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

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GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION

Amanda Ripley, BS & Amy Blanco, BS, Convention Co-Chairs

We are thrilled for you to help us write the next chapter of Georgia P.E.O. at the 68th annual Georgia State Convention, May 3 - 5, 2024, hosted at the Atlanta Marriott NW at Galleria (200 Interstate N. Pkwy, SE, Atlanta, 30339). We welcome delegates and visitors from all chapters.

On Friday, the store, projects room and registration will all open at 3:00pm. There will be a Finance Workshop at 6:00pm and Projects Dinner will kick off at 7:00pm. Come hear from project recipients and a special guest from Cottey College!



On Saturday, the first business meeting will begin at 8:45am. Next, we will celebrate our Golden Girls at 10:45am followed by the Georgia Scholarship Luncheon at 11:00am and the Time of Remembrance at 1:00pm. In the evening, you are cordially invited to “Cocktails with Committee Chairs” before attending the Dinner Gala. The store and projects room will be open throughout the day.

At the Gala, we will have a special concert featuring the band Penelope Road! Penelope Road is an Atlanta-based band that combines the sweet sounds of soul, roots of blues, groove of funk, and old tone of country and rock all to create their own unique sound.

The business meeting will resume on Sunday morning at 10:00am. The 2024-2025 Georgia State Board will be installed, the 2025 Steering Committee will present the invitation to next year’s convention and incoming President, Kathleen Blake, will roll out next year’s goals! We can’t wait to see you there!



THIS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS IN YOUR CHAPTER

If you plan to attend the convention in any capacity, you are required to register.

Step 1: Fill out the [General Registration Form](#).

Step 2: Mail a check to our convention Treasurer Elisabeth Lovas at 3316-A S Cobb Drive, Suite 376, Smyrna, GA 30080. Checks should be made out to “2024 P.E.O. Georgia State Convention”. Please write “Visitor registration” on the Memo line. There will be a \$25 late fee if the check is postmarked after March 25th.

Don't forget to order your Honor Stars! Order forms are available on the [P.E.O. GA website](#).

Chapter Treasurers – you should have received a direct link to register your delegates. If your delegates would like their own room, please email katiehenrypeo@gmail.com. This will be an additional charge of \$424.

LOCAL CHAPTER WORKSHOPS

Peery Moran, AI, Organizer

Local Chapter Workshops led by your Organizer about officers and fundraising, you'll become wiser. Registration forms were sent to your presidents so you could reserve your workshop attendance. Choose a Saturday on which to spend time with your sisters and your friends. I'm looking forward to whom I may see On March nine, sixteen and twenty-three.



Register [here](#) for local chapter workshops in Dublin, Virtual and Marietta.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Peery Moran, AI, Organizer

If you contact or attempt to contact someone on an Unaffilaite List, please provide an update to the Unaffiliate Coordinator at peogaunaffiliate@gmail.com. This will allow her to continue to maintain accurate records and assist our Unaffiliates in finding a chapter. If your contact information has changed or that of a chapter sister, please be sure to update your contact information on the International Website under [Member Update](#).



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.

COTTEY COLLEGE

Judy Hood, BR, Chair

In playing around on the computer this week, I went to YouTube and watched a video named “[What Makes Cottey So Special](#).” I want to challenge all P.E.O.’s to do the same. So many inspiring stories by the students and professors. This would make a great program!

You can also read the newest version of [Viewpoint Magazine](#) 2023 by Randon Coffey. It is a magazine totally about Cottey College and it is amazing and super informative. Cottey’s President, Dr. Stephanie Niles, has an article about Leadership. There are articles about campus news, sports, and a great story about three sisters who are experiencing Cottey together. There is also another article about the importance of getting prospective Cottey students to visit the campus. Perhaps you could use this article when talking to one of the five applicants that we have had from Georgia this year!

The girls at Cottey are super excited right now because Spring break is just around the corner and for many that means their first trip abroad and for others, it is a trip back home to visit family. Let’s all wish them safe travels wherever they go. Spring break begins Saturday, March 2nd and classes resume on March 18th, with graduation just around the corner on May 11th.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Michele Williams, J

Last month the Membership Committee hosted a virtual Town Hall where we discussed attracting new members and shared ideas for inviting women to join your chapter. Many of you had questions at the end about ideas for keeping members and connecting with nonparticipating or even inactive members. Here are some ideas and resources:

“Express a Loving Concern for Each Sister”



We say this every month when we recite our objects and aims.. How can we as members express loving concern when we are busy and have so many other things on our plate? The membership committee is a pivotal part of each chapter. This committee is charged with working with other committees and officers such as Social, Courtesy, and Corresponding Secretary to help with membership connection.

As I write this, I am also finishing up writing notes to friends and sisters in Georgia, New York, Colorado and Virginia! Many of us send off a quick text or an email, but I still love sending and receiving personal notes. It is a special occasion to spend a bit more time and care to hand write your affection, acknowledgement or affirmation to a sister or loved one. What a wonderful way to keep in touch with your members who are not able to come to the meetings or for those who have moved and are not yet connected to a local chapter. This can be presented as a Membership/Courtesy report during a meeting with cards to those sisters being passed around to sign or set out for messages to be written afterwards. This also helps everyone learn updates about what is happening and what other needs may be met.

Don't forget about your Project recipients! Staying in contact with them is crucial and remember, they are potential members too! Another fun idea is to have a full program to create handmade cards presented by a sister that has the crafting talent! This can help rebuild the supply of cards to both your Courtesy Chair and the Corresponding Secretary as well as be a great time of fellowship. Here are some cards I keep on hand all the time!

Affection: We Miss You, Thinking of You, Get Well Soon, With Sympathy

Acknowledgement: Thank You, Congratulations, You are Too Kind, Just a Note

Affirmation: Great Job, You are a Shining Star, Amazing!, You Got This

Other resources and programs can be found [here](#). The new website has loads of information and programs. There are two sections to find what you are looking for: Membership and Resources. Click the Resource tab to find wonderful programs and ideas for working with your chapter and members. When you click on that tab, go to the "Resource Library" and scroll down. You will find a search bar where you can put in "membership" and then go to the next section down to scroll through "topic". Areas and programs you can explore are:

- Every Sister is a V.I.P.
- Chapter Revitalization
- Inactive prevention
- Energizing Nonparticipating Members
- Nurturing Our Chapters



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Keep diving into these resources and use them as tools to keep your membership excited and connected. If you need help, please reach out to the GA Membership Committee and your Membership Pal. We are here to support you and your chapter to express a loving concern for each member!

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.

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

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

✉️ Alyssa 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

