

# The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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## MEMBERSHIP MOMENT – Connecting with Collegiate Members

Some of our youngest members just returned to college for this semester. Has your chapter sent an [Introduction of a Collegiate P.E.O.](#) to a chapter in the town where your member is attending college? By making this introduction, you are allowing that local chapter to involve her in P.E.O. life while she is away from home. It may be just what she needs at a critical time – knowing that she has P.E.O. sisters who care about her and want to support her.

Is your chapter located in a college community? When you receive an Introduction of a Collegiate P.E.O. from another chapter, make contact with her. Realize she has a busy schedule and you may not reach her on the first try. You may receive more than one introduction form. What fun it would be to help establish new friendships between these P.E.O. sisters! Consider hosting a social just for these collegiate members where they could bring non-P.E.O. friends, too. What a great way to extend the reach of P.E.O.!

## Connecting with our Members

### One Year Anniversary Letters

Effective September 1, 2018, an email letter of congratulations is being sent by executive office to each sister on her one-year anniversary. This letter emphasizes three things:

- After one year, a member is eligible to share the gift of P.E.O. with friends and family members by sponsoring them for membership.
- Chapters thrive when a member shares her time and talents. Sisters give each other grace and support.

- The bigger picture of P.E.O. can be seen at a state, provincial or district convention. Sharing the time with sisters and hearing from the recipients of projects unites us.

Share in celebrating with your chapter sisters on each of their milestone anniversaries – 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 and more. By focusing on the three points mentioned in this letter, your chapter will be able to celebrate its upcoming anniversary with gratitude for each member.

### Programming idea: The Connection Web

To illustrate the connectivity of sisters from our newest to our collegiate to our charter members, bring a ball of yarn to the meeting. As your chapter stands in a circle, start by explaining how we all have our unique traits but we also share commonalities. Begin by sharing things about yourself (places you've lived, sports you enjoy). As a chapter member hears something she has in common with you, she will say "that's our connection" and you toss the ball of yarn to her holding onto the end. She then shares about herself and the ball continues to be tossed with each one holding onto the yarn before tossing, creating a web. When all have participated, the leader should tie it all together with a statement about the missing sisters and our promise to support and love them.



### Red Toolbox Spotlight

We often say that every chapter member is a part of the membership committee. If you are interested in more information about membership, go to <https://members.peointernational.org/resource/membership-begins-me-guide-local-chapter-membership-committee> on the International website. The first five pages help the chapter committee and the rest contain direct links to resources. Consider reviewing the above resource and see what you can personally do to make a difference in

