



P.E.O. Colorado State Chapter November 2023 Newsletter

SCAM EMAILS/TEXTS

This is a repeat and unfortunately we have had to put this message in our state newsletters for a number of years. Presidents please have this read at your chapter meeting.

Please do not email International or your State EB about this, we know it's happening but there is nothing we can do to stop it.

Do not engage, do not reply, do not comply!

Then change your email passwords.

As long as the scam works they will keep it going.

International P.E.O., your Colorado State Executive Board or any other sister will

NEVER

send you an email or a text asking you to purchase gift cards -

FOR ANY REASON.

Unfortunately, scammers have gotten very good, even mentioning Cottey in their messages but

DO NOT FALL FOR IT.

IT IS A SCAM.

It is also unfortunate that we can't stop them, the only thing we can do is to reiterate that this is fake and to ask sisters to delete the messages as soon as they get them. Do not engage at all.

Please help our sisters be protected by letting them know that this is a scam.

**Convention of State Chapter
June 7-9, 2024
Embassy Suites, Loveland CO**

The committee has worked hard to keep costs similar to those of last year.

Remember, that Colorado State Chapter pays for delegates gavel to gavel.
(This includes lunch and dinner and their hotel room on Saturday night.)

Rooms - double occupancy \$199

Breakfast is included if you stay at the Embassy Suites

Lunch and Dinners are plated, not buffet

Dinner Friday night (at delegate/visitor expense) \$74

Lunch Saturday \$38

Dinner Saturday night \$74

Registration will open April 1st and close April 30th.

Watch for more information and we look forward to seeing you in June!

These sessions are not Officer Training, but an introduction to the position.

We answer lots of question and hope that if you're asked to fill one of these Officer positions in your chapter, you will not hesitate to SAY YES!

He's the Count because he really loves to count!

Come learn about the position of
Treasurer

Saturday, November 11th at 10 am



ZOOM link below, type in the information below or email

Colorado State Chapter Email Address
for details.

Officer Training

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83692104225>

Password: 422695 Meeting ID: 836 9210 4225

Welcome to our new initiates

Nancy Boortz G\CO-Fort Collins

Jordan Bennett AF\CO-Leadville

Mary E. Rhea AU-DU\CO-Pueblo

Emily Carter AU-DU\CO-Pueblo

Janice Laprarie AU-DU\CO-Pueblo

Jackie Mihelich AU-DU\CO-Pueblo

Rose Giron AU-DU\CO-Pueblo

Cheryl Harper CG\CO-Pueblo

Nicole Colby CG\CO-Pueblo

Mary Toni Hover DD\CO-Cortez

Nancy Waldman DO\CO-Denver

Martha Sprague DS\CO-Parker

Jara Monroe DW\CO-Denver
Penny McLain DY\CO-Grand Junction
Amy Bockius EM\CO-Colorado Springs
Duncan Larsen EY\CO-Boulder
Betsy Remnant EY\CO-Boulder
Rebecca Stianche EY\CO-Boulder
Mary Lou Blevins FM\CO-Fort Collins
Marlo Blacklock GB\CO-Boulder
Janet L. Huff GF\CO-Grand Junction
Sara Biro-Rabura GU\CO-Loveland
Sharon Ivie HE\CO-Evergreen
Aliya Duffy HE\CO-Evergreen
Jacqueline Sullivan HP\CO-Loveland
Joan Haid JH\CO-Longmont

Welcome to our transfers

Lynn Maddox BR\CO-Durango
Sharen Kay Reynolds CO\CO-Fort Collins
Georgia Jones DY\CO-Grand Junction
Susan Stambules ED\CO-Aurora
Mildred H Worobel FA\CO-Brighton
Joan E Osborne FR\CO-Evergreen
Mary Hutchinson HQ\CO-Monte Vista
Cassie N. Lawless JN\CO-Windsor



Executive Board Nominations

Let your talents show for the
Colorado State Chapter of P.E.O.

Do you have the time and talents to share as an officer on the Executive Board? Are you passionate about our mission? Are you a leader? Are you organized? Are you willing to share your talents? If so, we want you!

Or if you know someone you think would be an asset, please encourage her to complete the process. [Click here](#) for more information on the criteria of Executive Board service. [Click here](#) for the application and the chapter endorsement document. These are also available on the state website.

Reciprocities - Did You Know?



History:

As far back as 1917, Reciprocity Bureaus were mentioned many times in the reports of the president and/or first vice president of Colorado Grand Chapter but were not defined in the bylaws of the organization. The name of these groups has been changed many times throughout Colorado history, from Advisory Board to Reciprocity Bureau, to Local Chapter Groups, and finally, Reciprocity Groups. In 1975, the bylaws of Colorado State Chapter were amended to include Reciprocity Groups. The oldest Reciprocity Group began as the Denver Advisory Board in 1917, now named Denver Reciprocity Group. Colorado now has 16 Reciprocity Groups.

What is the Role of Reciprocity Groups?

The role of Reciprocity Groups has changed over the years. In 1932 the Executive Board of Supreme Chapter noted their function as: *to promote P.E.O. fellowship, to assist in finding chapter homes in existing chapters for unaffiliated P.E.O.s and to have general supervision over the joint social activities of the various chapters.* Reciprocity Groups in Colorado have played an important role in finding new P.E.O. homes for our unaffiliated sisters, planning Founders Day celebrations, social celebrations for Golden Girls and many other events, inviting unaffiliates and potential members in celebration of P.E.O.

Reciprocity Group meetings provide an opportunity for member chapters to share successes/ideas - the best yearbook; chapter fundraising ideas; great socials; how to find project candidates and for sharing ideas with those chapters who need membership

What about those Unaffiliate and Introduction of a Woman Not a P.E.O. lists?

Prior to 2014, Reciprocity Groups were a primary resource for our unaffiliated sisters in finding new P.E.O. chapters. In 2014, Colorado State Chapter Bylaws were amended to include the appointment of a State Unaffiliate Chair. The duties of the State Unaffiliate Chair are to maintain the state Unaffiliate and Introduction of a Woman Not a P.E.O. lists and provide these lists for posting to the CSC website and to provide these lists to all chapter presidents, membership chairs and reciprocity representatives. Information sent with these lists requests that chapters communicate directly with the State Unaffiliate Chair – helping to keep these lists current. Reciprocity Group meetings are a wonderful time to share successful invitations to transfer or initiate, however a detailed review of the lists is no longer necessary. Our State Unaffiliate Chair is on it!

Moving Forward:

As Adviser to Colorado Reciprocity Groups, I have enjoyed attending many Reciprocity Group meetings. Colorado Reciprocities play an important role in helping to maintain chapter vitality, chapter involvement, and chapter leadership. It's exciting to hear the wonderful things each Reciprocity is doing to support their member chapters, sharing great ideas and helping each other in maintaining a vital and healthy membership.

support. Having a guest speaker – inspirational, leadership or a project recipient.

If your chapter is not in a Reciprocity and would like to join one, or if you have any questions about Reciprocities, please feel free to reach out.

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Before the snow, sisters from Chapters CCJ and JH enjoyed a picnic at Thompson Park



Some more information from Convention of International Chapter

The International Membership Committee gave some wonderful talks about chapters across the sisterhood who have overcome their challenges. Here are some highlights.

- Our very own Chapter GO in Pueblo (The Go-Go Girls) was spotlighted. Their energy attracted new members; they shared the great work that P.E.O. is doing within their community. Their positivity is contagious.
- Chapter BY, Minnesota, went from 50 to 18 members due to their aging population. Their creativity led them to create “The Great Chapter BY British Baking Show”. Ingredients & recipes were sent out and they cooked while participating virtually and talked about P.E.O. which encouraged younger women to join.

- Chapter V, Ohio, paired senior members with new initiates who paid special attention to them – giving them information on meetings, resources, answers to questions, and nudging them to be more involved. One-on-one connection was the key.
- Chapter IX, Florida, survived through Hurricane Michael. Their guard rescued the emblem prior to her house being destroyed. They supported each other in every possible way showing their strength and resilience.
- Chapter GC, Oregon, had only 17 members, most over 90 and one over 100 years old. They couldn't get a slate of officers. With the help of a Vitality Coach, they carried 4x6 cards with daisies and information about P.E.O. which they distributed to every group or club in which they are involved. Coffees were held to invite interested women to talk about P.E.O. and hold special interest groups. Focusing on women in their 70's and 80's made it easier for the women to relate. They now have 26 members.
- Chapter AY, Tennessee, was a night-time chapter beginning with working women. As retirement set in and grandchildren came along, night-time meetings didn't work so well. They changed to a Sunday afternoon time and their numbers grew!!

Interested in the detail behind any of these amazing, creative chapters ? Be sure to check out the International website under Convention of International Chapter. The presentation is titled "Cultivating Connection".



As seen on Facebook:

Above, Chapter HE in Evergreen with a new sister and PSP Paisley Huntoon.

Below: Chapter K in Manitou Springs celebrates 120 years!!!



Looking for a Chapter Program or Founders Speaker? Consider Girls on the Run!

Girls on the Run is a national organization with local chapters across the 50 states. Girls on the Run reaches girls at a critical stage, strengthening their confidence at a time when society begins to tell them they can't. Underscoring the important connection between physical and emotional health, our program addresses the whole girl when she needs it the most.

[Girl Empowerment](#) | [Girls on the Run](#) | [Nonprofit](#)

Contact Mary Staples for more information. Peomarystaples@gmail.com or 847 903 1017



Your Colorado State Executive Board wishes you a Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving. Cori Tanner President, Patty Fry Vice President, Kathy Pirie Organizer, Mary Kay Tomlinson Treasurer and Mary Staples Secretary.



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