

Colorado State Chapter P.E.O. February 2022 Newsletter

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



Valentine's Day, also called St. Valentine's Day, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Given their similarities, it has been suggested that the holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I forbid the celebration of Lupercalia and is sometimes attributed with replacing it with St. Valentine's Day, but the true origin of the holiday is vague at best. Another version of the meaning of **Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century.

Happy Valentines Day from the CSC Executive Board

WELCOME SISTERS!

Since January 1st

New sisters initiated

- *Sally Frostic, X/Steamboat Springs
- *Kristin Carlson, AO/Glenwood Springs
- *Elisabeth Nelson, CB/Boulder

*Susan Reimer, CO/Ft. Collins
 *Noemi Madeni, DC/Denver
 *Kristin Sesko, EF/Wheat Ridge
 *Mary Lou Humbargar, EP/Lakewood
 *Kit Carlton, ER/Golden
 *Ann Bunyan, FL/Loveland
 *Ronna Solmos, FO/Broomfield
 *Gale Johnson, FU/Breckenridge
 *Gail Goodman, GS/Ft. Collins
 *Jamie Maybon, HC/Carbondale
 *Jacque Whitsitt, HC/Carbondale
 *Laura Ackerman, HE/Evergreen
 *Marian Schwabauer, HE/Evergreen
 *Stacey Veden, HR/Colorado Springs
 *Leigh Hiester, JD/Broomfield
 *Abby Colburn, JE/Centennial



Sisters who Transferred to a chapter from out of state

*Kathleen Barnett, CY/Grand Junction from J/Alaska
 *Karen Cox, DR/Loveland from KN/Iowa
 *Chelsea Jenae Hicks, EA/Colorado Springs from E/Hawaii
 *Janica J. Backstrom, EA/Colorado Springs from BA/Idaho
 *Anne Pickering, FB/Littleton from CD/Arizona
 *Anne Howard Gates, FR/Evergreen from D/Virginia
 *Linda M. Camarillo, GI/Colorado Springs from RY/California
 *Helen M. Hadjis, HB/Englewood from CE/Colorado (Disbanded Chapter)
 *Susan Stambules, HB/Englewood from BM/Virginia
 *Gregory Ann Sweeney, HV/Littleton from DO/??
 *Elizabeth Paddock, IU/Estes Park from KT/Missouri
 *Jennifer Levine, JA/Colorado Springs from BN/Virginia
 *Lee Anne Hammond Powers, JK/Evergreen from HO/Texas

Sisters who reinstated

*Karen Cox, DR/Loveland



2022 Winter Mailing

Chapters should have received the winter mailing the last couple weeks of January. If you received 2 Winter Mailing packets, please email the [Colorado State Chapter](#) and identify your Chapter.

Chapters received a separate mailing for Annual Reports.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!

***STATUS OF REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY AUTHORITY***

The International Executive Board frequently evaluates the status of the Emergency Authority that was put into effect by the Executive Board of International Chapter in 2020 pursuant to the Emergency Authority provisions of the P.E.O. Constitution (Part I, Article VI, Sec. 8 – and previously referenced as the War Authority) to allow the board to address the health and safety of our members due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

The measures implemented under the Emergency Authority were meant to be temporary and many individual directions have since been lifted over the course of the past months. While the Emergency Authority, itself, remains in place, several individual measures are being evaluated:

- The restriction on singing or group recitation at indoor venues will be removed as of February 1, 2022.
- Please watch for announcements about the following item:
 - Timing and instructions for return to conducting the Ceremony of Initiation.

Chapters should be using the new Presidents Book pages that came in the Winter Mailing. This allows for many of the COVID-19 restrictions to be removed!!

Annual Reports – Training and more



Thank you to all Chapter Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers who have registered for the training being presented by Colorado State Chapter.

Are you lucky or what? Yes! In addition to our training opportunities, P.E.O. International is also offering training. Local Chapter Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers have recently received an email letting them know dates and times for these trainings, along with a link to register.

The State trainings will be more geared toward your Colorado responsibilities, but the information should be the same. Please sign up for the Colorado trainings as soon as you can. Below is a link to sign up.

If this is your first time in this role, feel free to attend the International training as well. There are some very useful webinars on the International website also under “Resource Library” > “Local Chapter Officers” > “Local Officer Training”.

Each of these training opportunities will include the important information for completing the Annual Reports and will be a very helpful tool regardless which venue you choose.

As a reminder, here are the dates and times for the five (5) Zoom trainings being offered by Colorado State Chapter:

Wednesday, February 9 @ 5:00pm
 Tuesday, February 15 @ 10:00am
 Thursday, February 17 @ 6:30pm
 Wednesday, February 23 @ 10:00am
 Saturday, March 5 @ 10:00am

[Click here to sign up!](#)



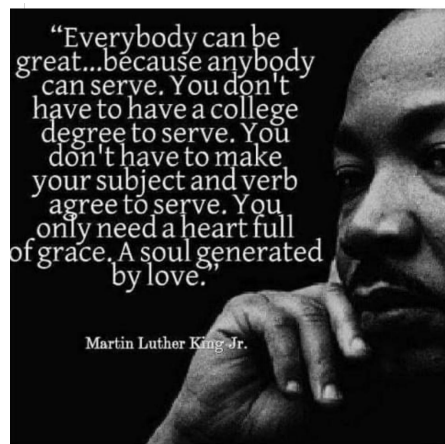
CPCC Nominating Committee is accepting applications for the CPCC Board of Directors

Please consider serving your Colorado P.E.O. sisters by becoming a member of the CPCC Board. Each year at state convention a sister is nominated for election to the CPCC Board of Directors for a four-year term. The CPCC board is working on the new direction of our state philanthropy for the future. Bring your ideas! Be involved in the beginning of a new chapter of P.E.O. history of helping women! Applications are due by March 1, 2022. Here are links to information about the CPCC Board and the application form. I look forward to hearing from you.

[Click here for information on serving on the CPCC Board.](#)

[Click here for the CPCC Board Application Form.](#)

Susan Landers, PSPCSC
CPCC Nominating Committee Chair
303-682-9783
peosister@srednal.com



Chapter Yearbook Requirements

Yearbook Requirements have been updated in accordance with International Bylaws that were changed at the CIC last September.

[Click here for the new requirements](#)



Colorado State Chapter Convention June 3-5, 2022 Marriott DTC - Denver, Colorado

The Hostess Chapters are working hard to provide our State Sisters a convention to remember. It will be the first in-person convention in 3 years.

Just a few thoughts for each chapter to consider as you elect your delegate to attend.

- *Convention will be in person
- *Delegates need to be comfortable attending an in-person, large gathering
- *Local County Guidelines in effect at the time of convention will be followed
- *International Chapter P.E.O. Guidelines in effect at the time of Convention will be followed
- *Registration will be open April 1 and close May 1. Register accurately.

Additional details will be provided in upcoming Newsletter in the next few months.



Officer Workshops are coming soon!! Details will be available in the next newsletter. Workshops will be in person as well as virtual.

Save the dates:

Saturday, April 2 9:00 am - 10:00 am Virtual
Friday, April 8 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm In person
Tuesday, April 12 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Virtual
Wednesday, April 20 9:00 am - 10:00 am Virtual
Thursday, April 28 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Virtual

Stay tuned!!



Membership Memo

Already February!

As we move further into our new year, I hope everyone is feeling that “refresh” vibe. A perfect time to “express a loving concern for each sister.” Be thinking about sisters you haven’t heard from or seen for a while.

Call them and see if you can spark an interest in joining your next meeting. Maybe a virtual meeting seems daunting to them. See if you can help them “connect”.
“Women, when describing their role in their organization, usually referred to themselves as being in the middle of things, not at the top, but in the center: not reaching down, but reaching out.”
 Sally Helgesen - The Female Advantage



Chapter Presidents

This is your reminder that the State Chapter will not be providing the Golden Girls certificates to the sisters who have achieved 50, 55, 60, etc. years of being a P.E.O. We value these wonderful sisters and we want to make sure that you know how to purchase the Certificate of Recognition to recognize them.

1. Verify the number of years your sisters have been P.E.O.s before ordering the certificate(s).
2. You can check this on the CMS report that your Corresponding Secretary will get with her annual report form.
3. Go onto the International website and click on the “Online Ordering” link on the banner at the top.
4. You need to log in with your personal Member ID and "your chapter/CO".
5. Click on “Certificates” under Local Chapter Supplies.
6. You will see “Certificate of Recognition for 50 years or more with folder”
7. Fill in the sister’s name, your chapter letter and years as a member. These certificates cost \$3.50 and are sent to you with the International President signature.

Questions? Contact our Colorado State Secretary

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Thank you for all you do for your chapter,
 Kathy Pirie, CSC Secretary, peo.kwirekat@gmail.com



Colorado State Chapter Goals

UPDATE ---

Leadership:

STATE GOAL: Opportunities within our local chapters by having a training at least quarterly, sharing CSC leadership opportunities and encouraging each chapter have at least 1 first time officer by February 28, 2022

Membership:

STATE GOAL: Each Chapter reinstate at least 1 Inactive sister by February 28, 2022

Philanthropic:

STATE GOAL: Increase donations to our State and International Projects by 5% and Increase Project Applicants by an average of 1 per chapter by February 28, 2022.

LEADERSHIP -

Wow! Was 2021 a year and a half or what? We are quickly coming up to the end of our P.E.O. year. One of our goals has been to encourage some first-time chapter officers.

We would like some information about these lovely, giving sisters. Please send some information to Kathy Pirie at peo.kwirekat@gmail.com to check on how we did against our goal of increasing the number of first-time officers. (These questions are written assuming one new officer, but feel free to send the information for more if you have them. We'd love it!!!)

- Did you have a brand new officer this past year?
- What encouraged her to serve your chapter in this way?
- How long has she been a P.E.O.?
- Is there something special you would like to share about this officer?



WOW – We’re almost there!

Thank you to all local chapters that have already sent in donations. As of December 31, 2021, we have received donations from 166 chapters - 103 chapters have met or exceeded our 5% donation increase goal – **Way to Go!** We know that this past year has been difficult for chapter fundraising activities and are very excited to see that we are SO CLOSE to meeting our 5% goal. We know that many chapters send in their donations in January & February – we are confident that we will meet our goal.

Reminder: Chapter donations received between 3/1/2021 and 2/28/2022 are included in this year’s Donation/Gift List.

[Click here for the Donation/Gift List 3/1/2021 - 12/31/2021](#)

State Philanthropy Goal - Increase Number of Applicants

One of our state goals was to increase the number of applicants we submitted to various projects. Please send me information about the applicants your chapter submitted during this year. Be proud of your accomplishments!! This is our mission! I know this pandemic has made things difficult. The Executive Board would just like to know what kind of progress we were able to make.

To Chapter Project Chairs: Please send the following information to peo.kwirekat@gmail.com.

How many applicants did you submit during the 2020-2021 year?

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What projects did you submit applicants for?

How many were successful and for how much?

Chapters who reached this goal of increasing their submissions will be recognized at the State Convention.

Let's celebrate!!

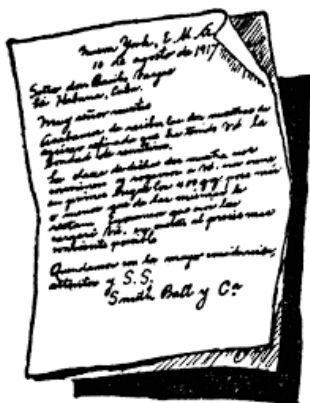
- Kathy Pirie, CO State Secretary



We are very lucky to live in Colorado with its excellent, varied educational resources. Chapter CB, Boulder, had done an extraordinary job finding and nominating three amazing PhD candidates from the University of Colorado, Boulder campus, for PEO's prestigious Scholar Award. They are very excited for the three women who are expected to receive their PhD's in Spring 2023 in Computer Science, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, and Mechanical Engineering! We appreciate the work that Chapter CB has put forth on their applications and the nominating process for these talented women. May 1st is the deadline for Scholar Award selection and notification. Great job, Chapter CB. We applaud your hard work to help women enhance their lives through learning!

Lynne Farris, JN

CSC Scholar Awards Committee



President's Letters

Presidents Letters are the highlights of the Chapter year.

- Outstanding Programs
- Successful Fundraisers
- Social/BIL Events
- Membership Increases: Initiations, Transfers in, Reinstatements
- Membership Decreases: Deaths, Transfers out, New Inactives
- Accomplishments of your members
- Special celebrations: Chapter milestones, weddings, births

[Click here for guidelines to writing a Presidents Letter](#)

Send completed and Chapter approved letters to costatechapter@gmail.com.



Tech Tip

February 2022

Reminder! Password changes are coming!

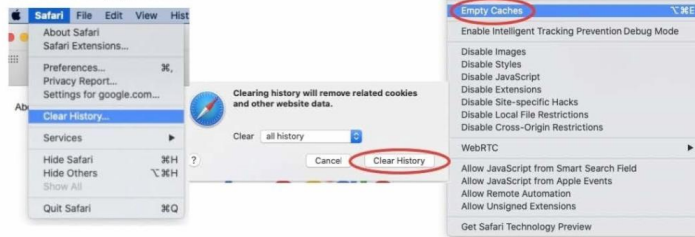
The P.E.O. International member website and the Colorado P.E.O. website password will be updated on **January 1, 2022**. All passwords will have the **current year** added to the end. The new password will be formatted like this, with the original password filling in the blanks: ____ _2022. The username will remain the same.

Improve internet browsing

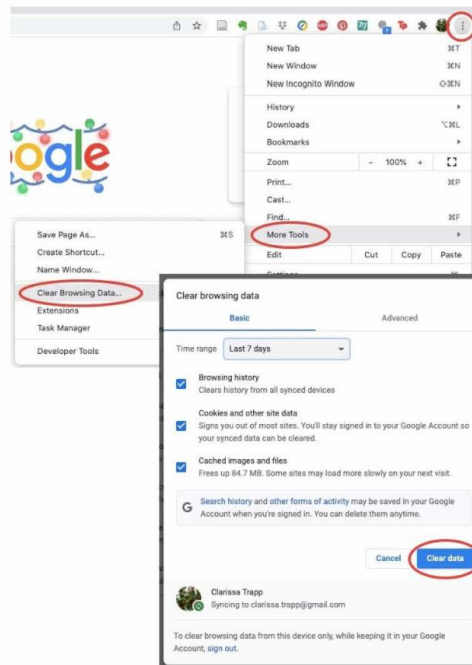
Is your web browser running slowly or not loading your favorite websites correctly? You can improve its performance by occasionally clearing your browser's cache. Here's how.

Safari

1. In the Safari menu bar, click the Safari option.
2. Click the Clear History link.
3. In the Clear drop-down menu, select the time range where you want to clear browsing data.
4. Click the Clear History button.
5. In the Safari menu bar, click the Develop menu.
6. Click Empty Caches.

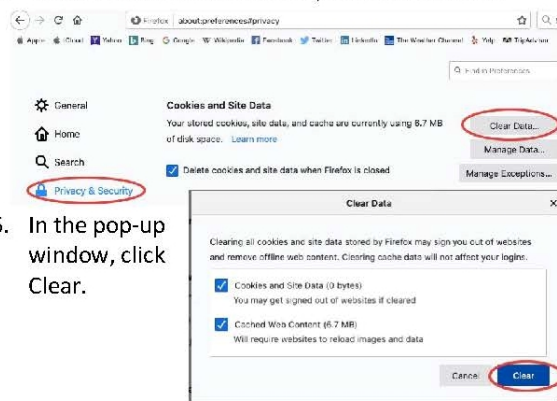
*Chrome*

1. On the far right of the browser toolbar, click the Chrome menu icon (three vertical dots).
2. Select More Tools.
3. Select Clear Browsing Data.
4. In the pop-up menu, select the time range for which you want to clear browsing data.
5. Select the Cookies and other site data and Cached images and files checkboxes.
6. Click the Clear data button.

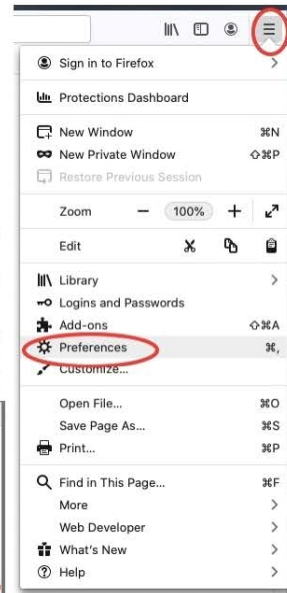


Firefox

1. On the far right of the browser toolbar, click the Firefox menu icon (three vertical dots).
2. Select Preferences.
3. Click the Privacy & Security tab in the left-hand menu.
4. Under Cookies and Site Data, click Clear Data....



5. In the pop-up window, click Clear.



Dates to remember

February 15 -
CSC Nominating Application Deadline

February 28 -
Local Chapter Dues are due!!
Local Chapter Bylaw Updates need to be sent to the State Secretary
email: costatechapter@gmail.com

March 1 -
CPCC Nominating Application Deadline
Local Chapter Dues are delinquent!

March 10 -
Annual Reports must be postmarked



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

Next Issue - March 2022 Newsletter

- **Update on CSC Goals**
- **Convention Information**
- **Officers Workshops**
- **and much more.....**
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