



Colorado State Chapter Encourage ~ Inspire ~ Reward

"And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings." — Meister Eckhart



What would you answer if someone asked you, "Why are you a P.E.O.?"

We need to be solid in our knowledge of why we are P.E.O.s. We need to remember why we choose to come to meetings, to get involved, to keep in contact with our sisters, and to invite others to become P.E.O.s. Below are a few reminders and also information that can be shared when you get the question, **WHAT IS P.E.O.?:**

Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than a half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education, while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a nonprofit organization that has helped more than 109,000 women pursue educational goals by providing almost \$348 million (as of 7-2019) in educational assistance, making a difference in women's lives through six philanthropies and a foundation:

- P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF) A revolving loan fund established in 1907 to lend money to qualified women students to assist them in securing a higher education. Has loaned \$210.6 million.
- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (IPS) A fund established in 1949 to provide scholarships for international women students to pursue graduate study in the U.S. and Canada. Has provided \$40 million in scholarships.
- P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) Established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S. and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families. Has given \$59.6 million in grants.
- P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA) Established in 1991 to provide substantial merit-based awards for women of the U.S. and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral-level degree at an accredited college or university. Has awarded \$26.7 million in scholarships.
- P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR) Established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. Has given \$10.7 million in scholarships.
- Cottey College A nationally ranked, fully accredited, independent, liberal arts/sciences college for women located in Nevada, Missouri, has been owned/supported by P.E.O. since 1927 and offers baccalaureate and associate degrees in a variety of majors. Cottey College, a debt-free institution, welcomes women from around the world.
- P.E.O. Foundation A nonprofit corporation established in 1961 to encourage tax-deductible giving to the educational and charitable projects of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. It is a service to the Sisterhood.

Celebrate our Founders on January 21! Wear your pin and talk about P.E.O. - think of ways small groups of chapter members can plan to be visible in your community. Phone nonresident and/or unaffiliate members to wish them a happy Founders' Day!



Our P.E.O. chapters are like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one. A new branch has begun to sprout - to join in this new beginning of a chapter please contact Jan Kulhanek at her home # 303-426-7887 or cell # 303-775-6610 for update on time and day of next meeting!



If you have a passion for giving back to your community and would like to experience the best P.E.O. can offer please consider applying for our CO P.E.O. Executive Board - Details may be found at www.coloradopeo.org under Executive Board Information and forms, click on right hand side for application and chapter endorsement which are due by February 15, 2020 to Kathleen Warnick, Executive Board Nominating Committee Chair - kathleenwarnick@yahoo.com

Annual Report material will be sent to the Chapter President here in January from P.E.O International, please distribute the information to your Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer as soon as received; time is of an essence for filling out annual report forms correctly and sending them respectively to Cori Tanner, Secretary and Paisley Huntoon, Treasurer by the March 10, 2020 deadline . ***Questions, please contact us at costatechapter@gmail.com.***



JANUARY Reminders for Local Chapter President

- Have all officers check their supplies with the most current List of Supplies for Local Chapter Officers, available at www.peointernational.org .
- Appoint Nominating and Audit committees and others as required by your chapter bylaws.
- Three copies of the newest edition of the P.E.O. Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules are sent every other year after International Convention.
- Check the Honor Roll on the International website for sisters in your chapter who are celebrating long-time membership in P.E.O. this year (aka Golden Girls); plan a chapter celebration, may order special year pins on INTL website.
- Ensure treasurer has sent a dues notice to all non-resident and members not attending regularly.
- Finance Committee should bring forward proposal/chapter vote for gift giving; check needs to be received by 2-20-2020 per chapter to be listed on 2019-2020 donation list.



Welcome 2020!

***2019-2020 State Chapter Executive Board
Janelle ~Shari~Lia~ Paisley~Cori***