



Colorado State Chapter Encourage ~ Inspire ~ Reward

"Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens." **Phylcia Rashad**



As we, the voting delegation from Colorado, prepare to embark on our journey to Des Moines, Iowa to celebrate our 150th International Convention Celebration of being P.E.O. in mid September, I took a moment to look back over our own Colorado history which began in 1903 - excerpts mentioned are from the book, P.E.O. In Colorado.

In 1919 when Colorado was asked to host the then Supreme Grand Chapter in Denver, money was tight and a \$15 per capita was voted upon to cover costs from each of the 45 chapters chartered at that time - The "Colorado Plan " worked and the 50th celebration of P.E.O. was held!

In her report from 1922 President Mrs. Myrtle Woods stated: "Remember the keynote to chapter happiness is Harmony...What sort of chapter is yours, and what are you doing personally to bring it up to the highest possible standing?" - this still rings true today and a question we all collectively and individually can ponder.

Mrs. Annie Paddock, President 1936, voiced membership concerns: "...We have not always practiced the tolerance and charity we profess. This has its effect on the indifferent, inactive and assimilated member by dimit (now transfer). The faith and confidence of these women is often shaken by disagreement in the chapter and lack of loyalty among its members. Our vows are lifelong...we are mature women, so we should view P.E.O. questions from a mature standpoint, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally." Strong words that carry a lot of weight then and now.

1965 President Ruby Deffenbaugh Collins summed up in her convention report a wonderful feeling: "Delegates it is a joy to greet you...chapter representatives...this is the delegates convention. The decisions made here are yours...Responsibility for the future joy of Colorado State Chapter is in your hands." Truly something for every convention to live up to!

And lastly from Helen Hartford, past State President and who also was the state historian for 30 years leaves us with this bit of wisdom from 1964: "P.E.O.'s never do anything hurriedly. It took thirty years and three Supreme Conventions to get the word GRAND taken out of our State Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter...So never get discouraged at a P.E.O. convention no matter which side you are on."

So as we mark 150 years of our sisterhood, and face the future we can acknowledge those from 100 years ago in our state and realize they were experiencing a lot of the same things we do today - high costs for conventions, chapter issues, membership woes but also joy and deep friendships -

as Martin Luther King Jr stated: "We are not makers of history. We are made by history."

We are so excited about our updated CO P.E.O. Website -go to www.coloradopeo.org to visit it- State events are listed here, as are needed forms and information for local chapters!

BLOG coming soon - Check it OUT!



The Colorado State Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 for Colorado women who are currently a High School graduate or have a GED equivalency, or are no more than two years past their high school graduation or GED date (don't forget those going into their Sophomore year of college), with preference given to non-traditional or vocational areas of study. **Application deadline is January 31.**

For more information, please click [here](#) to go to our Colorado website regarding this scholarship!

International Chapter Convention 2019 - 150 years STRONG!

Projects Night is a much-loved event at each Convention of International Chapter. It is an opportunity to hear directly from recipients of each P.E.O. project about how the support of P.E.O. has impacted their lives. We don't want anyone to miss it – so we're live-streaming it!



Tune in at 7:30 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, September 12.

Visit www.peointernational.org before 7:30 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, September 12, to make sure you are ready when the live-stream begins. You'll see a graphic in the upper right hand corner of the website that you will click on to watch the program.

Don't worry if you aren't able to view that night – we will have a recording available on the member website for you to watch at a later date. It would make a great chapter program!

If you host a viewing party for your chapter, take a photo and share it with us by emailing mediamanager@peodsm.org!



Reminders:

- Official Visits start for approximately 65 chapters in September!
- 35 delegates will be giving International Reports to local chapters - you will not want to miss hearing all the details!
- Marguerite Christmas Shower donations may be given by any chapter before November 1, 2019 - Please click on [CPCC](#) for the donation form!
- 150 Fund donations from an individual or chapter will continue to be counted until January 21, 2020.
- Please contact Janelle via email (edustars7@gmail.com) if interested in being on our ad hoc Technology Committee.



Welcome Fall!

2019-2020 State Chapter Executive Board

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