

Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation

March 2024 Newsletter



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CPCC Updates

Happy New Year P.E.O.s!

As a teacher, I always loved the beginning of a new semester. Each class represented a clean slate. There was so much potential in the students and the materials we would explore together.

Each new year of P.E.O. is a fresh start also. There are new officers, a new yearbook theme and opportunities for new activities, project recipients and fundraisers. Your CPCC Board is also preparing proposals to embark on a new path for the Chapter House sale proceeds. Keep reading to learn more!

Have a marvelous March!
Diane

CPCC MARCHES ON!

Last month we reported that we had submitted proposed amendments to the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation Articles of Incorporation to include education as one of our purposes and proposed amendments to the Bylaws for two different educational projects using the sale proceeds from the Chapter House residence. Those proposals were sent to both Colorado's Amendments and Recommendations (A&R) and International's Study and Research (S&R) committees.

During this past month all three groups, the CPCC Board, A&R and S&R, have been discussing and refining those proposals before they are published for the entire membership on May 1. The guidance of both the A&R and S&R committees has been most helpful to ensure that we have considered all the various issues raised when creating this potential new state project.

We want all our sisters to understand each proposal, to discuss them with their chapter sisters, and to send their convention delegate to CPCC's annual meeting with the knowledge of which factors are important to your chapter when participating in the debate and voting on the two proposed projects. There will be a choice to make!

If you would like to learn more about the CPCC before the proposed amendments are published, we direct you to the Colorado State Chapter website. The login procedure uses the historic password with the current year following. Then click on the CPCC link. All the information available is accessible through the links on the left side of the page.

Unfortunately, Ann Lacy-Balliet's contact information is incorrect. Ann is the CPCC Board secretary. Her email is now ann.lacyballiet@gmail.com. Please update your contact lists.

Board members have received several requests for program presentations to local chapters. Thank you for these invitations. We respond via email to those specific requests. More requests are welcome!

We appreciate your interest in and generous financial support of the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation as we move forward into this new P.E.O. year! You help to fund the future!

Here is the contact information for the 2023-24 CPCC Board members:

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CSC President: Cori Tanner, FT/Colorado Springs, peocori@yahoo.com



Colorado P.E.O.'s

Are you interested in representing your sisters on the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation (CPCC)?

CPCC needs you! Do you have an open mind and are willing to listen to new ideas, learn new skills, even think outside the box? Are you a team player? Do you have skills you want to share? Do you have a loving concern for our philanthropies?

CPCC Board Members should have some business experience, non-profit knowledge, and a willingness to work for the benefit of your sisters. Board Members need to be willing to devote the time and energy necessary to manage the business of the corporation.

The CPCC Board of Directors is a team working together in the spirit of P.E.O. for the benefit of Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House and Colorado P.E.O. Marguerite Fund.

Serving as a CPCC director requires a significant commitment that promises to be rewarding. Your knowledge and skills will grow as you fulfill your duties on the board. You will be working with Colorado P.E.O.s from across the state and from many disciplines and walks of life, who combine their individual skills and gifts to work for the benefit of others.

Please review the [information](#) for prospective board members and complete the [application](#) if you believe you are a good fit for the CPCC Board of Directors.

Click the links for the information and application or go to the Colorado State Website.



MARGUERITE FUND

Spring is my favorite season and March is arguably my favorite month. March has the largest gain in daylight hours of all the other months. After a long winter, it is wonderful to see each day get a bit longer! My crocus bulbs that were planted in the fall are peeking through the soil, birds are returning, and the trees and bushes are starting to bud. This is a season of renewal and anticipation.

The applicants who are selected to receive gifts from the Marguerite Fund must have an active P.E.O. as a sponsor. An applicant need not be a member of our Sisterhood, but she must be well acquainted with her sponsor.

Are you aware of someone who might benefit from the Marguerite Fund? Go to the Colorado State Chapter website and review the Guidelines and Application Form. This is found under CPCC.

In February, the Marguerite Fund received many generous donations from local chapters and individuals. We currently have 10 women in the program. Each of them receives a monthly gift of \$500. Without your generosity, the Marguerite Fund couldn't exist. From all of us on the Marguerite Fund, Thank You!!

Reminder: All applications must be received via **U.S. mail** to keep sensitive information out of our email. The application with information and instructions is found on the Colorado State website. **The only application that will be accepted and reviewed by the trustees is dated 1/2024 THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.**

Jan, Katherine, and Joanne

Please feel free to contact any of the Marguerite Fund Trustees at any time if you have questions. Our information is on the Colorado State Website: coloradopeo.org.

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News from Your Chapter House Project Trustees

As I sit here watching it lightly snow (about 10 inches here maybe, editor note here, the recent storm gave over 16 inches of snow where I am so far), the intermittent sunshine reminds me that spring is on its way, along with St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

The project continues to support 3 ladies from Chapter House of which we celebrate with loving concern.

One of our ladies now needs more specific care and her family will be moving her to a Medicaid unit near Longmont. We will miss her and are grateful we could be of assistance. Her granddaughter writes "[T]hanks to the generous scholarship of P.E.O. Share the Care, my grandma has been able to comfortably live in an assisted living facility for the last two months. Her time spent at the Bridge has allowed us to apply for Medicaid and develop a plan to continue getting my grandma the care she needs. I am so appreciative of your generosity".

Trustee Mary Vincent took Valentines to the ladies along with a little box of chocolate. They were quite happy with their goodies.

That time of year has come when we'll be voting on new amendments on the future of the Chapter House Project. Be prepared!

We believe you will be pleased and excited as we are for what is to come.

With P.E.O. love,
Lucinda, Mary and Toni



Donating Made Easy!

Many Colorado P.E.O. sisters donate to CPCC every time they shop for groceries! Their generosity happens because they have connected their King Soopers or City Market credit cards to CPCC through the Community Rewards program. King Soopers sends a percentage of all the purchases made with these cards to CPCC every quarter. The individual amounts may seem small, but together those small amounts add up!

If you already have and use a King Soopers or City Market credit card, or if you open a new credit card with the company, you can make the connection too.

The CPCC Board of Directors

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