



Colorado State Chapter

Encourage ~ Inspire ~ Reward

"May you find magic in the mundane, calmness in the chaos, strength in the stillness, and most importantly trust in the unknown." ~Moon Body Soul



ded·i·ca·tion /,dedə'kāSH(ə)n/ noun

1.the quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose:"her dedication to her duties"

synonyms - commitment, wholeheartedness, single-mindedness, enthusiasm, zeal

I began my CO executive board journey in June 2015 and along the way have experienced so many fun filled events that have turned into warm memories, met new friends and solidified old relationships all which have given me a steadfast appreciation for our P.E.O. mission - educating women by encouragement, inspiration and rewards to numerous in their simplicities and diversities to even begin to give their due regard.

I do know that a lot of "heart" goes into each application, recommendation letter and fundraising occurrence along with the actual makeup of each chapter and the sisters that make each unique onto themselves. As I see my final 2020 destination point coming up ahead soon, I would like to send a special note to my fellow volunteers for their time and efforts - we all receive wages in the form of love, perks in the form of hopes and promotions in the forms of blessings, thank you for accepting these rewards by volunteering with all of your heart - you are appreciated!

And lastly, I would like to send my extreme thanks to the 2020 Convention Ft. Collins Hostess chapters; for their representatives who attended meetings, brainstormed and were planning for an all out, fun June event and to the ladies who stepped up as my co-chairs, Kathy Morgan and Sandra Lundt - the "dedication" meaning above describes all of these women completely - I could not have asked for more commitment, enthusiasm or zeal - Hugs and love to you all!

"...And though it's always sweet sorrow to part, You'll know you'll always remain in my heart...Here's a wish and a prayer, That every dream comes true.
And now 'til we, meet again, Adios, Dobranoc, Auf Wiedersehen."

Courtesy of Lawrence Welk



Changes...due to not having a convention this year a transition meeting for officers and state committee members will happen via zoom meetings on Saturday, June 6th - our state newsletter will be forthcoming on June 10th listing those updates, please get info out to all chapter members.

A Celebration Gala hosted by the Ft. Collins Hostess Chapters is being planned for a fall date - details upcoming soon!

One of the seminars that was to be held at convention was titled "[Putting Yourself Together](#)" by Max E. Carlson - I so enjoyed the spirit of finding ones true self that Max employed that I want you all to have the opportunity to read and experience his writing yourself - please click on title and it will take you to Amazon - Enjoy!

And lastly, please note this info from P.E.O. International in place through August 1st:

- That local chapters be allowed to hold Emergency Meetings by teleconference or video conference using the instructions and Order of Business posted on the website of International Chapter for only the following items of business:
 - Election of Officers
 - Note - Installation of officers not performed prior to March 17 is not required in 2020
 - The corresponding secretary is to report the election of officers at a previous Regular Business Meeting or at an Emergency Meeting. She is to make the appropriate online entries for the Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapter using the election date for both election and installation date.
 - Consideration of philanthropic applications for the following:
 - Projects of International Chapter:
 - P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF)
 - P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE)
 - P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA)
 - P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR)
 - State, provincial or district chapter scholarship, emergency or welfare funds
 - Includes Cottey Scholarships
 - Local chapter P.E.O. Foundation funds



Celebrating our own 2020 Golden Girls

Please take a moment to schedule a card shower from all members in your chapter or send a flower bouquet in her honor - whatever you do, make it fun and special !

2020 Anniversary Chapters may be found at this link -

<https://coloradopeo.org/local-chapters/>

50 Years - Initiated 1970 (91 members) (Click on each respective year for list of names)

60 Years - Initiated 1960 (59 members)

70 Years - Initiated 1950 (13 members)

75 Years - Initiated 1945 (7 members)

80 Years - Initiated 1940 (1 member - Chapter DM, Polly Ann Mason)

LIFE

By William Arthur Ward

The Adventure of life is to Learn
The Purpose of life is to Grow
The Nature of life is to Change
The Challenge of life is to Overcome
The Essence of life is to Care
The Opportunity of life is to Serve
The Secret of life is to Befriend
The Beauty of life is to Give
The Joy of life is to Love



Shari Fox wanted to share this special poem in memoriam of our sisters whom have passed during the time period of 3-1-2019 to 2-29-2020 (click on underlined for list of names) - This originated with Anna Mae Everett, Chapter GG Eternal - Anna was a good friend of Shari's mother in law and aunt of current CPCC board member, Susan Miller.



Colorado State Scholarship Fund 2019-2020 Committee
truly felt "The Heart of Change" as we were encouraged and inspired by the over 125 applications we received, and were able to reward 27 young women, scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,250.

We are encouraging chapters to click on either the underlined word above and/or check our CO website for recipient names; please reach out to a girl in your area, especially since this is such a difficult time for many of them with no actual closure from their high school years, and no graduation - this would be a prime opportunity to develop an ongoing relationship, smooth their transition into college and support them with notes and care packages.

Through the overwhelming generosity of the sisters of Colorado State Chapter these scholarships totaled \$81,750! That was amazing and we cannot even begin to thank you for your continued generosity.

The 2019-2020 Colorado State Cottey Committee is thrilled
to announce that scholarships totaling \$75,540 were
awarded to nine women who will be attending Cottey
College in the fall of 2020.



Of these amazing Colorado women, two will be freshmen, four are returning sophomores, one is a returning junior, and two are returning seniors. These ladies live all along the Front Range, coming from Arvada, Centennial, Colorado Springs, Denver, Longmont, and Ft. Collins, Littleton, and Pueblo. Names will be listed later this fall on our CO website.

Thank you, Colorado P.E.O. sisters, for your incredible generosity and consistent support of this scholarship fund.



Cottey Student Center Initiative Update

The Cottey Student Center Initiative is alive and well! As of April 29, \$2.847M has been pledged, leaving roughly \$350K to go before construction can begin.

Dr. Weitzel has indicated that, since this year's Founder's Day reunion was cancelled due to the virus, that next year there will be double the normal number of alums on campus. She has set a goal of having the Student Center completed by the end of March, 2021. The architects have indicated that in order to meet that timeframe, construction must start in July, 2020. Please consider helping Cottey meet its goal for the Initiative by July of this year.

I have prepared a short video presentation that you can view at your leisure. This is the same presentation that I have been making at local chapter meetings, until the hiatus. You can view it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/JaYqXVY391Q>

Thank you to all Colorado P.E.O.s who have supported the initiative. If you are contemplating contributing to the Initiative, please do so before July.

David Denslow
Member, Cottey Student Center Initiative Task Force



THREE (3) copies of all chapters' 2020-2021 yearbooks are to be sent by 5-31-2020 to:

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"And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy." *Excerpt from Desiderata by Max Ehrmann*

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