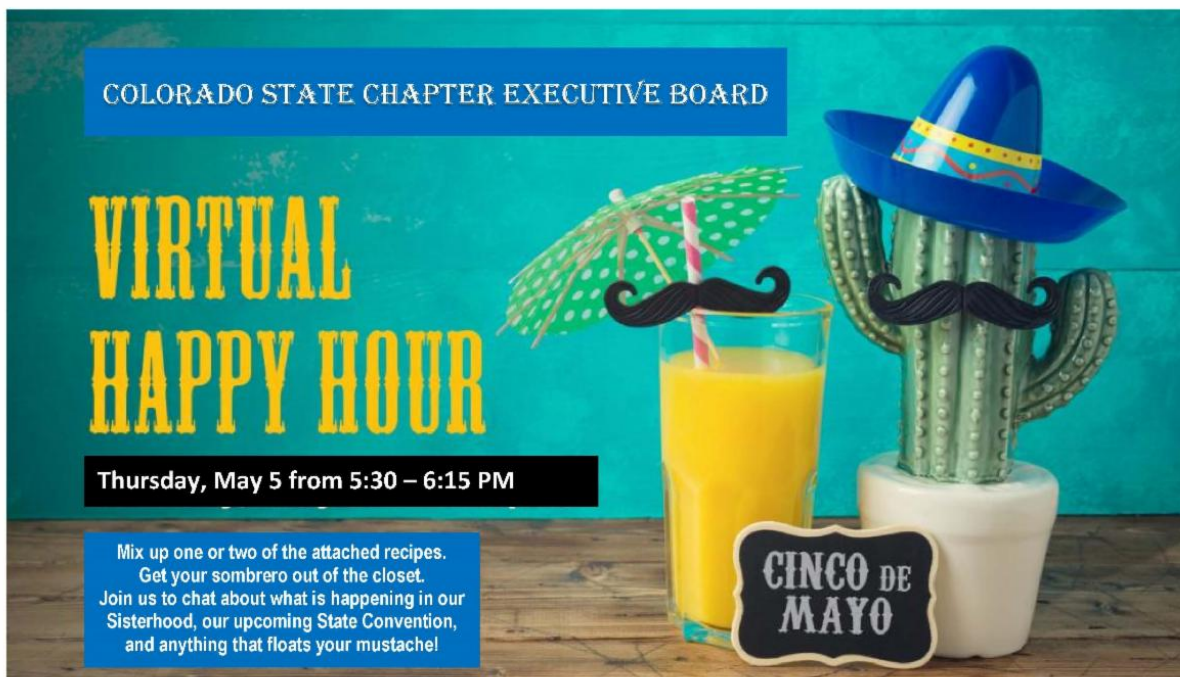
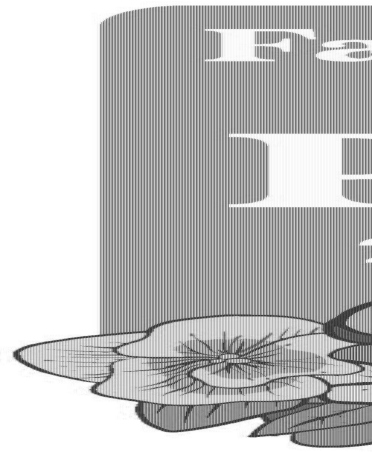


Colorado State Chapter P.E.O.

May 2022 Newsletter

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



Join us for Happy Hour! Let's celebrate the month of May!

We will discuss what is happening with our Sisterhood,
our upcoming State Convention and anything else on your mind.
Check out our [recipes](#) for guacamole and margaritas to liven up the party!

[Click here to RSVP for the EB Happy Hour](#)

Nominee for Colorado State Chapter Executive Board

Mary Kay Tomlinson, FF

Mary Kay was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. She spent



the early part of her adult life there, before settling in Colorado in 1983.

Mary Kay was fortunate to be surrounded by the spirit of the sisterhood of P.E.O. at a very early age. Long before she knew the password, she was aware of the special bond and community that was enjoyed by her grandmother and her mother, both members of Nebraska BK. After moving to the San Diego area, her grandmother, Mabel Hosman (Chapter Eternal) and mother, Lu Duffin became charter members of Chapter TJ. She has also been greatly influenced by her sister, Peggy Bottorf (CA TJ), niece, Becky Clines (CA XX) and 5th generation great niece, Dayna Clines (CA XX).

Mary Kay's greatest accomplishment in life has been the privilege of being the mother to 6 children; Alessan, Jessica, Timothy, Maggie, James, and Andrew. Raising them has been her priority, granting her tremendous satisfaction as she watched them all grow and prepare to walk their own paths. As one after another flew off, Mary Kay realized that her time had come to pursue opportunities of her own.

Mary Kay turned her focus to finish the degree program she had begun years earlier. In the process she set an incredible example to her children and grandchildren when she enrolled at Regis University as an adult learner. Her example served as a concrete message to her family, that an education was an important accomplishment, and a goal that should not be abandoned. Her demonstrated work ethic reminded them that while it may not be easy, it was a realistic and achievable life goal. In 2002, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems, opening the door for a fulfilling career at Lockheed Martin/Space Systems as a Program Administrator.

Then in 2011, the joy of being initiated into P.E.O. Chapter FF was finally realized. Thrilled to be welcomed into the sisterhood, Mary Kay happily served her chapter as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. She has also served as Co-Chair of the 2021 Colorado Convention and on the State Membership Committee as the District 6 Representative. Her participation in the legacy and tradition of P.E.O. has been a life-long dream come true and an honor that she carries with humility.

None of this would have been possible without the support and cooperation of Mary Kay's BIL, Steve Tomlinson. Mary Kay is blessed with the close proximity of her children and her 14 grandchildren. Life is Good!

Nominee for Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation

Ann Lacy-Baillet, HE

Ann is a native Coloradan and Legacy P.E.O. Her mother and great-aunt were members of Chapter CB/Boulder. She was initiated into Chapter EI/Boulder in 1997 and has been a member of Chapter HE/Evergreen since 2019. She received her BA from Colorado State University and works in the health care industry. She is committed to P.E.O. and her community. She is active with Leadership Evergreen; current President of Chapter HE; served on several non-profits, including Foothills United Way; participated in CU Leeds School of Business, 50 For

Colorado program, and volunteering for Donor Alliance. Colorado State Chapter and the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation have much to be proud of since she served as the delegate to State Convention for Chapter EI in 2004 and 2005. Away from her desk, she loves the time spent with her husband, Jon, and their two pups, Fortune and Hilo, enjoying the Colorado outdoors. The path forward for our Sisterhood & CPCC is exciting and she looks forward to sharing in the journey with her Sisters.





Colorado's First Merged Chapter!

Forty-eight P.E.O. sisters gathered in Loveland, Colorado on March 14 to celebrate a first-of-its-kind event in Colorado: the merging of two chapters. Twelve of the

attendees, including six past state presidents, witnessed the ceremony online. A past state president from Wyoming was also present.

Joining together, as the new Chapter L-IM, are Chapter L, founded in 1905, and Chapter IM, founded in 1994. Together, they will have about 55 initial members. Their first initiation is planned later this spring. Choreographing the entire merger process, through about six months of preparation, was the Colorado State Organizer, Cori Tanner. The other state officers and six other Loveland chapter presidents were also on hand for the celebration.

The organizer presided over the opening and installed the new officers. She presented the "Certificate of Merger" to the new co-presidents. Co-presidents of the new Chapter L-IM are Marynell Larson from the former Chapter IM and JoAnn Whitten Bigner from the former Chapter L. The remaining officers and their assistants are a mixture of representatives from each chapter.

WELCOME SISTERS!

March 2022



New sisters initiated

- Jamie Schulz, AA\Wray
- Traci Greenwood, AF\Leadville
- Julie Fournier, BK\Delta
- Lynne Graham, BN\Brighton
- Sandra Woods, DH\Denver
- Lonnie Garcia-Silva, EP\Lakewood
- Susan Fries, ET\Arvada
- Connie Balazs, EY\Boulder
- Karen Sisk, FE\Lakewood
- Marietta Linney, FX\Durango
- JoAnn Hovermann, HB\Englewood
- Laura Hutton, HF\Estes Park
- Judi Brewer, HG\Broomfield
- Anita Sweetland, II\Longmont
- Laurie Von Wald, II\Longmont
- Gretchen Barnes, JE\Centennial

Sisters who Transferred to a chapter from out of state

- Patricia Johnson, CV\Arvada
- Ann Dinius, DH\Denver
- Deborah Otteson, ET\Arvada
- Gayle Killian, HB\Englewood
- Sue Murphy, JN\Windsor

Sisters who reinstated

- Caity Kvamme, BE\Greeley
- Nellie Myers, BK\Delta
- Nancy Keyes, CV\Arvada

- Michelle Price, EM\Colorado Springs
- Deborah Ann Wilson-Smith, GM\La Junta



State Committee does a Fantastic Job!

*Committee Members: Diane Gallagher, DF,
Abby Rule, T, Sara Canfield, EG*

When applications began arriving in February, they were scanned and sent to each member. All applications are reviewed by each member of the committee. During the selection process, the committee gave careful consideration to each applicant and were excited to be able to provide financial assistance to so many deserving candidates. What a wonderful and rewarding experience to be able to help so many young women "raise the bar to the stars."

- 87 Applications were received
- 37 Recipients were selected
- 15 Recipients received \$3,000 each and 22 Recipients received \$1,500 each
- Some of their non-traditional studies:
 - ~ Esthetician
 - ~ Criminal Justice
 - ~ Cosmetology
 - ~ Wildland Forestry
 - ~ Sonography
 - ~ Rangeland Ecology/Watershed Management
 - ~ American Sign Language
 - ~ Music Theatre
 - ~ Molecular, Cellular Biology
 - ~ Pharmacy
 - ~ Agriculture/Equine Business
 - ~ Baking and Pastry Hospitality
- Applicants from Ignacio, Littleton, Fort Morgan, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, Hayden, and Greeley to name a few.



FROM INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

As Convention season nears, your International Chapter is excited to share some updates with you. Headlines from International Chapter is a short and informative video with timely updates. It is

now available for viewing on the P.E.O. International member website or by clicking [here](#). The video is also available on the Colorado State Chapter website. They thank you for helping to share the story of P.E.O. and wish you a special time with your sisters as you ***Raise the Bar to the Stars!***



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

Thank you to the hundreds of sisters who have registered for our first in-person convention in three years. If the deadline snuck up on you, there is still time. Late registration is available until May 12 for a small fee.

We also know that this year's costs were higher than many of you anticipated but we assure you that we are working hard to address this in upcoming years. Unfortunately, this year we were beholden to a contract negotiated before any of us knew what COVID-19 was.

Schedule Highlights

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
June 3, 2022	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Project Displays Retail Store, Hospitality & Silent Auction	Conifer Ballroom
	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	P.E.O. Registration & Credentials	Registration
	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshops	
	4:00 pm - 4:45 pm	Workshops	
	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Reception	Evergreen Pre-Function
	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Dinner	Evergreen Ballroom
	7:30 pm	Opening Night Celebrating Our Projects	Evergreen Ballroom
June 4, 2022	6:30 am - 7:30 am	Wellness Program	Walking map
	7:00 am - 5:00 pm	P.E.O. Registration & Credentials	Registration
	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Project Displays, Retail Store, Hospitality & Silent Auction	Conifer Ballroom
	8:00 am - 8:30 am	Musical Prelude	Rocky Mountain Ballroom
	8:30 am	Processional & Call to Order Convention	
	11:30 am - 1:15 pm	Luncheon - Honoring our Special Sisters	Evergreen Ballroom
	1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Musical Prelude	Rocky Mountain Ballroom
	1:30 pm	Call to Order Second Meeting	
	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	CPCC Annual Meeting	Rocky Mountain Ballroom
	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Reception	Evergreen Foyer
	6:30 pm	Dinner	Evergreen Ballroom
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Celebrating All Things P.E.O.	Evergreen Ballroom
June 5, 2022	6:30 am - 7:30 am	Wellness Program	Walking Map
	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Evergreen Ballroom
	8:00 am - Noon	Project Displays, Retail/Hospitality/Lost & Found	Conifer Ballroom
	8:00 am - 8:15 am	Celebration of Life - Doors Open	Rocky Mountain Ballroom
	8:15 am - 9:00 am	Celebration of Life	Rocky Mountain Ballroom
	9:00 am	Celebration of Life Concludes - Please leave quietly	
	9:15 am - 9:30 am	Musical Prelude	
	9:30 am	Call to Order Third Business Meeting	
		Closing	

The complete detailed schedule will be included in the Convention Program.



Period of Instruction on the Ceremony of Initiation

VERY IMPORTANT UPDATE

Effective July 1, members will join the P.E.O. Sisterhood through our beautiful Ceremony of Initiation once again! The ceremony is a highlight of our member experiences - whether hearing it for the first time as a new member or sharing the experience as a current sister. Our Ceremony of Initiation is more than a formality. Hearing the words reminds us all of the meaning behind our emblem, our five virtues, our Objects and Aims, and the promises we each made as we joined

[Please click for further information.](#)

Colorado State Chapter Bylaw Amendments

Later today (May 1), you will receive a second email listing all of the Colorado State Chapter and Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation bylaw amendments. While it is critical that all voting members of convention review these, it is equally important that all sisters in Colorado familiarize themselves and share their viewpoints with their delegates.



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

Two Upcoming Issues - June 2022

- June 1 Notes
- REMINDERS FOR CONVENTION
- PARTING WORDS FROM KENDY
- June 10 Newsletter
- HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONVENTION
- WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE COMING YEAR

