts” I have received as a P.E.O. I was given the Gift of membership and sisterhood, leadership opportunities, personal growth, and educational grants. Please take a moment to think of the gifts that

P.E.O. has given to you and how you can share those with other women.

Be sure to share the Gift of P.E.O. You CAN make a difference!

-Jean Matheny, NSC President

Project Donations Reminder - Due December 15th

All chapter & reciprocity donations are sent to the state using this form.

[Project Donation Form - Local Chapter & Reciprocities \(6/24\)](#)

Individual donations to NE Cottey Scholarships & NE Discover Cottey sent to the state with this form. [Project Donation Form Nebraska Projects Only - Individual \(6/24\)](#)

Checks made out to: **NE State Chapter P.E.O.** and mailed to:

Jean Danley
NSC P.E.O. Asst Sec/Treas
14440 Heywood St
Waverly, NE 68462
402-499-5247
jmdnepeo@gmail.com

Individual donations for the International Projects can be done online or you can print a form to be mailed to International or Cottey.

Reminder - donations need to be postmarked by **December 15th** for the Gift List Cutoff Date.

Thank you for supporting the projects!

P.E.O.—Where women **motivate, educate and celebrate** women.



Seeking Nebraska Sisters

THE TIME IS NOW!!!

Leadership Qualities

Supportive
Honest
Passionate
Learner
Team Player

Inspirational
Highly Committed
Reflective/Decisive
LOVE P.E.O.
Helpful/Caring

Creative
Critical Thinker
Problem Solver
Able-bodied
Energetic

The window of opportunity to express interest in becoming a part of the Nebraska State Executive Board is getting short. Perhaps some of you are already moving toward taking that jump into an incredible, fulfilling, and meaningful adventure impacting NE P.E.O. Chapter.

FOR FALL 2025:

- ✓ *Complete a "Willingness to Serve" form found in the 2025 Convention Delegate Packet or on the Nebraska P.E.O. website: www.nebraskapeo.org*
- ✓ *Contact Kellie Stang ASAP indicating your interest in being a candidate for the executive board and she will send application materials to you and answer any questions!*

Paperwork must be returned to Kellie:

- The completed "Prospective Nominee Information Form"*
- A brief resume`*
- Personal Statement as indicated on the "Information Form".*
- A letter of support from the chapter*

Submit all to Kellie Stang no later than **ASAP**.

- *Interviews will take place, likely via Zoom, in mid-November, at a convenient time for you.*
- *Decision made and applicants notified by no later than February 28th, 2025.*

I encourage you to call or email me! I will gladly explain the process and how meaningful serving on the state board is!! **For more information and to request materials, please contact:**

*Kellie Stang, Chair of the State Nominating Committee
6430 Holdrege St., Lincoln, NE 68505
Cell: 402-729-7677 / EMAIL: kelliepeo@gmail.com*

Tech Tidbits (in case you missed this note last month)

The 2025 Convention of Nebraska State Chapter Convention Proceedings are now available on the state website. Click [here](#) to access the resource! Hard copies will be available soon for those who ordered them, but in the meantime online resources are available now.

Update on the P.E.O. Hub: all member resources have been moved to the P.E.O. Hub and now can be found in Library under the same categories and names. Be sure to view the P.E.O. Hub Training to learn about any of the topics you are interested in or need to know about in order to fulfill your duties as an officer of your chapter. Embrace the change!

*Leann Drullinger, PSP, AK
Technology for Nebraska
State Chapter*



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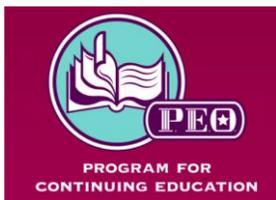
YOU are a leader! I AM a leader! We ALL are leaders in P.E.O.! All sisters should be encouraged to share their talents within their local chapter. Don't wait until your nominating committee begins meeting in January to select the slate of officers. Follow the ideas in Create a Flowing Pipeline of Chapter Leaders and begin filling your pipeline now.

<https://peo-portal.com/library/a0741aa9b8ef4b2987864743a56a07eb/view/7c59dbe526ef4fd7917d6eb39c1d40f4>



[Create a Flowing Pipeline of Chapter Leaders](#)

Program for Continuing Education



Did you know that the new P.E.O. HUB lists local chapter project chairs?

This feature allows us as state project chairs to communicate with your local chapter project chair.

It looks as though this information is outdated for many Nebraska Chapters, so please log on to the International website and verify/update your project chairs. The process is quite simple, from your dashboard on the pencil icon for chair, appoint new, add name, add date, and save.

If we receive information from International about a potential candidate in your area, we can use this feature to notify your chapter to see if you may be interested in sponsoring her. Any messages we send will show in “My Messages” in the navigation panel on the left.

*Heather Adams, PCE Chair
heatherapeo@gmail.com*

STAR Scholarship

By now our nominations have been submitted for the STAR Program. I am sure your nominees are fantastic young leaders and scholars. You should be proud!



The young ladies have done or are doing their part of the process. Perhaps you feel you are done with your supportive efforts – but NO! You and your sisters need to stay in contact with the nominees – a note, a text, or an e-mail – reinforcing your support and encouragement. Remind your candidate and your sisters that the STAR program is a process. Sometimes the process takes time and don't be discouraged by lack of news.

Be helpful. Be positive. Urge patience. Keep in touch. Facilitating education and helping create future ladies in leadership is what PEO does!

Charlene Meyer, STAR Chairman

International Peace Scholarship

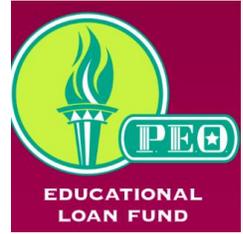


INTERNATIONAL PEACE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Nebraska is blessed to again have two IPS scholars. Grace Mabilia-Maye, who you heard speak at our last state convention is completing her doctoral dissertation in public health at the UNMC. She will return to the Republic of Congo after graduation.

Our other scholar is Amira Mohammed from Ethiopia. She is pursuing a master's degree in global health from Washington University in St. Louis.

Carol Sorensen, Chair IPS



Educational Loan Fund

One of the amazing things about the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF) is that when your chapter donates, the money is loaned out to a student, repaid and then loaned out again! Your donation today can keep making a difference for years to come!



*Capri McGuire,
Treasurer, Nebraska
State Chapter*

P.E.O. Scholar Awards

The P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA), established in 1991, were created to recognize and support the academic excellence and potential of women in the United States and Canada who are pursuing doctoral-level degrees at accredited institutions. These prestigious, merit-based awards offer substantial financial assistance to help exceptional scholars achieve their educational goals and make a meaningful impact in their fields.



A reminder that applications are due by **November 20th**. Please be sure to contact your candidates soon and support them through the application process to ensure timely submission.

Additionally, as you continue your fundraising efforts, remember that a donation of **\$500 or more** to the P.E.O. Scholar Awards qualifies your chapter for the special distinction of **Laureate Chapter**—a meaningful recognition of your commitment to advancing women's education. Thank you for all you do to support and empower women scholars through P.E.O.!

Cristy Fryzek, Chapter IV, Hickman, State Scholar Chair

Change Part Two

The most successful forms of change are intentional; it



almost always helps to have a plan. Here is the

phase of positive change that was presented at CIC – Convention of International Chapter. To help your plan, we must LEAD change.

Logical
Effective
Active

Demonstrative



Talk with your officers and set goals about how you can move forward to make intentional changes that will energize your chapter. We will continue discussing positive changes in the coming months.

P.E.O. is a gift! Celebrate your sisters and your chapter! Enjoy!



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Phone: 402-228-4208 Email: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com
<https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>

RESIDENT NEWS: There are currently 17 residents loving the fall

season at our Home. We welcome Norma Zajicek who moved in on October 1st. Norma is so happy to be living at our Home and smiles all the time!



Residents received flu shots the week October 20th. We are all praying that residents and staff stay healthy in the coming months.

All residents wearing the National Assisted-Living Week T-Shirts they were given. The special week began Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Congratulations, Carol Wolfe – recently retired after 30 years of service at our Home



UPDATE ON BIG GIVE GAGE COUNTY:

Through the Big Give Gage County, **\$1,278.60** was raised. Our Home had set a goal of \$5,000 to make our current front door handicap accessible. Eighty-two non-profits had registered to participate in this event in September. Feel free, if you missed it, to simply send a check to the Home so we can continue to raise the funds for this important project. Big Give is an annual event so we will keep you informed.

OTHER HOME NEWS: --Nic is busy building the new pergola on the north side of the front yard.

-- The Home will be one of FIVE featured homes decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 7th. There is a flyer regarding this big event. It is a fundraiser for Chapter FM, Beatrice.

--Just a tip for those donating such things as full-sized boxes of Kleenex or "Adopt" gifts for residents or staff – you can ship items directly from Amazon rather than boxing and shipping on your own.

--Shari has been giving "jokes related to fall and/or leaves" this month. Here are a few:

Why are trees so easy going?
Because they "let loose" every fall!

What happens when winter starts to arrive? Autumn leaves!

Did you hear about the fall colors this year? They are unbe-LEAF-able!

ACTIVITIES: The monthly schedule can be found on the Home website: <https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>
SPECIAL activities included preparing treat bags for Halloween visitors – young students from St. Paul School on October 29th.

Participating in the Beatrice “Night of the Great Pumpkin” – 200 – 300 young people participated.

Miniature Gold was designed, created, and played on October 23rd at our Home – all nine holes were played inside – staff created and made the nine holes. At least one was “a secret” until they were placed. All played using ping-pong balls rather than golf balls.



The windmill Spins Frog



Pumpkin



Administrator Shari, Holding Mr. Potato Head as a Bat



Kash's Mini-golf hole



The P.E.O. Hole - #8

**Contact Information
Nebraska P.E.O. Home
Activities and Projects**

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Beatrice, NE 68310-
2902 Phone: 402-228-4208
www.nebraskapeohome.org

To Request a Program:

Contact Lisa Helmick
402-669-4186
lisapeocoxnet@yahoo.com

**TOURS of OUR HOME, please
know these things: ALWAYS
make arrangements through
our Home Administrator:
Shari Little – contact info
below:**



--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

IMPORTANT TOUR UPDATES:
When planning for a tour,
please be as accurate as
possible on the number visiting.
It is best to check back a week
BEFORE your chapter tour to be
sure all you requested has been
arranged. For example, be sure
the time of the tour is set.
Please arrive on time – make a

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phone call if you are going to be late.

--If you plan to have a chapter meeting, that needs to be known when arrangements are made – it does take time for employees to set up the chapter room.

--**Extremely important** that anyone who is not feeling well – sore throat, runny nose, cough, unusual fatigue, temperature, etc. should refrain from visiting at this time – or you WILL be required to wear a mask for the entire visit. Please know, that for most of the public, the covid virus is no more than a cold. However, for those in long-term care it means quarantining, dressing in gowns, masks, and face shields. Please be aware of these regulations to protect our Residents and staff.

CHAPTER TOURS IN SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER:

H = Holdrege, DU = Omaha, GR = Lexington, GK = Hastings

SEEKING NEW BOARD DIRECTOR TO BEGIN IN JUNE 2026: The P.E.O. Home Board Nominating Committee is seeking applicants for a Board Director opening that needs to be filled at the Nebraska State Convention in June of 2026.

We do have focus areas for our nominating committee to consider in the way of skills, talents, and abilities of our directors. For this position, we are hoping to find an NE Sister with **technology, marketing, financial, and human relations specialties**. We do like representation from all over the state of Nebraska so that is a consideration as well.

If interested, please complete a **“Willingness to Serve Form”** – on the Nebraska website: Nebraskapeo.org and send it to the state Vice President, Beth Anderson as directed, but please also send a copy to the Home nominating committee chair: Jeanne Wicks, 3724 South 83rd St Cir, Lincoln, NE 68506 – you can also email her at: jmwicks2@gmail.com

These forms are due to Jeanne Wicks by **December 1, 2025**. You will receive application materials to complete and return to Jeanne Wicks. All candidates will be interviewed, and a decision will be made as to the selectee by the end of January 2026.

NEW WEBSITE and P.E.O. HOME PROGRAMS LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:

--An updated and NEW P.E.O. Home website was launched on September 1, 2025.

The address is the same: <https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>

As per usual, you will find donation forms, information about current Resident birthdays, photos of events and the Home itself, the current monthly HOME Newsletter Article (which will continue to be archived for a year), Adopt and Purposeful Life Program information, contact information, career/job openings and an application, etc. Check it out!

THANK YOU FOR

CONSIDERING: The Nebraska P.E.O. Home is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible. Check with your financial planner or tax preparer to see if your donation may be eligible to be deducted from your taxes.



Our sincere thank you to all of you who support our Home with donations of items and financial donations. You are continuing to sustain The Home that Love Built.

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