

SEPTEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Katie Henry, Z, Georgia President

We are headed for fall and a busy time in P.E.O.! We are excited to have a group of sisters heading to Pittsburgh in just a few weeks for Convention of International Chapter (CIC). We will get to celebrate all of the hard work put in by our own Georgia sister, Jean Wyble, BN, who has worked diligently as a Past State President of Pennsylvania and the Chair for CIC. Thank you so much for everything you have done, Jean! Sisters across the U.S. and Canada are going to benefit from your time and talents. Join us virtually via live stream for the Projects Program during Opening Night. The link will be posted on the International website. It is always inspirational to hear from our project recipients For more information from International on how to view it, please click here.

As a reminder, we will be giving CIC reports via Zoom. At least one member of each chapter (although we would love to see more) will need to attend one of the virtual meetings to hear the report. The state is preparing a single report to ensure everyone receives all of the information you need about CIC, so no matter which session you attend, you will get the same information! Please use the schedule below to discuss at your next meeting to see who can attend for your chapter. Zoom links will be provided in the October newsletter so you can easily click to access each meeting.

Date and Time		Sisters Reporting		
Tuesday, October 3	7pm	Teresa McCoy	Theresa Hutch	
Saturday, October 7	11am	Julie Mayville	Ruth Martin	Peery Moran
Sunday, October 8	2pm	Sue Ensley	Sue Hauseman	
Thursday, October 12	7pm	Kimberly Bates McCarl	Linda Martin	Catherine McClurkin
Sunday, October 15	4pm	Louise Hamilton	Katie Henry	
Wednesday,October18	10am	Mary Martin	Nancy Sills	Kathleen Blake
Saturday, October 21	2pm	Jeanie Blackburn	Laura Cox	
Monday, October 23	7pm	Johnette Hegedus	Francy DeBartola	



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We are also excited to announce that our convention proceedings are now posted on the Georgia website! The steering committee, hostess chapters and Nancy Burk, BK, PSP worked so hard to make it a fabulous weekend! Kenny Still, our convention photographer, captured some once in a lifetime memories and Francy DeBartola, PSP and Georgia Printing Assistant, worked hard on putting our proceedings together! We are so thankful for how so many in our state came together to create such a wonderful convention and compilation of the weekend! You can see the proceedings here.

PROGRAM LIBRARY

Laura Cox, BI, GA Secretary



Looking for ways to present information on projects or ideas for programs? Then look to your P.E.O. Georgia website – under Resources - <u>Program Library!</u>

Your GA Exec Board has been working diligently on the Program Library- updating the old and adding the new. We are hoping by mid-September, that you will be able to utilize our new and improved library. However, we cannot do it alone- it takes a sisterhood!

Do you have any fun, interesting and/or engaging programs you would like to add to the library? Please email your program to lauracoxpeo@gmail.com.

OFFICIAL VISITSPeery Moran, AI, GA Organizer

During the season of Official Visits and Board Buddy Calls, the GA State Board goal is to be: Striving to Uplift P.E.O.s thru in-Person Official visits & Revving up The Inner Vitality of Every chapter!

GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Kathleen Blake, A, Vice President

Georgia Scholarship applications are being accepted through **November 30th** 11:59 PM EST. Since this deadline is firm, chapters and student applicants are strongly advised to submit early in case time/technical issues arise. Incomplete applications will not be scored. Questions? ontact Lisa Lane, AY, Chair at peogastatescholarship@gmail.com. Please see the attached Georgia P.E.O. Scholarship flyer and Georgia State Scholarship Procedures and General Information.



NEW! GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

Patty Copeland, K, Scholarship Committee

The Georgia State Scholarship Committee has announced a new webpage accessible to chapter members and scholarship applicants. The website describes the Georgia Scholarship, lists the application requirements and defines the required processes for both the applicant and the chapter. Georgia chapter members can now direct potential applicants directly to the new website link for information and guidance. The link to the new Georgia Scholarship website is found at the top right of the P.E.O. Georgia public homepage at peogeorgia.org (link below). The Georgia State Scholarship Committee hopes this new tool will facilitate the process of continuing to identify outstanding candidates! Check out the new GA Scholarship website here.

TRAVELING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: THE P.E.O. B&B EXPERIENCE Noël Linden, BQ, Technology Committee

Imagine a cozy home away from home, exclusively for P.E.O. sisters like you. Dive into the unique P.E.O. Bed & Breakfast program, where you can relish the warmth of sisterhood while traveling. Not only will you experience unparalleled hospitality, but by choosing to stay at these B&Bs, you directly support P.E.O. projects- helping to ensure our legacy thrives. Browse all of the locations instantly, online!

To access P.E.O. B&B listings, visit <u>P.E.O.'s website</u>. Click "Member Login", use Username: "Sisterhood" and Password: "seven20**" (replace "**" with the current year). Then, head to "Resource library" > "Listings and directories" > "Bed & Breakfast Listings".



And if you're feeling inspired? Consider becoming a B&B hostess chapter yourself. It's a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for both your chapter and the P.E.O. Foundation. Before diving in, remember to review the guidelines and insurance coverage details. It's a simple chapter vote away!

Why not make your travels more meaningful while fortifying the P.E.O. mission?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nancy Burk, BK, PSP, Chair

Ever play Truth or Dare? Find out how that relates to nominations for the state board and other leadership opportunities in P.E.O. on the state Nominating Committee's webpage. Also, read the PSP responses to the question: "How has serving on the Board continued to influence or impact your life?"



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Michele Williams, J, Membership Committee

Do you have new members or non-participating members and are wondering how you can get them involved or keep them excited about being a member of P.E.O.? Here are some great ideas to help you do just that!

- Ask an active, established member to be their mentor! The mentor is there to sit by her during meetings to guide and answer any questions, checking in with the member between meetings to get together or to carpool to the next meeting, and be another resource and new friend in the chapter. The mentor can be just a phone call away if that is what is needed in that sister's life right now.
- Get this sister involved in a position on a committee with other established members.
 This will help her learn about different projects and activities within P.E.O. and your
 chapter. Having a position and feeling needed and connected is important to
 membership involvement.
- Invite her to the small groups you may have established within your chapter such as: book club, game nights, ladies who lunch, crafting group, souper sisters, ladies night out dinners, etc. Small group activities may fit in her schedule better and make her feel more comfortable to meet other sisters in the chapter.

Being invited and feeling included is the best way to help make a member feel like a valued part of her chapter. For more ideas, please visit the <u>Membership Toolbox</u> on the P.E.O. International website.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Amy Pinnell, U, Chair

Project Chairs - Are you struggling with understanding your duties as chair? Do you lack resource materials? Want to find a project candidate but not sure how? Looking for support and some guidance? We've got you! The International Projects Committee is here to help!



IPC will host an informational webinar on **Thursday, September 14 at 7pm** where we will answer all your questions. We hope you will make plans to join us – all sisters are welcome!

■To join the webinar on September 14th: Link here



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STAR and P.E.O. Scholar Award Online Application Forms are now open! Local chapters have until **Oct 15** to submit STAR candidates and **November 20** for P.E.O. Scholar Award candidates. The International Projects Committee is happy to field any of your questions at any time simply by emailing us at peographics.org. Good luck!

COTTEY COLLEGE

Judy Hood, BR, Chair



Georgia's newest Cottey College student, Alyssa Mann, arrived at Cottey last Saturday and has spent the first few days getting to know her suitemates and teammates. Remember, she is there not only to study but play flag football for Cottey.

Having never seen the campus, she was filled with excitement. This was evident when she sent a photo of the Missouri state line sign! Two days later, the message was "I'm absolutely in love!! I love it here, and

everyone is super nice and welcoming". I just talked to her mom who told me that when she went to get her campus I.D., the comment was "So YOU are Alyssa Mann – you've got a lot of mail". She then went back to her room, opened her mail and called her mom on facetime to show her the stack of beautiful cards and letters. THANK YOU to all who sent these. Let's continue sending encouraging notes so that we can keep her enthusiasm alive.

Madison Covell is leaving September 1st for Barcelona, Spain, where she will study for an entire semester, returning home just in time for Christmas and then back to the Cottey campus for her final semester. She, too, is beyond excited for this opportunity. Hopefully, by the next newsletter, we will have a direct address for her in Spain.

We, as P.E.O.'s, are making this possible for these young ladies and we should be proud of the contributions we make to changing their lives and helping build incredible futures.



Need a new program for your chapter meeting? Well, we have

come to your rescue as there are now three new programs on the Georgia P.E.O. website. Two of these are in quiz format and test your knowledge about Cottey. The third is a



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two-person skit which has valuable information pertaining to Cottey as well. They can be found in the Program Library on the Resources tab or by clicking <u>here</u>.

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.

Sept - A, I, R, AA, AJ, AS, BB, BL, BT send cards

Oct - B, J, S, AB, AK, AT, BE, BM, BU send cards

Nov - C, K, T, AC, AM, AV, BF, BN, BV send cards

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

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

Aug 15-Oct 15 STAR application submission period

Aug 20-Nov20 PSA application submission period

Sept 14 International Projects Committee Webinar

Sept 21 Livestream of the Projects Program at Convention of International Chapter

Sept 20-23 76th Convention of International Chapter in Pittsburgh, PA

Sept 15-Dec 15 IPS Eligibility Forms acceptance period

Nov 1-30 Georgia Scholarship application submission period

Ongoing ELF application submitted at least six months prior to graduation

