

The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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MEMBERSHIP MOMENT- Promote Attendance at Convention

Convention time is when we gather to conduct business and renew friendships. Wouldn't it be fun to have lots of sisters present at convention other than the chapter sisters required? Lead a chapter discussion to consider a few ways to promote wider attendance:

- Pay the way for initiates
- Reward your chapter's sister with perfect meeting attendance during the year with a room or meal at convention
- If the convention site is close to your chapter, arrange a carpool of sisters to attend one of the business meetings.

Once you have the convention "bug", it's hard to shake it. Every spring you'll want to pull out the daisies and stars and pack up for a fun weekend with your sisters. Grab the hands of your chapter sisters and take them to convention with you.

From Convention of International Chapter Membership Workshop

Have Fun – Be Joyful and Celebrate

Has your fortune cookie ever told you "Your day will go the way the corners of your mouth turn"?

Smile and be enthusiastic about your P.E.O. chapter life. Infuse vitality into your chapter. When was the last time you had fun at a business meeting? The answer is probably at least twelve times last year and again this month when you attend your meeting.

During the meeting, you might hear a Bible verse you haven't heard in a long time that brings joy to your heart. Under "Suggestions for the Good of the Chapter" your membership chair could ask each member present to share their

middle name or birth city and state so you can get to know each of your sisters a little better. You will celebrate when a project chair announces that one of your candidates has been accepted for an award. You will also celebrate when a sister announces a wedding or the birth of a grandchild.

Needless to say, your programs should always have an element of fun included. Offer to find or present a unique and interesting program you would want to invite a guest to attend. Be intentional about your chapter socials and fundraisers. Offer to organize a small group.

Programming idea

As you plan programs for the upcoming year, think about what your chapter can do during the months leading up to the Membership Initiatives. With "Let's Go Find the Others" coming in October, you might use Franc's List at a meeting in May or June to identify potential members in your circle of acquaintances. Then invite them to your fun summer socials. "Others" also includes the inactive members of your chapter. Look at your chapter's list of inactives and update it at a meeting. Maybe assign members to contact those close to them. You never know when her life situation has changed and she is ready to reinstate her membership. There are "Others" just around the corner waiting to be included in the fun.



Red Toolbox Spotlight

Having fun with your P.E.O. sisters with nurturing programs and activities promotes participation and increases attendance. Located in the Red Toolbox under Chapter Health/Sustaining Membership is [Fostering Friendships Through P.E.O.](#) This file provides some ideas for programs or activities that will create that spark of fun for your meeting while at the same time strengthen the bonds of friendship.

