

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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Membership Moment

P.E.O. is truly a gift that keeps on giving! How many times have you considered how grateful you are to the friend or relative who first told you about P.E.O.? If you haven't had the chance and you still have the opportunity, consider telling her thank you or even better, write her a personal note of thanks. Include what P.E.O. has meant to you and that you appreciate the difference she made in your life by sharing P.E.O. with you.

Perhaps you haven't yet had the opportunity to pay it forward and sponsor someone to become a member. 2020 is the perfect time to consider thoughtfully the wonderful impact that P.E.O. could have on someone who is important to you. That same person could then be "regifting" in the future, sharing all that P.E.O. is with another special woman. Don't wait, start now...let's all share the many gifts of P.E.O.

A Terrific New Year's Resolution Each One Bring One

All changes in membership happen at the local chapter level, which means membership begins with each of us. While we may not be listed as an official member of our local chapter membership committee, we all should contribute to this important part of P.E.O.'s future.

Building membership directly impacts how many more women we can help meet their educational goals. This in turn impacts the astonishing changes education can bring to the world as a whole.

Strongly consider meeting the personal challenge to introduce P.E.O. to one person in your circle who is currently not a member, to Each One Bring One. Tell this woman about P.E.O. and why it is so important to you. As you talk about P.E.O. with your friend, relative or another, do take the next step to introduce her to your P.E.O. sisters. Have a coffee, invite a few to lunch or even take a hike. Giving them time to chat and get to know each other will increase their enthusiasm to move on to the next steps.

And don't forget the option of introducing wonderful women to P.E.O. who no longer live near you. Many of us just sent out a holiday or new year's greeting to special people in our lives. Wouldn't some of these women be great P.E.O. sisters? It is easy to start the process by filling out the <u>Introduction of</u> a Woman Who is Not a P.E.O. form via the International Chapter website. If electronic submissions are something you are not comfortable with, ask your chapter's technology chairman for a few moments of her time to help you.



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At this time of year as our local chapter treasurers are collecting dues, every once in a while a sister mentions she is unsure whether or not she wants to remain active. Don't let this comment fall on deaf ears...respond with loving concern and make every effort to show her how much she means to you, your chapter and to our Sisterhood.

The resource <u>What to Say to a</u> <u>Sister Considering Inactive Status</u> gives you possible actions as well as talking points to help address your sister's concerns.

Program Idea: Celebrate your chapter's "Builders" with a program that acknowledges each member present. Go around the room and have each member share how many years she has been a P.E.O. sister and perhaps even where she was initiated. Bring a bag of candy and reward sisters with a piece of candy for each decade of membership! Just in case someone isn't quite sure when they were initiated, have your corresponding secretary ready with the Chapter Membership Summary which lists initiation dates.