

The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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Membership Moment

When was the last time you got your significant other involved in a P.E.O. activity? No, carrying boxes to the car, although greatly appreciated, does not count! Consider having a social that the BILs would enjoy or plan an outing just for them. The opportunities are endless, be it a fun progressive dinner or an adventure to a festival or a local sporting event. Perhaps your chapter's small interest group could plan a time to include their BILs – the book club could read a book that would be interesting to a broad audience; the hiking club could plan a special co-ed adventure; or instead of cards, you might have a fun game night.

Getting your BIL involved with P.E.O. activities can lead him to a better understanding of your commitment to our special organization, help him make more friends outside his usual circle and give you even more quality time together.

Helping Your Treasurer

Early Dues Collection

This is the perfect time of year to start collecting dues. Dues for next year may be paid at any time, and being proactive can help reduce the stress of trying to reach everyone after the first of the year.

Perhaps you have sisters that head to warmer climates for the winter. Consider getting their dues prior to their leaving.

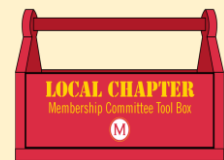
Fall and pre-holiday fundraisers are a terrific time to collect dues. Sisters are likely to be there – checkbook in hand, and could pay their dues at the same time.

Early collection of dues can also allow time for conversations about membership that can be stressful if left to the last minute. Perhaps a sister tells you that for some reason she is considering not paying her dues and going inactive. Being able to have the time for a genuine conversation with her

about why she is considering changing her status is incredibly helpful.

Perhaps your sister has commitments that have kept her from participating in meetings and activities – by talking about this early you can remind her that by continuing to pay her dues she is supporting our mission. By identifying early that your sister is experiencing some financial concerns, you can make the necessary plans to get her International and State/Provincial/District dues paid by the chapter.

Early dues collection is helpful to your treasurer and may be just as important in keeping someone an active and participating sister!



Local Chapter Membership Toolbox Spotlight peointernational.org

Two new local chapter programs have been posted in the [Local Chapter Membership Toolbox under Chapter Health < Sustaining Membership](#). Consider building them into your program calendar.

- [Become a Membership Powerhouse](#) has a [script](#), a [handout](#) and accompanying PowerPoint.
- [Objects and Aims](#) is a short but meaningful program with just a script.

Program Idea:

Use the program time at a meeting to pass out an index card to each sister. Have her write on it one thing that she feels no one is likely to know about her and sign her name on the bottom. Collect the cards in a basket and have a sister read “the one thing” excluding her name. Does anyone know this fun or unique fact about your sister? Have the members guess and see who can come up with the right sister. You might even have a little prize for each correct guess.

