



# Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. Newsletter

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

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## Notes from the President



Every day as a P.E.O. brings more gifts into my life. Sometimes they are in the form of a card or text, sometimes they come via email or a phone call. I so enjoy hearing from my sisters. It just seems to give me a boost!

I know you have all installed your new officers and they are learning the ropes, so to speak. Be sure to mentor each officer, especially if she has never served in that capacity and it is a brand-new experience for her. Be sure to go on the International website and upload their information along with the state convention delegate

Maybe at your next meeting when your name is called, after you answer present, you take a moment to share a gift you received as a P.E.O. recently. It is important that we form those connections with our chapter sisters and this is a quick way to do so.

Hopefully, everyone is aware that registration for our state convention is open. We will once again gather in Kearney at the Younes South Convention Center for a few days of fun and fellowship, a time of learning and, of course, good food! Even if you only plan to attend the Honor's Luncheon or the President's Banquet/Philanthropies evening, you will still need to register. Remember, even if you are not a chapter delegate, you are still eligible to attend the business meetings as a non-voting member!

As convention is also our state business meeting, the delegates will need to be prepared to attend all of the required business meetings June 11 -13. The proposed amendments will be sent out soon for chapter review along with directions.

More detailed convention information will be coming next month!

*-Jean Matheny, NSC President*

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

## Reminder for Convention Time of Remembrance Photos

*If your chapter has lost a sister this year to chapter eternal, March 1st to February 28, 2025/2026, please send a photo by May 23<sup>rd</sup> so she will be included in the pictorial slides during the Time of Remembrance service held Sunday morning at convention in June. Along with the photo, please include her name (spelled phonetically), chapter and town.*

*Cindi Lamprecht, chair*  
[clamprecht@yahoo.com](mailto:clamprecht@yahoo.com)



## Tech Tidbit

**\*Learning to use the P.E.O. Hub:** A new video was posted to the International website that gives a great overview of the Hub! If you are still struggling with finding your way around the Hub, watch it!

- **P.E.O. Hub Overview Video** <https://peo-portal.com/library/fc33a4a55992494fb09ab8555ec90151/view/47324cabd55a43a7a84fe9245445b3a0>

**\*My Chapter Resources:** Have you taken the time to investigate **ALL** of the information that can be found under the “My Chapter” on the P.E.O. Hub? Check it out:

Logon to the P.E.O. Hub → Dashboard → My Chapter (upper righthand corner). Click on Chapter Info and find the headings of:

- *Info: brief information about your chapter, input by chapter leadership*
- *Leadership: listing of chapter officers, chairs, convention delegate and alternate*
- *Members: all of your current active members.*
- *Resources: great list of the most commonly used forms, documents, reports, etc. used by primarily chapter officers. No need to search the Hub—they are here for easy access! What a timesaver!*

### **\*Email Hacking (Phishing) Continues...**

We will never be rid of this most annoying hassle! It is a relentless problem that can come from various sources—individuals, companies, etc.—so, being smart and diligent as they appear in your Inbox is a must!

Addressing specifically emails from P.E.O. members:

- If you receive an email that appears a bit "off"--the message is odd, not something you would expect or you did not solicit, please take the time to verify the email address before you proceed! The phishing email will not come from the member's valid email address.
  - Do not follow through with any directions given to you in the email—open, send, download, etc. Never click links or download attachments from unexpected or suspicious emails.
  - Be especially wary of “urgent” requests, threats, or offers that create pressure to act quickly.
- **Use reputable antivirus / anti-malware** (Microsoft Defender, Bitdefender, Malwarebytes, etc.) to catch many phishing-related threats, especially malware and known malicious sites. However, **antivirus is not enough** — your own caution and skepticism are still the strongest defense!
- Report phishing emails to help protect others and improve filters:
  - **In Outlook:** Select the message → **Report > Report phishing**
  - **In Gmail:** Select the message → Click the three dots → **Report phishing**

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## Take Note! A Word from your NSC Secretary

***LAST CALL-- for honor members pictures!*** -Before MAY 1<sup>st</sup>!!! Thank you to all of you who have sent me great pictures of your GIFTS of your Golden Girls in your chapters.

If I do not receive your picture by **May 1**, it will not be in the Power Point presentation for the Honors Luncheon.

**There are still 65 chapters that have not responded to send in their bylaws.**

Please email me either:

Yes, I have changes to our bylaws and email them to me

OR

No, we do not have any changes to our bylaws.

Be sure that you have the correct date on the top of page 1---they should all have **–March 1,2026 as the current date.**

Please, please, get these done and to me ASAP!

[pennijpeo@gmail.com](mailto:pennijpeo@gmail.com)

THANK -YOU very much!  
Penni Bruning NSC Secretary



## Reminder from the Nebraska Convention Hotels & Meals Coordinator (In case you missed it last month!)

\***Elect** your chapter's Nebraska state convention delegate and alternate along with your chapter officers.

\***Report** your delegate and her alternate on the International Chapter at **the same time** you report your new officers on the International website.

**THIS DOES NOT REGISTER YOUR DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FOR NEBRASKA STATE CONVENTION!**

Your delegate **MUST** sign up for the Nebraska state convention using the form provided on the sign-up site. If she is not listed with International, her form **will not** be accepted.

Nebraska State Convention sign up/registration is now open. Each chapter should have received an email with registration information.

Everyone who **attends or works at** any part of the convention **must** submit a form.

Chapter delegates have certain expenses covered by the state, but all P.E.O.s are welcome to attend our Nebraska State Convention.

Forms not submitted by the **May 30<sup>th</sup> deadline** for any reason will be charged a \$40.00 late fee and you are responsible for the difference in room rate if block rooms are no longer available.

The Younes Center has housing and meal deadlines that we must meet. Therefore, we may not be able to accommodate forms that are submitted late.

### Seeking a Transfer

The new **Seeking a Transfer** process is now available on the [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) website. If you are an unaffiliate looking for a new chapter or simply want to find a chapter that is a better fit or meets at a better time, this new process is just what you need. You can now take the steps to find a new chapter home on your own terms.

First watch the training video on the P.E.O. website. This will give you all the information you need to get started. You can click here to view the video - [Seeking a Transfer](#). You can also go to [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) and log in, click on **Resources** in the left-hand navigation, then click on **Training**. Scroll down until you get to "Seeking a Transfer for Local Chapters." After you have viewed the training, go to **My Profile** and click on **SEEK TRANSFER** to start the process. You will be able to select chapters that meet your preferences regarding size of chapter, meeting times, and location as well as format (in-person, hybrid or virtual). There

will also be a brief description of each chapter to give you an idea of who they are. You can also include a note telling the chapter a little bit about yourself. Once you have selected the chapters you wish to reach out to you can press the **Submit** button and wait for their responses.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHAPTER RECEIVES A REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

If a sister is seeking a transfer in your area and has added your chapter to her search list, your president and membership chair will receive an email alerting you that a new task has been added to your notices on the P.E.O. Hub. You will also see a notice in your "To Do" list when you log in to the P.E.O. Hub. Please respond to this notice as soon as possible and invite her to a meeting or social activity. This is an easy way to add members to your chapter and welcome a new P.E.O. in your area.

P.E.O.s are constantly on the move, and one of the great things about our Sisterhood is that almost anywhere you move there will be a P.E.O. chapter there to welcome you with open arms. Make sure that all your sisters know about this new **Seeking a Transfer** process so they can find a new chapter and keep experiencing the love and support of our sisters who share our common goals.

Jan Loftin,  
Unaffiliate Coordinator



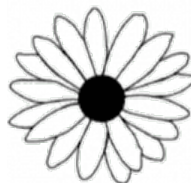
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### **Fun Facts from your Treasurer Capri McGuire**

# APRIL

The Nebraska State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood was officially organized on **April 2, 1890, in Omaha, Nebraska.** It holds the distinction of being the first state chapter organized for the Sisterhood.

- **Organization Meeting:** The Grand Chapter was formed in Omaha, Nebraska, on April 2, 1890.
- **Chapters** – 9 existing chapters made up the state
- **Supreme President Attendance:** The Supreme President of P.E.O. **Mrs. Torrence**, was present to organize the chapter.
- **Enthusiasm:** The enthusiasm for the new state organization was high, leading to rapid growth of the Sisterhood.
- **First State Chapter:** This 1890 meeting established Nebraska as the pioneering state chapter.



### **A TIME FOR – NEW BEGINNINGS, RENEWAL & GROWTH!**



Congratulations to all local chapter officers that have now been installed!! You have the utmost support from the Nebraska State Executive Board to help you succeed and have a great year of possibilities with new beginnings, renewal and growth. Honor the old traditions, create new beginnings, and go find the others so your local, state chapter and P.E.O. can GROW!!

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INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applicants for the **International Peace Scholarship** have

submitted their eligibility requirements between September 15 and December 15 of each year. The application form is on the public side of International P.E.O. website. The women are awaiting news of their approval for the scholarship which will be revealed in May. Each woman may receive up to \$12,500 according to her need. Applicants must report any additional funds they may obtain from personal or family funds, tuition waivers, study grants or other scholarships. The scholarship is not intended to meet all academic or personal expenses.

*Carol Sorensen, Chair*



# P.E.O. MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

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## Spring has sprung!

It appears that spring has finally arrived in the great state of Nebraska! Buds are appearing on trees, tulips & daffodils have popped up from their winter naps. Days are getting longer and warmer and soon we will be celebrating Easter.

With the warmer weather, you'll undoubtedly start seeing neighbors out for a walk and tending their gardens. Maybe that would be a good time to invite them to a spring social to meet all of your amazing P.E.O. sisters.

If your gardening club is looking for new things to plant, propose daisies & then share why you chose that particular flower.

The blooming beauty of spring reminds me of the beautiful gifts of our Sisterhood. There are so many gifts that our chapters give to us and that we give to our sisters. Just like flowers, those gifts become more beautiful with time, attention and a whole lot of love!

## Sending P.E.O. Love

Unfortunately, the beginning of spring has not been beautiful all over our state. Please keep in your hearts all of our sisters who are dealing with wildfires and the anxieties that come along with them.

## Convention is coming up!

Keep an eye on your email as the 2026 convention of Nebraska State Chapter is coming up. Be sure to stop by the membership table to say hi!



## Local Chapter Officer Workshop (LCOW)

April 18,  
2026  
10:00 am  
CT via  
ZOOM



The Local Chapter Officer Workshop invitations will be emailed after April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Any officer in any chapter is welcome to attend. Following is a list of the state board officers with the office they will be training:

Jean Matheny- President & Vice President –  
[jean.peo.nebraska@gmail.com](mailto:jean.peo.nebraska@gmail.com)

Beth Anderson – Recording Secretary –  
[beth4peo@gmail.com](mailto:beth4peo@gmail.com)

Amy Dusenbery – Corresponding Secretary -  
[amydpeo@gmail.com](mailto:amydpeo@gmail.com)

Capri McGuire – Treasurer –  
[capripeo@gmail.com](mailto:capripeo@gmail.com)

Penni Bruning – Guard & Chaplain –  
[penniypeo@gmail.com](mailto:penniypeo@gmail.com)

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn all about your new office.



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

Phone: 402-228-4208 Email: [nebraskapeohome@outlook.com](mailto:nebraskapeohome@outlook.com)  
<https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>

**APRIL 2026**

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

**RESIDENT NEWS:** All 18 residents are doing very well and are excited about the spring season. There are two potential residents giving serious thought, with their families, to move in during the months to come.

**REMINDER: THREE PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE WORKS (or will be soon):**

1. *Redecorating the private dining room in the basement – monetary donations, please*
2. *Work on the pergola will continue (when the weather cooperates)*
3. *Planting season is coming – seeds for green beans, carrots, tomatoes, radishes, kohlrabi, other types of lettuce –NO green peas. Herbs – NO mint of any kind (that is already available) rosemary, sage, basil, thyme, lemongrass.*

**Resident Activities:** TV Yoga, Music with Chad, Church services, coffee breaks, massages, exercises, “Balloon Swat”, Bingo, Dominoes, Corn Hole, movies – like “Cat Ballou” and “Two Weeks’ Notice”, discussion group, arm-chair adventures, and MORE!

### REQUEST FOR P.E.O. HOME PROGRAM IN YOUR CHAPTER:

Information and a “Request for a Program” form can be found on the Home website: [nebraskapeohome@outlook.com](mailto:nebraskapeohome@outlook.com)  
Contact Lisa Helmick if you have further questions – [lisapecoxnet@yahoo.com](mailto:lisapecoxnet@yahoo.com)

### Tour Our P.E.O. Home

You and your Chapter are INVITED!

Contact Shari Little, well in advance, please.

[nebraskapeohome@outlook.com](mailto:nebraskapeohome@outlook.com)

**ALWAYS** plan through our Home Administrator: Shari Little – contact info above.



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**.

\*When planning for a tour, please be as accurate as possible on the number visiting.

\*Please check back a week BEFORE your tour to be sure all you requested has been arranged.

\*Please arrive on time – make a phone call if you are going to be late.

\*Chapter meeting planned? Make those arrangements when you set up the tour.

\***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. An ill guest can visit another time.

**NEW WAY TO DONATE -- AMAZON WISH LIST—new opportunity for giving:**

What an easy way for individuals or chapters to donate to our Home. Many of us shop on Amazon and have the “prime” account for free shipping.

--Order as usual for the Home BUT, you change the “ship to” address to: Nebraska P.E.O. Home, 413 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, NE 68310-2902

**PLEASE** be sure you check that you want “Gift Tag” so you can add – FROM Your Chapter letters, and your name so we can send a thank you.

*This will certainly take the hassle out of purchasing and then having to deliver items OR pay any additional shipping.*

**OUR CURRENT NEEDS FROM AMAZON.COM**

**NEW NEED:** Spring (pastels) placemats and Cloth Napkins. Moukeren 12 Pcs Easter Cloth Napkins 18.5 x 18.5 Inch Dinner Napkins Solid Plaid Easter and Spring Fabric Reusable Cotton Kitchen Towels for Holiday (Classic)



Artoid Mode Daisy Eucalyptus Lavender Floral Leaves Spring Placemats Set of 4, 12x18 Inch Seasonal Table Mats for Party Kitchen Dining Decoration

**Any plain or patterned placemats and cloth napkins – pastels!  
OR Red/White/Blue for the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States of America!**

**Have fun choosing!**

Athena Collection Folding TV Tray Couch Table 26 Inch Wide with 4 Height Adjustable, Portable Small Folding Table Dinner Tray Laptop Table for Living Room Small Space for Eating on Bed Sofa Couch **\$29.99 each (the smaller folding tray table).**



*So far Seven have been gifted to us – we can easily use 18 more. Thank you!*

Our Nebraska sisters are so loved for all you do for the maintenance of our Home AND for our residents and staff. You have no idea how much the Adopt Programs bring important, bright moments to our residents and staff. Thank you for participating!

You may sign up at Convention 2026 to participate again in 26-27.

**This year of adoption ends on June 30, 2026. The new adoption year begins July 1, 2026.**

**NEW ADOPTION REQUESTS must be completed. The same adoptees cannot be guaranteed.**

**WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The monthly schedule can be found on the Home website: [nebraskapeohome@outlook.com](mailto:nebraskapeohome@outlook.com)

**You will always find updated information on the website.**

**Check it out on a regular basis – at least once a month.**

**Heartfelt thanks 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.**

**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.