

The Hot Spot^M

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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Examples of Keeping in Touch with Your P.E.O. Sisters

Connect with Your P.E.O. Sisters, Connect Again and Connect Some More!

Our hearts and minds are with each of you during this generational and multi-country pandemic emergency. We hear of the loss of sisters and their loved ones, which reinforces the need for P.E.O. to be part of the positive solution to moving out of the sorrow we are feeling. P.E.O. is a resilient organization with the strength of the bonds of friendship to bring us together and forward. Life as we know it has changed; no in person meetings, no hugs, and masks have become our going out of the house accessory. In this time of isolation it is even more important to keep in contact with our P.E.O. sisters, each and every one of them! During any difficult situation we need to look for the silver lining. In this unusual time, P.E.O.s are digging deep and finding new and different ways to connect with sisters. Look at the ideas below and think of even more ways to connect with as many sisters as you can!

One chapter has a small group called the Breakfast Bunch. They normally have their monthly gathering at a restaurant. Now they are meeting virtually once a week. The hostess sends an email invitation to the chapter sisters with the date, time and a question for everyone. They share their answers during the virtual breakfast.

Some chapters are having weekly virtual social gatherings with wine nights, brunches, book clubs, game nights, and sister check-ins.

One idea was to have sisters who love to sew have a video chat while they are making masks for local health workers.

Chapter sisters are donning their best mask and delivering flowers to their Golden Girls.

Chapters are celebrating birthdays with drive by parades.

Some chapters are having virtual coffee hours with a speaker and guests who are potential new members.

Rocks painted with daisies are showing up on the front porches of sisters.

Mah-Jongg is being played online.

Some P.E.O.s are doing yoga classes together virtually.

The president of one chapter reached out to all her chapter members by scanning and sending the president's letters starting with the first year they were organized. She sent one letter a day by email for 65 days! This sparked lively email conversation from members who can't always attend meetings.

Utilizing their chapter Facebook page, a chapter started a get to know you activity. Sisters were asked to post how they were introduced to P.E.O. Then they were to comment on at least two responses from other sisters' asking them NEW questions. In that way they all got to know more about each other. Participants were entered in a drawing for a fun give away!

One chapter ends their virtual meeting each reaching out their hands to the edge of the screen so it looks like they are holding



Local Chapter Membership Toolbox Spotlight

Check out the resource on the International Chapter website entitled [Fostering Friendships through P.E.O.](#) It contains many ideas which would, with a little imagination and P.E.O. energy, work in a virtual situation.

Have a stay in place fundraiser – as so many are cleaning out cupboards and closets. Consider counting shoes, spices, etc. and sending \$.10 per item to your local chapter treasurer.

Sisters are playing stay at home bingo.

