

The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Dues Diligence

Yes, we know – dues aren't due until the end of February. But why wait? Your members may not know that dues can be paid at any time during the year. Paying dues early is an expression of loving concern for your treasurer as well as an opportunity to identify those chapter members who 1) may need some assistance paying their dues this year or 2) are thinking about not paying their dues because of illness, family obligations or increased responsibilities at work. This month, have a chapter discussion about dues. Make sure all circumstances are thoughtfully considered and addressed so that no sister is left behind.



Red Toolbox Spotlight

Handout: What to say to a sister considering inactive status

As your chapter treasurer begins collecting dues for the coming year, make sure every member has a copy of this [handout](#), located in the Sustaining Membership section of the Chapter Health panel in the red toolbox. Remind members to show loving concern whenever the opportunities for these conversations arise.

Convention of International Chapter Membership Workshop:

Provide Inspiring leadership

At Convention of International Chapter in Charlotte, the regional membership representatives presented seven practices P.E.O. members share which lead to chapter vitality. We talked about “being a good cheerleader” in November’s newsletter. This month, we want to emphasize the importance of providing inspiring leadership.

No matter how long you’ve been a member, chances are good you’ve led in some capacity. You may be an influential member of your family, your community or workplace.

Is it time for you to say “yes” to a P.E.O. leadership position? Leadership in P.E.O. takes many



forms. Can you hostess a meeting or provide an interesting program? Do you have a love for our projects and would like to chair a philanthropic committee? Or would you consider taking an office such as treasurer, recording secretary or president? Whatever you choose, remember the biennial theme of leading with gratitude and grace. The love and enthusiasm you show for any P.E.O. responsibility contributes to chapter vitality and helps inspire the next generation of leaders. Lead forward!

January: Phone Every One Day

Connect with Your Nonresident Sisters

Founders’ Day (January 21, 2018) is the perfect time to connect with your nonresident members. Here are a few suggestions you might use to make sure these members know how much they are loved and valued, even though they live too far away to participate regularly in chapter life:

FaceTime: following a meeting in January, use Apple technology to call your nonresident sister and talk face-to face.

Road trip: if your nonresident sister lives close enough, plan a day trip. Ask to meet her at the restaurant of her choice for lunch, or another venue where a group of you can gather to chat and catch up.

Skype call: if visiting in person isn’t feasible, investigate other ways to visually connect, such as Skype or Google chat. Involve as many sisters as possible on the call. If she’s willing, use the technology to have her “attend” a chapter program.

As the opportunity presents itself, remind these sisters that even though you love them, it’s perfectly acceptable for them to transfer their membership to a nearby chapter where they can fully participate in P.E.O. life.

