

The Hot Spot

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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MEMBERSHIP MOMENT – Letter of Loving Concern

As an organization, we treasure each member as a sister and feel joyful to have them in our lives. Let us think about those sisters we have not seen in recent months. These sisters may be especially at risk because they do not have access to technology and are unable to receive emails and attend virtual meetings, or they may feel uncomfortable about attending a meeting in person. The International Membership Committee has written a [Letter of Loving Concern](#) for those who may be in danger of going inactive. This letter can be a starting point for the local chapter to send to let them know they are loved and valued. All of our sisters strengthen the mission of our Sisterhood and make us proud to be P.E.O.s.

Expressing a loving concern for each sister

P.E.O. Gifts for the Holidays

As we enter the holidays, we could be facing a very different season this year. What will our holiday celebrations look like? Many families across the Sisterhood will be having limited holiday gatherings, and our typical tradition of gift giving will likely be different. How can we help our sisters make the adjustment to these changes and provide some holiday cheer to brighten their days? Below are some P.E.O. gift ideas.

★ Many chapters have been giving the gift of P.E.O. membership now that guidelines are in place for affirming new members. In addition to the women you introduce through video conference gatherings, consider the gift of membership for your project applicants and recipients and their female relatives. These ladies have already experienced the

benefit of P.E.O. and might be interested in becoming members.

★ In addition to the gift of membership, there are other P.E.O. gifts you can share during the holidays. Think of the joy you could bring to a chapter sister you haven't seen for a while with a simple phone call to wish her "Happy Holidays" or to see how she is doing. Consider writing holiday greeting cards to the members of your chapter. You might bake some cookies and leave them on the doorstep of those who are most in need of holiday cheer.

★ Do you have chapter members who are struggling financially? Consider showing loving concern and gifting their dues.

These are just a few of the many ways you can help express a loving concern to your sisters.



Local Chapter Membership Toolbox Spotlight

Give your chapter treasurer the gift of paying your dues early. If you are the chapter treasurer you might send the [Letter for Local Chapter Treasurers](#) when you send out your Notice of Dues. This is found in the "Inactive Prevention" section of the toolbox. This letter describes what our P.E.O. dollars do and reinforces the reasons membership is important, not just to the Sisterhood, but to each sister as an individual.

Celebrate Founders' Day

Next month on January 21 the P.E.O. Sisterhood will be 152 years old. Make plans now for a virtual celebration of that very special day and take a look back at our history. A fun program for doing this is ["Across the Years: Looking Back and Moving Forward"](#) found on the International Chapter website. This is a concise and easy to read timeline of our Sisterhood's history. The document can be downloaded to your computer and emailed to each member of the chapter before the meeting. What a great way to introduce your newer members to the history of our Sisterhood and celebrate our Founders and the early builders of P.E.O.

More ideas for celebrating our Founders can be found in the [Resource Library](#)>
[Local Chapter](#)>[Local Chapter Members](#)>[P.E.O. History](#)>[Founders](#).

