



# Colorado State Chapter Knit Together in Sisterly Love to Promote Educational Opportunities

“The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others’ burdens, easing others’ loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays.” – W. C. Jones



## We on the Executive Board would like to begin by wishing you Happy Holidays!



Although we have been in somewhat of a “holding pattern” for things P.E.O., we are keeping our distance from each other and trying to maintain some sort of normalcy. We have put together a few of our Senior pictures for you to see what we looked like so awfully long ago. See if you can name each of us. I am sure it will not be too difficult. We hope we have not changed THAT much! Here we are...

As you can see, we are a beautiful bunch of women! It is also easy to tell who each is. Now, when we share our baby pictures, it might not be so easy....but then again, it might! It is fun to see what our sisters looked like back in the day, and you can definitely tell in the era in which we graduated!

As we look back at ourselves, we also look back at how P.E.O. has grown and adapted to changes that we have come up against throughout the years. Many of those changes have been embraced and that is why P.E.O. has not only survived but thrived over the 151 (almost 152) years in our existence.

We all should not only learn from our past, but embrace it and as we move forward, enjoy the journey! Founder’s Day is coming up next month (January 21, 2021) and there will be a special “song” (lyrics) that will appear in the newsletter....look for it!

As we gather for this Holiday Season and think of gift-giving, do not forget that you can still give the “Gift of P.E.O.” through membership! We can still “initiate” through affirmation and the gift of P.E.O. can continue! We cannot think of a better gift than that of P.E.O. Not only does it bring sisters together, but through it, we can continue to give back to those women we help with scholarships, assistance, our college, and our P.E.O. Chapter House. Think of that woman you know that would



be a wonderful sister and would enjoy the Sisterhood. Submit her name at your next meeting!

We would like to wish Dee Hodges, Past President of Colorado State Chapter an incredibly HAPPY 98th BIRTHDAY!!



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### A Message from the Executive Board Nominating Committee



2020 has been a challenging, exhausting year. The five sisters on our State Executive Board have continued their work throughout this year, dealing with decisions and challenges with confidence and grace and putting the needs of Colorado P.E.O.s above their wishes.

Are you this sort of leader? The Nominating Committee is accepting applications for nomination to the State Board until February 15, 2021. Many chapters will not have a business meeting until January. Part of the application requires an endorsement from an applicant's chapter, and it requires a vote. It is not too early to start this process.

Interested? You can find information about serving on the Board and duties of each office on the Colorado State website under the "Executive Board" tab, click on "Information and Forms".

Jan Kulhanek, Past State President  
<http://www.coloradopeo.org>



**This holiday season**, we are thinking about all that we seemingly "cannot do" and are finding ways to "get together". Many of our chapters are having Zoom parties and getting together in that way.

This "poem" was written by a CA P.E.O. and we have permission to use it. Thank you, Kristie Colgate, Chapter IH/Glendale, CA. (Kristie used to live in Colorado!)

### ***P.E.O. - 'Twas the Month Before Christmas***

*With apologies to Clement C. Moore and his "A Visit from St. Nicholas,"  
Kristie Colegate, Chapter IH/Glendale, CA humbly submits the following:*

**'Twas the month before Christmas, when all through the chapter,  
Sisters were gathering on Zoom to the fun sound of laughter.  
The president ran the meetings with care,  
The feeling of love permeated the air.**

The Opening Ode was sung with great feeling;  
Reciting the Objects and Aims sent our hearts reeling.  
The chaplain read from the Bible with care,  
And together we all recited the Lord's Prayer.  
The meeting was then opened in due form;  
The transaction of business would soon inform.  
The minutes by the secretary were easily read,  
While visions of prior meetings danced in our heads.  
Committees reported their business in a snap;  
For all that was accomplished, sisters had to clap.  
Old business and new were discussed with much chatter;  
Fundraising had made the bank balance fatter.  
Which projects would be the ones to receive cash  
Was discussed at great length with nary a clash.  
Motions were made and voting ensued;  
Our gifts were designated with much gratitude.  
The treasurer made the next step loud and clear:  
Our money would be sent by the end of the year!  
With decisions made, so easily and quick,  
Who knew that giving could work out so slick?!Suggestions for the good of the chapter were made;  
Heartfelt gratitude toward sisters was displayed.  
The meeting the president did eventually close;  
Our appreciation for each other always overflows.  
Before we adjourned and closed Zoom for the night,  
We already looked forward to the time we'd reunite.  
We wished each other well till the next time we'd meet;  
To be part of the Sisterhood is ever so sweet.  
Before the "Leave Meeting" button was pressed,  
"Merry Christmas to all" was heartily expressed.

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Wishing you each a blessed Holiday and a Joyous New Year!  
Shari~Kendy~Paisley~Cori~Patty

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