

The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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MEMBERSHIP MOMENT – Getting to Know You

Here is a fun activity that will help you to get better acquainted with the sisters in your chapter. It's called "Spotlight Sisters." At each meeting during Suggestions for the Good of the Chapter, turn the spotlight on one P.E.O. sister and have her tell about herself, her life, her unusual hobbies or travels, etc. She might even include some little-known facts about herself. The social chairman can arrange who that sister will be ahead of time so she will be well prepared. You might learn some very fun facts about sisters you thought you knew, as well as hear all about newer members of your chapter. Getting to know your chapter sisters is a very important part of showing loving concern.

Every Sister Is a V.I.P. (Very Important P.E.O.)

What to Do with Your Inactive List

Most chapters have a list of inactive members – sisters who have not paid their dues and no longer have the privilege of attending business meetings. But these sisters are P.E.O.s for a lifetime, and that means they are still V.I.P.s (Very Important P.E.O.s). Maintaining an accurate list of your inactive members and their contact information is a very important part of expressing a loving concern for each sister.

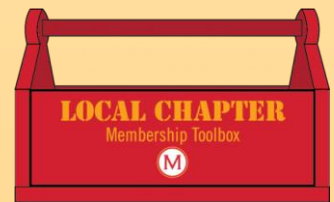
One of the chapter president's duties is to ask the corresponding secretary to read the list of inactive members in February. This should already have happened in your chapter in preparation for the annual reports that were submitted in March. Now it is time to clean up those lists and make sure the contact information is correct. A good way to

do this is to assign chapter members to call each of the inactive members and report any incorrect information.

The instruction to corresponding secretaries says that "members who on March 1 have been inactive for 25 years and have not been heard from within a reasonable number of years and/or whose whereabouts are unknown shall be reported LC (lost contact) on the Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary (ARCS)."

It is a good idea to repeat reading this list at least once more during the year to make sure their information is correct for the next annual report.

Even more important than obtaining correct information is staying connected with these sisters and letting them know we care about them. These sisters are worth the effort – remember, once a P.E.O. always a P.E.O.



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Every local chapter is in the process of appointing new committees for the year. Make sure your **membership committee** has a good transition meeting to instruct new committee members on their responsibilities and plan your annual membership goals.

There is a helpful resource in the Local Chapter Membership Toolbox, "[MEmbership Begins with ME](#)," to guide your committee throughout the year. This document has a direct link to every resource available on the International Chapter website. Be sure to check this out and use it as your guide as you prepare your activities for the year.

Small Interest Groups

This is the time of year you should be planning your small interest groups for the year. It is a good idea to keep changing things up in order to avoid having the same sisters in the same group for a long period of time. You might try asking sisters to join a different interest group every two or three months. Some chapters have enjoyed mahjong, bridge, discussing books, going to movies, museum tours, hiking/walking and lunch or breakfast – let your imagination and your location be your guide. This is a wonderful way to get to know your sisters better and create lasting bonds.

