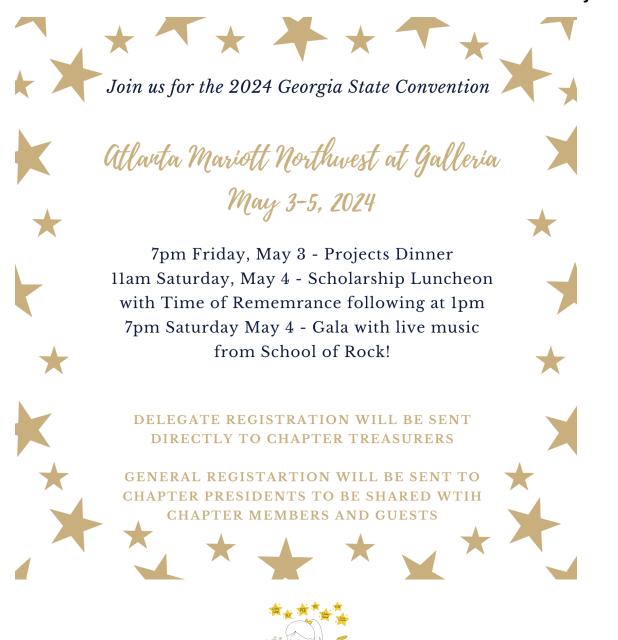


February 2024



ATTENTION TREASURERS & CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

Katie Henry, Z, GA President

Chapter Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries: Annual Reports open on March 1st! You will need to complete your portion of the Annual Report prior to submitting it to your chapter President. The GA State Board is hosting virtual "office hours" via zoom on March 2 to assist with

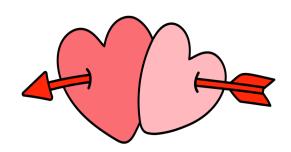


annual reports. If you have questions or concerns regarding your role in completing annual reports, click here to schedule an appointment. As appointment times fill up, we will add more.

LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS

Peery Moran, AI, Organizer

February is the month of love —show your love for PE.O. by committing your time and talents by serving as local chapter officers. Attached are 10 reasons to serve as a local chapter officer. By now chapter presidents should have received your winter mailing from International.



Disseminate materials received to the proper chapter officers, update your president's book and replace the ceremony for initiation booklets in your supplies. Ensure smooth officer transitions by adhering to your officer retention lists and sitting down one-on-one with your successors so they are prepared to assume their roles once installed in March.

Have your officers and chapter members plan to attend any of the three local chapter workshops offered on **March 9**th, **16**th **and 23**rd for an opportunity to learn and ask questions.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gwen Levitt, BG

February is a time to pay your annual dues and reflect on what P.E.O. means to you. Every year, while writing my check, I think about several aspects that are important to me.



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- Pay as early as possible. Your sister who has volunteered to be your chapter treasurer
 has volunteered her time and talent. Please do not make her have to do extra work.
- Your dues check supports your local, state and international chapter to conduct business to be a successful non-profit.
- Excess dues help increase our scholarship funds.
- Annual dues move us into the next P.E.O. year.

February is also the time to reflect on your talents. The nominating committee is working hard to select your next year chapter officers and committee chairs. Please think strongly about what office and committee best fits your talents. For example:

- If detailed, consider recording Secretary.
- If financial minded, consider Treasurer.
- If like following up on your sisters and growing your chapter, consider membership, social or courtesy chair.
- If like raising money, consider Ways and Means chair.

Lastly, February is about donating to our Projects. Assist your treasurer in deciding how much to give to each project. It is important to consider what your chapter's passion and goals are.

- Is it to help local candidates, give to Georgia State or Star.
- Is it to find a woman in need who wants to go back for her education, consider giving to Program for Continuing Education or Educational Loan Fund.
- Is it to find someone who is in graduate school pursuing an impressive endeavor to improve our world, give to P.E.O. Scholar Awards.

PRESIDENT'S LETTERS

Kathleen Blake, A, GA Vice President

Chapter Presidents: Don't forget to write and present your president's letter to the chapter at a regular meeting in February. This should be read as an item of New Business and should not take the place of a program for that day. The chapter will need to vote to approve the letter and the approval recorded in the minutes. Once the letter has been read it is to be emailed directly to the GA State President, Katie Henry at katiehenrypeo@gmail.com no later than March 10th. File a copy in the chapter president's permanent file for the life of the chapter.

The letter should include detailed increase/decrease in membership, average attendance, contributions to and promotion of P.E.O. projects and other philanthropic work, programs, socials, spirit of cooperation and interest in chapter life. A copy of this letter shall be sent to nonresident members and to resident members unable to attend meetings regularly.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nancy Burk, BK, PSP, Chair

The February 15, 2024, deadline for submission of nomination packets to the Georgia State Nominating Committee is quickly approaching. You may be asking, "What would serving on the Georgia State Board do for me?"

- ★ The experience is amazing!
- ★ The personal growth is unbelievable.
- ★ The friendships are lifelong.
- ★ The efforts made are reflex: you will receive every bit of love, support, care, growth, and comfort you give.
- ★ Our sisterhood needs leaders like you
- ★ You will equally benefit from all the wonders of our sisterhood that come from accepting leadership.

Remember, you will NEVER be alone on the journey of service on the Georgia State Board.

2024 CONVENTION PRESALE

Amanda Ripley, BS, Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair



Calling all Georgia Sisters! The 2024 Convention Steering Committee is selling one of a kind handmade keepsake ornaments. Chapters and/or individuals may purchase a star in honor or memory of a member or a chapter. The member's or chapter's name will be featured on the star. Stars come in 2 different sizes and may be taken home at the end of convention. Help us celebrate all the STARS in our sisterhood.

There is no minimum or maximum number of stars you may purchase. All forms must be sent with one check from your chapter. Checks are to be made payable to 2024 GA State P.E.O. Convention by March 25th. Order forms attached.

Questions? peogaconvention24@gmail.com



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COTTEY COLLEGE UPDATE

Julie Thomas, BM

The month of February is the month of love and don't you just love "Cottey College" and all it has to offer young women! It is no surprise that Cottey's athletic programs connect with the NAIA Champion of Character program. Cottey is listed as a **gold five star institution** for 2022-2023. The NAIA, which Cottey is a part of, helps provide activities to reach more than 30,000 individuals at local schools and youth sports programs.

Champion of Character core values go well beyond the playing field to daily decisions of our youth. The five core values are as follows:



- 1. Integrity...know and do what is right
- 2. Respect...treating others the way you want to be treated
- 3. Responsibility...embrace opportunities to contribute
- 4. Sportsmanship...bring your best to all competition
- 5. Servant Leadership...serve the common good

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Cottey College athletic program!

In other news, we have yet another possible GA peach for next fall! That's four possible first-year students at Cottey from Georgia in 2024!

Alyssa Mann is doing online classes from home this semester. She plans on going back to campus in the fall. Please continue to support her with notes of encouragement. Her home address is: 101 Susan Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093.

Madison Covell has returned from Spain to complete her final semester at Cottey and plans to graduate this spring.

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.

Feb - F, N, W, AG, AP, AY, BI, BQ **Mar** - G, P-AU, Y, AH, AQ, AZ, BJ, BR



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Apr - H, Q, Z, AI, AR, BA, BK, BS **May** - All Chapters

Madison Covell | Martinez, GA | Birthday: July 2
Office Of Student Life, Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin Blvd. Nevada, MO 64772

Ålyssa Mann | Perry, GA | Birthday July 29 101 Susan Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093.

IMPORTANT DATES

Ongoing ELF application submitted at least six months prior to graduation

Feb 15 Deadline for submitting nominees to the GA State Board

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)

May 3-5 Georgia State Convention





2024 P.E.O. Shining Stars

Recognize the P.E.O.s in your life who help write the next chapters.

Chapters and/or individuals may purchase a star in honor or memory of a member or a chapter. The member's or chapter's name will be featured on the star. Stars may be taken home at the end of convention. Help us celebrate all the STARS in our sisterhood.

Make Chapter Check payable to: 2024 GA State P.E.O. Convention

Chapter Treasurer: Mail completed form with check by March 25 to Amanda Ripley, Honor Stars Chair, 139 Little Brook Dr, Woodstock, GA 30188

Small Star \$10 each	Large Star \$15 each	In Memory Of (name of individual)	In Honor Of (name of individual chapter or P.E.O. official group)
Total #	Total #	Total Payment:	Member/Chapter Name:

- * There is **no minimum or maximum** number of stars you may purchase. Use multiple forms in necessary.
- * Official group includes committees, the Board, etc.
- * **Individual members** may fill out a form to order a flower in addition to the chapter order, but should give form and payment to her chapter treasurer so that one check will be sent.
- * **Chapter Treasurer:** Please send all forms listing stars with one check for all stars from your chapter.



TOP TEN REASONS TO BE A CHAPTER OFFICER

- You can because...excellent instructions are on the International website, including officer training modules for nearly every office. There are also detailed instructions found in the Instructions for Officers of Local Chapters (IOLC) found on the International website.
- You can because...your chapter should have an "Officer Transition Meeting" where you will meet with the outgoing and incoming officers to make plans for the coming year and discuss your chapter's health. You will have time with your predecessor to receive and review supplies, receive her helpful hints to make the experience easier, and simply ask questions.
- 3. You can because...when necessary, sisters are willing and able to serve as helpers.
- 4. You can because...the state officers are accessible to answer questions and offer help. All chapters are visited by the organizer or her proxy every few years. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your questions answered and duties clarified.
- 5. <u>You should because</u>...participating in the Ceremony of Initiation is a special gift you can share with the initiate. Although still preferred, memorization is no longer required and you can read your part from the official initiation booklet.
- 6. <u>You should because</u>...undertaking the responsibilities of an officer helps to deepen your understanding of the workings of your chapter. The more you learn, the more streamlined your meetings will be, allowing extra time to visit with your sisters.
- 7. You should because...being an officer sharpens your leadership skills and often takes you to a new level in your comfort zone. It is a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and enrichment. The loving support and encouragement of your chapter sisters make fulfilling the responsibilities of an office a rewarding opportunity.
- 8. You really should because...helping your chapter in this way gives you a sense of purpose and accomplishment that is worthwhile and fulfilling. The personal benefits you receive will be far greater than the small amount of extra time and effort you expend.
- 9. You really should because ... agreeing to be an officer gives you the chance to "give back" to your chapter and the Sisterhood for all the rewards membership has offered you.
- 10. You really, really should because...when you became a member you promised to give a due share of your interest, your time, and your energy to the Sisterhood!