

The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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MEMBERSHIP MOMENT – Our Objects and Aims

This past month each of the five International officers of our Sisterhood wrote a special message about one of our five virtues - Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth. These were highlighted on the official Facebook page of P.E.O. and possibly your own state, provincial or district website. As a follow up to these postings, each member of the Executive Board issued a challenge to various members of our Sisterhood. They asked us to create a video as we recite the Objects and Aims. Send your video to mediamanager@peodsm.org. Since our meetings have been put on hold, we have not had an official occasion to recite these special words. Take the time right now to recite the Objects and Aims either on your own or with a sister on a telephone call or at your chapter's next virtual gathering. Doing so will reinforce that these values are still relevant today, that they are core to who we are and how we communicate and behave.

Loving Concern

Leave No Sister Behind

Before our meetings were put on hold, you may recall the membership campaign put in place called VIP – Every Sister is a Very Important P.E.O. Through this campaign we were reinforcing the importance of the last portion of our Objects and Aims – “and a determination to do all we can at all times and under all circumstances, to express a loving concern for each sister”. Now that we are not able to meet together in person, it is even more important that we take these words to heart and act upon them.

Each sister is very important, and we need to connect with her to let her know. While practicing social distancing, we can still reach out to all of our sisters. If you are on social media, you have undoubtedly seen inventive examples of how sisters have been reaching out. There are countless ways to reach a sister and make sure she is not left behind.

Let's make sure we keep in contact with each one of our important sisters.

* Your nonresident sisters no longer live near enough to attend your meetings and have not yet connected with a

chapter in their new location. Put yourself in their place – isolated in more than one way from her chapter sisters. If this were you, wouldn't you be excited to hear from your chapter sister who wants to know how you are doing?

* The sisters on your unaffiliate list are women who have moved to your community and paid their dues to their chapter far away. Make a point to contact them, introduce yourself and see how they are doing during this time of sheltering in place.

* Over the past year, you may have noticed that when the roll was called at your meetings, some sisters were absent. Reaching out to each of them now may be just what is needed to rekindle their positive feelings for our Sisterhood.

* Contact your corresponding secretary to get a list of those sisters who chose to go inactive in past years. What a great opportunity we have right now to reach out to these sisters and show our love.

Remember it does not matter how you choose to make a connection with your sisters. What matters is that you leave no sister behind.



Local Chapter Membership Toolbox Spotlight

The Attendance Challenge membership initiative is promoted for the month of December, but it can be scheduled whenever it is convenient for the chapter. Plan to celebrate the renewal of our chapter meetings by encouraging all sisters to attend the first meeting when it occurs after our hiatus.

