

"May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!" Irish Proverb

well hello, TOP O' THE MORNIN'

Here we are again! MARCH! We cannot believe that a year has come and gone since the pandemic began and we are slowly (ever so) getting back to some sort of normalcy.

Please make sure you READ this newsletter as it has many important items! We will begin with some WONDERFUL news!!

Once upon a recent time during a worldwide pandemic, a group of eighteen women in Windsor, Colorado were **J**ust **N**ervy enough to organize a brand-new chapter – JN. Corralled at home by COVID-19, we decided to make good use of time and pent-up energy. We ZOOMed our way to the first daytime chapter in Windsor. Twice-monthly meetings began in October 2020. With outstanding guidance from State Organizer Paisley Huntoon and temporary president Lavon Hood, we wrote bylaws, set up a program committee, filled out committee assignments and nominated a slate of officers. Each meeting we learned **J**uicy **N**uggets about our P.E.O. organization and its projects. (Not to mention **J**olly **N**ice technology like ZOOM.)

A very Joyful Noise was heard at the formal organization on February 27, 2021, when we were greeted via ZOOM by our International Officers, State Officers, Past State Presidents, Committee Members and sisters from other chapters. Over the past weeks, we learned there is Just Nothing that stops determined sisters. We welcomed thirteen sisters from our mother Chapter U, transferred in four others and initiated our youngest member. We have two mother-daughter combinations and a set of real-life sisters. We will keep reaching out to interested sisters who were not able to be charter members, as well as unaffiliates and potential members in our community. We look forward to expanding this Joy-filled Network that is P.E.O.

We wish Chapter JN the VERY BEST and many congratulations to you! We will vote at 2021 State Convention to grant their Charter! We think it is Just Nifty that we have a new chapter to celebrate!



Chapter JN Charter members: Top Row – Ellen Heilig, Jaynejo Strub, Lynne Farris, Mary Lou Zacheis, Ann Schmidt, Lavon Hood Middle Row – Jo Copeland, Joann Cameron, Karen Thomas, Marilyn Bradley, Jen Farmer, Catherine Davis Bottom Row – Connie Hill, Hassie Hood, Bee Leek, Francy Henderson, Sandy Lee, Shirley Smith

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES:

PLEASE, after your Chapter has elected**AND** installed the officers, delegate & alternate to State Convention (and in some cases for those Chapters who will have an International Delegate/Alternate), go to the International



Website and submit your Report of Election of Officers of Local Chapters. https://members.peointernational.org/resource/report-election-officers-local-chapter

You will also need the following link for the International Delegate/Alternate if this pertains to your chapter. <u>https://members.peointernational.org/resource/international-convention-%E2%80%93-nominee-delegate</u>

When choosing your delegate for either convention, remember these important points:

- Time Commitment (for the Zoom meetings for voting—including the CPCC meeting);
- computer skills which include a valid email and strong internet connection;
- and a wonderful desire to learn more about P.E.O. at the state and/or International level! A cheery disposition is a must!



We want to help you grow and bloom in your new role as a Local Chapter Officer! Your Colorado State Executive Board will offer Local Chapter Officer Training on the following dates/times:

Thursday, April 15 = 5:30 to 6:30 PM Friday, April 16 = 9:00 to 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 21 = 7:00 to 8:00 PM Saturday, April 24 = 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Watch the April Colorado State Newsletter for details on how to access these ZOOM meetings.

We are still holding out hopes of having an in-person training on:

Thursday, April 29 = 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Watch the April Colorado State Newsletter for details on location if we can meet in-person.

Organizing with the Organizer

It is time for another Q & A with a Board Sister. Are you ready to Organize with the Organizer? If so, you can email Paisley Huntoon to sign up for one or both of her Q & A sessions this month.



Her dates and times are: March 30th at 3:00 p.m. and March 31st at 9:00 a.m.

You can email her for the Zoom link at <u>Paisley.Huntoon@lfg.com</u>. You may also pose questions to her so she can have answers ready for you!



Is it your turn? Which chapters will be visited this fall? Below is the information. You will be contacted by a Board sister or proxy that will be visiting your chapter (if they have not already) to let you know to put it in your yearbooks and can look forward to meeting with that sister.

District 4: Mountains, West, Northwest, and North Metro Denver - Fall of 2021 and 2025

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New chapters will be put in their district after completing three annual official visits:

JG – Reorganization –2021, 2022 – District 4 JM –2021 – District 2 JN – 2021, 2022, 2023 District 3

Me! Me! Pick me! If you are interested in serving P.E.O. at the state level, there are committees which need your expertise! Most committees are a threeyear commitment, but some are two or even one!



If you are **THAT** sister, please contact Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Vice President of Colorado State Chapter at: <u>peopansy@gmail.com</u> She would love to hear from you!

We, on the state executive board, would like to wish you a wonderful "spring like" March and we do hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. We leave you with this thought: MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU. MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK. MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. MAY THE LORD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

Shari, Kendy, Paisley, Cori and Patty