

# The Hot Spot M

Membership Newsletter for Local P.E.O. Chapters

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## MEMBERSHIP MOMENT – Dues are Due

Every P.E.O. member should know this is the month that dues are due. Additionally, ask each member of your chapter to think ahead and fill out [The P.E.O. Wish](#). This form designates how a sister wishes her P.E.O. dues be handled in the event of poor health. Update the information on the form each year and ask members to keep a copy with their important papers and share with their family members. Remind sisters that even when they cannot fully participate in chapter life, their dues help support the Sisterhood and its mission to help women achieve their educational goals. Encourage your members to read the article in The Record January/February 2021 issue titled “Where Do Our Dollars Go?”.

## Loving Concern

### Will you be my Valentine?

Do you remember when you were younger, and you folded a sheet of paper in half to cut out a heart? Then you may have embellished the red heart by gluing it onto a doily. Lastly you wrote the phrase “Will you be my Valentine?” on your creation. What happened next? That special acknowledgement of your sentiments was given to someone you cared about.

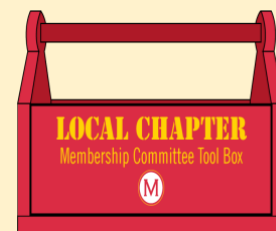
In P.E.O. we care about each of our sisters. The friendships we share are the foundation of our Sisterhood and date back to the very beginning of our organization. When Brenda Atchison chose as her biennial theme Build Your Legacy, Make History, she was asking us to take action. We were asked to add on to what our Founders envisioned – loving each other with a grace that forgives misunderstandings and embraces our commonalities.

When you look at the last word of Brenda’s theme – History – you find the word ‘story’ embedded in it. The dictionary defines ‘story’ as a narration of the events in the life of a person. Do you know the ‘story’ of your chapter sisters?

As we get to know our sisters and learn their stories, we share our own stories too. This builds the common bond we share.

You may have participated in a networking activity where a ball of yarn is tossed from one person to another in a circle. The first person with the yarn tells something about herself such as her place of birth. Someone in the circle calls out that she is from that same place. The ball of yarn is tossed to her. Then she shares another personal fact, perhaps how many children she has and someone else receives the yarn because she has the same number. As the ball of yarn is tossed around the circle, each person holds onto the yarn and a web is formed connecting each sister to the other. While we can’t physically create that web during this pandemic, let’s each make an effort to reach out and connect with at least one P.E.O. sister this month and ask her to be your Valentine.

Our connections and our stories are what constitute the fabric of our shared Sisterhood. Will you connect with one of your sisters this month of Valentine’s Day and share your loving concern for her?



### Local Chapter Membership Toolbox Spotlight

Inactive prevention is an all-yearlong activity for your chapter. By showing loving concern for every one of our sisters, we can help each sister stay engaged in our Sisterhood. Watch the [Inactive Prevention Video](#). When you are talking with a sister and you hear her indicate she is thinking of not paying her dues this year, be prepared with [What to Say to a Sister Considering Inactive Status](#). It might be a good idea to download a copy of this document for each member of the chapter.



### Chapter Map Tool – First Connection

Last month’s Hot Spot focused on the Chapter Map Tool. *Have you moved or has your schedule changed?* Find a chapter at [Find a P.E.O. Chapter](#) under the Membership tab on the International Chapter website.

