



Nebraska State Chapter P.E.O. Newsletter

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

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Notes from the President

Well here we are, just a month away from the 136th Nebraska State Convention at the wonderful Younes Center South in Kearney, NE! Time flows by too fast! Reciprocity Group VI has been hard at work preparing to host everyone and I, for one, really appreciate all their hard work. I know you will, too! Wait till you see how they have been preparing to share their "Gift of P.E.O." with you!

This newsletter is full of things you need to know to help you plan and be prepared to enjoy the full convention experience, meet new sisters, and learn more about the P.E.O. Sisterhood!

Things to bring/know:

- ★ *Bring a light sweater or wrap, sometimes the rooms can feel cold and we want you to be comfortable (We have no control over the temperature)*
- ★ *Bring a refillable water/coffee bottle. There will be water and coffee stations in several locations*
- ★ *Bring your P.E.O. pin and membership card*
- ★ *Chapter delegates should bring a copy of your yearbook with the completed checklist found on the state website*
- ★ *Those delegates who are chapter presidents or vice president should be prepared to review the initiation "Special Work".*
- ★ *All delegates please take time to review the proposed amendments that were previously sent to every chapter. They are also available on the state website.*
- ★ *Convention reports need to be given to your chapter within eight weeks following convention*

What to wear:

- ★ *We want you to be comfortable and while there is no dress code, please look nice. International calls it "Snappy Casual"! The Saturday evening banquet is a bit dressier.*
- ★ *Comfortable shoes*

Things to know:

- ★ *Registration is now open through May 30 (see article elsewhere in this newsletter)*
- ★ *If you intend to attend any part of convention, you will need to register. Delegates should be prepared to attend all of the required business meetings. This is your responsibility and opportunity to shape the future of our organization.*
- ★ *Every chapter should send a delegate*
- ★ *You may attend as a guest even if you are not a voting delegate*
- ★ *As always, the Gift Gallery convention store will be filled with items you will want to take home with you! Be prepared to visit the Gift Gallery*
- ★ *Be sure to visit the project tables, the History Room, all the booths in the pre-function hallway*

I have also included an abbreviated schedule for a quick overview of events. The detailed version will, of course, be printed in the program included in the delegate packet that

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delegates will receive when they register. Don't worry, there will also be a map to help you find everything.

I can't wait to see you there! It will be an experience I promise you will never forget!
-*Jean Matheny*, NSC President

Convention Schedule Overview

Friday, June 12 Convention Schedule Younes Center South, Kearney

- ★ 1:00 pm - Registration opens (you will also receive room assignments)
- ★ 3:00 pm - Required all delegates--Convention Orientation
- ★ 3:45 pm - Required all delegates--Amendment Review
- ★ 4:30 pm – Fall 2026 Chapter visitation groups meet with visiting state officer
- ★ 5:30 pm – Dinner including Membership Celebration
- ★ 6:45 – 9:00 pm – Convention Workshops

Saturday, June 13 Convention Schedule Younes Center South, Kearney

- ★ 8:00 am – Registration continues
- ★ 8:45 am – Convention Groups meet with state officers
- ★ 10:00 am – First Session of Convention-All chapter delegates required attendance
- ★ 12:00 pm – Honors Luncheon
- ★ 2:00 pm – Second Session of Convention-All chapter delegates required attendance
- ★ 5:30 pm – President's Banquet & Philanthropies Night

Sunday, June 14 Convention Schedule Younes Center South

- ★ 8:00 am – Registration Continues
- ★ 8:30 am – Time of Remembrance
- ★ 10:00 am – Final meeting of convention All chapter delegates required attendance

Chapter Request for Convention Time of Remembrance Photos

Important Notice: *We are still missing many photos of our sisters who are now in Chapter Eternal.*

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 23rd 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
lclamprecht@yahoo.com

President's Banquet & Philanthropies Night

Please remember to register for and attend the President's Banquet & Philanthropies Night on Saturday evening at state convention. You will get to hear from our International Representative and a recipient from each of the projects.

These women have amazing stories to share and represent what P.E.O. is all about in motivating, educating and celebrating women. You have helped these women pursue their future educational goals, so please come meet them.

It is also a great time for socializing, meeting new P.E.O.s and making bonds with sisters that will last a lifetime.

Capri McGuire, NSC
Treasurer

Convention Honors Luncheon

Don't forget to register for the Honors Banquet!

We are looking forward to honoring our Golden Girls at state convention! Thank you to so many of you who sent in pictures---deadline was MAY 1st,

If you didn't get their pictures in, I will accept them up until May 15th---at the latest ***please***.

We are also looking forward to seeing the honor chapters, at

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the Honors Luncheon, Saturday June 13th, where nine of our state's chapters will be honored. They are:

125 Year Chapters: W, Blue Hill, and Chapter X, McCook

100 Year Chapters: DF, Stanton, DG, Ponca, and DI, Humboldt

75 Year Chapters: FL, Omaha, and FM, Beatrice

50 Year Chapters: HE, Lincoln, and HF, Omaha

****IF you are only coming for the Saturday Honors Luncheon, please go into the registration link and register for the luncheon only. When you come to convention- Stop at the registration desk to get your name tag that will allow you entrance to the luncheon.**

Cheers to everyone celebrating these milestones!

Penni Bruning pennij.peo@gmail.com

NSC Secretary

A Note of Thank you!

Our dear sister, Amy Dusenbery, recently resigned from her position on the state board. We value her time on the board and appreciate her contributions. Thank you, Amy, for your service to our Sisterhood.

Our former state president, Kellie Stang, has graciously agreed to serve as organizer from now until the new slate of officers are elected for the coming year at convention.

Thank you Kellie for stepping in. Going forward please contact Kellie at

402-729-7677 or kelliepeo@gmail.com

Reminder from the Nebraska Convention Hotels & Meals Coordinator

(In case you missed it last month!)

****Registration for the state convention is now open through May 30th.***

****Convention dates are June 12-14, 2026***

****Younes South Convention Center, Kearney, NE***

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

***Report** your delegate and her alternate to 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.

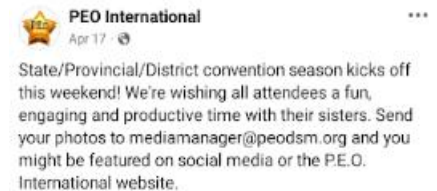
<https://nebraskapeo.org/members/state-convention/>

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 30th** 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. We may not be able to accommodate forms that are submitted late.



Membership



Moment!

As our new officers settle in for the new year, my hope is that each chapter leadership team has met to set goals for the year! Maybe you also discuss ways to

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bring your chapter together and strengthen your bonds. There are wonderful resources on the international website to help you achieve all your goals. One of the greatest coaches ever, Vince Lombardi, said: "Individual commitment to a group effort is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Our organization is a sisterhood! Each of us must be committed to work on membership to keep our chapters vibrant and growing. Each of us have many talents and gifts to share! I know each of you have a desire to see our sisterhood succeed. It is up to each of us to work together to achieve that goal! Keep up the good work!

Tech Tidbit

ACCESS TO THE NEBRASKA P.E.O. WEBSITE

Please share this with all members!

I continue to get emails from members attempting to log onto the website www.nebraskapeo.org and are having no success. So, here's the deal:

- **First time users** will NOT get a reset password email because there is no password to reset!
 - For the username, enter your Member ID number (number only) which can be found on the back of your P.E.O. Record or by clicking on "My Profile" on the International P.E.O. Hub (lower left side of the Dashboard).
 - Enter the default password: PEO_2023!@A#
 - When prompted, type in your email address and then create a password following the established criteria.
 - Write down the password and save it in a secure spot for future reference!
- **Return users** who cannot remember their password. Please be sure that this is NOT your FIRST-TIME logging in. These instructions are only for users who have previously set up their email and have forgotten their personal password. To reset your password:
 - Click on Member Login
 - Click on Forgot Password
 - Enter your email address and click "Reset Password"
 - You will receive an email that will help you reset your password. **If it does not appear in your Inbox, be sure to check your spam, junk and promotions folders for it.**

Please continue to share these steps with all members and have it be a part of your new member orientation. Make sure all members have the tools they need in order to stay engaged and informed with all things P.E.O.!

Let me know if you need me!

Lovingly, Leann

leanndrullinger@gmail.com



**It's Not
Too
Early!**

Even though chapters and STAR Scholarship applicants are being notified of recipients, it's not too early to start thinking forward to fall!

NOW is the time to find that STAR Scholarship candidate. Don't wait until the Fall. If you need help finding a STAR candidate, contact your local school counselor **NOW** to give you names of women in the current Junior class who they would recommend for this scholarship.

Spring and summer are the best time to contact them, to set up an interview, rather than when they get back into school in the Fall and are busy, busy, busy. It allows them time to work on references and essays before starting back to school in the Fall.

Keep an eye open and watch for these young women in your community who exhibit the characteristics of leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.

Also, consider younger women and watch them grow during high school into someone who might be a future STAR candidate.

Capri McGuire,
NSC Treasurer



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

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

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

RESIDENT NEWS: Welcome to our newest resident, Carolyn Reash whose daughter is Sharon Leners, a member of Chapter FM, Beatrice. Carolyn brings our resident total to 19. All are doing very well and are enjoying the nicer spring days – perhaps our up and down outside temperatures will settle down soon.

P.E.O. HOME NEWS FOR CONVENTION 2026:

1. *NEW Adopt Forms will be available in delegate packets giving all chapters and sisters the opportunity to Adopt a Resident and/or Employee for the coming year. The NEW Adopt year begins July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. You can request the same resident or employee, but it is NOT guaranteed you will be assigned the same – they are assigned in an order based on requests – AFTER CONVENTION. Plan to have your delegate complete that form while attending convention and then TURN IT IN at the Home display table.*

**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.

2. *Be sure to stop by the Home display table – to meet Home staff, board directors, and see all on display. We encourage chapters to turn in any special donations at our display table.*
3. *Except for requesting a P.E.O. Home Program, ALL DONATIONS will use the SAME FORM. Whether it is a monetary donation for a home update item, or to be part of the "Purposeful Life" Award (gift of \$500), you will now be*

completing a GENERAL DONATION form – beginning at Convention 2026. Read it carefully as there are some important spaces to fill in depending on your request for the donation to be used.

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 5th 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 take the hassle out of purchasing and then having to deliver items OR pay any additional shipping.

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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*
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.*

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
Contact Lisa Helmick if you have further questions – lisapeocoxnet@yahoo.com

OUR CURRENT NEEDS FROM AMAZON.COM

Copy and paste the following link into your browser to find all the beautiful items that can be donated to our Home. <https://a.co/084as0Fo>

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 250th Birthday of the United States of America! Have fun choosing!

Tour Our P.E.O. Home

You and your Chapter are INVITED!

Contact Shari Little, well in advance, please.

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.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

The monthly schedule can be found on the Home website:

nebraskapeohome@outlook.com

You will always find updated information on the website.

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



We thank you for your love and generosity for our much-loved Home!

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