



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. Newsletter

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

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Happy Holidays from the Nebraska State Board!

We receive so many Gifts as sisters in P.E.O. We can all count our blessings. Don't forget to share those Gifts with other deserving women. Too often we think we have already invited everyone we know to share in the life of our chapter, but have we really? I challenge each of you to think of at least one woman who needs to be a P.E.O. Invite her to a social function so others in your chapter can get to know her.

I have so enjoyed seeing all the fun activities chapters have posted on social media. I am looking forward to seeing all the holiday activities. Nebraska is full of creative, hardworking, and intelligent women.

May you be surrounded by love this Christmas and always. Thank you for all the love and kindness you shown me this last year.



The state executive board and I wish all of you a blessed holiday and nothing but joy and happiness in the New Year!

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 (in case you missed this note last month)

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 \(6/24\)](#)

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

Jean Danley

NSC P.E.O. Asst Sec/Treas

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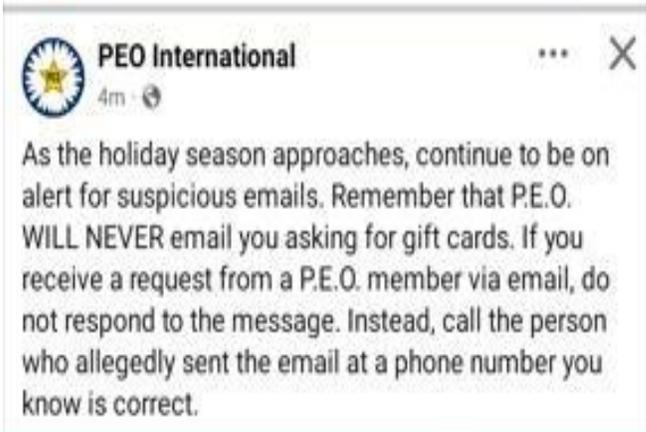
402-499-5247

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!



Continue to be on alert for suspicious emails!

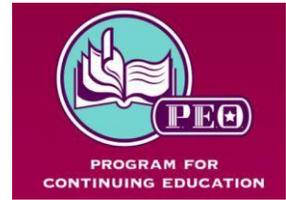


P.E.O. **WILL NEVER** email you asking for gift cards.

Tech Tidbits

In addition to watching for scammers, we are asking that when you reach out to any P.E.O., especially if you don't already know her, PLEASE identify yourself with name, chapter, and contact information, along with what your question is. This applies to phone calls, text messages, and emails.

We would hate to accidentally block you from our contacts because your number shows a different state or area code!



Program for Continuing Education

Happy Holidays! This is 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 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 in her adult life, she may be a great candidate for PCE.

There are friends in your community and P.E.O. sisters that would be eligible for the scholarship.

Can you think of a better holiday gift?

Don't forget Cottey College at this time of year. If you have adopted a Cottey student or Suite, this is a good time to send a GIFT or care package.

The end of the semester is coming up, holidays will be celebrated and students will be traveling to spend time with family and friends.

Finals week is December 15-18 and students will be leaving campus for break, that begins on December 18.

Classes resume on January 13.

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STAR Scholarship



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

This is the time when they will also be applying for all of the scholarships they can to lessen their financial burden. Let her know you wish her the best.

Also, if you are still in contact with previous applicants and or recipients, remember them as well as they work through their finals and the holidays.

International Peace Scholarship



INTERNATIONAL PEACE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Do you have knowledge of student who may qualify for an IPS award? If so, they need to be knowledgeable about requirements that must be met 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.

Remember, Eligibility forms must be completed between Sept.15 – Dec. 15.

Educational Loan Fund



EDUCATIONAL
LOAN FUND

EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES. An ELF loan is awarded year-round and helps a recipient reach her educational goals. She becomes a positive example for her family and circle of friends. An ELF loan has the potential for far-reaching effect. At just 2%,

the ELF loan offers a competitive rate and creates a pathway for education that doesn't lead to insurmountable debt. Wouldn't this be an awesome gift at this time of year?



P.E.O. Scholar Awards

Has your chapter considered becoming a PSA Laureate chapter?

Remember that a chapter donation of \$500 or more to the P.E.O. Scholar Award Project by December 15, 2025, 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 women scholars through P.E.O. Thank you for sharing your gifts!!

Words from the NSC Treasurer, Capri McGuire

I just finished my Official Chapter Visits in November. I visited 8 AWESOME chapters that were so welcoming, and I was greeted with sisterly love. All of these chapters did a fantastic job in preparing for my visit, with such great questions before and during the visit. I am so proud of them as they have been working hard and doing a fantastic job for their chapters. Kudos to all the other chapters that were also visited this year. The state board is here to help so please contact us at any time.

You Asked – We Answered!!

One of the questions we hear over and over from chapters has to do with accepting funds electronically.

! info about this can be found in the IOLC, Treasurer section, page 3:

- Chapters may choose to receive funds by debit/credit card reader (Square, Roampay, Payanywhere, etc.) and/or Peer-to-Peer (P2P) mobile app service (Venmo, Zelle, Square Cash, etc.) to accept payments for:
 - o Dues, Initiation and Reinstatement Fees
 - o Fundraisers, including Bed and Breakfast (B&B) program payments
 - o Non-tax-deductible donations to chapters (for tax deductible donations, please refer to the Treasurer section on Contributions to P.E.O. Projects)
- The debit/credit card reader and/or P2P service must be linked directly to the chapter's bank account. At the chapter's discretion, transaction fees associated with this service may be paid by chapter funds or, if allowed by state or provincial law, added to the charges processed for the card holder. Use of a debit/credit card reader and/or P2P service must be approved by chapter vote.

All Chapter Information from the NSC Secretary, Penni Burning

- Now is the time to make those changes in your bylaws. This process can take a couple months to get them approved and through your chapter.
- Please give me the GIFT of your bylaws!!!! That would bring a lot of joy to me to get your bylaws in before the end of January!!!
- Be sure your Golden Girls get noticed at State Convention June 2026!! It is never too early to send me their picture and name, along with how you would phonetically pronounce their name. I need these before March 1 to get them included on the presentation for the Honors Banquet on Friday pm of the state convention.

Membership

Remember your state membership committee can help you find resources to keep your chapter thriving.

Think of membership as a three-legged stool. One leg represents growing our Sisterhood with new members. Another leg represents nurturing the sisters we already have. A third leg represents replanting unaffiliate and inactive sisters who are looking for a new P.E.O home. All three working together are required to make the stool strong.

Discover specific resources for your chapter on the International P.E.O. Hub. Check out the resources for Leadership, Officers, and Membership.



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Nebraska P.E.O. Home
The Home That Love Built

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Nebraska P.E.O. Home, 413 North 5th
Street, Beatrice, NE 68310-2902

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

RESIDENT NEWS: There are currently 17 residents loving the fall and holiday season at our Home. Residents, staff, and the Board of Directors are involved in the preparation for the "Tour of Homes" with our Home being one of the SIX homes to tour to see the beautiful decorations that will be featured.

ACTIVITIES: The monthly schedule can be found on the Home website: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com You will also 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 one year), Adopt and Purposeful Life Program information, contact information, career/job openings and an application, etc. Check it out and share the news with your chapter, family, and friends.

SHOUT OUT TO VOLUNTEERS: What a great help **BIL DON HARMON** has been. He has helped Nic and Greg with outdoor decorating of our Home. His wife, **CONNIE HARMON**, likely encouraged him to volunteer. We are all so thankful for Don's help. **Kudos and thanks to FM member MAGGIE DOYLE** for her donations of decorative garland as we prepare for the Tour of Homes.



HOME NEEDS and GIFT IDEAS: 'Tis the Season of giving!

- Full-sized boxes of Kleenex **WITHOUT LOTION!**
- Hand lotions (unscented or lightly scented)
- Spray mists (lightly scented)
- Snack-sized candy bars and bags of peanuts and cashews
- Microwave popcorn **IN ORIGINAL BOXES**
- Popcorn seasonings

PLEASE remember that we do need original boxes of items that are NOT EXPIRED

- -Monetary donations for the updating of the front entryway so that it will be handicapped accessible.

PLEASE ALSO remember that donations can be sent to the home via Amazon that saves postage and Sisters having to deliver items.

HOME PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF

BEATRICE: Our Home will be part of the decorated

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Christmas Tree Display that will be open to the public sponsored by the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce. It will be held in the “Carnegie Building” which is the “old library”. Along with the Home’s decorated tree, will be information about what P.E.O. is, what it does, and how our Home is connected to the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

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

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

NEW WEBSITE and P.E.O. HOME PROGRAMS LAUNCHED 11/1/2025
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.