



Colorado State Chapter Encourage ~ Inspire ~ Reward

“A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.” Diane Mariechild



October is the month to "Go Find the Others", in setting out, to literally begin with purpose to gain results for this goal - let's be reminded what it is WE ask of those we find, but also ourselves at each chapter meeting we attend. I have included a wonderful explanation of our Objects and Aims given by Chapter BE of Virginia at the recent 2019 International Convention -please take time to read, ponder and review for yourself, and then among your chapter members - I do hope you each are able to "find another" so we can continue to build our legacy in P.E.O. and make history.

THE OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THIS SISTERHOOD SHALL BE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT Hear the words – “general improvement.” The biggest room in the world may be the Room for Improvement. Our founders gave us a guide for decorating and refreshing this room in the words of our Objects and Aims.

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TO SEEK GROWTH IN CHARITY To seek growth within ourselves through charity... (charity, meaning selfless acts that demonstrate God’s love) To seek growth within ourselves through selfless acts to our fellow human beings. Charity is something given with a generous spirit, given without obligation. Charity is born of agape, God’s love, selfless, sacrificial, unconditional. Unconditional love.

TO SEEK GROWTH IN CHARITY TOWARD ALL WITH WHOM WE ASSOCIATE To seek growth in simple and bold acts of love, common and uncommon acts of love toward all with whom we associate. Perhaps we have Room for Improvement even with our P.E.O. sisters, with family, with friends...(with neighbors, colleagues, and strangers with whom we associate, the lovely and unlovely, the blank faces, the seemingly unlovable, the uppity ups...) those who may appreciate our concern...and those who may not. Sometimes that Room for Improvement gets crowded.

AND A JUST COMPREHENSION OF AND ADHERENCE TO THE QUALITIES OF FAITH, LOVE, PURITY, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH And a just comprehension of (that is, to understand) and adherence to (devotion to, support of) the qualities of faith, love, purity, justice, and truth.

AND A JUST COMPREHENSION OF AND ADHERENCE TO THE QUALITIES OF FAITH, LOVE, PURITY, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH Qualities clearly defined in our Initiation Ceremony, one by one as we move around to each point of our Star. (Listen carefully during our next Initiation.) These qualities have the power to refresh our Room for Improvement. These qualities are a core part of our initiation ceremony. The words in the ceremony elaborate on each point of our Star. That Star is our emblem and we wear that emblem. And so we must clothe ourselves in these qualities:

Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth. Each one is a habit to be clothed in each day.

TO SEEK GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE AND IN CULTURE (Culture – refinement of intellect, emotions, interests, manners, and taste.)

AND TO OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE WISDOM (Wisdom – good judgment, insight, sagacity, perception) **FROM NATURE, ART, BOOKS, STUDY, AND SOCIETY**; Wisdom is discernment – God’s voice guiding us. Wisdom involves sound decision making, good choices, the ability to apply what we learn to enhance our Room for Improvement.

AND TO RADIATE ALL LIGHT POSSIBLE BY CONVERSATION, BY WRITING, AND BY THE RIGHT EXERCISE OF ANY TALENT WE POSSESS. These are clear goals. Sometimes – with all due respect – we do chuckle at the apparent erudite obfuscation of the singular determination of our Founders to transmit the tenets of the cohort thus confounding the extrapolation of intent. That is...our Founders’ words, at times, seem formal and strange to us. But here, in the Objects and Aims, the intent is clear. I could compose volumes with my good intentions, enough to fill a Room for Improvement. And without a doubt I would like to erase from that room the conversations I should not have had...and words and actions that I regret. But good intentions do not satisfy the action verbs like seek and obtain and radiate along with the solid qualities our Founders gave us. Our Founders put forth this simple AIM...this simple aim for living: **TO RADIATE ALL LIGHT POSSIBLE BY CONVERSATION, BY WRITING, AND BY THE RIGHT EXERCISE OF ANY TALENT WE POSSESS.** To be a light to the world, to illuminate, to overcome darkness, to brighten days and moods and outlooks and rooms for improvement. And also...

TO AIM AT SELF-CONTROL, EQUIPOISE (that is...balance), **AND SYMMETRY OF CHARACTER, AND TEMPERANCE** (restraint) **IN OPINIONS, SPEECH, AND HABITS.** Our AIM here is balance – balance in all phases of our lives including our emotions. Think of harmonious arrangements. Imagine musical harmony filling your Room for Improvement. Harmony can saturate our entire lives. How bright our world would be if we continuously radiate to the world a beauty that shows through because our character is balanced and harmonious and lacking the discords of unlovely traits and habits. **TO AIM AT SELF-CONTROL, EQUIPOISE, AND SYMMETRY OF CHARACTER** Our AIM is also what I’ll call alignment, (that is, our words and actions must reflect our core beliefs.) Our words and actions must be aligned with our core beliefs; they are demonstrations of living our beliefs.

IT SHALL BE THE CHIEF DUTY OF EACH MEMBER TO CONSIDER THOUGHTFULLY THE FULL IMPORT OF P.E.O. THIS WILL INCLUDE A SINCERE REGARD FOR OUR INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY, A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF FEELING WHEN SPEAKING, AND A DETERMINATION TO DO ALL WE CAN, AT ALL TIMES, AND UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXPRESS A LOVING CONCERN FOR EACH SISTER. IT SHALL BE THE CHIEF (main, first, primary) **DUTY** (obligation, responsibility, requirement) **OF EACH MEMBER TO CONSIDER THOUGHTFULLY** (contemplate, ponder, reflect upon) **THE FULL IMPORT** (the meaning, the importance, the significance) **OF P.E.O. THIS WILL INCLUDE A SINCERE REGARD FOR OUR INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY, A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF FEELING WHEN SPEAKING,** Could our feelings get in the way of “careful consideration”? Am I upset? Are my emotions balanced, is my equipoise evident? **AND** have I taken into account the feelings of others? How will my words be heard? How will they sound to others? **AND A DETERMINATION** (a firmness of purpose, clarity of intent) **TO DO ALL WE CAN, AT ALL TIMES, AND UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXPRESS A LOVING CONCERN FOR EACH SISTER. AND A DETERMINATION TO DO ALL WE CAN, AT ALL TIMES, AND UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXPRESS A LOVING CONCERN FOR EACH SISTER.**

Day at Cottey College on Saturday, October 26. Activities include a student-led tour of campus, lunch in Raney Dining Room, presentations by staff, time for shopping in the Bookstore and a presidential reception.

Guests will check in at 9 a.m. in Cottey College's Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts. Activities will be scheduled until 2:30 p.m. and the campus will have an Open House until 4 p.m.

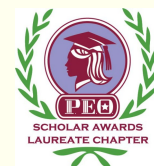
More information is available here: <https://cottey.edu/peo/experience-cottey/>



P.E.O.

This was established in 1991 to provide substantial merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university. Last day to submit a nomination form for an applicant is November 20, 2019. Scholar Awards for women of the United States a

Local chapters are also making a difference by becoming **Laureate Chapters**. There are two ways to become a PSA Laureate Chapter. Each year, chapters can make a lump sum contribution of \$500 or more in support of the Scholar Awards, which grants them designation as a Scholar Awards Laureate Chapter. They also can achieve PSA Laureate Chapter status by nominating a woman who is selected as a Scholar. If donating \$500 to this project, it is due by January 31, 2020.



Brenda Atchison, our current International President 2019-2021, is asking EACH member to take this survey found on the INTL website, please encourage each sister to do so!



LET'S TALK!
The Executive Board Wants to Hear from **YOU**

TAKE THE SURVEY



WE are promoting our P.E.O. family tree by adding a new branch, a chapter is in the organizational process - please contact Jan Kulhanek at her home # 303-426-7887 or cell # 303-775-6610 for information on meeting date and time!

This is an adventure to be shared, a gift in the making - take part in the journey!



Reminders:

- 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.
- Last Day to Submit STAR Scholarship Recommendation Form, November 1, 2019.



Pumpkin Kisses and Harvest Wishes!

2019-2020 State Chapter Executive Board

Janelle ~Shari~Lia~ Paisley~Cori
