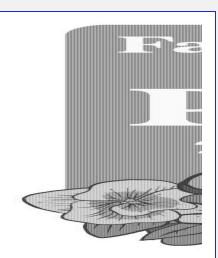
# Colorado State Chapter P.E.O. August 2021 Newsletter

Faith makes all things possible; Hope makes all things work and Love make all things beautiful.



# WELCOME SISTERS! Since July 1

### New sisters initiated

- \*Virginia Distefan, CI/Pueblo
- \*Dixie Grimes, CV/Arvada
- \*Nancy Dorth, DI Longmont
- \*Sharon Mark, DI/Longmont
- \*Carolyn Ball, EM/Colorado Springs
- \*Caitlyn Griese, HA/Westminister
- \*Polly Gallagher, IX/Winter Park

### Sisters who Transferred to a chapter from out of state

\*Sherrie Newell, BT/Pueblo from AR/AZ

### Sisters who reinstated

\*Juanita Hall, GH/Longmont



# P.E.O. The Path Forward

# Update from the Executive Board of International Chapter

The revised Overarching Guidelines for P.E.O. Gatherings are posted in the COVID-19 area of the International Chapter website. All P.E.O. meetings and gatherings should follow their local area health authority or government instructions for physical distancing, congregating, and other related actions recommended to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus during in-person events or meetings. Remember that the current modified in-person, virtual and hybrid local chapter meeting procedures are temporary during this COVID-19 pandemic emergency until the Executive Board of International Chapter lifts all restrictions.

With that in mind, please remember the following:

- The Ceremony of Initiation is not to be performed until all restrictions are lifted.
- A chapter (or hostess) may request that members mask at P.E.O. events and meetings, either in compliance with local health guidelines or at the wishes of chapter members. It is not permissible to inquire of or plan meetings/events dependent on the vaccination status of P.E.O. members.

Overreaching Documents are available.

### P.E.O. Colorado State Membership Committee

The Colorado State Membership Committee is THE resource for ALL your membership needs! Did you know there are seven Districts in Colorful Colorado?

District 1 – Denver; District 2 – Colorado Springs to Trinidad; District 3 - North Denver suburbs to Boulder to Estes Park to Longmont; District 4 – Fort Collins to Loveland to Greeley to the Eastern boarder; District 5 – Durango to Cortez to Gunnison to Grand Junction; District 6 – Aurora to Littleton to Lakewood; and District 7 – Breckenridge to Steamboat Springs to Aspen.

This means there are seven dedicated sisters here to help you maintain healthy, thriving chapters. Our committee meets nearly every month to check in on progress towards key Membership Goals and Initiatives along with updates on what's new in each District.

Look for us in your email – we send monthly notes with Membership news and ideas to keep your Chapters strong. Look for us too at Convention 2022. We will be there and can't wait to meet you in person.

Click below to find out what district your chapter belongs.

Membership districts by City

Membership by Chapter

## P.E.O. Chapter House



As we acknowledge that the rumor mill about the sale of the Chapter House has been in full swing, we wanted to make sure all of the Sisters have the facts - as that is who we serve and support.

The CPCC Board voted on July 12 to start a "request for proposal" process to secure a realtor to best represent the interests of the Sisterhood in the sale. Obviously with a sale of this magnitude, a professional experienced individual was needed.

During this process, a number of potential buyers reached out to several different sisters. Contact information for all of these individuals and organizations was maintained, and follow-up occurred with all of them. We know that a local Colorado Springs parks and recreation organization is in opposition to our approach but we contend this is the best decision of the P.E.O. Colorado State Chapter, not these individuals. Nonetheless, we have answered their questions but not fallen prey to their intimidation.

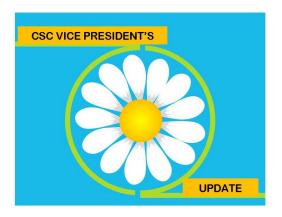
On July 27, the CPCC Board selected Coldwell Bankers from the RFP process. We contracted the services of Alphie Hutmacher, who is not a P.E.O., but does have an associate, Kymberli Koloski who is a P.E.O. From this date through the date of this publication, August 1, a number of showings have occurred with a diverse group of potential buyers. <u>NO</u> offers have been received nor entertained thus far.

When an offer, or hopefully offers, is received, it will be evaluated on a number of factors - such as price, financing, purpose and many others. If you take nothing else from this note, please know that

the decision will be made on what is **BEST** for **ALL** sisters in the P.E.O. Colorado State Chapter. That is our overwhelming priority.

The CPCC will be determining the best plan to handle the contents of the property including the bricks and benches. At this time nothing has been finalized.

LIPEO -Kendy Cusick-Rindone, CSC President Paisley Huntoon, CSC Vice President



### **Greetings to all my Colorado Sisters!**

It is hard to believe that State Convention is nearly two months in the rearview mirror — where does the time go? I want to share with you some progress and plans that your Executive Board has in motion...

**Reciprocities and Membership** – thanks to a number of reasons but technology in particular, our local chapters now have the

unaffiliate list readily available and are reaching out directly. In July, we hosted two ZOOM meetings – one for Reciprocities and one for Membership – to give guidance on where else they can focus their energy to grow our Sisterhood and support our local chapters.

**New Group** – invitations are going out soon to our Sisters who reside at Wind Crest Retirement Community to explore their interest in starting a Group. P.E.O. Groups give Sisters living in retirement, resort, government communities, or foreign areas the opportunity to maintain P.E.O. contacts and interest. If you know someone who lives at Wind Crest, please encourage them to attend.

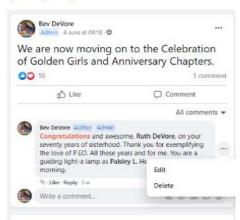
New Chapter – there are nearly one hundred active P.E.O. Sisters living in Douglas County who are not members of Colorado chapters. Your Executive Board sees this is as a need to address. Invitations are going out to these sisters and the Presidents of Douglas County Chapters for an Open House to meet and greet. If you know of someone who could be interested, please send them my way.

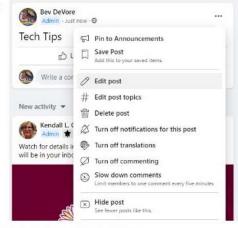
Faith, Hope, and Love ~ Paisley Huntoon, Vice President Paisley.Huntoon@LFG.com



#### Tech Tips from the Tech Committee

- When you post before you are ready, you can edit it by clicking on the three dots (ellipsis) in the upper right-hand corner to edit, delete even, and other activities.
- When you comment on a post, you can edit that comment as well by clicking on the ellipsis at the right of your post.





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- 3. To join the Colorado P.E.O. Facebook page with your phone or tablet, make sure your operating system is the most current one.
- 4. As a closed group for Colorado P.E.Os., if you share your Facebook account with your spouse and a male's

name is on the account, your request will be declined.

## **Yearbook Requirements 2021-2022**

### Yearbook Requirements for Colorado Local Chapters

NOTE – The P.E.O. websites' usernames and passwords are not to be printed in the yearbook.

#### **FORMAT:**

Each chapter is required to send ONE electronic copy (PDF only) of their yearbook to Colorado State Chapter no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chapter delegates will no longer need to bring copies of chapter yearbooks to convention. Please send to: <a href="mailto:costatechapter@gmail.com">costatechapter@gmail.com</a>

**Electronic Yearbooks:** By decision of each local chapter, yearbooks may be distributed to chapter members electronically with printed copies made available for members upon request. If the chapter decides to distribute yearbooks electronically, ensure member information is protected.

Click here for the updated Yearbook Requirements.



The P.E.O. Record includes convention highlights and schedules which was in the May/June 2021 issue and amendments to be considered were in the July/August 2021 issue.



## **Next Issue - September Newsletter**

- Official Visit Updates
- Membership Committee Memo
- Tech Tips
- Convention of International Convention
- and more.....