



KNOW **YOUR** P.E.O. *Let it Show*

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



Charter Sisters are hard at work putting the final details on their organization.



**Chapter JO
Organization
Celebration**
October 29th



Colorado's newest chapter will initiate twelve (!) new sisters during the ceremony.



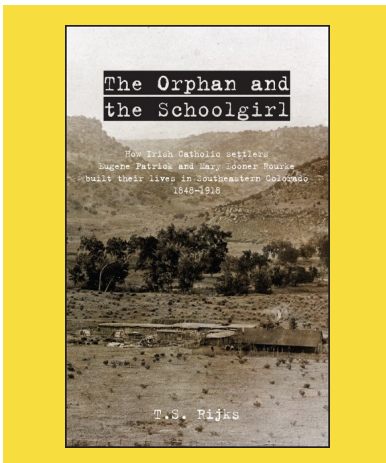
Proceedings from the 2022 Convention of Colorado State Chapter are complete and have been posted on the state website.

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Chapter BW Sisters share, as they say, their "**gift of love**" for the 2023 Colorado State Convention. This hostess chapter is serving as the Clothing Committee and have some wonderful plans to really *Let it Show in P.E.O. Fashion!*



Congratulations to Teresa Rijks of Chapter HK on the publication of her new book "*The Orphan and the Schoolgirl.*" It is available on Amazon. In the rest of her spare time, Teresa is leading the **Organization of Chapter JP in Crested Butte.**

Please let us know if there are other authors amongst our Colorado Sisters.

Happy Fall!! It is now officially the season! Not sure about you, but I like to experience EACH season and not fast forward to the next. In such a commercial world, this is hard sometimes. Lots of stores are already putting out Christmas decorations and some are even playing Christmas songs! Now, don't get me wrong...I LOVE Christmas, but in December. :)

I hope you take time to experience EACH season of your P.E.O. chapter. Now, some of those experiences might not be the most exciting, but as each season rolls around, each brings its own meaning and what I mean by this is: When your chapter looks at putting together the next year's yearbook try to view these tasks as "seasons" rather than "duties". The program could be "Spring" and maybe some of the programs could revive or renew, just like the blooming flowers. Putting together committees could be like "Summer" and could shine

Also here is a reminder of the You add to **P.E.O. campaign: You Add to P.E.O.** is a fun initiative within the P.E.O. Sisterhood with three components:

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- **You Add 2 P.E.O.** – Each member is encouraged to think of those who would embrace the mission of our Sisterhood and bring her own unique gifts and talents to P.E.O. while benefiting from loving concern. Invite them to join and

like a bright day by using the talents of your chapter's sisters to add fun and laughter. I think you are starting to get the idea, so I hope you will take time to truly enjoy and yes, reflect in certain seasons of your P.E.O. chapter.

When reading the list of inactive sisters in February, have your members truly reflect on each inactive sister and maybe one member will have some insight on why a certain sister is no longer active. And who knows, just maybe by reaching out to an inactive sister that might be the time she is looking at coming back!



meet the You Add to P.E.O. challenge!

Another great way to add potential members is small interest groups. Many chapters now have small groups such as book clubs, hiking, playing board games, gardening, and such activities. These small groups are a fun way to keep connected with sisters you already know and a wonderful way to introduce non-P.E.O.s to the wonderful work of P.E.O. and the sisterhood!

Please know your district representatives are here to help and we want to hear from you. **"Know your P.E.O. and Let it Show"** Now, go out and enjoy the Fall and all the beauty this season has to offer!!

**P.E.O. Hugs, Kim Eastman, District 5
Membership Representative**



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We are challenging your chapter to add two or more active members via initiation or reinstatement between March 1, 2022, and July 31, 2023.

GOALS FOR COLORADO STATE CHAPTER

2022 Initiations:	179 (2% increase = 183)	As of October 1 = 127
2022 Reinstatements	46 (2% increase = 47)	As of October 1 = 32
2022 New Inactives	511 (2% decrease= 501)	TBD



LEADERSHIP "KNOW YOUR P.E.O." GOAL FOR 2022-23

Because we know that many (most?) of our chapters are struggling with similar issues
- aging members, needing more local leadership, struggling to find new sisters - the Executive Board is starting a new program in Colorado.

SISTER CHAPTERS!

We will partner any interested chapter with another chapter to know you're not alone and help with sharing ideas.

All you need to do is send an email to costatechapter@gmail.com.
It's worth a try!

INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

Do you know of a woman from a different country who has dreams for a graduate degree? The [P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship](#) is a project that could help her dream come true.

Since it's inception in 1949, IPS has awarded 8,538 scholarships to 6,719 women from 178 different countries, totaling over \$48,999,013.



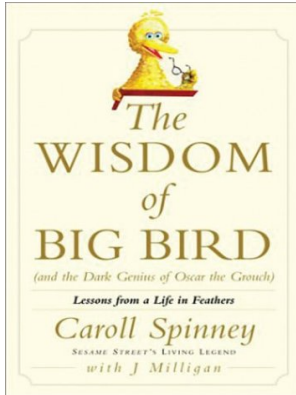
**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The [P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund](#) provides financial assistance to women from outside the United States and Canada who are seeking advanced degrees from an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Canada with the expectation that students will return to their home countries to utilize their education to make a positive impact and foster global peace.

- 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 in order to qualify for her first scholarship, an applicant must have a full year of coursework not eligible as first-time applicants.
- 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.
- International students attending Cottey College are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

These remarkable women leave their home countries to study in the United States and Canada with plans to return home with advanced degrees. These degrees enable them to Foster Peace through Education by taking leadership roles in so many disciplines; business, education, healthcare, economic and environmental development, epidemiology, technology to name a few.

Help spread the word about IPS at your nearby university or college by contacting the International Student Office/ Advisor to find out if they would like information for display in the office or online. [For more information contact ips@peodsm.org](mailto:ips@peodsm.org)



KNOW YOUR P.E.O.

Excerpt from "The Wisdom of Big Bird, Lessons from a Life in Feathers" by Caroll Spinney

As I perform, there are a lot of physical, practical things I have to worry about. I have to study the tiny picture in my monitor to make sure Big Bird is looking at the right spot and walking in the right direction. I'm committing as much of the script to memory as I can, so I don't have to read my lines on the pages around my monitor. My right arm will start to tire after a while, and I have to ignore the aches and pains to keep Big Bird's head up and looking alive. But after so many years, working the puppet has become something like tough typing. I don't have to think about it too much, and I can concentrate on expressing what Big Bird is thinking and feeling. I didn't create the puppet, and I don't write the scripts, but I guess what I do is bring Big Bird his soul.

It's like Big Bird is the actor and he expresses himself when I say his lines. He puts his own self into it. He's the child that I wanted to be, the kind of person I think we all should be. Someone once said to me, "If you're lucky, you become who you always really were." I am lucky. I think Big Bird has let me become who I always was.

*Are you lucky?
Do you Know Your P.E.O.?
Does P.E.O. let you become who you always were?*

The Executive Board is working on something special for our Philanthropy "Know Your P.E.O." Goal for 2022-23. If you are a P.E.O. sister who has been a recipient of one of our state or international philanthropies, please drop us an email at costatechapter@gmail.com. Thanks!



Know your P.E.O. and Let It Show!

Margaret Meek exemplifies this year's motto! She is a truly remarkable P.E.O. Sister bringing passion, originality, and organization to any task she takes on - and she's not afraid of a challenge! She spreads the good work of P.E.O. everywhere she goes! Margaret was initiated into Chapter II on March 15, 2007.

As her oldest child (Katlyn DeHoff, Chapter II) was moving closer to high school



graduation, Margaret began doing research and looking for advice on helping her daughter make a smooth transition into college life. Finding almost nothing out there, Margaret was inspired to create **From Nest to Wings** to fill this gap and help students as well as parents navigate the journey.

Using her Master's in Education, her experience working with fraternities and sororities, her own uncommon common sense and a little help from her Chapter II sisters, Margaret was well equipped! The first FN2W annual conference was held in May of 2012 with approximately 12 young women and their moms in attendance. Gathering experts in their fields from College Admissions, High School Counselors and Financial Advisors to Life Coaches and Police Officers, sessions were offered on various topics from filling out the FAFSA and funding college to personal safety and how to make the most of the college experience. The spring conferences and seminars grew every year and expanded to include young men, fathers, and sessions in Spanish, hosting as many as 148 participants at one conference. When COVID came, Margaret, always agile and able to think outside the box, pivoted and began producing short YouTube videos covering the information once shared at the FN2W conferences and seminars. (Check out www.nesttowings.org for links to the YouTube videos. You'll be amazed!)

To help spread a positive message about P.E.O. to the next generations, Margaret recently brought the idea of Legacy College Gifts to her chapter. Under this new program, her Membership Committee will send a gift card along with a note of support to Chapter II daughters/granddaughters as they head off for their first year of higher education. Chapter members are also eligible if returning to school.

Margaret brings energy, intelligence, and heart to enrich our chapter, our sisterhood and our outreach. She has an amazing ability to see the big picture and works tirelessly to help our chapter achieve our highest aspirations – being there for each other in meaningful ways, fundraising for P.E.O.'s projects and reaching out to support women striving to better themselves through education.

Margaret truly **KNOWS HER P.E.O. and LET'S IT SHOW!** Chapter II is tremendously proud of Margaret and we are the very appreciative recipients of her "thinking outside the box!"





NEWLY INITIATED SISTERS

(August 2022)

- **AR\CO-Aspen** Lynette Richardson
- **AT\CO-Ordway** Tammy Reese
- **AZ\CO-Fort Lupton** Annette Kokoszka
- **CI\CO-Pueblo** Selbe Watts
- **EA\CO-Colorado Springs** Julie Haley
- **EV\CO-Cortez** Dorothy (Dottie) Banks and Florence (Flo) Mehalic
- **FD\CO-Longmont** Charmaine Falkenberg
- **FF\CO-Denver** Anne Marie Quinn
- **FU\CO-Breckenridge** Ricky Daly
- **IL\CO-Woodland Park** Diane Christy Browning
- **JF\CO-Centennial** Karen Ann Kepler and Denetta Kay Williams
- **JH\CO-Longmont** Brandi Garner
- **JJ\CO-Rifle** Caroline Jolee
- **JL\CO-Loveland** Kathi Heise and Laurie Tuka

SISTERS TRANSFERRING IN-STATE

(August 2022)

- **K\CO-Manitou Springs** Stephanie Dickenson
 - **GA\CO-Boulder** Linda Boyer
 - **GW\CO-Arvada** Cher Herlache
 - **HM\CO-Aurora** Rachael Filor
 - **IE\CO-Grand Lake** Dana Harrison
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*The Executive Board thanks our Past State Presidents for the hours they have volunteered and continue to give.
Pictured above sharing in a "Season of Gratitude for Our Sisterhood."*

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