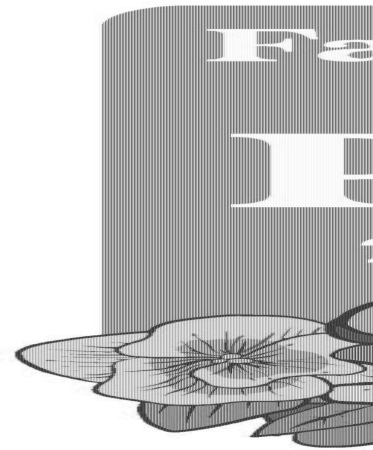


# Colorado State Chapter P.E.O.

## October 2021 Newsletter

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



The history of Halloween goes all the way back to a pagan festival called Samhain. The word "Halloween" comes from All Hallows' Eve and means "hallowed evening." Hundreds of years ago, people dressed up as saints and went door-to-door, which is the origin of Halloween costumes and trick-or-treating.

## WELCOME SISTERS!

Since September 1

### New sisters initiated

- \*Kimberly Berning, S/Ft. Morgan
- \*Kimberly Sean, S/Ft. Morgan
- \*Pattie Maikish, AN/Gunnison
- \*Cara Courtright, AS/Berthoud
- \*Kathy Hill, BZ/Walsenburg

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

- \*Jessica Caple, U/Windsor from Chapter HV/KS
- \*Joy Krecyk, U/Windsor from N/WY
- \*Lauren Horton, Y/Colorado Springs from N/WY

### Sisters who reinstated

- \*None





**BUILD** Your Legacy  
Make **HISTORY**

Colorado State Chapter Delegates attended the first, and hopefully, the only Virtual Convention of International Chapter (CIC) last week. Colorado had 35 Delegates representing our Local Chapters, CSC President, CSC Vice President, 1 Leadership Team Member and 18 Past State Presidents attending CIC. We voted on legislation, attended seminars, learned about everything P.E.O. and elected new International Executive Board members. It was a long week but rewarding.

Legislation was presided over by Brenda Atchison with much grace and a loving concern for each Sister.

[Click here for the results of the legislation.](#)

[Click here for the Program.](#)

Thank you, Colorado Delegates for representing your sisters in the state of Colorado.

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Convention of International Chapter had many seminars,  
a few required and many that were educational.  
The Executive Board shares highlights of the required seminars below.

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### **Our P.E.O. Journey** **Patty Fry, CSC Treasurer**

Do you ever wonder what's behind the journey of a P.E.O. sister? What do you really know about each of your sisters, our similarities, our differences? During this session, the presenters explored our journey of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB). Each of us has a story that somewhat resembles an iceberg – some of our story is obvious, the tip of the iceberg, above the surface. Some lies just below the surface, the middle, some of our best friends know us here. And the deep dive, the deepest part of the iceberg, sometimes the least known. As we grow as a Sisterhood, embrace each other, all of us, accepting that each are different. Let's look ahead into who we are - with courage, compassion, curiosity, and conversation. Let's let the light of each of us burn brightly.

### **What is your legacy?** **Kathy Pirie, Secretary**

What is your legacy to P.E.O.? Legacy is more than just money left behind upon your passing. It is the culmination of your contributions – your actions, your impact on others, your willingness to move your chapter forward. Take a look at your past actions and your future goals. What do they say about you? Did you encourage someone to further their education? Did you serve as a chapter officer or committee member and make a difference to your fellow sisters?

If you are one of our sisters who thinks she doesn't make an impact, ask a fellow sister how she sees you. You might be surprised. Giving someone a smile and encouragement when she needs it may stay with that person for years and impact her decisions. Money helps us move our mission forward and it is always appreciated, but don't think that this is the only way to build a legacy.

### **By the Numbers: A Legacy of Strength** **Paisley Huntoon, CSC Vice President**

If you are looking for financial information about our Sisterhood's investments, financial position, and budget – this is the session for you! The webinar was conducted by the members of the Finance and Audit Committees:

- Chair Lori O'Keefe, PSP from South Dakota
- Ann Bowen, PSP from Illinois
- Ellen Fox, PSP from North Carolina

Additionally, Dana Van Roekel presented – she is the new Director of Finance/Treasurer for the International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Interesting note, Dana became a member of P.E.O. during the pandemic and was initiated by affirmation.

Three hand-outs were provided as supporting documentation to this session – the Foundation Audit Report, Financial Supplement, and the P.E.O. Audit Report. The P.E.O. Foundation currently has over \$163 million in net assets – this is where the investments are held for all our International Philanthropies. This is an increase of approximately \$7 million over the biennium (International Convention only happens in odd-numbered years.)

International dues generate revenue of nearly \$4.5 million. There is no planned increase in the dues amount. The recommended allocation of International dues for the 2021-23 biennium is as follows:

<b>Cottey College</b>		<b>International Chapter</b>	
General Expenses	\$4.00	General Operating Fund	\$18.25
Building Fund	\$2.00	Fixed Asset Reserve	\$1.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

**GRAND TOTAL \$26.00**

Detailed information was given for the International Philanthropies showing the dollar amount of contributions received for five years (including this past pandemic year). The amount of Loans Issued, or Scholarships Paid, or Grants Awarded – depending on the stipulations of the philanthropy – was also shared. You should review the 2021 Financial Supplement if you are interested in these specific numbers.

Finally, I recommend watching the Q&A session following the formal presentations as there were several interesting questions – such as “*How much money is received from returned emblems?*” Approximately \$46,000. It shines a light on how well informed our financial sisters are and devoted to the financial well-being of our Sisterhood.

An article written by Cori Tanner, CSC Organizer, on the "Ignite to Invite" Required Seminar will be included in the next issue of the Colorado State Newsletter



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## **2021-2023 International Executive Board**

**President: Patricia Brolin-Ribi**  
**Vice President: Cathy Moss**  
**Second Vice President: Alix Smith**  
**Organizer: Kathryn Ebert**  
**Secretary: Jennifer Mitchell**

**Congratulations!**



## International Peace Scholarship Fund

An applicant must be qualified for admission to full-time graduate study and working toward a graduate degree in an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada.

A student who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada is not eligible. Note: A student with residency for tax purposes only is permitted.

Scholarships are not given for online courses, research, internships or for practical training if not combined with coursework.

In order to qualify for her first scholarship, an applicant must have a full year of coursework remaining, be enrolled and in residence for the entire school year.

Doctoral students who have completed coursework and are working only on dissertations are not eligible as first-time applicants.

International students attending Cottey College are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

The eligibility period for the 2022-23 P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship will be open September 15, 2021-December 15, 2021.



**Kathy, Patty, Cori,  
Paisley, and Kendy**

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- **Colorado State Scholarship Fund**
- **and much more.....**

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