
the GEORGIA P.E.O. *monthly newsletter*

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SEASON'S READINGS

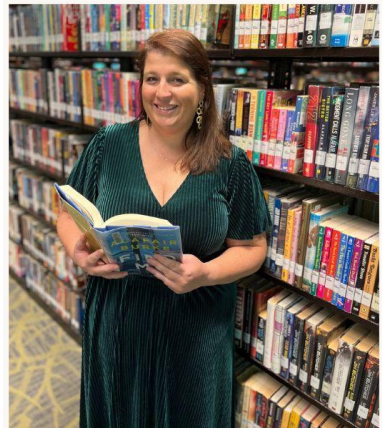
Katie Henry, Z, GA President

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of 2023! When I started this journey on the state board 2024 seemed so far away, but it has come all too quickly! 2023 has been a remarkable year and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute I have been able to spend with each of you working for the betterment of P.E.O. in Georgia! I hope you take this holiday season to relax, reflect, and know what a difference you all are making in so many lives through your fundraising, scholarship applicants, and all of the work you all do each day! The Georgia State Board wishes each of you “season’s readings” and we look forward to a fantastic 2024!



SEASON'S READINGS
FROM THE P.E.O.
GEORGIA STATE
BOARD

May your holidays be
filled with stacks of joy!



NEW! P.E.O. INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE

Linda Chow, AN, Technology Committee Co-Chair

A new and improved P.E.O. International website is coming in early 2024! The website will have additional security features and an updated, modern design. Created with user-experience in mind, it will be easy for P.E.O. members and the public to navigate. The P.E.O International website address is www.peointernational.org.

New P.E.O International website requirements:

1. To login to the new P.E.O International website, you must use your own email address. You must have an email address on file with the P.E.O. International Membership Department to log in and access member-only content. Members cannot share email addresses.
2. We highly recommend using a personal email address, such as @gmail.com and not one tied to your employer or school.
3. You or your corresponding secretary can add or update an email address by using the Member Update Form.

COMING SOON TO A ZOOM NEAR YOU

Michele Williams, J, Membership Committee

The GA Membership Committee will be hosting a virtual Town Hall to discuss how to share P.E.O. with others. This will be a great opportunity for local chapters to obtain ideas for finding new sisters!



- At least one member from each chapter is encouraged to attend (ideally Pres./Corr Sec./Membership Chair) then return to share info with her chapter.
- 30-45 minutes with Q&A to follow
- Choose one of the following showtimes:
 - Sunday Jan 21, 4:00 pm
 - Monday Jan 22, 2:00 pm
 - Tuesday Jan 23, 8:00 pm

Register by emailing TownHallGAMembership@gmail.com. Zoom links will be emailed out to all registered attendees. Questions? contact Michele Williams at michelewilliamspeo@gmail.com



'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING: MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Michele Williams, J, Membership Committee

As the weather turns cooler, our minds turn to the holidays that are quickly approaching. We fill the time with The To-Do List and find ourselves busy getting everything decorated, organized, cleaned, bought, wrapped, cooked and mailed. Our calendars become overbooked and we sometimes lose the focus of what really matters... the gift of time together. As P.E.O.s, sharing fellowship, friendship, love, support and joy in gathering together is an essential part of our sisterhood. So how can your chapter have quality time together during this busy holiday season? Here are some tried and true ideas for meeting programs and special gatherings that you can share with your chapter.

- **Star/Daisy ornament exchange** - I have many ornaments on my tree from sisters through the years creating wonderful memories of each special sister
- **White Elephant Gift exchange** - what a fun evening of giggles and exchanges. A great program to include visitors
- **Make it-Bake it-Fake it Sale** - Ways and Means program with silent bids and or auction style sale. This is a wonderful time to invite friends.
- **Holiday Luncheon, Cocktail or Dinner Party** - a wonderful time to gather without official business. Fantastic time for friends and or Husbands/Partners to join you!
- **A Holiday Memory Sharing** - Each member tells a favorite memory about a special event. Such a wonderful way to get to know your sisters better!
- **Christmas Card Shower** - Create or buy special cards and have members sign messages to nonresident, nonparticipating or shut in members.

Many of these are wonderful opportunities to invite non participating members, friends and family who are potential members. Not only is quality time with your sisters a gift but also the invitation to join the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

There are more ideas available on the P.E.O. website that you can utilize to enrich your chapter and bring members closer together. Visits the [Membership Toolbox](#) on the International website for additional programs and resources. Any questions, please contact Michele Williams, michelewilliamspeo@gmail.com.

GA STATE BOARD APPLICATIONS

Nancy Burk, BK, PSP, Nominating Committee Chair

Just as we have P.E.O. members waiting to be found, the next addition to the leadership of our Georgia State Chapter is right in front of you. Don't decide for her; JUST ASK!



THIS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS IN YOUR CHAPTER

Your nudge of support may be all she needs to agree to serve, to learn, to grow and to have fun in P.E.O. at the state level. All the information you need to nominate the next member of the Georgia State Executive Board can be found on the [Nominating Committee webpage](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee, your chapter's Board Buddy, any member of the state executive board or a PSP.

COTTEY COLLEGE

By Judy Hood, BR, Cottey Chair

Christmas came early for the Cottey Committee this year! Guess what we found under our tree...not 1 but 3 girls from Georgia who have applied to Cottey for the 2024-25 school year!



The committee sent their names to chapters close to them and each chapter reached out to encourage them with all the things Cottey can provide. One of the three girls has already visited Cottey and paid her deposit! All three have been nominated for GA Scholarships! How wonderful it is to think that we may have three more Georgia Peaches next year. BUT, the work doesn't stop there. We need to stay in touch and keep their excitement on fire. The Committee sends a loud 'thank you' to the chapters involved. Your help with encouraging these girls has been greatly appreciated.



COTTEY COLLEGE CARD SHOWER

By Judy Hood, BR, Cottey Chair

Chapters are encouraged to send cards and packages to Georgia students during their assigned month.

Dec - D, L, U, AD, AN, AW, BG, BO send cards

Jan - E, M, V, AF, AO, AX, BH, BP

Feb - F, N, W, AG, AP, AY, BI, BQ

Mar - G, P-AU, Y, AH, AQ, AZ, BJ, BR

Apr - H, Q, Z, AI, AR, BA, BK, BS

✉️ Madison Covell | Martinez, GA | Birthday: July 2

Office Of Student Life, Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin Blvd. Nevada, MO 64772

✉️ Alyssa Mann | Perry, GA | Birthday July 29

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 15-Dec 15	IPS Eligibility Forms acceptance period
Ongoing	ELF application submitted at least six months prior to graduation
Jan 21	P.E.O. Founders Day
March 2	Annual Report Assistance Open Zoom
March 9	Local Chapter Workshop (Dublin)
March 16	Local Chapter Workshop (Virtual)
March 23	Local Chapter Workshop (Marietta)
Feb 15	Deadline for submitting nominees to the GA State Board

